

March

The Pinestone Patter

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From the President: Rick Pluese

Your board members have many jobs: updating antique furniture, amenities, landscaping, pool chairs, pool decking, clubhouse furniture, procedures, rule enforcement and much more. Let us take a look at Pinestone rules in general and enforcing them. Who enforces rules? Is there an owner that is willing to step up to enforce rules? How do you enforce rules? What if the offender refuses to listen, then what? Do you call a board member when you see a violation? What are the penalties for violations? Are there any answers to these questions? Pinestone owners do not need to deal with any of the above. Why, because you have board members that take on the challenges of running Pinestone.

It seems that Pinestone has two different thought trends, the newer owners that want to see progress towards a new and better Pinestone and some of the older owners who resist change and want the \$300 condo monthly fee to return. Unfortunately, the \$300 monthly condo fees may never return. Let's look at what Pinestone condo fees were 25 years ago, the year 2000. My research has uncovered the amount of \$250 per month for Pinestone monthly dues in the year 2000. Let's fast forward to the year 2025. Pinestone average monthly dues are around \$500 per month. With \$132 of the \$500 per month going to pay our insurance, that's 26 percent for insurance alone. Looking at the average yearly increase from the year 2000 to 2025, that would be an average increase of \$10 per year over a 25 year span. Pinestone still has one of the lowest monthly fees in our area. We all should appreciate and enjoy what we have here at Pinestone.

From the President: Rick Pluese (continued)

There are also two types of owners, Snow Birds and Full Timers. Snow Birds usually stay at Pinestone for 3 to 6 months. There are also owners that come for 2 or 3 weeks at a time throughout the year that never rent their units. The full-timers are those that live in Pinestone all year round. The improvements at Pinestone are meant for all to enjoy, but the full-timers are the ones who get to enjoy them the most, since it's their full time home. Just like you make improvements to your northern homes, Pinestone will continue to make improvements to improve the quality of life for all residents.

My best to all the Pinestoners. Enjoy your piece of Paradise.



From the Editor: Julie Wallace

The "season" has been filled with many gatherings at Pinestone, with many friendships formed. If you haven't managed to get to any of the events, make the time and do it. You'll love it.

Spring appears to be arriving soon as we will SPRING our clocks ahead on Sunday, March 9.

I appreciate the responses I received on the fast drivers in Pinestone. It seems Michael and I haven't been the only ones who have experienced this. Slow down, watch out for your neighbors walking for exercise, exercising their dogs and also children walking the streets.

I also wanted to say I miss being at Pinestone and experiencing being a snow bird. I especially miss the blue skies and sunshine. Those two things are very rare here in Ohio. I've seen more snow this winter than I definitely would like. I don't believe the snow will ever melt!

NOTE: No "Line Dancing" on March 14 or March 28.



From the Manager: Dan Pittaro

Greetings, Pinestoners! The season is now in full swing, the weather has been beautiful, and the flowers are blooming. The months of February through May are the four best reasons to be in Florida. The icing on the cake has been the brutal winter from wherever you came! It's time to enjoy the pool, the beaches, and the many fun sports and activities Pinestone has to offer.

Please join me in welcoming new board members Jon Linton and Pete Girani. Both have much to offer a board full of diverse talents and skills to better improve the quality of life in the community. Please remember the hard work and dedication that recent board members Marty Port and Pete Sprague gave to the community. Thank you, Marty and Pete!

Please be advised that as of January 1st, I can no longer accept regular monthly assessment checks. All monthly payments should be mailed to the Centennial lockbox with the coupon. I can still take partial payments for odd amounts or catch-up payments, as well as application fees and checks for purchasing devices.

Now for a few reminders:

Plastic Publix bags are **not** to be left in the recycling dumpsters. There are trash receptacles in the corner of the corral for the bags. You should empty the bags into the recycling dumpster then throw the empty bags in the proper container.

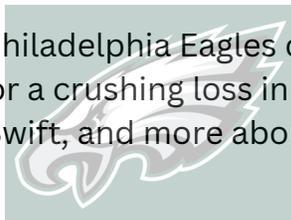
Please slow down when driving through the neighborhood. Be courteous of your neighbors and be cautious of pedestrians and cars backing out from under the carports. Safety first at all times.

