



# *Pine Line*

## *Pine Meadows Community Newsletter*

*March 2025*

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Hopefully, the month of March will greet us with some warmer weather. We have been in a cold, deep freeze for February, with more snow accumulation and wind than usual. It is time for more sunshine and warmth. Snow removal has become an issue here at Pine Meadows as some of the snow has had to be trucked away due to lack of space when the snow equipment manages to keep our roads, driveways and sidewalks open. We own our own homes here, so any snow that may be required to be removed from decks or roofs is the homeowners' responsibility. Some homeowners have had difficulties with snow accumulation on the three-season sunrooms and front porches and have had difficulty finding outside services to help with the tasks.



I will post some information I have looked up for homeowners to contact for snow removal from roofs in this issue of Pine Line. These are Belwood/Fergus area services where a payment is required.

The Ontario Provincial election is now behind us. Many have been able to speak with the candidates at our recent all-candidates information meeting held in the Grand Hall. It is good practice for the looming Federal election, soon to be announced. A lot of words are spoken, and promises are made. Between the harsh winter and two elections, we need a reprieve.

Let me share some humorous insight about the “**power of words**” when we hear speakers address us anywhere. What do they mean, we may ask, especially on television and in newspapers where we are deluged with promises and warnings of tariffs and threats to our sovereignty? Maybe it's all just words we must be careful to decipher. Is English so difficult when attempting an understanding, especially in the political realm we face every day? Enjoy the humour I share about ...

### **WHY ENGLISH IS SO HARD...**

We'll begin with a box, and the plural is boxes,  
But the plural of ox becomes oxen, not oxes.  
One fowl is a goose, but two are called geese,  
Yet the plural of moose should never be meese.  
You may find a lone mouse or a nest full of mice,  
Yet the plural of house is houses, not hice.

If the plural of man is always called men,  
Why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?  
If I speak of my foot and show you my feet,  
And I give you a boot; would a pair be called beet?

If one is a tooth and a whole set are teeth,  
Why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth?

Then one may be that, and three would be those,  
Yet hat in the plural would never be hose,  
And the plural of cat is cats, not cose.  
We speak of a brother and also of brethren,  
But though we say mother, we never say methren.  
Then the masculine pronouns are he, his and him,  
But imagine the feminine: she, shis and shim!

ANONYMOUS

Chris Rynberk, President of PMHA

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### **Contacts for Snow Removal on Roofs.**

We have found some contacts that we asked for removing roof snow, especially on the three-season sun porches at Pine Meadows where homeowners have seasonal damage and leakage. Homeowners who do not have a service to do this but require something, you can try these men who have made their service available. It is a busy time.

MATT WIGNALL     519-492-1657

ADDY SAVU         519-400-4921

### **Maintenance Cost Review Committee (MCRC)**

The MCRC did not meet during the month of February. However, a consultation of the Maintenance Cost Report for the month of January shows a clear picture. Unfortunately, we start the year with our maintenance costs exceeding our monthly maintenance fees. Heavy snowfall throughout the month has resulted in snow clearance costs much higher than previous years. We are already in a somewhat unfavourable position with regard to our cost per household for the year.

The maintenance cost report for January, 2025 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 Nancy Ottewell, the MCRC chair, by email at [nottewell@gmail.com](mailto:nottewell@gmail.com) and she will be more than pleased to research your questions or you can contact any of the MCRC members.

*Barry Wood, Recording Secretary*

### **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 / Get Well Wishes**” to the following residents:

Jim Bailey	166 Pine Ridge Road
Anne Burns	185 Lacebark Lane
Debra Gale	41 White Bark Way
Pearl Davis	21 White Bark Lane
Martin Bauer	96 White Bark Way



We were saddened to hear of the passing of resident Ross Parker 132 Bristlecone Court. A sympathy card was sent to his wife Suzanne.

We also heard of the passing of the following former residents: Roy Sproule, Bill Pritchard, David Scragg and George Smith.

### **Message from Dana re Vacation and Pool Closure**

- Vacation: Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup> – Thursday March 13<sup>th</sup>

For **TRULY URGENT** matters, I can be reached by phone or text at 905-703-6411.

Please note that the swimming pool, hot tub and sauna will be closed the week of March 17<sup>th</sup> for annual cleaning and maintenance. A reminder notice will be posted on the pool door the week of March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

### **Mixed Round Robin Dart Tournament Saturday February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Thanks to everyone for showing up on Saturday and having such a great time.

