



# *Pine Line*

## *Pine Meadows Community Newsletter*

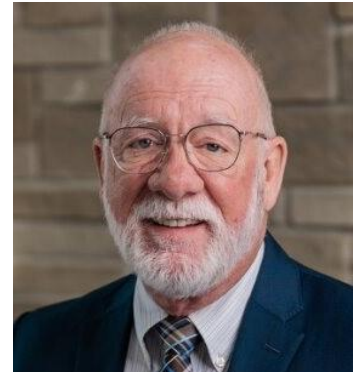
*April 2024*

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*You can't fool all the people all the time, but it isn't necessary.*

*Will Rogers*

Over the last several weeks and months, I've been hearing from a number of residents with concerns about scam calls, suspected scam email or text messages. Along with some suspect sales tactics there seem to be more of these going on than there were. I know almost every day I get emails, phone calls, voice mails, texts and advertising through social media, telling me that I need to take action, pay attention or respond urgently or face some financial loss, miss a great deal or experience some imminent disaster. I get emails or Facebook posts from friends warning me not to accept friend requests from them because they've been 'hacked.' This time of year, I expect we'll soon be seeing people offering faster tax returns, or sketchy charitable causes. Are you getting these too?



There was a time when these phony contacts were easy to spot, and usually involved really hard to believe stories or requests. Remember the Nigerian prince willing to give you millions just to let him deposit money in your bank account? That was the early days of '**Phishing.**' – using emails to lure you into sharing information that would allow others to take advantage of you. Pretty transparent...BUT...they've gotten better! Now they might ask you to click on a pretty official looking link or go to a website with a legitimate sounding request. Maybe your Amazon account has a suspect charge on it, or your Visa has been compromised, or a UPS shipment has been held up at the border. All asking you to respond to fix the issue. There's a variation on Phishing called '**Spear Phishing.**' That's a targeted email with specific information on you that makes it look more legitimate. A concern with your VISA card with the numbers 4538 for example.

Or how about '**Vishing?**' That's phone calls and can be anything from outright fraud, asking for your bank information to merely sketchy sales practices – Duct cleaning anyone? How about furnace inspections, water heater treatment or maintenance work. Anybody else getting voicemail messages entirely in Chinese? Not enough?

Seen any '**Smishing?**' That's text messaging. Don't know about you, but I get something almost every day. Credit card inquiries, banking issues, Amazon, NetFlix, freight companies needing confirmation of a delivery. They look increasingly realistic; just like the real thing. That's the sad, and scary, part. They look just like the real thing.

Why do these people perpetuate these truly deplorable practices? **BECAUSE THEY WORK!** The contacts are sent out by the thousands, and it only takes an inattentive moment, a simple mouse click, or agreeing to a visitor to your home, and you could be swept up in the net!

**What should you do if you've received a suspicious phone call, text message or email from someone?**

Do **NOT** respond to the request for information. If it sounds legitimate to you, contact the provider directly. Contact them at **their** phone number or email address, **NOT** the one in the message! Ask them if there are any issues, opportunities, or questions with your account. Talk to a neighbour or friend. Often, you'll

find they have had a similar experience, maybe the same experience! You may want to report the incident to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre:

- Online: <https://www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/report-signalez-eng.htm>
- By phone: **1 888 495-8501**

The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre has a lot of information on known scams. Have a look at their website to protect yourself from potential fraud.

Wouldn't it be great if we could put an end to these scams? Awareness and letting others know of what you might be experiencing is a great first step in staying ahead of the scammers. All the best!

