



# *Pine Line*

## *Pine Meadows Community Newsletter*

*April 2025*

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This year, the month of April is interesting because Easter is later than usual. It is not in March. Have you ever wondered why Easter is not celebrated on the same day each year as Christmas is? The date of Easter shifts because it is determined by the first Sunday after the full moon, which occurs on or after the Spring Equinox. However, it is always observed on a Sunday between March 22 and April 25 in the Gregorian calendar, which we follow in North America. That is the confusion of “*When is Easter this year?*” we often ask ourselves.

It has been an unusually snowy and cold winter, which I am sure you are happy to leave behind for at least the next ‘nine’ months. We need more sunshine and warmth, none too soon. I have spoken to numerous homeowners who travel south for at least part of the winter.

They tell me that they are ceasing their winters in the USA, at least for the time being. There are many wonderful warmer climates to vacation or thrive in. I am partial to Mexico or the Caribbean islands. Costa Rica is a haven, I am told. If you are still travelling afar, Italy and Greece may be on your ‘bucket list.’ Let us remain positive that relations with our American neighbours will soon be repaired and on the upswing like they used to be.

The stresses that politics have given us recently are burdensome. Hopefully, you can all find escapes or activities that strengthen and revive your “free spirits.” There are many activities right here at PMRC (Pine Meadows Retirement Community) that you can get involved in if you have not already, such as the walk for fitness, water aerobics, wood carving, billiards, chair yoga, tai chi, pool volleyball, bridge, mixed darts, poker, euchre, line dancing, cribbage, ROMEOS, Koffee Klatch, Happy Hour, golf in the summer, etc. I know I have not covered them all, but you get the idea that we need to stay active and alive. ELBOWS UP, everyone.

The week after March break, the pool was closed for its annual cleaning and repairs. If you use the pool, you will notice that all the metal art has been removed. It was found to be quite rusty and staining the walls due to the high humidity and temperatures. These have been placed in storage and will not be put back in the pool area. New pieces are being researched, and in the next few months, you will see some new art donated by the PMHA (Pine Meadows Homeowners’ Association) that is suitable for the air quality of the pool. The old metal art will be available for sale at the annual garage sale scheduled for Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, from 8 am to Noon. They are still usable with some elbow grease applied.

The PMHA Board of Directors is continuing to determine how best to upgrade our *website*. We are interested in hearing from homeowners. If you have a suggestion regarding what homeowners would benefit from using our website, send us an email. If you have never visited this website, Google or type Pine Meadows Retirement Community in your browser. Click on the website, then click on Homeowners’ Association in the top right. Click on LOGIN at the top and use your house number, which is your username. If you are a *NEW* user, you can register by clicking New Account, where you can register for an account and get an access number. Once



the rebuilt website is available to the homeowners, we are open to having an in-service for new learners in the Grand Hall. Suggestions for website improvement may be sent to Larry Pope, Director of Communications, by sending an email to [comm.pmha@proton.me](mailto:comm.pmha@proton.me). Alternatively, suggestions in writing can be placed in mail slot #112.

In whatever manner you celebrate Easter, if you do, have a great time with your family, and perhaps the grandchildren and great-grandchildren if you are fortunate to have those. Who wouldn't enjoy snacking on a chocolate bunny or chocolate anything in my mind?

Chris Rynberk, President of PMHA

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

*Barry Wood, Recording Secretary*

As you know, February was another month with heavy snowfall. While it was not as costly as January, snow clearance expenses still pushed our maintenance costs slightly above our monthly maintenance fees. However, with snow clearance costs ending, lawn care costs not yet started and no major project costs expected, we may be able to move to a favourable position with regard to our cost per household for March.

The maintenance cost report for February, 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.



I would like to thank the good Samaritan who had rescued my trash can(s) from snow removal activities on more than one occasion this very Canadian winter. Your kindness is very appreciated.

Beth Shackleford  
66 Meadow Lane

## **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:

Perry Adams	70 White Bark Way
Keith Frost	45 White Bark Way



A sympathy card was sent to Janet Scheibler 189 Pine Ridge Road on the passing of her son.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**PINE MEADOWS ANNUAL GARAGE SALE** Saturday, June 21, 2025 @8 a.m. - noon

Registration is **\$5** per household (to hopefully cover the costs of various forms of advertising). A Registration Sign-Up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in the Grand Hall within the next few weeks.

