

MARCH



From the President: Rick Pluese

Living in Pinestone, which is home to many retirees, creates a unique kind of community. Unlike many neighborhoods where residents rush off to work or school, Pinestone people often move at a slower, more relaxed pace. This environment can be ideal for building strong, supportive relationships if people are willing to participate and communicate.

One of the biggest strengths at Pinestone is shared experiences. Many residents have gone through similar life stages: raising families, building careers, dealing with health changes, and facing loss. This common ground can make it easier to connect and understand each other. Casual conversations in the clubhouse, at the mailboxes, in the pit, or at the pool often grow into meaningful friendships.

Social activities, and we have many, play a central role in helping neighbors get to know each other beyond polite greetings. These events give new residents a chance to integrate more quickly, especially if they are moving in after a major life change, such as the death of a spouse or a move from a longtime family home.

At the same time, living close together can create tensions. Noise, use of shared facilities, differences in cleanliness standards, and disagreements about Pinestone rules can strain relationships. Some residents may be very social, while others strongly value privacy. Balancing respect for personal space with friendliness is crucial. Simple gestures like keeping noise down in the evening, and using common areas considerately, go a long way toward harmony.

From the President: Rick Pluese (continued)

Another important aspect is support. Health issues and mobility challenges are common. Neighbors often become informal caregivers: checking in when someone isn't seen for a few days, offering rides to medical appointments, picking up groceries, or simply providing company. These acts of kindness help people live independently longer and reduce the loneliness that can come with aging.

Good communication keeps relationships healthy. Clear condo rules, regular meetings, and open discussions about problems help prevent small issues from turning into conflicts. Having a respectful way to voice concerns through our condo board also helps Pinestoners feel heard and valued.

Ultimately, relationships within Pinestone work best when they're built on mutual respect, patience, and empathy. While each person has their own habits and history, everyone shares the same goal: to live comfortably, safely, and with a sense of belonging. When neighbors see each other not just as people who live next door, but as part of a community, it becomes a home.

My Best To All Of You.



From the Manager: Dan Pittaro

Greetings everyone. By the time this issue comes out the 2026 season will be over halfway complete. We had a great turnout this year, with many seasonal renters returning year after year, and owner snowbirds are coming down earlier and staying later, largely to avoid the brutal northern winter. While Florida has had an unusually cool winter, it is still a far cry from the snow and cold winds left behind.

In an effort to enhance the safety of pedestrians and bike riders in our neighborhood, a stop sign has been added to the entrance lane on Players Place at the intersection with Glenrose Way. The intersection is now a **four-way stop**. Be sure to come to a complete stop before proceeding. Keep in mind the intersection is monitored by multiple cameras including a license plate reader, and violators will be notified. In addition, there are multiple signs installed throughout the neighborhood reducing the speed limit to 10 MPH. This is in response to numerous complaints of drivers speeding through the neighborhood and narrowly missing people and children in the streets. Please observe these and all traffic signs for the safety and well-being of all residents. Thank you.

From the Manager: Dan Pittaro (continued)

Since the end of last November, 11 units have sold or are under contract to sell. This contrasts with the market news that condos in Sarasota County are not selling well. Aside from below-market estate sales of deceased owners, prices are holding their own. This is a true testament to the many advantages Pinestone has to offer potential buyers. The beautiful landscaping and grounds maintenance, the amazing amenities, the year-round active social lifestyle, and the affordable monthly assessments and excellent financial management all add up to making Pinestone such a desirable community. Life in Pinestone has never been better!

A word to the owners who have seasonal renters return year after year: your renters are still required to submit an application along with the application fee each year, even if returning to the same unit. This is mandatory regardless of how many years they have rented. The Pinestone community welcomes returning renters, many of whom have integrated into regular residents. They host social events, attend the many activities the neighborhood has to offer, and have made friends both here and at home.

