



THE PINE RUN NEWS

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY DAN MUSS!

Longtime Editor and continuing contributor to The Pine Run News turns 97 today!

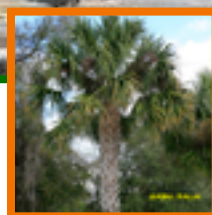
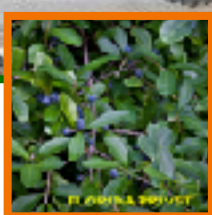
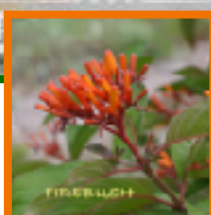
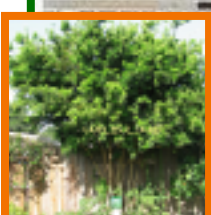
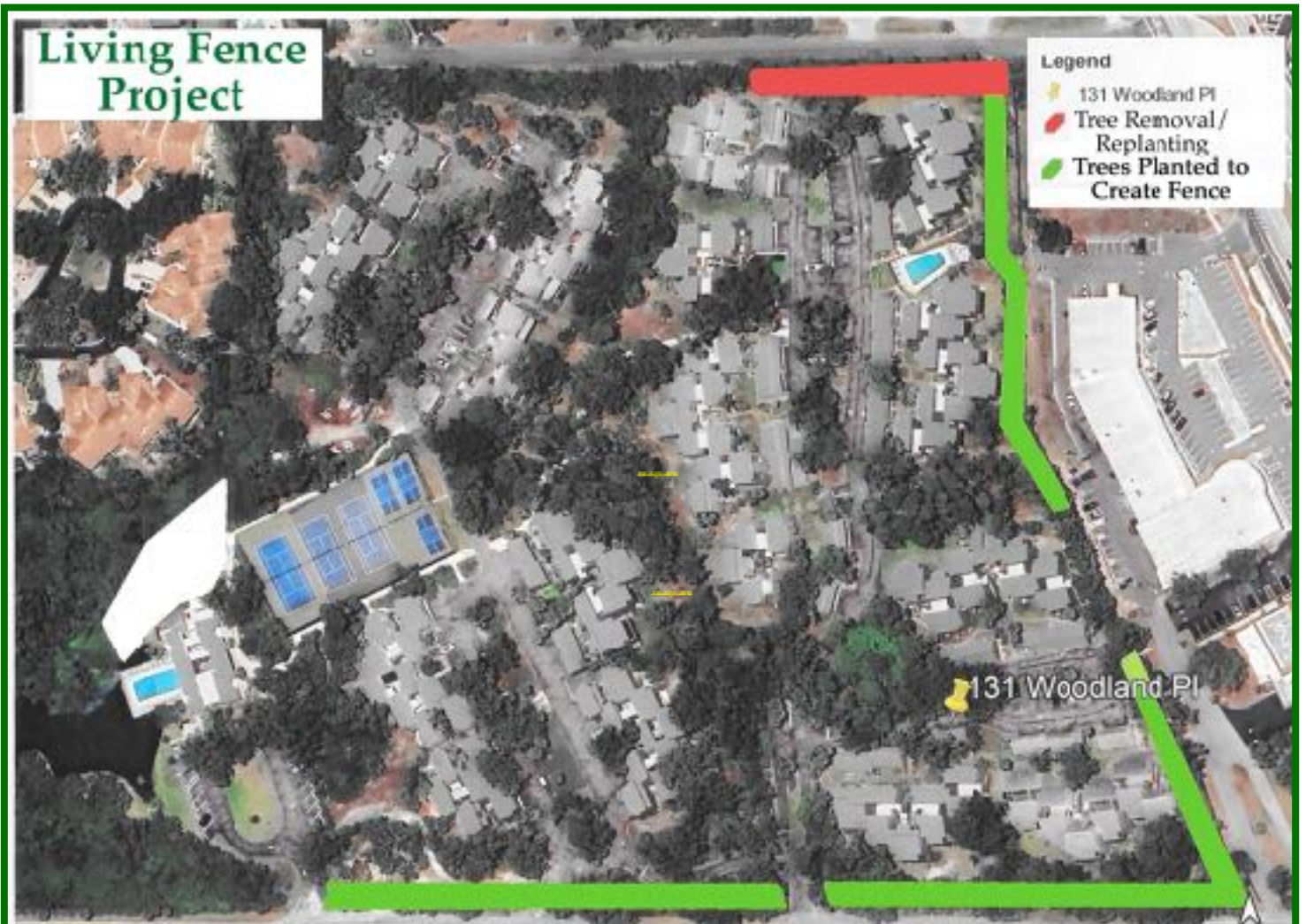
He is our Pine Run Role Model on how to live a long, healthy, and happy life.