A Volunteer Sign Up sheet will also be posted for help with various tasks.

Please consider volunteering for an hour or two if you can, *many hands make light work*, and we really appreciate your help this year as always.

Please stay tuned for more information to come in the May Pine Line and please don't hesitate to reach out to one of us for any questions or concerns.

We are happy to help in any way that we can.

Happy Spring everyone!

Your Garage Sale Organizing Team

Lilly Chaulk 127 BC 289-924-0254

Linda Ward 130 BC 519-400-3290

Joanne Alexander 181 LBL 519-938-6003



### 2025 Car Rally

*Ted White (Chair)*

This year's committee is happy to announce that the car rally will be on **Monday October 6**. Save the date!



### Pine Meadows Homeowners' Website Committee

*Paul Lingen*



This committee is currently made up of three members: Linda Webster, Perry Adams and Paul Lingen. It was originally set up to manage the homeowners' website and to cover the costs associated with organizing and funding the website. Over time, its mandate has expanded to include covering the costs associated with maintaining the AV system in the Grand Hall and managing the operating schedule for our weekly Koffee Klatch gatherings. To cover these costs, the committee established and currently runs a 'sponsorship' program for professionals, trades persons and retailers that do

business with our residents. These sponsors are the ones featured on our homeowners' website.

The committee welcomes any residents who are interested in learning how to operate our AV system and serving on the Homeowners' Website Committee.

If you have an interest in either of these areas, please contact one of the Website Committee members.



## Social Committee Update

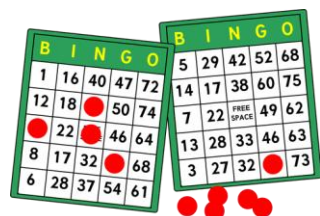
Chris Larsen

### March 17 St Paddy's Day Bingo

We had 49 players for the St Paddy's Day Bingo. The hall was a sea of green with most of the residents dressed up in their green for the event. Shamrocks adorned the walls and tables and there were even green candies. The Pot of Gold Jackpot of \$100 to celebrate St Patrick's Day was won by Pearl Davies. Game winners were Marianne Ross, Carol Rosinski, Susan Stock, John Campbell, Kathy Perry, Joe Piercey, Nicole Bernou, Bonnie Bottomley, Jackie Piercey, Karen Hampton, and Cathy Keen. The Share the Wealth Draw was three draws of \$45 each, won by Cathy Keen, Bonnie Tetrault and Kathy Perry.



### Upcoming Events:



**Mayday Bingo on May 12**

**Summer Bingo on June 9**

**B.I.G. Breakfast April 16 starting at 8:30 am**



April 16<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:30 am we will be serving the **BIG BREAKFAST** in the Grand Hall, this has traditionally been the welcome back to those that have been Snow Birds in the US over the winter and to welcome Spring. The meal which is served by our lovely volunteer hostesses includes Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns, Peel Meal Bacon and Pancakes, accompanied by toast, jam, orange marmalade (home made), coffee, tea and water. All food is Canadian sourced! There will be Share the Wealth tickets on sale. The cost of the Breakfast is \$10 and tickets are available at Koffee Klatch, ROMEO's, Happy Hour or from Chris Larsen, 29 WBW. Thanks hope to see you there.

## **2025 Social Committee Excursions**

1. *Day at the Races in Elora (carpool transport) – planned for early July!*
2. *Grand River Cruise with Lunch including Bus Transportation- planned for July*
3. *Wine tour & Theatre/Shopping Bus Trip to Niagara on the Lake- planned for September*
4. *St Jacob's to Elmira Train Trip- planned for August with a Koffee Klatch presentation on April 9<sup>th</sup>*

[pmsocialcommittee2025@gmail.com](mailto:pmsocialcommittee2025@gmail.com)

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

A big thank you to Lorrie Keip for sharing some of her vast collection of teapots. She also has a collection of Swarovski figurines which we will try to display later in the year.

Many of us are familiar with Barry Wyant's talent as a wood carver. His work has been in the display case along with our other woodcarvers. But he also does some amazing scroll work. A scroll saw is used to make intricate curves and patterns in his woodworking projects.

