FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
By: Bob Packee, Interim President

First of all, I want to extend the thanks from the Pinestone Association to retirees Sandy Keir and Paul Bourassa for the many hours they have spent on Board business. As with all Board members, their primary focus has been to ensure that Pinestone continues as one of the premier developments in Palmer Ranch. I encourage the new Board members to continue this, and more important that the owners will offer civil, constructive criticism and support them.

This is a good time to review the improvements that have been completed in the last two years.

• Repaving the streets and parking areas with a cost saving of $80,000 below budget.
• Revise the security system at the gate, pool and clubhouse which will save over $30,000/yr.
• Bring the unit owner’s sprinkler system up to code.
• Upgrade the bike racks by registering all bikes and providing a central location for the bikes.
• Resurfacing the pool along with adding new pump equipment.
• Continued the systematic roofing and painting of various units each year.

As usual no one person is responsible for all this work. It needs the cooperation of the committees, manager and Board. We thank all of them.

On a personal note, I originally ran for the Board because we did not have enough volunteers for a full Board. Thankfully we now have enough owners who have stepped forward so we will continue to have a seven member Board. This will enable Joanne and I to once again retire as we enjoy spending our winters here at Pinestone.
Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a fabulous holiday season.

Coffee with Debbie will begin on January 15\(^{th}\), 2020 at 10 am in the Clubhouse. We will be discussing the new electronic security system, as well as the new call box at the gate. There are instructions for the gate operation inserted in this Patter. Please email me with any topics you would like to have for future meetings.

**ANNUAL MEETING**

By now, you should have received your 2\(^{nd}\) notice of the Annual Meeting. If you will not attend the meeting, please be sure to vote with your proxy and get it back to me ASAP. We need 156 in person or by proxy to establish a quorum. If you have any questions, please call or email me.

**Items of Interest:**

Beginning in January the recycle will change to have just blue containers. You will put both paper, plastic and cans in the blue containers. Plastic bags are still not recyclable and must go int the garbage.

We will again have bulk pick up for Christmas trees. You will still need to see me have the pick up scheduled and the tree will not be allowed to be placed in the bulk area until the Tuesday afternoon after you have confirmed the need for a pickup.

You should have received your coupon books for the 2020 maintenance fees. If you do bill pay from your bank, PLEASE update your bank account to the new amount. If you are signed up for Auto Draft the amount will automatically be updated by the bank.

In addition to Board meeting agendas being posted in the bulletin boards in the clubhouse and in the mail area, they will now be posted at each building. In the buildings, they will be under the verticle numbers identifying each buildings address.

**PROJECTS**

Buildings 4, 10, 13, 17, 21 and 26 will be painted in 2020. The painting will begin on or about February 10\(^{th}\). You will receive a One Call when the painters begin your building.

Buildings 10, 11, 13, 14, 18 and 19 will be re-roofed in 2020. The roofing will begin on or about January 6\(^{th}\). In preparation for the re-roofing, if you're not going to be here, you might want to cover some of your furniture because there can be dust stirred up from the activity on the roof. You may also want to put any delicate items knick-knacks in a safe place as sometimes the vibrations cause items to move and possibly fall off shelves. Buildings 10 and 13 will be done first as they are also getting painted in 2020.

**Please welcome the new owners:**

Jerry & Janice Riddle have purchased unit 2422 and John & Sandra Kelley have purchased unit 1913
As we start a new year and a new decade, and we make our resolutions to lose weight, stop smoking or reconnect with old friends, we must realize how lucky we are to live in a great place like Pinestone whether it is for 3, 6 or 12 months a year. It has been almost 18 years since we bought our little slice of paradise and we haven’t regretted it one bit.

Over that time things change, people come and go but the core of this community has remained strong. Maybe we don’t always agree with how things are being done but I think everyone is doing what they feel is best, even though we may not agree on everything. The one thing that I think is most important though is that we respect each other and try to work together to do what is best for Pinestone. I love this community and the people in it and it tears me up inside to see people not getting along. Let’s all make a New Year’s resolution to try to see each other’s perspective and find solutions to problems we might have.

On another note, while working on the calendar this month and trying to fit all the activities into the squares I realize that Pinestone is a really busy place. I was looking back at the first calendar I did 13 years ago and we had Bingo, one movie night, lunch bunch and of course the Friday Night Socials along with the Board and Committee meetings. Now almost every square is filled during high season with multiple things to do thanks to the many people who got involved and organized a variety of different activities. If you are bored it’s your own fault! Have a great 2020 and I look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood!

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

All of us on the Social Committee extend our best wishes for a Happy, Healthy 2020 to all our Pinestone neighbors and welcome back to our Snowbirds from the North!
Thursday Night Movie the last Thursday of each month hosted by RoseAnn and Fred Buglione and Betty & Kenny Angotti. The first being on January 30th and will feature “Racing in the Rain”. Show starts at 7:00 p.m., but come early as seating is limited. Bring your $1.00 for refreshments.

