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From our President, Kip Kellogg:

Welcome back to Pine Run. More than maybe anytime in the past, our return and enjoyment of the life we have here is to be celebrated. The board and myself hope that you have returned from a summer of health and that your families have survived the most tumultuous of times.

The summer of 2021 was oh so hot in Osprey. I feel like our job this past summer was to hold on, and while progress was slow to see in the heat, we did not slip back. Like almost everywhere in the world, we were and are dealing with the fallout from the pandemic. The supply chain, rising prices, covid affected contractors, delayed building permits and delayed projects have been a constant headache this year. Actions that we had hoped would be far in our rearview mirror, are still awaiting action. The boom world that is Florida has been as much a part of our delays as any part of pandemic fallout.

The biggest delay has been the decking structure that supports the clubhouse roof. This has been the perfect example of the craziness involved in what for us is a large-scale project. Of course we all remember paying for a special assessment to begin this project. That turns out to have been the easy part. Lumber prices, then lumber availability was the first roadblock. Who knew that the building permit process in Sarasota County would be so slow.

We had hoped this project could have been completed in July, then August, then September at the latest. Each time a change was requested by the county, it moved us back in the line. Even the county seeing the architect's drawing of trees in the courtyard paused the process so they could determine if the standard scribbled outline of a tree meant that some protected forest was at risk. My point is that this job will now take place sometime during our high season. When it does happen, we will lose use of the gym, locker rooms and of course the casual use of the clubhouse. I'd like to be optimistic about this schedule and our return to clubhouse use, but for now just know the project is out there lurking.

You will however see the wonderful results of continued additions to the new brick patio outside the pool area. It has turned out even better than expected.

Thanks for listening, and enjoy your time at Pine Run.

From our Landscape Chair, Keenie Bugenhagen:

LANDSCAPING NEWS

The Landscaping Committee has been very busy over the summer. We meet once a month. Our meeting is generally two days before the Board of Directors meeting, at 8:30 am. Meetings are posted at least 48 hours in advance, and membership and attendance are open to all Pine Run residents. We are an advisory committee that makes recommendations to the BOD.

The Landscaping Committee has undertaken several projects. The irrigation throughout Pine Run is being upgraded with new controllers. This work will continue for the next several months. It will then be monitored to see where individual heads need to be added or restored. We have added new plantings around the patio and clubhouse, improving the appearance of this area. There are more projects that will be completed during the rest of November and December that will improve our common element. We continue in our quest to remove invasive and troublesome trees and replace them with more suitable plantings.

Residents are reminded that all landscaping on the common element (everything outside of your unit) must be approved by the BOD. The proper procedure is to complete an ARC on the Keys-Caldwell website. The Landscaping Committee reviews your proposal and makes a recommendation to the BOD to either approve or deny the proposed plan. It is important to have signatures of affected neighbors approving your plan included with the submission. The Committee makes its recommendation based on the suitability of the plant for the area. Any plant which is categorized as invasive in the state of Florida will not be approved to be planted. There are numerous links on the Landscaping page of the Pine Run website, www.pinerunosprey.org to assist with plant choices. Please, please, please do not plant anything without going through this approval process. If your gardening will produce any plant refuse, you must first request a black trash can from the maintenance staff. Under no circumstances should plant material be piled and left on the common element. Removal of the refuse must be coordinated before the project is started. A maintenance work order should be completed on the

Keys-Caldwell website to notify the Landscaping Committee of any landscaping problems. By all working together, we can continue to improve both the aesthetics of Pine Run and the ecosystem for our beloved Florida wildlife.

Volunteer opportunity

We are very fortunate at Pine Run to have so many residents willing to volunteer to improve the landscaping. All during the hot summer months, our Thursday morning volunteers met weekly at 7:15 to clear out vines and other problem plants. Our rainy summer encouraged growth beyond what we have been able to keep up with. Many residents have expressed an interest in helping, although 7:15 on Thursday morning does not work for them. The Landscaping Committee has decided to launch a program where interested residents can sign up to “adopt” an area of the common element. If there is a particular area near your unit or that you walk by that could use a little love, you and a partner(s) may sign up to monitor the vines and other plants there that are taking over the landscaping. Our committee will coordinate this effort. We encourage volunteers to find at least one other person to work with, so that people sign up as a pair or small group. Each person needs to sign a waiver. No volunteers are allowed to use ladders or power tools. An orientation session will be given by a Landscape Committee member. The volunteer group will need to arrange to get black barrels from the maintenance staff for their refuse. They will clear the undesirable plants from that area, and then monitor it to keep it free of invasive plant growth. Our landscapers, Devine Design, will continue to do the regular trimming of these areas. If you would like to sign up to adopt an area, email keeniepineun@gmail.com with your names and proposed area. A Landscaping Committee member will contact you to schedule an orientation. We will continue to provide education each month by featuring both an invasive plant (in red) that is no longer allowed to be planted in Pine Run, as well as a native plant (in green) that benefits our ecosystem.

