



# *Pine Line*

## *Pine Meadows Community Newsletter*

*March 2024*

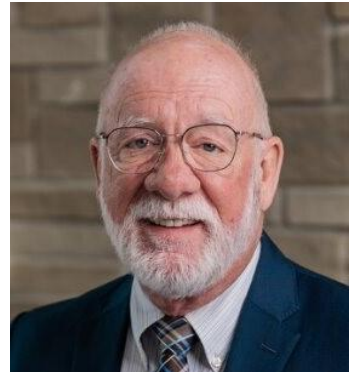
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*'In springtime a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love.'* ‘

*Alfred, Lord Tennyson*

What about an old guy? Don't know about you, but I've been thinking of things I appreciate, around our Pine Meadows community, and beyond.

This springtime, this old guy's thoughts turned to the choreography of snow removal here in Pine Meadows. It's almost a dance, and fairly pleasant to witness lying in bed, just "adoze." From a distance, the sound of the pickup plow coming. Thinking of poor Matt climbing into a cold pickup truck, before 6:00AM to plow out the roads and parking lots while I'm snuggling back to sleep in my warm bed. A little later, hearing the pitter pat of the snow shoveller's feet, the scrape of their shovels, clearing our walkways and in front of our garages. 195 times at each of our homes! Later, after breakfast, drinking coffee at the kitchen table when the tractor plows clear the driveway, the ever-present Matt cleans up that snow on the road with the backhoe. Then the snowblower cleans up the remnants from his work. NOT to mention the counterplay of some residents who carefully time their dashes to clean off their car in the driveway, move it to a parking lot, trudge home in the cold, only to return later (after their drives have been cleared) and bring their cars back home! All this before lunch! I'm exhausted just watching. AND ready for a nap!



A friend sent me a note, with some statistics, that I found fed my feelings of appreciation. In our world:

If you have your own home,  
Eat full meals & drink clean water,  
Have a mobile phone,  
Can surf the internet, and  
have gone to college,  
You are in the minuscule privileged lot.  
(in the less than 7% category)

Amongst 100 persons in the world, only 8 live to, or exceed, the age of 65! And here in Pine Meadows, 65 is almost a minimum requirement! Feeling very, very fortunate. Happy Spring all!

.... Avon

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## Cards Cards Cards

For card requests, please contact: Kathryn Dancey 519-843-5216  
Marni Henry at 226-486-2432



Our  
following

community sent “Get Well Soon” or “Thinking of You Wishes” to the residents:

Linda Moore	174 Lace Bark Lane
John Ward	130 Bristlecone Court
Myra Manning	85 White Bark Way
Bryan Ross	47 Pine Ridge Road

**Condolences** – We were saddened to hear of the passing of residents Florence Guthrie, 15 Pine Ridge Road and Rosemarie Wagner, 186 Lace Bark Lane. Condolences are extended to families from the residents of Pine Meadows.

We also learned of the passing of former residents John Doherty, and Sheila Johnson. Al Sansford.

Sympathy cards were sent to:

The family of Florence Guthrie on her passing and Gary Wagner on the passing of his wife Rosemarie.



Thank you to Elke Lingen for her gift of many lovely hand crafted “Thinking of you” and “Sympathy” cards for sending to residents.

## MAINTENANCE COST REVIEW COMMITTEE (MCRC)

The Maintenance Cost Review Committee did not meet during the month of February so there is nothing to report back to the community. However, a review of the Maintenance Cost Report for the month of January, 2024 shows that snow clearance costs were quite high so that costs were higher than our monthly fee.

The maintenance cost report for January, 2024 has been posted in the Boardroom for you to review. In addition, it has also been posted on the Pine Meadows Homeowners Association (PMHA) website. This report, prepared by the management of Pine Meadows Retirement Community Limited, shows all expense items, revenue items, costs per home per month and many other details.

Please take a moment to look at the report and, if you have any questions, you can contact Gabriele Filce, the MCRC chair, by telephone at (519) 843-2125 or email at [nanaFilce@yahoo.com](mailto:nanaFilce@yahoo.com) and she will be more than pleased to research your questions or you can contact any of the MCRC members.

## Pine Meadows Ladies Group

*Lois MacPherson*

Celebrating two special events will be the emphasis of the activities at the Ladies Group meetings in March: International Women's Day and Easter.

**March 8** is International Women's Day. It is a day set aside to celebrate the countless achievements of women throughout history. At our meeting on March 4 we will be remembering and honouring the ladies who influenced our lives.