Our Super Bowl Party will be February 2nd, hosted by Jill and Dave Notter. Bring a dish and what you want to drink at 5:30. Kick off starts at 6:30. Pool tickets will be sold at the two Friday night socials prior (Jan 24th and Jan 31st).

Join us at the Social on Friday, February 14th, for a special Valentine evening with singing impressionist, Chuck Drager. Have heard great reviews about his program. A $5.00 fee will be collected at the door to cover his expenses.

The next meeting of the Social Committee will be held in the Card Room on Wednesday, January 8th at 10:00 am. Everyone is always welcome and encouraged to attend.

Donna Adams, Chairman
Pinestone Social Committee

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

The Committee members are looking forward to our first meeting of the coming season. That meeting will be held at 10 am on January 10th in the clubhouse Card room. Also, in order to get off to a quick start, we’ve scheduled subsequent meetings at 10 am on January 17th and 24th in the Card room. As a reminder, the Systems, Technology and Security Committee has been integrated with the Facilities Committee.

We would like to extend an invitation to anyone interested in attending the meeting and to consider joining the Committee. The commitment involves attending bimonthly meetings, January through April, helping to identify needs within our purview and implementing solutions. Expertise in construction, building maintenance and current technologies is helpful, but not required.

The Committee's agendas are posted on the Pinestone website and on the bulletin board in the mailbox area a few days before each meeting.

Ed Green, Chairman
Facilities Committee

PLANT AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

The Committee would like to wish all residents at Pinestone a very happy and healthy New Year. Thank you to all volunteers and Committee Members who collected plants and decorations from storage and those who decorated inside and outside the Clubhouse for the holiday season.

We now have a new landscaping company, Bloomings to maintain the grounds around Pinestone. They started work in September and will be on the premises every Wednesday during summer and every other Wednesday in winter.

Richard Pluesse has gathered a small team of volunteers from the Plant Committee to trim shrubs and plants. This work needed to be done as the change over from one landscaping company to another created some areas to become overgrown. If residents see heaps of vegetation around Pinestone they are from their efforts and will be collected on alternate Wednesdays by Bloomings. This group is working under the supervision of Richard who owns his own landscaping company and therefore an expert on the correct trimming to maintain healthy plants and shrubs. The Committee ask all residents not to undertake any trimming of plants around Pinestone. If residents see a landscaping problem or want to raise an issue about plantings please fill in a white order slip and hand into Debbie at the office who will forward it to the Plant Committee.

New plantings and mulch have been installed throughout Pinestone, with many more improvements planned.

Subject to Board approval the Committee plans to
focus their efforts in 2020 on the landscaping to the rear of Buildings 11, 12 and 13 after the drainage works are completed.

Part of this work will include the trimming of the boundary berm. Many of the oak trees and palms are overgrown and to maintain their healthy growth need expert pruning. Quotes for this work are being obtained.

To ensure privacy a row of Areca Palms will be planted to the front of the boundary hedge and gully. At least 80 Areca Palms will be ordered in December and stored at Pinestone ready to be planted by Bloomings in January. If successful this will be the proposed landscaping plan for all three buildings in the future.

Since the removal of car stops, would residents please be aware of parking too close to the Arboricola hedging at the front of several buildings where there is little depth of grass.

The Committee normally meets monthly during the season. Meeting dates and agendas are posted at the mailbox bulletin board.

Linda Dowson

THE BROMELIAD HOLIDAY TREE
This holiday season the sub committee responsible for decorating the Pinestone Clubhouse decided to use Bromeliad plants for the entrance Holiday tree. These plants are members of the pineapple family. They are epiphytes and in their natural environment they perch and grow on rocks or trees obtaining their sustenance from rain and from what ever mold gathers around their roots. They hold water in their cupped leaf bases. They reproduce by growing ‘pups’ from their base.

After the holiday season these plants will be relocated around Pinestone.

Ti PLANTS
These are members of the cordyline family. There are about 25 varieties used in this area of Florida by landscapers. Some thrive in sun others grow in shady areas. They are low maintenance requiring little fertilizer and trimming. Regular watering is needed. They are easy to propagate. The Committee hopes to introduce these colorful plants with their large swordlike leaves, into Pinestone’s landscaping.

‘CLASSIC’ MONDAY MOVIES at Pinestone

Hosted by Bill Muzzillo, retired professor of Literature and Film, this tenth season will highlight 13 classic films, most of which have not been seen on the big screen in decades. Prior to each screening, Bill gives audiences a brief overview of the film and its significance in the canon of American cinema. Audiences are also encouraged to remain for a few minutes after each film to exchange comments and ideas about what was shown.

Beginning on MONDAY, JANUARY 6 each film will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m., and be accompanied by free popcorn, beverages, and the ever-popular traveling candy bowl. A suggested donation for each screening is $1.00 per person, to cover the cost of the goodies. (Best bargain in town!)

Plan on joining Pinestone friends for another season of classic films each Monday night. Mark your calendars accordingly, and be sure to get there early for a good seat!