During the recent annual fire sprinkler inspection, there were several units the inspectors had difficulty getting into. We were able to get in most with the help of phone calls and new keys dropped off to the office. **As a reminder**, if you change your door lock you must bring a new key to the office. If you install a digital lock, I still require a key. The digital locks have issues with codes dropping, wifi connections that fail, and dead batteries. Please be sure to drop off a key after the change.

I announced at the February board meeting that I will soon be deleting the temporary gate codes that were assigned to owners who requested a code to get through the gate so that they could retrieve their new fobs. If there is a reason why you need your code to remain active, please send me an email request to keep it active.

As a reminder, please do not leave food on top of the trash compactor for others to take home, even if they are unopened. It will attract raccoons and rodents to the area. If anyone has had their trash cans knocked over in the middle of the night, you know that an unopened bag or container is no deterrent. If you wish, unopened items can be left on the clubhouse kitchen counter for a brief time. If it is not taken in a short time, I will throw it away myself. And once again, I ask that no alcohol ever be left in the clubhouse, in the refrigerator, or on the counter. Teens and younger children are constantly coming through the clubhouse, and could easily walk away with a can of beer, etc.

I hope everyone enjoys their time at Pinestone. I strongly recommend everyone take full advantage of all the neighborhood has to offer. It cannot be beat!

NEW signage around Pinestone



PATTER DEADLINE: The next Patter will be published at the end of April. The **deadline** for that issue will be **Monday, April 20, 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,

We are two thirds through our winter season and I do hope you have enjoyed some of our events and activities. There is more to come but first we must thank some of our residents for hosting these fun events.

Big thank you to Jill and Dave Notter for hosting the Super Bowl Party, providing an exciting way to enjoy the game and cheer for your team.

Big thank you to Bob Rung for coordinating the Super Bowl Pool. The winners this year were: Joan Grenke, Frank Quilici, Nancy McGill & Fred Buglione.

Big thank you to Renae Montgomery, Cathy Collins & Annie Coppola for hosting the Friday Margarita night and making those tasty virgin margaritas. Thank you to Linda & Patrice Guesnet, Dora & Skip Palter, Karen Barnard & Jean Fender for hosting the regular Friday Nights in January & February.

Big thank you to Becki Linton for hosting our wildly successful Wild Wild West Party. You've got to love all those ten-gallon hats and smiling faces.

Our next big event is the Pub Quiz, which will be held on Friday, March 6 at 7:00 pm. There will be 10 teams consisting of 6 people on each team. This is a fun trivia night. The signup sheet is posted 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 of our Speaker Series for this year will be held on Tuesday, March 17, at 10:30 am. The topic will be "Personal Fall Risk Assessment". This is an important topic for everyone, and I encourage all of you to attend.

The Book Club will be held on Thursday, March 19, at 11:00 am. The book to be discussed is "*The Correspondent*" by Virginia Evans.

Social Committee (continued))

The last big event of the winter season is The Pool Party on Saturday, March 21 at 5:30 pm with the rain date on the Sunday, March 22 at 5:30 pm. There will be dancing poolside with a new entertainer, Vince Berardi, for your listening and dancing pleasure. This is a food provided event featuring our famous Pinestone Barbeque (hamburgers, hot dogs, 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 Monday evening, March 9, from 6:30 – 7:30 pm, and Tuesday morning, March 10, from 9:30 – 10:30 am in the card room. The fee is \$10.00 per person.

Our last **Lunch Bunch** will be held on **Wednesday, March 25**, at Noon at **Bonefish Grill** at the UTC location. The sign-up sheet will be posted in the Library.

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

Our next Social Committee Meeting will take place on April 1 at 10:00 am in the Card Room. All are welcome, please join us.

RoseAnn Buglione, Chairman

'Classic' Monday Movies at Pinestone

The February 'Classic Monday Movies' were a great hit with audiences. March will offer "5" Monday films as this popular activity comes to a close for this year. As always, the suggested donation is \$1.00 per person to cover the cost of the refreshments. It all begins promptly at 7:00 pm. (You'll want to get there early for a good seat). Check out the March films below:

MONDAY, MARCH 2 - "Summer of '42" This beautiful, nostalgic film was the major hit of 1971 and won numerous awards (including an Oscar for Best Musical Score). Based on a true story, "Summer of '42" continues to charm audiences as one of the most touching and important films of that decade. See for yourself!

