



# *Pine Line*

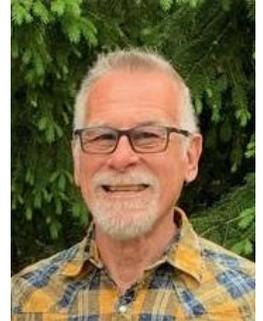
## *Pine Meadows Community Newsletter*

*September 2024*

---

It has been another eventful month here at Pine Meadows. There are lots of activities to enjoy and keep us busy. We don't want to get bored when we are in our best years. The Senior Olympics were a lot of fun. Weekly Koffee Klatches and Happy Hours provide many opportunities to mingle and meet new and old neighbours.

Please note that the 2024 Annual Meeting (AM) is scheduled for September 18 beginning at 10:00 AM. Coffee and snacks will be available at 9:30 AM, so I invite you to come early. This is your community, and we hope for a good attendance. We will be welcoming new homeowners and remembering those no longer with us. Last year the general meeting package was available on our Pine Meadows Homeowners Association (PMHA) website or as a paper copy. We will do the same again this year. If you wish a paper copy, please contact Perry Adams or Nancy Cook. New homeowners will have been contacted to determine whether they wish to receive the AM package in paper form in their internal mail slots or get the information on our website.



At the writing of this message, I am pleased to report that we have found some residents who have stepped up to work with the Board as new directors. We are still looking for someone to fill the roles of Secretary and Communications Director. Please let any current Board member know if you are interested or know of someone who could fill those positions for a two-year term.

We have been diligently searching for someone to fill the role of Archivist for Pine Meadows. Thank you to Anne Marie Hiron who has accepted the challenge of being our Archivist, an important position which involves correct storage, and dissemination of information contained in Pine Meadows' archives. Archivists acquire, store and research textual material, pictures, maps architectural documents, electronic material, films and videos, sound recordings and multimedia materials for Pine Meadows. We appreciate you, Anne Marie.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to express a hearty THANK YOU to all our volunteers who work hard to help make this Community alive and thriving. There are so many opportunities to get involved in a myriad of activities and we are grateful for the countless hours that our volunteers give of their time.

The exercise room is now unlocked, and key deposits are being returned to those who have a key. Please note the message on the door indicating that it is for homeowners' use only. Liability and safety are of major concern. When using the room please follow the instructions posted or ask to be shown how the equipment functions correctly. We are opening the exercise room on a trial basis to determine how it works out.

The annual Road Rally is getting closer. Set your calendar for Monday, September 23rd and sign up on the list in the Community Centre. We already have a good crowd raring to go. It is always a fun day, and we hope no one gets lost. It is a great idea to have a foursome in the vehicle searching for things to identify or helping with directions, except the driver of course, who must keep their eyes on the road, so we all get back home safely in time for the afternoon siesta and our dinner and prizes.

Stay safe and be well. Covid has not been eradicated...

Chris Rynberk, Chair

PMHA Vice-President

Email: [rynberkc@gmail.com](mailto:rynberkc@gmail.com)

*September 2024*

*Page 1 of 10*



## **Cards Cards Cards**

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

Our community sent “**Thinking of You Wishes**” to the following resident:



Henri Gagne

9 Pine Ridge Road



## **Condolences**

Sympathy cards were sent to:

Susan and Bob Henshaw 68 White Bark Way on the passing of Bob’s sister.

Terry and Dave Favrin 101 White Bark Way on the passing of Terry’s father.

Mailyn Ross 47 Pine Ridge Road on the passing of her husband Bryan. Residents of Pine Meadows have special memories of Bryan.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Shirley Austin 23 White Bark Way. A card has been sent to the family.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of former resident Jack Scheffel

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

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

***Sask and Kathy Wilfrid***  
***88 White Bark Way***



## Maintenance Cost Review Committee (MCRC)

*Barry Wood*

The Maintenance Cost Review Committee met in August but the situation has not improved as a result of another significant project cost being paid for, the replacement of the pool room dehumidifier and continuing high lawn care costs resulting from the increased grass cutting due to wet weather promoting grass growth. Our costs again exceeded our monthly fees and the amount owing per household has increased again. On the other hand, much lower project costs are expected for the remainder of the year and we can hope that the amount owing per household will decline in the following months.