Many of the old headlamp transponders need replacement. The sun eventually cracks the surface, which causes them to have issues with opening the gate consistently. The general rule is if you cannot read the number of the device, it will need replacing soon. I can replace them if you are having problems. There will be a \$10 charge, as they are not guaranteed for life!

The same goes for the Pinestone stickers on the back of the cars. If you can no longer read the number, please see me so I can replace it.

If anyone is having difficulty with their mailbox lock, come see me. I can spray the lock and smooth out the operation. **Do not use WD40!** I have a spray dedicated for locks.

Lastly, congratulations to the Philadelphia Eagles on their dominant Super Bowl victory. It was sweet revenge for a crushing loss in SB LVII. Maybe now we will hear less about Travis Kelce and Taylor Swift, and more about the game of football! **FLY, EAGLES, FLY!!!**





**Don't forget to spring forward on
Sunday, March 9.**

deadline

PATTER DEADLINE: the next Patter will be published at the end of March, our April/May issue. The **deadline** for that issue will be **Friday, March 21, 2025**. If there is something you would like to put into the Patter, please send it to Julie Wallace before the above deadline at jayayuu@gmail.com



Anna Quilici

April 17, 1948 - January 29, 2025

Anna, (nee Blandano), 76, of Paramus, passed away on Wednesday, January 29, 2025. Born in Hoboken and raised in North Bergen, Anna was a cornerstone of strength and inspiration for those that knew her. Anna was a purpose-driven and hardworking individual that had a gentle heart for all of her children. Before retiring, Anna was the owner of BO TIES gift boutique in Glen Rock, NJ and had previously owned and operated the Quality Answering Service in Fort Lee, NJ. Anna belonged to Our Lady of Visitation parish and can be described as a wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother who put her family before everything. She also found happiness in her gardens and with her beloved pets. Anna was a frequent donator to the Humane Animal society and cared deeply for all of her "babies."

Beloved wife of Frank Quilici for over 50 years. Cherished mother of Gina and her husband Bill Schwalm, Lisa Quilici, Mike Quilici, and Chris and his wife Sara Quilici. Devoted grandmother to Will Schwalm, Chris Schwalm, Ryan McCarey, Alex McCarey, Anthony Quilici, Matthew Quilici, Leon Quilici, and Nathan Quilici. Dear sister to Debbie Dondero and predeceased by her parents Nicholas and Rose Blandano and her brother Frank Blandano.



'Classic Monday Movies' at Pinestone

Each Monday night, Pinestone audiences continue to enjoy classic films in the Pinestone clubhouse theater, hosted by resident and film prof, Bill Muzzillo.

For the five Mondays in March, Pinestoners will be treated to the following classic cinema gems, all of which have been requested for many years! And seeing these classics on the big screen makes it a whole new experience. See for yourself.

MONDAY, MARCH 3rd - "BECKET" This Oscar-winning epic from 1964 was one of the most popular films of that year and starred Richard Burton and Peter O'Toole. This spectacular film about Thomas Becket and King Henry II is a thrilling example of the power and magic of film-making.

MONDAY, MARCH 10th - "THE LION IN WINTER" The great Katharine Hepburn won an Oscar for her magnificent performance opposite Peter O'Toole in this powerful film from 1968. It has always been regarded as a major classic achievement, and introduced a younger Anthony Hopkins to film goers.

MONDAY, MARCH 17th - "AN AMERICAN IN PARIS" Famed musical star Gene Kelly was at the top of his dancing form in this 1951 Best Picture. With music by George Gershwin, this famous film swept the Oscars with multiple wins and remains one of the most important musicals of that era. Not to be missed!

MONDAY, MARCH 24th - "COCOON" This 1985 comedy was a huge hit here at Pinestone many years ago, and deserves an encore presentation. It won a ton of Oscars and features many film favorites, including Don Ameche, Gwen Verdon, Jessica Tandy, Brian Dennehy and more! Filmed in St. Petersburg, FL, many people feel it's really the story of Pinestone. Come see for yourself!"

MONDAY, MARCH 31st - "MOONSTRUCK" The month of March comes to a close with one of the funniest and heartwarming films of 1987. Another multiple Oscar winner, this romantic (and very funny) film may have you laughing out loud. Here's a great way to end our season of Classic Monday Movies.