MONDAY, MARCH 9 - "Kramer vs. Kramer" This important and touching film stars Meryl Streep and Dustin Hoffman, and together they created the most critically acclaimed and Oscar-winning film of 1979. The critics were dazzled by both Streep and Hoffman, as were all the audiences at that time. See it on the big screen in the Pinestone Theater.

MONDAY, MARCH 16 - "A Place in the Sun" - Here's one of the most important films in American cinema! Elizabeth Taylor, Shelley Winters and Montgomery Clift star in this magnificent 1951 movie directed by the great George Stevens. The New York Times regarded it as a work of "...beauty, tenderness, and power." It is regarded today as one of Hollywood's masterpieces.

MONDAY, MARCH 23 - "Bridges of Madison County" Clint Eastwood and Meryl Streep star in this 1995 film that became the biggest hit of that year. Based on Robert Waller's 1992 novel, "Bridges" was a cultural phenomenon, made even more popular by this fantastic film, directed by Mr. Eastwood. It is still viewed and studied today by aspiring film students and is considered classic in every way.

MONDAY, MARCH 30 - "Oliver!" The U.K. brought us 1969's Best Picture and winner of many more Academy Awards. "Oliver!" is considered a flawless musical film, and seeing it on Pinestone Theater's big screen makes it all that much more of a special occasion!

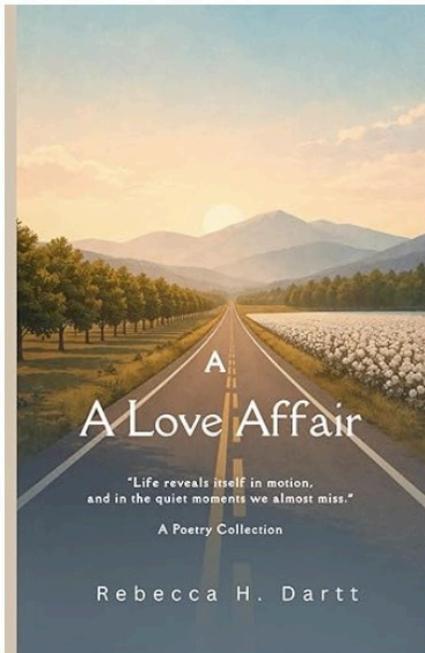
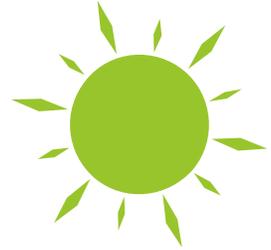




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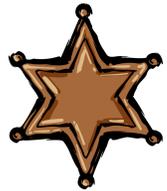


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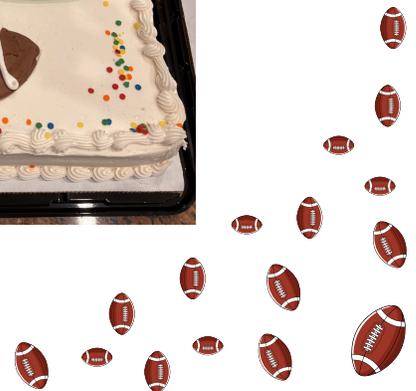
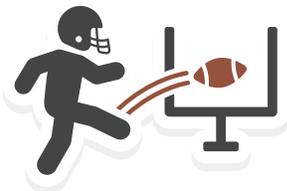
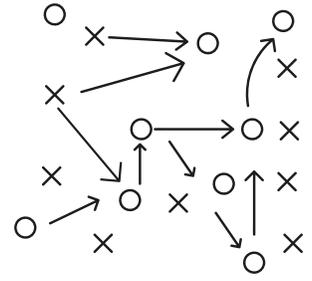
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Pinestone Market Update

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*Source: MFRMLS data from 1/1/25-2/16/26

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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."
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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."
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