The maintenance cost report for July, 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 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Rally **Miles of Smiles** Monday September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

Ted White

Please make sure that you sign up now so you don't miss your chance.

The cost is only \$55.00 per person.

Including:

Morning Coffee break with tasty  
treats

Lunch at an undisclosed great  
restaurant

There are interesting trivia questions and the rally route  
Also included is a light supper in the Grand Hall

It's at 6:30 and BYOB

There will be a recap, debrief, prizes  
and

lots of laughs afterwards



Tickets are available at Koffee Klatch September 4 and 11.

## Social Committee Updates

Chris Larsen

### Senior Olympics

Opening Ceremonies with the torch lighting happened at 1:30 pm behind the Recreation Century with 5 games indoors and 5 outside. The games were *Hatchet Toss, Ladder Golf, Bean Bag/Washer Toss, Croquet, Horny Ring Toss, Shuffleboard, Bocce Ball, Mouse Hole Golf and Balloon Darts*. We had each game supervised and scored by a member of the Social Committee or Volunteers from the Residents. Thanks to *Chuck McCormack and Gail Westwater* for filling in on the games and helping with setup and take down. Grilled Cheese Sandwich were served to over 50 people along with *Pickles, Kettle Chips, Watermelon, desert snacks and cold drinks*. The winners of *Share the Wealth* were *Ken Lindsay and Lillian Chaulk*. After all the scores were tallied by *Henry Gagne* the *Bronze Metal* was awarded to *Barry Wyant*, the *Silver* to *Kathy Perry* and the *Gold* to *Ian Marr*.

Thanks to all the Social Committee for another great event.



Gold – Ian Marr



Silver –  
Kathy Perry

Bronze –  
Bary Wyant



### Social Committee CORN ROAST AND BBQ

is coming up **Saturday Sept 14<sup>th</sup>** with a Social hour at 4 pm followed by dinner at 5pm. Cost will be \$10 per person. Van Tols local corn, beef burgers or veggie burgers or sausage on a bun with cheese, tomatoes, onions, sauteed onions and condiments. Also, *Potato Salad, Pasta Salad, Ceasar Salad, Baked Beans and Fruit cups for dessert*. (Gluten free buns available on request). **BYOB. Please bring your own dishes! SHARE THE WEALTH DRAW**

**Note: Date in last month's Pinline was incorrect, the correct date is September 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**Please sign up early so we can get the proper amount of food and not disappoint anyone.**

**Reminder: 2024 WHITE BARK WAY STREET PARTY Sept 8**

**White Bark Way Residents! We have booked the Grand Hall for Sunday Sept 8, 2024 from 3pm to 6:30pm. We are planning a BBQ with Chicken on a bun with Vegetarian options and Gluten Free Buns available at a cost of \$5 per person. We are asking for volunteers to prepare salads, appetizers or dessert. It will be a BYO drinks and bring your own dishes. We are planning a "get to know your neighbour game" to get everyone meeting each other and participating.**

**Signup is by email to Chris Larsen at [chrislarsen48@hotmail.com](mailto:chrislarsen48@hotmail.com) 905-399-5692 or Ted White at [ted.white83@yahoo.com](mailto:ted.white83@yahoo.com) 647-293-1944.**

**Pine Meadows Ladies Group**

Lois MacPherson

There is a story/comment that I have heard several times about why quilting was so common in past generations, and why it remains so today. "It is a time when women can get together with no men wanting to be present". I do believe there is some truth to that. This is the basis of many women's groups- including our Pine Meadows Ladies Group.

