

April/May



From the President: Rick Pluese

I think most of you reading this would agree, Pinestone is a great place to live. It's a good place to own a condo. Location could not be better. And like most neighborhoods, Pinestone has its share of rumors, gossip, hearsay, scuttlebutt and to use a currently popular term, disinformation. The latest rumor circulating is that I, Rick Pluese, am scamming Pinestone and making money somehow. Apparently, there are residents that believe that false rumor. In an effort to be totally transparent, the Pinestone Board would like to invite any resident who believes that rumor to come into the office with their attorney, accountant, forensic accountant or whomever you would like to bring with you, to examine Pinestone's books. Pinestone's accounting is open to view upon request and by scheduled appointment.

To be perfectly clear, I do not own, nor am I a part owner or employed by any landscaping company, maintenance company, electrical company, plumbing company, security company, technology company or any other company that would receive payment from Pinestone for any services or materials.

A second misconception is that Pinestone has only ever had one employee on the payroll. That is not correct. Dan, who is our CAM or Community Association Manager, is employed by Pinestone through PCM (Progressive Community Management). Dan is a

From the President: Rick Pluese (continued)

salaries employee. Dan is employee number one. Number two would have been Kevin, who in the past was Pinestone's hourly maintenance man. Now we have Yon, who took Kevin's position. That would be two employees, same as Pinestone has always had. In addition to Yon, we now have Martin, another hourly employee. That makes three employees on Pinestone's payroll. Martin and Yon are responsible for doing all of Pinestone's landscaping and normal maintenance, except for mowing Pinestone's turf. Pinestone currently does not have a separate Landscaping Company other than to do the mowing. Why, because our board has not found a landscaping company that can do a satisfactory job. I would like you to think about this. In the past, the landscape company employees would arrive at Pinestone during the summer months one day per week. Sometimes they would arrive with three employees or sometimes with six employees. So they are at Pinestone only about seven hours total, to groom our community which is simply not enough time to groom it properly. Pinestone currently has two full time employees, five days per week doing landscaping and maintenance which saves Pinestone literally thousands of dollars a year. And, Pinestone is getting far more production from two employees five days per week than five landscapers coming once a week for seven hours.

Summer is approaching, we all know what we are in for, heat and humidity. We are hoping and praying no hurricanes hit Sarasota this year. So please, get out and enjoy the great outdoors.

From the Editor: Julie Wallace

Another season has come to an end at Pinestone. I wasn't fortunate enough to spend much time there this year, but I heard there were many folks there enjoying the beautiful Sarasota life style along with all the events at Pinestone.

I thought it would be fun to have a listing in each edition of the Patter of restaurants you would recommend. Sarasota has many, many options. Most of which are the "mom & pop" restaurants, not the chain restaurants. Have you come across an eatery that was so good you want to shout it out? Send me an email and I'll add it to the list.

jayayuu@gmail.com

With the season coming to an end, the Patter is also taking a bit of a vacation. This time is a two-month edition, and the next one will encompass Summer (June, July, August). September/October edition will follow, then back into the monthly recaps of life at Pinestone.

Enjoy the Spring/Summer wherever you are

From the Manager: Dan Pittaro

As May approaches, the winter visitors are slowly but surely migrating back up north. Except for a couple of chilly weeks, the season was a time of beautiful sunny skies and warm temperatures. The next few weeks should be much of the same, perfect for biking, running, golf, and the pool or beach.

BIKE CORRAL: The bike corral will be purged again soon. A recent check showed that there are many bikes in the corral without a Pinestone sticker. Most of these bikes are newer and appear to have been placed in the corral this season. This can only happen if people are giving out the gate code to others. Do not give the code out to anyone. Regardless of condition, if a bike does not have an id sticker, it will be removed. There are also bikes chained to the racks that are rusted and haven't been moved in a long time. They will likewise be removed. Please contact the office as soon as possible if you don't have a sticker on your bike. And this year we are asking all seasonal residents to place their bikes in their units and not leave them in the corral for nine months.

ELECTRIC SERVICE: In the past month we were able to replace the electric service on buildings 11,12, 15, 17, 18 and 19. That makes 11 out of our 26 buildings are completed. The accumulated reserves for the conversion were sufficient to cover the labor costs for all 6 buildings. We hope to get a couple more permits from FPL in the coming weeks. Getting FPL back to restore power after the work has been completed can be challenging, as those in the six buildings can attest. We do all we can to stay connected once the work progresses, but we cannot control their dispatch team. The good news is once the power is restored, the building is good for at least another 20 years.

BUILDING PAINTING: The summer painting rotation will begin in the next few weeks. Scheduled for completion this year are buildings 3, 7, 8, 23 and 24. As always, I will give plenty of notice once I have firm dates. It should move a little faster this year since all of the doors have been painted.

I have been replacing a large number of headlamp transponders in recent weeks. Many of the original transponders have deteriorated thanks to the Florida sun that we all know and love. Stop by the office and I will change them out. The cost is still only \$10.

PLEASE do not put plastic shopping bags in the recycling dumpsters. There are trash cans in the back of the recycling corral for the plastic bags.