The trophy winner was Neil Westwater, Winner in B Group Terry Favrin.

Winner of the 50/50 Ron Goddard and Andrew Nicholas.

Big thank you to Helen Waring for the amazing food and to all our helpers.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Pine Meadows Annual Garage Sale will be held this year on

**SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2025 8am – Noon**

More information to come in the April and May Pine Line

Organized this year by:

Lilly Chaulk	289-924-0254
Linda Ward	519-400-3290
Joanne Alexander	519-938-6003

## **CANCER – WHY ME?**

Cancer can touch our lives and the lives of our loved ones in so many ways.

Some questions may arise.

What does support mean for individuals and their caregivers?

How do we deal with our anxiety and fear?

How do we navigate our journey?

Where can we get reliable, updated information?

As a Volunteer Moderator with the Canadian Cancer Society's on Line forum, I have come to realize we are not alone.... We get it! Although peer support does not appeal to everyone, we all need a listening ear or a kind word on our journey.

The question I would like to put forward:

Would it be of interest to the residents of Pine Meadows to develop a Support Group for cancer patients and their caregivers?

If you are interested in having a discussion about how we could create a safe and welcoming place for discussion, support and the exchange of information about managing cancer in our lives, please contact me.

The Canadian Cancer Society has a new slogan, "It Takes a Community".

Shall we see how we might support our community and each other?

Bonnie Norris  
34 White Bark Way  
(519) 994-4773  
[bnorris8864@gmail.com](mailto:bnorris8864@gmail.com)

## **Social Committee Update**

*Chris Larsen*

### **Valentine's Potluck Dinner**

We had 85 residents attend the Potluck Dinner with a variety of meals served at each table by the participants. Everyone enjoyed the social time at the beginning of the evening and the sumptuous food. Cathy Keen presented a Trivia contest by placing wedding pictures of Hollywood Stars and famous couples. Contestants were invited to identify the couples. The winner of the contest with a perfect score was Jane Nicholas. The prize was a gift basket prepared by Deb Pope. The Share the Wealth draw for a total of \$180 was shared equally by Joanne Black, Kathy Perry and Margaret Chapman. Dinner music and music for dancing afterward was handled by Larry Pope and some of us snuck off to the library to watch the Canadian/USA hockey game. Thanks to all the Social Committee for setup and those that started the cleanup Saturday and special thanks to Carol Rosinski and Chris Larsen who finished the cleanup the next day.

### **Upcoming Event : March 17 St Paddy's Day Bingo**

The next event is a Bingo on Monday March 17th at 7pm. Tickets go on sale at 6:30pm. We are raising the price for tickets from \$8 for 6 cards to \$10, from \$5 for 3 cards to \$7, the Jackpot will be going from \$1 each to \$2 or 3 for \$5. This will allow us to increase the prize money per game from \$25 to \$40 and the Jackpot to \$100. Of course, the Jackpot for this night is a Pot of Gold to celebrate St Patrick Day. There will be a Share the Wealth Draw.

**2025 Social Committee Excursion Planning**

We continue to work on Excursion Plans for 2025. We have decided that any trips to the USA will be deferred due to the current political environment. However, we continue to work on local trips:

1. Day at the Races in Elora (carpool transport)
2. Grand River Cruise with Lunch including Bus Transportation
3. Wine tour & Theatre/Shopping Bus Trip to Niagara on the Lake
4. St Jacob's to Elmira Train Trip

We are still receiving a few emails expressing interest in excursions and will put a poster up on the Social Committee Bulletin Board for feedback or to express interest soon. You can also continue to send an email to [pmsocialcommittee2025@gmail.com](mailto:pmsocialcommittee2025@gmail.com)

***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.

***Birthdays***

Andrew Nicholas	March 4
Terry Filce	March 5
Larry Pope	March 6
Doug Wansbrough	March 7
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

***Anniversaries***

Mike and Susan Stock	March 14
Gord and Anne Burns	March 15
George and Nancy Ottewell	March 21

***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](mailto:piercey.jackie@gmail.com)) or call 905-703-0372 and she will update her list.



## **Display Case** *Joyce Giddings*

Did you enjoy trying to identify some of your neighbour's wedding pictures? How many were you able to guess? Clyde and Marnie were the easiest. Some of the brides haven't changed too much and were easy to tell by their smiles, such as Linda Coates, Lilly and Sue Graham. But those men! Where has all those gorgeous full heads of hair gone?

