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Enjoy dining outdoors beside lush greenery and a soothing fountain at the Italian Kitchen.

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## PINE IS POPPIN'

Pine Avenue continues to evolve with new stores catering to visitors and locals. **Pages 28-29**

### Preservation posed as rental solution

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HOLMES BEACH – While city officials have declined requests from beleaguered residents to stop new vacation rental development with a building moratorium, one resident has proposed a new idea – a moratorium on demolitions.

Too many historic homes are being razed and redeveloped as

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### Whitmore honored by Lightning

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Carol Whitmore has come a long way since she was living on her own at an early age.

She ran for Holmes Beach office in 1992 and served as city commissioner and mayor before winning a seat on the Manatee County Board of Commissioners and now she is the county's first Tampa Bay Lightning Community Hero.

Whitmore learned about the honor recently, and it comes with a \$50,000 award for three of her favorite non-profits.

Holmes Beach City Commissioner Jean Peelen wrote a grant for the award, and she learned a lot about Carol Whitmore, and she says she's impressed.



**Whitmore**

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