Each presentation begins promptly at 7:00 p.m. in the clubhouse theater, and a friendly donation of \$1 per person is suggested. Popcorn, beverages and the popular traveling candy bowl are always on-the-house. Sorry, no saving of seats, so be sure to get to the theater early!



Hello Pinestonians. When you receive this, we will be half way thru the winter season with many more events and activities scheduled.

First and most important is to thank the people who make these events possible. A **BIG thank you** to Jill and Dave Notter for hosting The Super Bowl Party, which was an exciting evening with good food and the action of the game.

A **BIG thank you** to Bob Rung for setting up the Super Bowl Pool. The winners this year were Jerry Stretch, Bob Rung and Tom Mabey, who won two of the four quarters.

A **BIG thank you** to Dave Kathman and Tom Consolati for helping to start the Pinestone Speaker Series.

A **BIG thank you** to Becki Linton for hosting a fun party. We enjoyed seeing everyone in their "Grease Party" outfits bringing us back to 1958. It was fun to reminisce and dance the night away.

March will be a busy month with the **Pub Quiz on Friday, March 7th at 7:00 pm**. There will be 10 teams consisting of 6 people on a team. The sign-up sheet is in the library. Please remember to bring two desserts per team to share.

The **Pinestone Has Talent Night will be held on Friday, March 14th at 7:00 pm**. Seating inside is limited to 80 people (no tables) but there will be outside seating with a partial view. Come enjoy and support our talented neighbors at this informal night of entertainment.

The last big party of the season will be the **Pool Party on Saturday, March 22 at 5:30 pm**. Rain date will be Sunday, March 23 at 5:30. There will be a return performance by Chuck Drager with dancing poolside. A charge of \$10.00 per person which includes dinner (famous Pinestone hamburgers, hotdogs, sides and dessert). Please bring your beverage of choice. *Because this is a food provided event we will need an exact count before the party. Signup and payment will take place on Tuesday, March 11 between 9:00 – 10:00 am and Wednesday, March 12 from 6:30 – 7:30 pm in the card room.*

The final **Book Club** meeting of the season will be held on **March 20 at 11:00 am**.

The **March Lunch Bunch will be held on Tuesday, March 25**. The restaurant and the time will be announced shortly.

Social Committee Update (continued):

We are very excited to announce we have a new activity that started in February, **The Pinestone Speaker Series**. The February topic was “Keep Memory Working” (an overview of age-related changes and mild cognitive impairment). The speaker was Danielle Valery, Program Manager of the Memory Disorder Clinic of Sarasota Memorial Hospital. We are planning other speakers on various topics. If you have any suggestions for topics, please let us know.

Monday Night Movies are going strong please look at the calendar to see which film is showing each week on **Monday nights at 7:00 pm**.

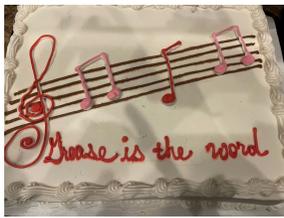
Our next **Social Committee meeting** will take place on **Wednesday, March 5 at 10:00 am**. All are welcome to attend.

RoseAnn Buglione, Chairman



A REQUEST FROM YOUR FACEBOOK ADMINISTRATOR - Renee Fagan

I hope people enjoy our Facebook group. It was sure helpful as a source of information and communication when the hurricanes were on us. It is rather interesting, perplexing, (and annoying) to see how many people troll our group, trying to gain entry without having any connection to Pinestone. What **DO** they think is happening here?? As the administrator of the group, I am vigilant about making sure that every request is valid. I turn away roughly 5-10 people a week who I can see are “suspect.” I know who the owners are from our directory as well as double checking at times with Dan. However, it becomes challenging when people claim to be renters or family members because they’re not in the directory. What I have done in the past is email the owner and ask if the renter is legit but there are a lot of owners who do not have their email address in the directory. This is a problem. I do respect peoples' need for privacy and trying to avoid yet another source of email bombardment. If you are an owner who rents their condo out, please consider adding your email to the directory so that I am not mistakenly turning someone down.