I hope everyone has safe travels. Enjoy your summer wherever you are.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Change in trash pickup: Effective April 1st , Waste Management is no longer the trash removal contractor throughout Sarasota County. We are now being serviced by Waste Pros, with a local

management office in Venice. The trash compactor is still scheduled to be picked up on Mondays. Recycling will now be picked up only once a week, scheduled for Wednesdays. The big difference will be with bulk trash. Sarasota County has limited free bulk trash pickups to **four per year**, as opposed to free weekly pickups. After 4 pickups, the neighborhood will be billed by weight. Therefore, there will be a discussion among the board members about setting a policy for the future. More information to follow.



PATTER DEADLINE: the next Patter will be published at the end of July, our Summer edition. The **deadline** for that issue will be **Wednesday, July 23, 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



Hello Pinestoners. I wanted the community to know that my book: ***Teaching Adults to Swim, Using the Flash Aquatic Swim Technique*** is being published on May 1st and will be available on Amazon; Bookshop.org; Barnes & Noble; and Books-a-Million.

So if you have any interest in learning about my teaching technique, you're an intermediate or advanced swimmer and want some tips, or you are interested in seeing pictures of our wonderful pool as taken by our own Richard Karossy, please check it out. Thanks.

Brian Fagan

QUIZ time!



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PA CONWINE	8	4	7	10	3	6	8	10	56	
VIVA VEGGIES	7	7	8	10	8	7	10	10	61	
WINESTERS	8	8	7	5	5	6	9	10	63	
PARISTA SIX	5	6	4	7	6	10	7	10	55	
ROUND TABLE	8	5	5	8	7	4	9	10	56	
OLDER BUT WISER	7	6	7	10	9	7	9	10	65	
WINESTERS	9	4	6	10	7	3	9	10	57	
VEGIE RANG	7	6	8	10	6	5	9	10	61	
DE GUESTPARTS	9	5	4	10	7	8	8	10	61	
BURN SHINE	10	7	4	10	9	8	8	10	66	



Denim & Diamond Party



PINESTONE HAS TALENT NIGHT





Hi Pinestonians.

Wow! We just had the busiest and fun March yet.

The **Pub Quiz** started the month off with 10 teams participating in a night of Trivia. A big thank you to Julie and Michael Wallace and Ellen and Mike Sanok for hosting a fun night of mind challenging trivia. The winner for the evening was the **Trivia Wizards**, in second place the **Brain or Shine** and in third place the **Older but Wiser**. Next year's hosts for the Pub Quiz will be Coleen and Steve Greecher and Mike Sanok.

The "Pinestone Has Talent Night" was incredible. I would like to thank our Emcee, Mike Sanok and all our fabulous performers: Ben Gunderscheimer, John Stinespring, Betty Angotti, Carol Johnston, Al Messina, Carol Overmars, Brian Fagan, Fred Williams, Pinestone Rockettes (Roxanne Siff, Natalie Vayngarten, RoseAnn Buglione, Becki Linton, Karen Sides, Karen Sever, Linda Dowson, Marianne Silk, Dawn Schmoekel and Diane Creed), Fred Valego, Dave Clark and Ken Angotti. You all made the evening so special. I and the Pinestone Community cannot thank you enough.

Our next big event "**The Pool Party**" was the perfect way to end the season. A big thank you to Joy & Tom Breckenridge and all the people who helped them. There were over 140 people who attended and our Famous Pinestone Barbeque was a great success because the master grillers: Dave Notter, Tom Breckenridge, Mike Collison and Brad Wegman did an outstanding job making all those hamburgers and hot dogs.

A **big thank you** to Mary Strevel for hosting the Book Club, Bill Muzzillo for hosting the Monday Night Movies, Terry Rung for hosting Lunch Bunch and Carol Johnston for hosting Line Dancing. Liz Collister for hosting Water Aerobics and keeping the library organized, Renee Fagen for our Facebook Page, Tom Consolati, Kathy Broadhurst, Donna Wainright and Coleen Greechers for hosting the new Speaker Series and all our Friday Night Hosts.

A **big thank you** to the Social Committee for all the work you do behind the scene and all the support you have given this year.

This year's summer **Northeast Reunion** at Tanglewood in Lenox, Massachusetts, featuring Yo-Yo Ma will take place on Sunday, August 10th at 12:30 pm. Dinner will follow at the Morgan House. If you are interested in joining us, please let me know by sending me an email robug323@aol.com

The next Social Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 7, 2026 at 10:00 am.

RoseAnn Buglione, Chairman

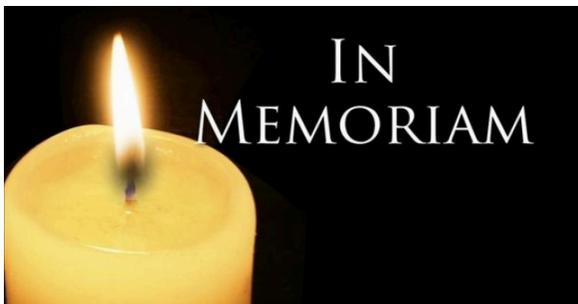
POOL Party



Upcoming Events - Times and Details to follow

Month	Date	Day	Event
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)

Our Sunshine Lady, **Liz Collister**, sends cards to Pinestone residents who may be ill, hospitalized, celebrating a special anniversary, or to the family of those who have passed away. Contact Liz at: 941-925-0579 or email to: bubbalizzy@aol.com if you know someone who could use a little sunshine.



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"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."
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ACTIVE

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PRICE RANGE

\$299,900-\$425,000

*Source: MFRMLS data from 1/1/24-4/17/25

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"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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