

February



From the President: Rick Pluese

I know it is currently winter but we are only four months away from experiencing Florida's hot summer weather. Enjoy all of the non-humid time we have left because by mid-June we start to boil for nearly four and a half months. June also signifies the start of hurricane season, which extends to the end of November. Hopefully 2026 will be hurricane free, like we were in 2025.

Our annual meeting was held on January 20, 2026 with the election results adding two new board members to our group, Mark Leach and Paula Testa. We welcome them both and know they will be assets to our community. We also want to thank Tony Fischetti and Brian Fagan for their years of service on our board and we want to wish them both a great retirement. Thank you to all who voted for me to serve on the Pinestone board for another two years.

During the past four years, the Pinestone board has worked diligently on renewing our infrastructure. As previously reported, we replaced the electric disconnects and meter banks for all 26 buildings, which should last another 25 years, and upgraded the paint on our buildings from a 7 year to a 10 year guarantee paint, providing Pinestone with an additional 3 years before repainting will be needed. We trimmed back our large oak trees to prevent damage to our buildings from hurricanes.

From the President: Rick Pluese (continued)

We added a generator for the clubhouse that will power the entire clubhouse and our trash compactor in case of a power outage. We upgraded our pool heaters, replacing the original three electric heaters with two gas heaters to heat our 80,000 gallon pool, due to the increased efficiency of the gas heaters. The building's 25 year old gutters are currently being replaced and we had our blacktop roads and parking spaces resealed. In addition, we added updated security lighting to the back of all buildings and changed out 20 of the 26 building risers that supply water to our fire sprinklers. All those infrastructure improvements are very important for the future of Pinestone.

We know the weather has been a bit cool lately, but try to get out of your condo and make some new friends. We have plenty of new owners to get to know and many activities to get involved in. Please enjoy what we have here at Pinestone! Life is shorter than we think.

From the Manager: Dan Pittaro

2025 was a good year, unless you were an Eagles fan! For those from the north arriving in the past couple of weeks, welcome to winter Florida style! That means two weeks of chilly temperatures, despite the chill is still 50 degrees warmer than where you came from. The northeast has been slammed the past week, and sub-freezing temperatures are predicted to extend for another 10 days. Be glad you are here, and enjoy the weather, regardless of the chill.

The neighborhood has never looked better, from the landscaping to the amenities areas to the clubhouse and pool. Your board of directors deserves much of the credit. Through long-term responsible budgeting for reserves, many important infrastructure projects were completed this past year. The many improvements to the infrastructure, as well as the amenities and recreational facilities, are all carefully planned for the good of the neighborhood to last for years to come. And remember, 22 of the 26 buildings had a 0% increase in 2026 assessments or went down.

This is likewise due in large part to the efforts and talents of Yon and Martin. Together, they are a formidable team that keeps expanding the many areas of their responsibility. This not only saves the neighborhood thousands of dollars, but it also reduces downtime for necessary repairs.



From the Manager: Dan Pittaro (continued)

Here is a partial list of improvements made during 2025:

A backup generator was installed that will power the clubhouse and trash compactor in the event of a loss of power. Anyone who was here or returned after Milton last year will recall the neighborhood was without power for four days. The spoiled food had to be packed in the recycling cans, and Waste Management took more than two weeks and six special pickup requests before it was finally removed.

The fobs and fob readers were replaced in December due to the previous manufacturer going out of business. The new fobs have been working well. One word of advice: if you are using your fob to get in the front gate, you will need to get closer to the reader than the old fobs.

We purchased a riding mower that Yon and Martin are using, which completes the transition to becoming completely autonomous for our grounds maintenance. This will save the association thousands every year while increasing the beautification of the neighborhood.

We replaced the worn-out treadmill in the fitness center with a new commercial grade unit.

The furniture was replaced in the card room with beautiful and comfortable modern furniture.

A commercial grade Napoleon grill was installed in the pit area and is getting a lot of use.

Announcements:

At the annual meeting held on January 20, 188 proxies were collected. Both questions on the proxy were overwhelmingly approved. The election for the 2026 board of directors was incredibly close. Rick Pluese and Joe Tabbitt were reelected, and Paula Testa and Mark Leach were elected for their first term. At the organizational meeting, Rick Pluese was again elected President, Rocco Longo Vice President, Jon Linton Treasurer, and Paula Testa was elected Secretary. Congratulations to everyone.