Barry has been woodworking almost his entire life. He started when he was 6-7 years old. His uncle owned a high-end furniture store, and he learned woodworking from him. But his true passion is doing design work.



Barry said he has been designing bandsaw jewelry boxes and free-form bowls for the last 50-60 years. He estimates he has created approximately 700 jewelry boxes. He has turned his entire basement into a workshop where he practices his hobby.

It seems to still run in the family. His son and 3 adult granddaughters all enjoy woodworking. I purchased one of Barry's jewelry boxes shortly after moving into Pine Meadows. I love it!

Hope you are still taking photos of your darling doggies for "The Dog Days of Summer" display in August. And don't forget about the wedding photos for June.

If you have any ideas or collectibles along these lines, or any others you would like to share, let me know at: 519 843-6244 or joycegiddings1@gmail .com.



## ***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 April.

### ***Birthdays***

Gord Burns	April 2
Joe Piercey	April 3
Reg Black	April 4
Isabella Hood	April 5
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

### ***Anniversaries***

Nicole Bernou and Ed Kelly	April 15
Linda and Jack Webster	April 16
Louise DeCorso and John Gwinn	April 16



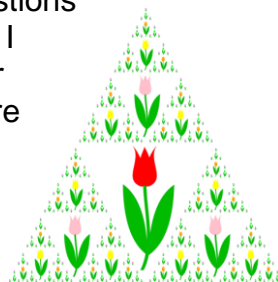
### ***Congratulations Everyone!***

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.

## **Pine Meadows Ladies Group**

Lois MacPherson

Spring is here. As we spend more time out of doors new thoughts, ideas and questions arise. Topics such as what plants or herbs do I want in my flower beds? What do I need to do to ensure they will flourish? What decorations do I want on my porch or patio? Is there someone here who can help me with these spring ideas? These are some of the things that may be discussed, and form the topics of our Monday afternoon Ladies Group this month. Check the bulletin board for updates of our meetings.



Plans are being made for an Art experience with Bonnie Norris in May. Sign up will be required.

Note: there will not be a meeting on April 21, Easter Monday. Enjoy your family time.

All women of Pine Meadows are welcome to come and enjoy a 'cuppa' and goodies, and socialize.

## **Koffee Klatch**

*Jackie Piercey*



**April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Wicked Welly Farm and Apiary** is a family run farm in Belwood. They will tell us about their various events, products and services.



**April 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Doug Wansbrough** will give us an overview of the Waterloo Central Railway, their events and services.



**April 16<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am \$10.00**

**The B.I.G. Breakfast presented by the Social Committee.**

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



**April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**John Sherwood** will tell us about **Heart to Home Meal** services available in our area.



**April 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Social Time (YouTube)**

**"Documented"**

**Dave Nihill Full Special 22 minutes**

## Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detectors

*Paul Lingen*



All home owners are required by law to have a CO (carbon monoxide) detector installed and functioning, adjacent to all sleeping areas in buildings that contain ...an attached garage (used to store or park vehicles. The attached garage must share a common wall, floor or ceiling with the home.

As well, a CO detector is required if there is a fireplace (either wood burning or propane).

If you have questions, please contact Centre Wellington Fire and Rescue – Fergus Station 519-846-9692.

### PMHA BOARD 2024-2025

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#### **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, Grant Swift and Nancy Ottewell.

*The submission deadline for the December issue, is the 14th of the month. The deadline for the remainder of the months is the 21st. 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

**April 2025**



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 KK Wicked Welly Farm	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 KK- Waterloo Railway – Doug Wansbrough	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 KK- The B.I.G. Breakfast 8:30 am	17	18	19
20 Easter 	21	22 Earth Day	23 KK – Heart to Home Meals John Sherwood	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 KK – YouTube Documented Dave Nihilll			
	Safety/Security Reg Black	Open Swim & Children Allowed Pool hours: 2:30 - 6:00 p.m. daily		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 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 2:00 Chair Yoga 1:30 Bridge 7:00 Mixed Darts 7:00 Poker	8:30 Water Aerobics 9:30 Koffee Klatch 10:15 – 12:00 pm Pool Cleaning 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 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