Living Fence Project Approved!

The Pine Run Association voted in favor of replacing broken fences with a "living Fence" of trees and bushes. The Living Fence Committee will now proceed with the process of applying for a matching grant from Sarasota County to help finance the project. Many Pine Run residents have already signed up to volunteer time for the project. Now you can also donate trees to Pine Run either in your own name or in memory or in honor of someone else. See details of how to donate in Pat Foley's article below.

Map of the Living Fence Project



Board Updates

Damon White, Vice President

At our recent Board Meeting we had significant discussion about the need to address our drainage system. At this moment money is the problem. To fix the drainage will cost more money than we have available right now. The Board hopes to find the money to start the project before the end of May.

In other news, the Board has petitioned the Indian Princess for a moratorium on hurricanes for the next two years to allow us to get our reserves in order. We hope she's listening.

Kevin Gatewood has re-built several courtyard gates around the compound. The Board appreciates his efforts to restore our buildings' solid appearance.

Work orders continue to be addressed according to our priority system: leaks, safety, aesthetics.

Owners, please remember to pick up your vehicle tags on Sunday on the patio by the big pool. Be sure to bring your license plate tag sequence of numbers and letters so that we can record them properly.

We expect to have new locks on the bathrooms at the big pool and on the clubhouse in the near future. New codes will be disseminated once the locks have been installed. In order to dissuade outsiders from using our facilities, we expect the codes to change weekly. The Board will send an email blast to owners with the new code when appropriate.

Social Club News

Gail Brown, President

Looking Back

The St. Patrick's Day Party, held on March 17th, was a great success! The corned beef and cabbage and many side dishes were delicious, and the Irish coffees certainly added to the spirit of the party...

The Annual Car Wash Extravaganza, held on March 23rd, was one of our major fund-raisers of the season. Thanks go to the many volunteer car-washers and to the many supporters from Pine Run and Blackburn Point Woods. We raised \$600.00, with the proceeds going towards the construction of the upstairs Clubhouse closet and towards the proposed enlargement of the patio.

The Corn Hole and Cocktails gathering on March 28th featured an appearance of Pine Run's own Captain Dave and his steel drums! 50-some friends and neighbors attended, enjoying the music, the corn hole competitions and the fun... Thanks go to Captain Dave!!

Looking Forward

April 8: Wine and Cheese Tasting Check the bulletin boards for details.

April 22: Taco/Pool Party with our own Captain Dave and his steel drums. Check the bulletin boards for details.

How to Contribute to Living Fence Fund and Why

By Pat Foley

Pine Run is applying for a Sarasota County Neighborhood Initiative Grant that can be up to \$10,000. This is a Matching Fund Grant that means Pine Run must contribute the equivalent sum of money in the application. The County considers resident *volunteer hours* as \$20 per hour. The County also considers in-kind donations and cash as matching funds. We already have well more than \$10,000 *volunteer hours* pledged. However, our plan will require more **real money** to create a Living Fence along most of the three perimeters, South along Blackburn Point Road, East, **inside** the existing fence along the Blackburn Point Plaza and North along the swale and berm adjacent to Happy Haven Rd. These areas need clearing out of Brazilian pepper, melaleuca trees, vines and bamboo etc., which all interfere with drainage and growth of desirable vegetation. The cost of clearance will require more than the \$10,000 available from the grant. Our matching funds will purchase a variety of over 150 plants.

We have established a *Living Fence Fund* at the TrustCo Bank located in the Casey Key Plaza. Individuals may make a donation to purchase **1 tree for \$35 OR 3 trees for \$100**. If a person desires to "adopt a tree" after planting they may water it and care for it as it grows. There will be a thank-you board in the clubroom with certificates posted to thank our donors. Donations should be made out to *Living Fence Fund* and delivered or mailed to Pat Foley 359 Pine Run Drive or Myra Dryver 356 Pine Run Drive.