Thanks go out to Brian Fagan and Tony Fischetti for their many years of service on the board of directors. Their many contributions are most appreciated.

From the Manager: Dan Pittaro (continued)

Comcast will be hosting Let's Paint! on Tuesday, February 24 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm in the clubhouse. They will provide all of the paints and brushes along with pre-outlined drawings or blank canvases for the exceptionally artistic. They will have representatives on hand to review your account or answer any questions you may have. A fruit tray along with cheese and crackers will be provided; bring your own beverage. The sign-up sheet is in the library. Come out and have some fun with your friends and neighbors.

The Super Bowl Party will be Sunday, February 8, beginning at 5:30. Bring an appetizer or main dish. Since the neighborhood has far more Patriots fans than Seahawks fans, I'm guessing the cheering will largely be one-sided. It should be a good game.

Stay warm and enjoy all that the surrounding area has to offer!

From the Editor: Julie Wallace



Ahh, Florida in February. We're enjoying the sunshine and warmer temperatures. I say this as I compare what Cincinnati appears to be experiencing. Brrrr. We went back to OH at Christmas for a few weeks, and then again a few weeks ago for a new grandbaby, and "BABY it was cold! The day we flew out to return was 10 degrees. No thank you. I remember when I was younger, the weather wasn't even a thing. If it was cold you bundled up, if it was hot you went with as little clothing as possible.

We are thoroughly enjoying the investment we made back in 2010 of purchasing at Pinestone. Now that we're retired and able to spend the winters here -- it's a dream come true. I'm sure for those of you who winter here feel the same way.



PATTER DEADLINE: The next Patter will be published at the end of February. The **deadline** for that issue will be **Monday, February 16, 2026**. 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**





Hi Pinestonians,

It is amazing how time flies. We are in the second month of our winter season already and we have some fun events coming this month.

First, we must thank Renee Fagan and Coleen Greecher for hosting our first big event of the year, The Welcome Bank Party, which was a huge success. It was so uplifting to see neighbors and friends come together for an evening of fun and dancing.

We start off February with our **Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 8, at 5:30 pm.** Come watch and enjoy the game with your friends and neighbors on the big screen in the movie theatre and clubhouse. This will be a Pot Luck food function so please bring an appetizer or main dish to share and what you would like to drink. Dessert will be provided. You do not need to sign up for the Super Bowl Party.

Friday Night Socials in February start at **5:30 pm** and will be held on **February 13**, which will be "The Margarita Friday Night Social," and **February 27**. Please bring an appetizer to share and what you want to drink.

Classic Monday Night Movies will be held **each Monday** night at **7:00 pm**. Please look for the weekly movie poster in the foyer of the clubhouse or check the calendar for the name of the film.

The **Speaker Series** will be held on **Tuesday, February 17 at 10:30 am**. The topic will be a CPR and AED Demonstration, two important procedures that we should all be familiar with and learn about, which could save a life.

The **Book Club** will meet on **Thursday, February 19 at 11:00 am**. The book to be discussed is *My Friends* by Fredrik Backman.

Our next big event of the year is the **"Wild, Wild, West Party"** which will be held on **Friday, February 20 at 5:30 pm**. A sign-up sheet for this party will be posted in the Library on February 6. You are asked to sign-up for this party and bring a hearty appetizer. A small fee of \$10.00 per person will be charged to cover the entertainment of singer-impressionist, Chuck Drager, who will be performing for your listening and dancing pleasure. Seating will be available inside and out. You may dress to show us your inner cowboy or cowgirl self.

Social Committee (continued))

The **February Lunch Bunch** will be held on **Wednesday, February 25, at Noon** at Deep Lagoon Restaurant. Signup sheet will be posted on February 11.

Please make sure you check our calendar for all the activities that are taking place: Water Aerobics, Tennis, Bocce, Pickleball, Mahjong, Chair Yoga, Ladies Coloring Book Club, Bingo, Hand & Foot Card Game, Kalooki, Line Dancing, and L-R-C Dice Game.

For more information and to keep up on happenings at Pinestone, please join our Facebook page, Pinestone People @ Palmer Ranch, Sarasota. This is a closed group open only to Pinestone owners and renters.