**March 11** - No meeting. That week is School Break Week, and many of us will either be helping our families by looking after our grandkids, or possibly holidaying with them.

**March 18** - the plan is to try to make some origami Easter Rabbits

**March 25** - Elke will share her Ukrainian Easter eggs with us, and demonstrate how she decorated them.



When the ladies arrive and after Elke's demonstration, there will be **items donated from Irene Fitz-James available free for anyone who wants them.** This includes beautiful quilting fabric various yardages, ribbon, trims, small amount of wool, dolls, polyester batting, wooden treasure boxes and more. All ladies are welcome to come and check out if there are items you could use.

April 1 - Easter Monday - No meeting.

All women of Pine Meadows are welcome to come and socialize, learn and share with us.

## CHASE THE ACE!

*Joe Piercey*

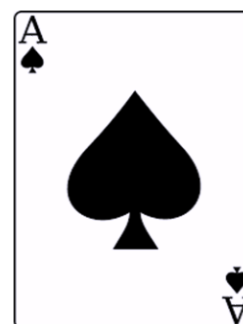
There's a new game in town.

Chase The Ace is a simple and fun card game which can be played by any number of people.

Chase The Ace night is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month in the Community Center Grand Hall starting at 7 p.m.

Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Bring 9 quarters with you and you are ready to play.



## Garage Sale

*Debbi Pope*

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Pine Meadows Annual Garage Sale will be held this year on: SATURDAY JUNE 22nd, 2024 - 8am - Noon More information to come in the April and May Pine Line Organized again this year by: Debbi Pope. 416 274-8485 and Terry Favrin 905 690-0109

## Groves Memorial Hospital Fundraising

Sue Anderson

We are getting very close to our goal of \$500,000 and only have \$29,208 left! With a little more help from Pine Meadows Residents, we can reach our goal by the end of June 2024.

**Donations matched up to a total of \$15,000!!**

**Between May 1 and June 30, 2024 donate any amount and it will be matched  
by  
Solomon Decisions Inc.**

Make cheque payable to Groves Memorial Hospital Foundation, place it in an envelope and give it to either Sue Anderson or Sandra Solomon. You will receive a tax receipt for the amount you have donated and that amount will be matched when all the cheques are presented to Groves Hospital Foundation.  
Any questions, please contact Sue Anderson

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GROVES MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION  
PARTNERING TO BRING FIRST CLASS HEALTH CARE  
TO THE RESIDENTS OF CENTRE WELLINGTON

**Pine Meadows**

**WE CAN DO IT, PINE MEADOWS!**

We are **94% to our \$500,000** fundraising goal for the New Groves Hospital  
**Less than \$30,000 left... Thank you all!**

**SOLOMON DECISIONS WILL MATCH ALL DONATIONS  
MAY 1ST - JUNE 30TH  
UP TO \$15,000 - DOUBLE YOUR GIVING & HELP REACH THE FINISHING LINE!**

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ENVIRONMENTAL TOXICOLOGY

Make cheque payable to **Groves Hospital Foundation** and give to **Sue Anderson** or **Sandra Solomon**; for any questions or other donation options, speak to Sue or Sandra.

**You will receive a tax receipt for your donation  
AND it will be matched when cheques are presented to Groves!**



## *Birthdays and Anniversaries for March*

The following are the names of Pine Meadows residents who are celebrating either a birthday or anniversary the month of March.

<i>Birthdays</i>		<i>Anniversaries:</i>	
Andrew Nicholas	March 4	Mike and Susan Stock	March 14
Terry Filce	March 5	Gord and Anne Burns	March 15
Lary Pope	March 6	George and Nancy Ottewell	March 21
Doug Wansbrough	March 7	Avon and Joyce Giddings	March 29
Norm Webb	March 10		
Lois Armstrong	March 10		
Susan Stock	March 11		
Tony Furtado	March 14		
Dana Burdenuk	March 14		
Sue Sewell	March 16		
Casey Dykstra	March 17		
Carmie McCormick	March 17		
Elizabeth White	March 18		
Jane Nicholas	March 18		
Jean Walker	March 28		
Evelyn Goodfellow	March 28		



### ***Congratulations Everyone!***

To have birthdays and anniversaries noted in the Pine Line each month and announced at Koffee Klatch, please send your info to Jackie Piercey. Her contact info is (piercey.jackie@gmail.com) or call 905-703-0372 and she will update her list.