.... Avon

PMHA President    Email: [avongiddings@gmail.com](mailto:avongiddings@gmail.com)    647-967-2111



## **Cards   Cards   Cards**

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

## **Condolences**

Sympathy cards were sent to:

Linda Ward 130 Bristlecone Court on passing of husband John

Janice & Ron Hunwicks 6 Meadow Lane on the passing of  
Janice's mother



### ***A Special Welcome to our New Residents!***

*Pine Meadows heartily welcomes you to our beautiful and caring community.*

***Linda Wiebe and Janet Baldwin***

**80 White Bark Way**



## Maintenance Cost Review Committee (MCRC)

*Barry Wood*

The Maintenance Cost Review Committee did not meet during the month of March so there is nothing to report back to the community. However, a review of the Maintenance Cost Report for the month of February 2024 shows that some one-time projects costs for the Recreation Centre, including the purchase of new tables, a fibre installation to upgrade the Internet in the Recreation Centre and the new air conditioning unit and ducting for the Grand Hall, resulted in pushing our costs above our monthly fee again.

The maintenance cost report for February 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** 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*



All ladies of Pine Meadows are welcome to join us on Monday afternoons at 1:30, except on holidays. We socialize, share and learn from each other plus guests on special occasions. Our plans for April are as follows.

**April 1** - Easter Monday – no meeting

**April 8** - The Pine Meadows Wood Carvers will be our guests. They will be bringing some of their projects, answering questions and sharing information on how they achieve the artistic qualities they do.

**April 15** - Our meeting will be at 150 Pine Ridge Road. Rather than bringing my quilts and fiber arts projects to the Center, I am inviting you to come to my home to see them and socialize there.

**April 22** - Attendees are invited to "Show and Tell" the projects they worked on over the winter. (Note I did not say, *finished*) Also, we will be sharing ideas for Spring/Summer decor ideas.

**April 29** - Elke will be sharing her card making skills. This month her card is entitled, an impossible card. A sample and the sign-up sheet will be posted on the Centre bulletin Board.

## Garage Sale

Debbi Pope



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Date: **June 22, 2024 8:00am- Noon**

Registration will be \$5. per household which will (hopefully) cover the cost of the various forms of advertising. Within the next few weeks there will be a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the grand hall. More information will be in the May issue of the Pine Line and on the PMHA website.

Organized again this year by:

Debbi Pope. 416 274-8485 and Terry Favrin 905 690-0109.

### Mixed Round Robin Spring Tournament

Saturday **April 20<sup>th</sup>** 2024 in the main hall



Starting Time 10:00 am

Entry fee \$10.00 (this includes lunch)



Last day to sign up is Thursday, **April 18<sup>th</sup>**

50/50 draw - winning numbers drawn at lunch time

301 Games

Double out or nearest to the bull

B.Y.O.B.

Everyone is welcome no matter what level you play

Spare darts available

For full details contact Andy Keen

[thekeens3@netflash.net](mailto:thekeens3@netflash.net) or call 519-710-6880.

## 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 Sandra Solomon or Sue Anderson. Other donation options, speak to Sandra or Sue. 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.

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

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





## *Birthdays and Anniversaries for April*

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>	
Gord Burns	April 2	Nicole Bernou and Ed Kelly	April 15
Joe Piercey	April 3	Linda and Jack Webster	April 16
Reg Black	April 4	Louise DeCorso and John Gwinn	April 16
Isabella Hood	April 5	Suzie and Ross Parker	April 21
Jerome Lehman	April 7		
Wendy Smith	April 8		
Gary Renaud	April 9		
Nancy Goddard	April 10		
Kimmie Louza	April 10		
Ron Hunwicks	April 11		
Brenda De Jong	April 14		
Hope Lehman	April 15		
Smitty (Alex) Smith	April 15		
Bob Gale	April 16		
Betty Frost	April 16		
Judy Busch	April 17		
Ken Chapman	April 18		
Julia Adams	April 19		
Bill Hocken	April 21		
Louise DeCorso	April 21		
Linda Ward	April 22		
Diane Larsen	April 24		
Leslie Prior	April 24		
Jim Bailey	April 28		
Ross Armstrong	April 30		



### ***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*



**April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Social Time (YouTube)**

**“Dating over 40 is like shopping at a Thrift Store”**

Dry Bar Comedian Joe DeVito



**April 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Social Time (YouTube)**

**“Can algae save the world?”**

DW Documentary



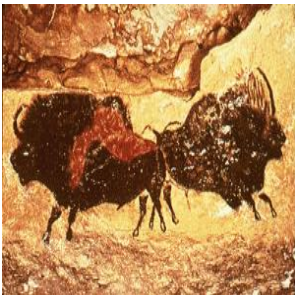
**April 17<sup>th</sup>**

**The B.I.G. Breakfast**

presented by the Social Committee

Wake up your taste buds and come hungry for a community breakfast.