Plans have been made for the first few weeks of our upcoming year. Details and sign up lists are posted on the bulletin board in the hall.

**September 9:** Welcome Back. Sharing time of summer events and opportunity to share ideas. Samples of upcoming projects will be shown. The introduction of (hopefully) a weekly activity, "Hey Ladies, I'd like to ....."

**September 16:** Excursion: A backstage tour of Fergus Grand Theatre and opportunities available! Sign up encouraged. Departing Pine Meadows 1:15. No gathering in the hall.

**September 23:** NO MEETING The annual car rally day - enjoy your participation

**September 30 and October 7:** CRAFTS AND/OR SOCIALIZING TIME

On Sept. 30 Carol Wood will guide 6 of us in making BEESWAX CLOTHS, and Elke Lingen has a new GREETING CARD ready for 6 of us interested in making.

On Oct. 7 Carol and Elke will repeat the instructions from the week before for another group of 6 each.

Sign up required, and costs will be posted.

**October 14:** THANKSGIVING DAY, no meeting

**BE AWARE**

Do not click on emails from government agencies such as Service Canada relating to CPP or OAS discrepancies. The logo may look real but it is a Scam!

*From Margaret Chapman*

## Koffee Klatch

*Jackie Piercey*



**September 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Sandra Hennessey** is back with her latest trip to Sicily, Malta and Rome

Bon viaggio



**September 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Trish** and friends are back to tell us about their new tours available.



**September 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Plan to attend the General Meeting.**

Registration starts at 9:30 and the meeting starts at 10:00

Coffee and Tim Bits are provided by the Board



**September 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Social Time (You Tube)**

Repeat of Brad Uptons  
Boomer Triggers Gen Z Snowflakes  
Dry Bar Comedy 39.03 minutes  
Still funny the second time around.

### **Responsible Dog Owners.....**

Please deposit Poo Bags in your household garbage, Not in the garden waste trailers.

*Thank you, J. Raynor.*



### Birthdays and Anniversaries for September

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

<i>Birthdays</i>		<i>Anniversaries:</i>	
Sandy Campbell	September 2	Wally and June Sheldon	September 5
Barbara Brooks	September 8	Keith and Sandra Solomon	September 6
Andrew Simpson	September 10	Andy and Cathy Keen	September 7
Don Ferrier	September 12	Tony and Maria Furtado	September 12
Deb Welch	September 15	Bill and Elizabeth White	September 16
Rick Rundle	September 18	Brian and Gail Stainton	September 20
Helen Juergensen	September 22	Stewart and Sylvia Lawson	September 30
Bud Davis	September 23	Bill and Heather Hocken	September 30
Linda Bell	September 25		
Barb Seeley	September 25		
Myra Manning	September 25		
Barry Wyant	September 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.



### **HOW NOT TO TRAP RED SQUIRRELS IN PINE MEADOWS**

*FROM KEITH SOLOMON*

While taking Laddie for a walk on Saturday morning (July 27), he drew my attention to a red squirrel at the base of a Norway Spruce near the end of the path from PRR to ML. It was trying climb the tree but could not because a spring rat-trap was firmly attached to its one front leg. Because I had the dog with me, I could not catch it; however it scuttled away with the trap in tow and got stuck under a BBQ on a nearby back patio. I took the dog home and returned as soon as I could with leather gloves and long tongs. I managed to remove the squirrel from under the BBQ. The trap had clamped, broken, and nearly severed the squirrel's left front leg at the wrist. I opened the trap and the squirrel, now a paraplegic, hobbled off and tried unsuccessfully to climb a tree before heading for some low-growing cedars. Hopefully, it will adapt and survive.



To use this type of trap for squirrels is cruelty to animals larger than mice, which are likely to be injured or maimed rather than killed outright. This is especially the case when the trap is not anchored to a heavy base (note the holes for the screws in the photograph)-Also, leaving a loaded spring trap like this around outdoors is a danger to the fingers of our young grandchildren as well as to pets.