## Koffee Klatch

Jackie Piercey



**March 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Social Time (YouTube)**

**“The not so subtle signs of getting older”**

Comedienne Cathy Landman



**March 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Elisabeth Burrows**

from Jerwels Under the Kilt will talk “Nuts”. She is bringing some tasty treats for sale. Boxes \$10 Or 3 for \$25 Or credit if you want to try them. Local Fruit and Nut Farm



**March 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Emily Cooper from Community Pramedics** will discuss the File of Life program and also demonstrate how to use an AED (automated external defibrillator).

**Note: We have one of these in our Community Centre inside the front door on the left.**



**March 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Social Time (YouTube)**

**Every Generation Explained**

Comedienne Karen Morgan

## Garden Plots

Kim and Jay Johnston

Pine Meadows has a very active garden plot program that is available to any residents on a first come basis. For those who are new or not acquainted to the program the plots are across from the large off-season parking area by the maintenance shed. Each plot is sectioned off and a maximum of two plots is allowed per household. Sometimes the second plot may not be adjacent to the first.

Every year there is a turnover of gardeners as desires change and plots come available. This year has had a typical turnover and there are plots available again. To apply for a plot please email either kim56johnston@gmail.com or jj@harmanhvs.com and we will do our best to fill your needs. Plots are \$10.00 each charged on an annual basis. Funds are used to maintain the garden plots and equipment that is used by all.



## **Social Committee Updates**

*Chris Larsen*

### **Valentines Potluck Dinner**

On Saturday, February 10, the Social Committee hosted a Potluck Dinner with 7 tables of residents (68) enjoying a great social time. The meal was Potluck with each person or couple bringing a special dish from appetizer to desert. The dishes varied at each table from Italian fare to ham and scalloped potatoes. Deserts were too extensive to list but ranged from 4 different pies by Isabella Hood to Tira Misu by Kathy Keen. There was romantic music provided by Larry Pope and after dinner some of us enjoyed a few dances.

Cathy Keen asked for and received pictures from many of the participants from their teen years and these were posted around the hall. Everyone had a chance to circulate and speculate on who was in the pictures and complete a ballot guessing who had hair, big hair, motorcycles, hot cars, and beautiful bodies back in the day. My, how all of us have changed, for the better of course. I think the winning entry by Dave and Terry Favrin guessed 12 out of 35 successfully. Congratulations.

The share the wealth draw of \$120 was shared by Ted White, Marnie Henry and the third person I have forgotten already. I guess I have lost more than my hair.

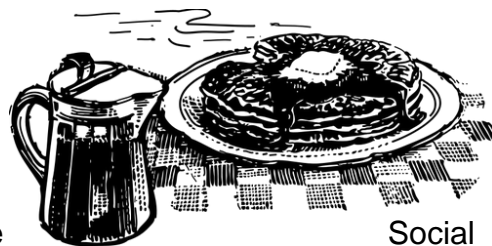


### **Bingo – Monday March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7PM**

Mark your calendars for our St Patrick's Bingo on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Dress up in your green gear and bring your green beverages. There will be a Special Pot of Gold Jackpot prize so bring your friends and relatives for a great time and prizes. Signup sheets will be posted soon.

### **Big Breakfast – Wednesday April 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 8 AM**

Come and join your friends and neighbours including our new residents and those returning with a tan from their southern hiatus. Enjoy the social time and the great food (Pancakes, scrambled eggs, peameal bacon, hash browns and toast with a selection of jams). We will be providing juice, coffee, and tea with water for those trying to be really healthy. See the Committee Bulletin Board for more information in March.



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## **Display Case**

*Joyce Giddings*

### **Rocks and Minerals**

Time marches on and it is now time to remove my collection of sheep from the display case. I love sheep. There is just something so endearing about them. At one time, I had pondered the idea of owning a sheep farm. Reconsidered once I realized that they are quite odiferous.

Originally, for February, Chris Rynberk (129 Bristlecone Court) was going to show us some samples of his rock and mineral collection. But he wasn't quite ready. It can be a lot of work preparing to exhibit. Lucky for us, he is now ready.

In the meantime, while talking with Howard Coates (16 Pine Ridge Road), Chris learned that he has been a geologist for the past 50 years.

Chris says that he has always had a keen interest in the world around him and chose to study geography and geology in secondary school and university. He loved earth sciences in order to discover what made the world go round.

After graduating from Brock University and the University of Toronto, he became a teacher and taught secondary school. He spent many years on field trips with students whenever he could to introduce them to "hands on learning".