JANUARY 6th - “The Yellow Rolls-Royce” (1964) A forgotten gem from the early ’60’s, a yellow 1931 Phantom II Rolls-Royce frames the story of three separate owners, set in the years just prior to World War II. With an all-star cast including Rex Harrison, Ingrid Bergman, George C. Scott, Shirley MacLaine, and Omar Sharif, “The Yellow Rolls-Royce” is filled with excitement, intrigue, a little danger, and a bit of fun.
It’s a perfect film to launch the 2020 season of *Classic Monday Movies.*

**JANUARY 13th - “Duel”** (1971) Originally intended for television audiences, but eventually released in theaters, Steven Spielberg’s first film became an international hit and established him as one of the great promising film directors. Starring Dennis Weaver as an innocent, victimized driver in the California desert, “Duel” is studied today as one of the most effective and chilling thrillers that examines human nature and fear of the unknown. Seeing it on the big screen makes it more powerful than ever!

**JANUARY 20th - “North By Northwest”** (1959) Regarded as one of Alfred Hitchcock’s most important masterpieces, “North By Northwest” stars Cary Grant in one of his most iconic film roles. The entire film is non-stop thrills and suspense, aided by Eva Marie Saint and James Mason. Hold on tight. It’s classic Hitchcock!

**JANUARY 27th - “Romeo and Juliet”** (1968) This celebrated version of Franco Zeffirelli’s masterpiece was first presented in the Pinestone theater in 2012, and remains one of the most requested films for a Monday ‘Classic’ Movie encore. In 1968 film critic Roger Ebert wrote, “I believe Franco Zeffirelli's *Romeo and Juliet* is the most exciting film of Shakespeare ever produced. It is a feast for the eyes, ears, and soul, and one of the most beautiful films ever made.” See for yourself!

**DOG WALKER ALERT**
We all love the doggies. Even if we don’t have one, we enjoy seeing their owners walking them around the property. Some of our residents have expressed concern for both the dogs and their owners walking around the property at night. Please wear bright or reflective clothing and/or carry a flashlight so that motorists can see you since you do have to share the street with the motor vehicles. This would also apply to those without 4-legged friends. Thanks for helping keep everyone safe here at Pinestone.

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**“Home Sweet Home”**
Welcome Back Party with Lynn’s Spins
Saturday, January 25th at 6:00 pm
$15 per person
Bring or wear something that shows where you’re from!

Sign-up January 11th at 10:00 am in the clubhouse

**Thursday Night Movie**
January 30th at 7:00 pm * $1.00 admission
featuring

“Racing in the Rain”
Come early as seating is limited

**Lunch Bunch**
This month’s Lunch Bunch will be held at

**Riverhouse Waterfront Restaurant**
995 Riverside Drive
Palmetto, FL 34221
on
January 21st at 11:30

*Sign-up sheet and directions will be posted in the Library two weeks before*
The Book Group will meet on January 16 at 10:30 in the card room to discuss ‘Radium Girls’ by Kate Moore and to choose our next reads. Watch for announcements about the author Kate Moore’s visit to Sarasota in January and related library activities.

We will meet again on February 13 and March 12. All meetings are at 10:30 am in the card room.

Think about books you have enjoyed and would like to recommend to the rest of the group. Anyone is welcome to join the Book Group and share their love of books. Hope you can join us!

The next Patter will be published in February. The deadline for that issue will be January 24th. Information can be sent to Terri Kathman at (tmkathman1@gmail.com)

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23
SIZE RANGE
1,068 SF – 1,604 SF
PRICE RANGE
$175,000 - $245,000

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ACTIVE

3
SIZE RANGE
1,068 SF
PRICE RANGE
$199,900 – $229,900

Source: MFRMLS data from October 2019 – December 2019

Inventory is low after an active year in Pinestone. It’s no wonder demand is so high with a convenient location and resort-like amenities.

Have you considered selling your Pinestone residence? Now is a great time to get on the market with many seasonal visitors venturing to the area.

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

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We worked with Brian on 4 Pinestone sales and 2 rentals. His honesty, professionalism and knowledge of Pinestone is the best. We wouldn’t trust anyone else for Pinestone real estate. – Ted Unkel #2322

We inherited my father’s Pinestone condo after he passed several years ago. In 2011 we contacted Brian to rent out our Pinestone condo for for several years. This year we decided to sell. Brian kept us well informed of open houses, showings etc. Brian sold the condo and as with the rental rentals, everything went smoothly. We highly recommend Brian for any of your real estate needs. – Kathleen Centner #310

Brian was very helpful and professional selling my parent’s Pinestone condo. This estate sale occurred after our Mother’s passing. My brother and I live in New Hampshire, he made it easy for us to electronically receive, review and sign offers and fill out all paperwork. He also gave us advice and resources to use in order to donate and sell furniture and home items. We recommend Brian. He has a good knowledge of the Sarasota area market and helped us to expedite our closing. – Chris Webb #421

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