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Upcoming Events - Times and Details to follow



Month	Date	Day	Event
April	5	Saturday	Denim & Diamond Party
April	16	Wednesday	Appetizers & Bingo
April	26	Saturday	LCR Dice Game (Left, Center & Right)
May	2	Friday	Friday Night Social
May	10	Saturday	Cinco de Mayo Party
May	21	Wednesday	Bingo
May	24	Saturday	LCR Dice Game (Left, Center & Right)
June	6	Friday	Friday Night Social
June	8	Sunday	Pink Flamingo Party
June	14	Saturday	Brown Bag Lunch
June	18	Wednesday	Bingo
June	28	Saturday	LCR Dice Game (Left, Center & Right)
July	4	Friday	Luau 4th Party
July	12	Saturday	Brown Bag Lunch
July	16	Wednesday	Bingo
July	26	Saturday	LCR Dice Game (Left, Center & Right)



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Board Director:	Joe Tabbitt
Board Director:	Pete Girani

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"Thank you so much for the great job you did! We felt confident in your answers to all of our real estate questions due to your many years of experience. Your knowledge of Pinestone & its regulations made for a smooth closing. Even when we were on the train going north you were there at the closing making sure everything was done right. We appreciate all your efforts."
- Sandra & John Kelley #1913

"Brian, I want to thank you for all the help you provided in the selling of our condo. Since we were in Massachusetts at the time, you handled all the preliminary issues including scheduling and overseeing the inspection and any subsequent repairs, as well as finding a new buyer for our condo in record time! It was a difficult time for our family and your support and understanding was greatly appreciated."
- Terry Green #927

"Seldom in today's world does anybody live up to expectations. In the case of Brian McGreevy he exceeded all our expectations. Brian suggested a listing price much higher than what we expected and at the time he predicted he would have it sold in a week. Well, he was 100% correct. From start to finish, he was everything and more."
- Mike & Suellen Coito #2411

"Phenomenal is the only word that describes Brian McGreevy. We not only received the asking price on our condo, but it happened in twenty four hours. Brian is the type of Realtor you want on your side, he not only does his job effectively and efficiently but becomes a true friend."
- Tom and Nancy Pasternak #2410

"Brian was exceptional with helping me navigate the challenges of buying a condo in this current market. He was extremely knowledgeable about all aspects of the buying process and guided me through each step with professionalism and care. He was very personable and easy to communicate with and I always felt that he had my best interests in mind. I would definitely use him again and would recommend him to others."
- Roxanne Siff #1614



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Pinestone Market Update

FROM ROBERT AGNELLO, REALTOR®

SOLD	PENDING	ACTIVE
6	0	12
PRICE RANGE \$286,357-\$390K	PRICE RANGE 0	PRICE RANGE \$349,000-\$425,000

*Source: MFRMLS data from 1/1/24-2/14/25

Have you considered selling your Pinestone residence?
Call Robert, your previous Pinestone Neighbor.

Recent Reviews from Customers:

"My experience with Robert was very positive. At our first meeting, you clearly understood what my requirements were, and what I was trying to achieve. He was helpful in suggesting alternatives to solve any snags we had once the condo was listed. We had several offers in a very short period of time. Robert was very helpful during the negotiations and dealing with whatever issues came up. I would recommend him to others looking for a REALTOR." John McManus Unit 1024

"Words cannot express how much I appreciated your expertise during the selling of our Pinestone condo. You walked me through the entire process and made it easy for me to understand. You answered every call and email, quickly and with professionalism knowledge and honesty. I clearly appreciate the time you spent helping me navigate the sale." Marian Valentine Unit 512

"Just a note to express our gratitude and thank you for making the sale of our Pinestone property go so smoothly. You made the process easy for us and were there whenever we had questions about the process. I don't think a property sale could have gone any smoother." Don and Linda Miller Unit 2612

"Robert Agnello handled all aspects of the sale of our Pinestone at Palmer Ranch condo and the purchase of our new home in Sarasota. We could not be happier about the job he did! Our condo sold in three days at a price we didn't dream we'd be able to get for it. He also guided us through the process of bidding on, and arranging financing for, our new house. Robert knows this industry inside and out. It's hard to imagine another agent working harder for his clients. Most importantly, Robert is a man of high integrity who delivers on his promises. Plus, he's got a great sense of humor! Thanks for everything, Robert!" David Yamin Unit 211

Call me to discuss your real estate needs and see how your home fits into today's market!



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