Congratulations to the three winners of the guessing contest. First place was Clyde Henry who guessed 12 right of the 13 pictures. Second was Lilly Chaulk with 11 and Jackie Piercey guessed 9 correctly. I will be delivering your prizes in early March.

Since everyone had so much fun, and some residents were not able to have their pictures included, I think we will do "Love is in the Air" part 2 in June. So, start digging out your wedding photos if you would like to be included.



For March, Lorrie Keip has agreed to share some of the teapots from her extensive collection. These are not your run-of-the-mill brown Bettys. There are teapots of every shape, size, vintage and design imaginable.

Lorrie became interested in collecting teapots after her grandmother passed on to her a tomato teapot with salt and pepper shakers to match. As with many hobbies, once people know you have an interest, they continue to contribute to your collection.

Lorrie said that at one time she had over 100 teapots. Running out of room, she has now given some to her daughter.

The variety is amazing! Apparently, the underside of teapots and other china contain much information. There is often a backstamp on the bottom which identifies the manufacturer, pattern name and number. You can then research information about your collectible. Who knew?

## **Pine Meadows Ladies Group**

Lois MacPherson

March is the month when we (hopefully) move from winter to spring. A time to celebrate the fact that we have survived winter. A time to socialize and enjoy the many talents of our neighbours. That will be the emphasis of Ladies Group for this month.

**March 3:** Marilyn Patterson (#154) is going to share her talents and expertise in the field of Chemistry as it applies to Cosmetics.

**March 10:** A time for the ladies of our group to share and "show and tell" their projects and talents. A time to BYOP (bring your own projects) while enjoying a cup of coffee.

**March 17:** Bonnie Norris (#34) will be sharing her artistic expertise and paintings.

**March 24:** We will be sharing Spring decorating ideas while we have a BYOP day.

**March 31:** Elke Lingen will be assisting ladies interested in making another unique card. Sign up requested.

As has become our tradition the last Monday of the month is Purge Day. Bring any unwanted items that you think the ladies of our community might use and they will have the opportunity to claim them. After the meeting any unclaimed items can be returned to their owner, or we will donate them to New To You.

***Thoughts from Aging Well Calendar, debunking the myths of growing old.  
Aging is not 'lost youth' but a new stage of opportunity and strength". Betty Friedan.***

## **Koffee Klatch**

*Jackie Piercey*



**March 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Linda Webster** will tell us about "Selling Your Home with Pine Meadows Sales Team" – What you need to know?



**March 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Explore Ireland with Antoinette – A hosted Tour**

**Antoinette and Colette will make a presentation and answer any questions.**



**March 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Social Time (You Tube)**

**"Where did cheese really come from?" Weird History 24 m 17 s**



**March 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Susan Dunlop** will present an informative talk on **the Wellington County Poor House**, a place for the poor, homeless and destitute people of Wellington County. Built in 1877 (rescheduled from January)



**February 2025  
Snow! Snow! Snow!  
A year to remember!**



**Thank you, thank you!  
Matt, Brandon,  
Justin, Fiona and Evan.  
You did a fabulous job!  
From All the Residents**








# Pine Meadows Homeowners' Association – Events Calendar



**March 2025**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5 KK- Selling Homes Linda Webster	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 KK- Ireland with Antoinette	13	14	15
16	 17 Bingo 7 pm Pool Cleaning all week	18	19 KK – You Tube Cheese - Weird History	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 KK – Wellington County Poor House – Susan Dunlop	28	29	
	Safety/Security Ken Lindsay	Open Swim & Children Allowed Pool hours: 2:30 - 6:00 p.m. daily (4:00 – 6:00 pm on Thursdays)		Reservations & Kitchen Committee - Heather Waring		
11:00 French Club	8:30 Walk for Fitness 9:00 Water Aerobics 9:00 Wood Carving 10:00 Water Aerobics 11:30 SMART Program 12:00 Billiards – Men 1:00 Men's Aquaf 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 2:00 Chair Yoga 1:30 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 1:00 VON Sessions 2:00 Ladies Billiards 2:30 Line Dancing 2:00 – 4:00 pm Pool Cleaning 7:00 Table Tennis	8:30 Walk for Fitness 9:00 Water Aerobics 10:00 Bridge 10:00 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