Mark Your Calendars:

The **Pub Quiz** will be held on **Friday, March 6 at 7:00 pm**. There will be 10 teams consisting of 6 people on each team. Start thinking about your teams, your team names and sharpening your skills. This is a fun trivia night that is always a popular activity. The signup sheet will go up on Friday, February 20 in the Library. Each team is asked to bring "2" desserts to share with all contestants and a \$1 contribution from each team member.

The last big event of the season is The **Pool Party on Saturday, March 21, at 5:30 pm**. The rain date will be the next day, March 22, at 5:30 pm. There will be dancing poolside and our famous Pinestone Barbecue. More information to follow in the March Patter.

The next **Social Committee Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, February 4, at 10:00 am** in the card room of the Clubhouse. Please join us; we welcome and need new members to continue our activities. I am told how much people enjoy all our events so I am asking for you to come to a social committee meeting to help continue these activities.

RoseAnn Buglione, Chairman

'Classic' Monday Movies at Pinestone



Although the January films got off to a delayed start (sorry about that), February's "Classic Monday Movies" continues this popular activity by presenting four of the most exciting films of their decade! As always each presentation begins promptly at 7:00 pm and audiences are always advised to get to the clubhouse theater early — for a good seat! A suggested donation of \$1.00 per person covers the cost of all the goodies, including popcorn, beverage and the eternal Traveling Candy Bowl. Check out the February dates and films below:

MONDAY, FEB. 2: "Ghost" (1990) One of the most important and successful films of 1990. "Ghost" became the #1 romantic fantasy-thriller and starred Patrick Swayze and Demi Moore. Seeing this film on the big screen is a special and moving experience you won't soon forget.

MONDAY, FEB. 9: "Camelot" (1967) This glorious musical starring Richard Harris and Vanessa Redgrave was personally produced by Jack Warner (of the Warner Brothers) and directed by the great Joshua Logan. Winner of 3 Academy Awards, it was one of the last of Hollywood's spectacular film presentations, and defined musical greatness on film during the last years of the 1960's. Adapted from the Broadway stage, Lerner and Lowe's "Camelot" remains one of the most important and beautifully filmed musicals of that decade.

MONDAY, FEB. 16: "The Heart is a Lonely Hunter" (1968) Based on the powerful novel by American author Carson McCullers, "The Heart is a Lonely Hunter" introduced Alan Arkin, Cicely Tyson and Sondra Locke to film audiences, and was regarded as one of the most sensitive and powerful films of that year. Nominated for several major awards, it was (and still is) an important 'classic' film in American cinema.

MONDAY, FEB. 23: "Kinky Boots" (2005) - Every once in a while, "Classic Monday Movies" presents an important film from outside American cinema. "Kinky Boots" landed on our doorstep from the U.K. and immediately established itself as one of the funniest and moving films of that year. Based on a true story, it was so popular in America that it was eventually made into a successful Broadway play! Hold onto your hats...Chances are you ain't seen nothin' like it!







Chair Yoga for men and women - February 12 and 26 at 2:00 pm in the clubhouse. Sit, stretch and strengthen your body, and maybe even help you relax. These will be held the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month.

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.



Brown Bag Concert Series

Every Thursday in February and March, from noon to 1:00 pm at the Phillippi Estate Park Gazebo - 5500 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota

FREE ADMISSION: Bring your lunch and lawn chair.

The specifics of these concert series are not yet available on the Sarasota County Parks website. What we do know is that these do take place each Thursday during the months of February and March. Once the dates and entertainers are confirmed, a communication will go out to all on the Pinestone distribution list.

Living in a community like Pinestone is great, but there are things put in place to help make everyone safe. Last Patter I mentioned the STOP signs which are put in place for a purpose - SAFETY. Same goes for the sign at the driveway we pull into to check our mailbox or drop off our trash and recycle. The sign states "No left turn when leaving". It's not only a difficult maneuver, but it is for safety. There is a lot of activity going on in this area and turning right is the safest for all. Are we all in that big of a hurry that we can't "go around the block"?



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- 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."
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"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."
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Pinestone Market Update

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*Source: MFRMLS data from 1/1/25-1/15/26

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"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

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