**Additional Note from Dana Burdenuk:**

In our land-lease community, only the Owner / Landlord of the property (“Pine Meadows Retirement Community Limited”) is permitted to trap and relocate wildlife. To do so, we hire a trapper, who is licensed under the *Ontario Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act*, to live-trap (and relocate within 1 km as per the regulations) larger critters such as skunks, racoons, possums, or groundhogs that are known to be living under decks, porches, or sunrooms of the houses or under common buildings in our community. We cannot trap smaller critters like squirrels, chipmunks, moles, or mice.

Unfortunately, live-trapping is only a short-term solution as the displaced animals often return or will be replaced by others who move into their habitat. The cycle of live-trapping can be endless!

We live in a rural community surrounded by woods, a lake, conservation lands, farms, and a campground, which are the natural and preferred habitats for many critters, including squirrels, chipmunks, groundhogs, racoons, skunks, etc. Wildlife, which includes these critters that can be seen as pesky, is important to the health and wellness of our environment and ecosystem.

Raccoons, skunks, moles, and crows seek out grubs as a key source of food. We are not permitted by the Province or Township to use pesticides, and we do not have another cost-effective solution for removing grubs. Grub removal by the critters is ultimately beneficial for the lawns as it’s a chemical-free way to remove grubs, and the holes that are left behind are easily repaired by our lawn mowers and/or a little bit of topsoil and grass seed. Co-existing with these critters can be ultimately beneficial for our community!

I would like to reiterate that it is prohibited for homeowners to lay traps of any kind outdoors for small or large animals in Pine Meadows. If you have a larger critter that appears to be living under your deck, porch, or sunroom, please contact me directly to request live-trapping and I will be happy to arrange this service. [dana@pinemeadows.ca](mailto:dana@pinemeadows.ca) or 519-787-7000 ext. 221.

## Display Case

Joyce Giddings

Happy September

Thanks to all who have responded to my request for school memorabilia. So far I have items from Ian Marr, Linda Ward, Mary Drew, Sharon Spittachine, Amina Renaud, and Nancy Cook. Should be a fun display of "Back to School". If you still wish to contribute, I will try to fit them in.

I am always looking for more suggestions for the display case. If you have any ideas, please call me at 519-843-6244 or email me at [joycegiddings1@gmail.com](mailto:joycegiddings1@gmail.com).

## Modems for Netflash

For your information:

If you find your Netflash modem has failed and needs a new power supply during the days that Dana is not here, you can call one of the Sales Representatives as we now have spare modems in the sales office.

Paul Lingen, Sales Representative

### 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*



**Pine Meadows Homeowners' Association – Events Calendar**



**SEPTEMBER 2024**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 KK – Sicily, Malta , Rome Sandy Hennessey	5	6	7
8 WBW Party 3pm	9	10	11 KK – Maritime Travel	12	13	14 Corn Roast BBQ 4 pm
15	16	17	18 KK General Meeting 9:30 (10:00)	19	20	21
22	23 Car Rally	24	25 KK – Social /You Tube	26	27	28
29	30					
	Safety/Security Ted Muehlbacher	Children's Pool hours: 2:30 - 6:00 p.m. daily		Reservations & Kitchen Committee - Heather Waring		
	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 Ladies Group 7:00 Billiards – Men	9:00 Water Aerobics 10:00 Tai Chi 10:00 Water Aerobics 11:15 Pool Volleyball 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 10:00 Water Aerobics 11:15 Pool Volleyball 1:00 Men's Aquafit 2:00 Ladies Billiards Line Dancing 1:30 Beginners 2:00 All dancers 2:00 – 4:00 pm Pool Cleaning 6:30 Pickleball	8:30 Walk for Fitness 9:00 Water Aerobics 10:00 Bridge 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