Over the years he collected many rocks and minerals as a hobby. Most of these have now been donated to the school he left when he entered administration.

The display case for March includes some great examples of petrified wood and other memorabilia. The wood/stone sample came from the Petrified Forest National Park in northeastern Arizona, but he did not pick it up as that is illegal. It was given to him by a dear neighbour in 1990 who got it there in the 1930s perhaps before it was illegal to pick up samples.

While attending Memorial University, Howard spent his summers working in mineral exploration in Newfoundland and Nova Scotia and geological mapping with the Saskatchewan Geological Survey.

After graduating from Memorial University, with a M.Sc. in geology, Howard whisked his new bride off to Western Australia. He worked for Falconbridge Nickel Mines exploring for nickel-copper deposits for 5 years and then was transferred to Manitoba. After moving to Fredericton, he worked for Billiton on tin-tungsten-molybdenum and lead-zinc silver projects in the Maritimes. He was transferred to Toronto in 1983 and has since worked as an Associate Geological Consultant and lastly as Vice President Exploration for Mnsud Resources Corp, based in Buenos-Aires, Argentina. Throughout his career, Howard has had the opportunity to travel extensively in Canada and abroad.

So, Chris and Howard are going to combine their collections for one super display. Apparently, there is more to rocks than meets the eye.

Please contact me at: 519 843-6244 or [joycegiddings1@gmail.com](mailto:joycegiddings1@gmail.com) to let me know what you would like to put in the display case. Any size collection would be great! I can always work with whatever you have.



## **The Pine Line**

*The Pine Line is the monthly newsletter of Pine Meadows residents and is produced for the Pine Meadows Homeowners' Association by the Pine Line Team which currently consists of:*

**Coordinators/Editors:** Linda Webster and Perry Adams.

**Pine Line Committee Members:** Anne Chery, Joyce Giddings, Heather Denomy, Myra Manning and Grant Swift.

***We are always looking for more team members to proofread the final draft of the Pine Line and attend our pre-publication meeting. If you are interested, please contact either Linda or Perry.***

*The Pine Line depends on submissions by the various activity groups within Pine Meadows and by you, the residents. Submissions should be made electronically (by email) to [pinemeadowsnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:pinemeadowsnewsletter@gmail.com) or can be placed in the Pine Line box in the main lobby of the Recreation Centre or internal mailbox #35 or #70.*

***The submission deadline for the December issue, is the 14<sup>th</sup> of the month. The deadline for the remainder of the months is the 21<sup>st</sup>. While a high priority is to include all submissions, space requires that some submissions be omitted, or delayed to a future edition of The Pine Line***

### **PMHA BOARD 2023-2024**




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<b>MCRC Rep</b>	<b>Mike Stock</b>



# Pine Meadows Homeowners' Association – Events Calendar

## March 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6 KK Social – signs of getting older - comedy	7	8	
10	11	12	13 KK Jewells Under the Kilt	14	15	16
17 	18 Bingo 7 pm  Wear green	19	20 KK Community Paramedics	21	22	23
24  / 31 Easter	25	26	27 KK Social – generations explained - comedy	28	29	30
	Safety/Security – Ken Lindsay	Children's Pool hours: 2:30 - 5:00 p.m. daily 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. daily		Reservations & Kitchen Committee Heather Waring		
11:00 French Connection	8:30 Walk for Fitness 9:00 Water Aerobics 9:00 Wood Carving 10:15 Water Aerobics 11:30 SMART Program 12:00 Billiards – Men 1:00 Men's Aquafit 1:30 Pine Meadows Ladies Group 7:00 Billiards – Men	9:00 Water Aerobics 10:00 Tai Chi 10:15 Water Aerobics 1:00 Billiards – Men 1:00 Men's Aquafit 1:30 Ladies Bridge 7:00 Mixed Darts 7:00 Poker	8:30 Water Aerobics 9:30 Koffee Klatch 11:30 SMART Program 1:00 Men's Aquafit 7:00 Euchre (2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday) Bid Euchre (1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday)	9:00 Water Aerobics 9:30 ROMEOS 10:15 Water Aerobics 1:00 Men's Aquafit 2:00 Ladies Billiards 2:00 Line Dancing 2:00 – 4:30 pm Pool Cleaning 6:30 Pickleball	8:30 Walk for Fitness 9:00 Water Aerobics 10:15 Water Aerobics 11:30 SMART Program 12:00 Billiards – Men 1:00 Men's Aquafit 1:00 Cribbage 4:00 Happy Hour	7:00 Mixed Billiards