Please do not think of this as any sort of assessment. It is not. The original motto of Pine Run was *People in Harmony with Nature* and this is a voluntary effort to beautify our unique property, enhance the habitat for plants as well as our wonderful variety of wildlife. The clearance of invasive plants will also improve drainage after the summer rains. Thank you for supporting the Living Fence Project by approving a Material Alteration to the common elements by voting on-line or in person on March 27.

If the grant is awarded to us it runs from August 2025 through August 2026. Our plan is to begin the major clearance and planting tasks in November after the storms and folks have returned. Thank you for considering a donation in your name or in recognition of a person of your choice.

Upcoming Events

**Tuesday, April 8, 5:00 PM
Wine and Cheese**

**Friday, April 11, 3:00 PM
BOOK CLUB**

**Tuesday, April 22, 4:00 PM
Pool Party**



Photo by Kevin Gatewood



Photo by Owen Hodge

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



MODERN JAZZ MASS
Friday • March 7 • 7:00 pm

With top national and regional jazz musicians, this original work by Artistic Director Steven Phillips explores the meaning of the traditional mass in the modern world, interlacing texts from various spiritual traditions. The concert honors Second Heart Homes and their groundbreaking work with people experiencing homelessness.

FOR A NEW HUMANITY

Hometown Genius
Sarasota's Best Composers

Friday
May 2
7:00 pm

An incredible evening of choral and instrumental music by Don Bryn, Roger Zare, Jonathan Godfrey, Steven Phillips, John Belinke, and other SRQ talents. Features three premieres, with strings, percussion, keyboards, classical guitar, banjo and more.



Concerts are held at
First Presbyterian Church
2050 Oak Street • Sarasota, FL

Tickets and Information at
ViaNovaChorale.org
(941) 374-0940



STUDENTS COLLEGE AND UNDER FREE

Finding a New Way Together



**Sarasota, FL | Bayfront Park
(5 Bayfront Dr, Sarasota, FL
34236 Directions)**

Park entrance is located at the corner of Ringling Boulevard and Bayfront Drive/US Route 41

January 19- April 13, 2025

Park open 7:00 AM to 11 PM daily | free admission

Poetry Conversation Curated by Tanya Young

Why I Feed the Birds

once
i saw my grandmother hold out
her hand cupping a small offering
of seed to one of the wild sparrows
that frequented the bird bath she
filled with fresh water every day

she stood still
maybe stopped breathing
while the sparrow looked
at her, then the seed
then back as if he was
judging her character

he jumped into her hand
began to eat
she smiled

a woman holding
a small god

Richard Vargas

I Used to Ride a Motorcycle Until... By Dan Muss

In the early sixties I was in my first management position involved with research on power semiconductor devices that Westinghouse manufactured in the small town of Youngwood, about 50 miles east of the labs.

The manufacturing line was sensitive and when things went wrong in the Thyristor fabrication, my section, 4 guys and I, would go out to Youngwood to find the glitch.

One morning I was at my desk working on a presentation I was to make that day at noon for the president of Westinghouse when the call came in, the line at Youngwood was down. I got my section out to Youngwood and I thought it's only 8 AM, I have time to ride my motorcycle out there to participate and be back well before my talk at noon.

By 10 AM I decided to head back and, as soon as I was on the Pennsylvania Turnpike the heavens opened up. I stopped under a bridge to put on my wet-gear. But it was raining so hard I soon was soaked to the skin as the passing trucks set waves of water over me. I got back safely but as I squished back to my office to get my viewgraphs, I had no time to dry off. I squished to the conference room and gave my talk and no one seemed aware of my drenched state...at least no one said anything.

Coda: The problem was in the thyristor housing; a torque wrench was used to seal the anode contact to a specified torque; the young lady did not have the strength to reach the rated torque. The Youngwood engineers solved the problem by adding 5 inches to the torque arm.

Post- Coda: I stopped riding my motorcycle to work... eventually gave up the motorcycle.

LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT ON VOLUNTEERS

Keenie Bugenhagen

What is that creature rustling in the bushes? It may very well be one of our awesome landscape volunteers. They gather every Thursday morning at 7:15 to do yeoman's work maintaining and improving our treasured grounds here at Pine Run. Many of them can be found at other times throughout the week working on their own, or in pairs. Whether it be Russ and Chuck picking up all the landscaping debris, Lad and Bill digging up the dreaded Smilax, Rob clearing out Brazilian pepper for new native plants, or Ruth pulling vines out of trees or marking her new plantings with pink flags throughout the property. We all benefit from the results. It might also be Halyna and Barbara cleaning out along Blackburn Point Road, or Nancy working along the shell path. Our community owes a big thank you to these hard workers and the others who pitch in when they can. Their accomplishments in the past several months have been many: Bamboo and Brazilian pepper have been cleared from large areas, the ugly garbage can and pump pulled from the retention pond, trees and bushes freed from strangling vines, and beautiful native plants installed throughout the property. These plants are either purchased by the volunteers themselves, purchased with donations, or raised by volunteer Pam. The year-round residents continue through the oppressive summer heat, when the plants grow very quickly.

When I first became involved in landscaping here at Pine Run, we contracted 104 landscape visits a year. We now contract 35 landscape visits a year. As insurance and other costs have skyrocketed, our landscaping services have shrunk. We are very lucky to have individuals who step up to fill in the gaps, not only in landscaping, but in other areas as well.



If you are leaving for the summer, please show your thanks by not placing house plants outside. They quickly become invasive and create a real problem climbing up trees and buildings.

PARKING

All units in Pine Run have one assigned parking space, and the use of an additional unassigned space. That includes the annual rental apartment in the clubhouse, 302 Blackburn Point Road. The sign below designates their assigned parking spot in the clubhouse lot. There have been several instances where people have parked in their spot, believing that because they are a resident, they are allowed to park there. Please leave this spot open for the residents of 302 Blackburn Point Road. Remember to pick up parking tags on Sunday from 1-3 pm on the patio.



RUNNING PINEANONYMOUS

A Gentle Reminder

Many Pine Run Residents will be heading north for the summer. Before you leave check out the Unit Protection List:

UNIT PROTECTION LIST

When you are away from Pine Run, you must ensure that your unit is protected in your absence. Failure to do so may result in mold, pests, and damage to your condo and surrounding units. You will be billed for any expense incurred by the Association due to your negligence.

- *Arrange for a responsible person to check your unit on a weekly basis. This person must turn on the water to flush the toilets and run water down each drain (sinks, showers and tubs) and then turn the water back off.
- * Update contact information for you, as well as your house checker on the website.
- * Water must be turned off at the main valve, even if you are only away for a few days.
- * Turn off hot water heater.
- *If the refrigerator is on, turn off the ice maker.
- * Leave the air conditioner on and set to 80 degrees, and Humidistat at 60% to avoid humidity and mold. Make sure the air conditioner has been properly serviced.
- *Put 2-3 tablespoons of bleach in the toilet bowl, seal the bowl with plastic, close the lid and place a heavy object on top of the lid.
- *Check for any openings around pipes, disposals, wiring, sliders and in attics. Seal with industrial foam, steel wool or duct tape.
- *Secure any items that could become flying debris in a storm by placing them inside your unit. This includes furniture, plants and any decorative items on porches, courtyards and lanais.
- *Unplug any unnecessary appliances to prevent lightning damage.
- * If you leave a vehicle, a set of car keys must be left on the kitchen counter in case the car needs to be moved in an emergency or for parking lot or building maintenance.
- * Run the heater in your car for 15 minutes to dry any moisture in the air ducts. If leaving a car for several months, disconnect the wire to the negative pole to avoid a dead battery.

Rental Available 2026

2 bedroom, 2 bath fully furnished second floor unit available for seasonal rental March-April 2026. Interested parties should contact owner at jbrucemaffeo@gmail.com.

"Captain Steve" Callaway Pine Run Resident

Would like to take you on a guided tour

Explore the waters of the area
See Wildlife, Casey Key homes, outstanding sunsets, and more
Reserve your tour today by text or email

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coach07@gmail.com



The Pine Run News welcomes contributions
from all of our readers.

News, photos, puzzles, observations,
announcements, anything you would like to share
with the Community.

Deadline for the December Issue: Friday, December 5th
Send your contributions to
trishmhodge@gmail.com

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