Rosary Pea

Rosary pea, or *Arbrus prectorious*, is a winding vine that forms a seed pod with red and black seeds. The seeds contain a substance that is very toxic to humans if



ingested but does not affect birds. It is native to India and was introduced into Florida as an ornamental plant. Because it has displaced native plants by growing over small trees and shrubs, it is now categorized as a Category 1 invasive in Florida and is a prohibited plant. Unfortunately, at some point it was brought into Pine Run, and we have an abundance of it. It is one of the vines which volunteers are actively trying to remove from our

community.

Southern Maidenhair Fern



Southern Maidenhair Fern (*Adiantum capillus-veneris*) is also called Venus hair fern. It is an attractive Florida native that likes shaded, moist areas. It stays small and can be used as a specimen plant or a ground cover.

An adventure from my younger days...or how I stopped riding my motorcycle to work.

In 1970 I was manager of the Power Semiconductor Section at the Westinghouse R&D Center in Pittsburgh, PA. (What is a Power Semiconductor? The principle device which we were concerned with is called a Thyristor. Unlike the tiny transistors in an “integrated circuit” this is a device that operates as a controlled switch that can block thousands of volts and conduct many hundreds of amperes. These devices are used to power locomotives and convert power transmission lines from DC to AC. Westinghouse manufactured them in a factory in a small town called Youngwood, about 50 miles east of Pittsburgh.)

Manufacture of any semiconductor device was, and probably still is, tricky, requiring great cleanliness and careful process control. When devices coming off the processing line began to fail test specifications the line was shut down and I and my group would drive to Youngwood to work with the manufacturing engineers to find the problem.

So it was on a fall morning and, as I left my office at around 8:30 AM to ride my motorcycle to Youngwood, my secretary reminded me that I had a presentation to make in the conference room to the president of Westinghouse at noon. We were

still working through the data at 10:00 AM that I realized that I would have to leave soon to make that noon meeting.

I was then speeding along the PA turnpike returning to the lab when a heavy rain started. I stopped under an overpass to get my raingear out from my saddle bag but I still had regular shoes. I waited...and I waited for the rain to stop. Then I realized that I would have to leave then if I was going to make that noon presentation. But, as I rode at moderate speed, I was being drenched by the rain and the splash from the semi-rigs that were constantly passing me.

I pulled into the lab parking lot at about 11:40, took off my wet gear and trudged to the men's room. I was soaked to the skin and I poured a half-inch of rainwater from my shoes. I went to my office, picked up my viewgraphs, smiled at my secretary who had a worried look on her face. I then slogged my way to the conference room, gave the talk, slogged over to the president to shake his hand who never batted an eye. We talked for a while and told him about the line at Youngwood. After dropping off the viewgraphs I headed home to take a hot shower.

Coda: I never rode my motorcycle to work again. I never found out how the problem was nailed at Youngwood but it turned out that a small woman who, in closing up the device encapsulation, was supposed to apply a specific pressure to a torque wrench. She apparently did not have enough strength in her arms that morning to apply the correct torque. They solved the problem by adding 6 inches to the torque wrench handle. – Dan Muss



We've seen many turtles around Pine Run but this was the first time I've run into a fairly large tortoise. He was about 2 feet long and was happily eating the grass alongside the Tennis Courts. - Dan

On November 14, with Jupiter and Venus presiding in the sky above us, we enjoyed the annual Welcome Back Celebration and cocktail party at our wonderful new patio and fire pit . Thanks to the Pine Run-BPW social club for all the fundraising and planning that made this great new amenity happen. -Owen Hodge



Classified Ads:

Rental Wanted:

We would like to rent a two bedroom/ two bath unit in Pine Run for six weeks from Feb 15 to March 31, 2022. (All of Feb and / or all of March would be a second choice.) We have rented

in Pine Run for the past six years. The unit we had rented has been sold. We really enjoy the scenery and residents of Pine Run and the warmth of the community. We can provide excellent references from Pine Run owners. Looking forward to hearing from you!

You can call **Mark and Terri** at [304-445-7822](tel:304-445-7822) or mobile, [304-646-2900](tel:304-646-2900) or email:

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