**Watch for more info.**



**April 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Sandra Hennessey**

Will present her excursion to France

**The Dordogne: Caves and Castles**

## Line Dancing

*Linda Langdon*

For all those interested in our Line Dancing sessions, we are introducing a new class called “Totally New Beginners”. - a slow, very clear introduction to some of the line dancing steps we are doing. Everyone is welcome. Times have been adjusted as follows....

Totally New Beginners  
Easy Beginners

Thursdays 1:30 – 2:15 pm  
Thursdays 2:15 - 3:30 pm

## Social Committee Updates

Chris Larsen

We have a very successful St Paddy's Bingo with lots of green attire. 50 players turned out to enjoy the snacks provided by the Social Committee and of course the Bingo games. Winners of the regular games included Pearl Davis, Linda Moore, Sylvia Lawson, Carol Doyon, Barry Wood, Joe Piercy, Lee Howard, Carol Rosinski, Wayne Douglas, Jackie Piercy, Marnie Henry, Ted White, Mary Ann Simpson, John Guinn, Susan Henshaw, Evelyn Goodfellow and Bonnie Tetrault. The Pot of Gold Jackpot of \$84 was won by Meryl Arthurs. Congratulations Meryl on winning all those coins and on your new Great Grandson. The Share the Wealth draw of \$150 was shared by Linda Moore, Susan Stock and Ian Marr. Thanks to the Social Committee for setting up, snacks, running and calling Bingo. See you next time.



### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **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 along with water for those trying to be really healthy. See the Social Committee Bulletin Board (Former Golf Board) for more information and sign up sheet.



#### **Spring Fling Dance Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup> 7pm to Midnight**

Come on out and shake off the winter blues. Music will be provided by our own DJ Larry Pope, a light snack will be provided around 9 pm. Dancing from 7 pm to Midnight. BYOB. We will have a photo booth and of course, the Share the Wealth Draw.



## **Men's Aquafit**

*Doug Wilson*

We have now been getting together for the Men's Aquafit for six weeks, and our numbers keep growing. We are pretty much at max for the number of guys we can accommodate in the pool but are having a great time with laughter and low impact exercise.



All those who are having a great time, raise your hands.



## **Robins in Pine Meadows**

*Info generated by AI*

During the final weeks of March, you may have witnessed large flocks of male robins grouped mainly in and around our ornamental crabapple trees. An unusual sight we haven't seen in past springs.



In the vibrant season of spring, groups of male robins can be observed engaging in communal feeding rituals. These birds, known for their distinctive red breasts, often gather in numbers to forage for food as the ground thaws. When food is scarce, they form larger groups and share the bounty of crabapple trees, often found in residential areas or parks. This communal feeding can help them conserve energy and stay warm but also plays a crucial role in establishing social hierarchies before the breeding season commences.

*(photo courtesy of Don Ferrier)*

## **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**

<b>President</b>	<b>Avon Giddings</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Chris Rynberk</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Nancy Cook</b>
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<b>Activities</b>	<b>Larry Pope</b>
<b>MCRC Rep</b>	<b>Mike Stock</b>









# Pine Meadows Homeowners' Association – Events Calendar

## April 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 	2	3 KK Social Time - dating over 40 - comedy	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 KK Social Time - algae save the world? - documentary	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 KK Big Breakfast 	18	19	20 Darts  Tournament
21	22 Earth Day 	23	24 KK Sandra Hennessey – France The Dordogne	25	26	27
28	29	30				
	Safety/Security – Reg Black	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 1:30 Line Dancing Intro 2:15 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