

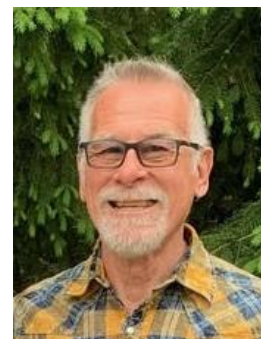


Pine Line

Pine Meadows Community Newsletter

May 2025

Contributions for Pine Line are due on the 21st of each month. I realized this yesterday on Easter Sunday and decided I better get to work on something to share with our Pine Meadows Community for the May issue. It has been an incongruous few months for all of us in Canada, with economic insecurities and all kinds of news that we find may be fake. Trade wars loom not just in our country but worldwide. Uncertain tariffs are bringing prices up, or they may go down...who knows right now?



By the time readers see this edition of Pine Line, the federal election will be history. Whomever our prime minister shall be, let us assume that he will lead the country forward into greater economic stability. The important thing is that no matter what our views are on any subject, especially politics, Canadians must remain united and secure in the knowledge that we are sovereign, independent and have much to contribute to the world. As seniors living here in our retirement community, we have had careers, perhaps raised families, and created many memories living in this beautiful land.

I hope that Pine Meadows homeowners are looking forward to a peaceful and stress-free summer. Let those April snow/showers bring us beautiful May flowers. We have had enough of winter and cold for now.

May is my favourite month of the year, not only because it is my birth month, but the budding of the trees and plants, the greening grass, the fresh Spring air, the farm fields exuding their sprouting acres give me a feeling of peace and hope, one that conveys a positive outlook. Winter has left us behind for about eight months, snow shovels are finally put away and we are free to experience what nature sets before us with lots of sunshine, please. We can finally open our windows and doors again, sit on our porches with a drink (coffee, tea, or...)

I wish to share a few housekeeping items from the last Pine Meadows Homeowners Association (PMHA) Board meeting. It was recently brought to our attention that items of clothing have been left behind sometime over the winter in the main foyer coat closets. Personal items have been left or stored in the Grand Hall mail slots, impeding the placement of announcements and bulletins. Homeowners are requested to check the coat closets for items that may have been forgotten. Grand Hall mail slots should not contain personal items, except perhaps name tags. The Board thanks homeowners for being vigilant in these matters.

May is the month we celebrate Mother's Day, the day we honour mothers for their love, sacrifice and support given in nurturing the raising of a family. Some of our children and grandchildren may live near or far. Hopefully, many of you will be able to celebrate with your families on this special day honouring mothers everywhere. This year, the day is held on Sunday, May 11th. Happy Mother's Day to all the moms and grandmothers in our community.

"To the world, you are a mother. To your family, you are the world."

Chris Rynberk, President of PMHA

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Maintenance Cost Review Committee (MCRC)

Barry Wood, Recording Secretary

At last, we have some good news to report. With little snow clearance costs, low lawn care costs with a late start to spring cleanup because of weather conditions and no major project costs, our maintenance costs were substantially lower than our monthly maintenance fees. It was enough to reverse our deficit for the first two months and move to a favourable position with regard to our cost per household for the year.

The maintenance cost report for March, 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 and she will be more than pleased to research your questions or you can contact any of the MCRC members.

BIG Breakfast THANK YOU!

The annual April Breakfast was done to perfection!

Everyone was made welcome and were quickly directed to a seat.

Our breakfast was placed in front of us lickety-split and it was yummy 😊.

We know it takes a lot of work and cooperation to make an event run so smoothly.

Thank you to Chris and his Social Committee.

Pearl and Bud Davis

Cards Cards Cards

For card requests, please contact: Kathryn Dancey 519-843-521 or Marni Henry 226-486-2432

Our community sent “**Thinking of You / Get Well Wishes**” to the following residents:

Lorraine Manning 10 Pine Ridge Road

Dennis Walker 147 Pine Ridge Road



A sympathy card was sent to

Penny and Todd Curtis 187 Lace Bark Lane on the passing of Penny's father.

John Gwinn 105 White Bark Way on the passing of his sister.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of former resident Bill Sulstan. Condolences are sent to his wife Pat and friends here at Pine Meadows.

If cards are needed between May 14th and May 28th, please phone Marni Henry 226-486-2432.

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

Plans are shaping up for our annual sale! In early May, the sign-up sheets (sale participation & volunteers) will be posted on the bulletin board in the Grand Hall.

The cost is **\$5.00** per household to cover the cost of advertising. If you wish to participate, please sign up and place your (\$5) envelope in the internal mailbox **by May 31**. Please address the envelope so that we can record your payment e.g.,

To: Joanne #181, From Your Name, House #

Since the fundraising for Groves Hospital was completed over a year ago, we no longer have a Groves sale table.

As with every year, the organizing team relies on the help of resident volunteers to conduct the sale.

Volunteers are needed to place posters in businesses from Elora to Grand Valley, districts are divided amongst the volunteers. Well organized lists of businesses/addresses and posters are supplied to volunteers for distribution 2 weeks prior to the sale. Store owners have been very receptive to displaying the posters.

Volunteers are also needed on the day of the sale at the Entrance to PM to greet people, direct traffic and provide maps. Four volunteers (two people 08 – 10:00 and two new volunteers 10 – Noon) would be perfect!

Volunteers are needed to sit in the Community Center (hallway bathroom area) to ensure bathroom visitors' safety and building security. Four volunteers for approximately 1-hour periods would be great!

Last year approximately **400 cars** came to our community with **40-50 homes** participating.

If anyone can help in any of these areas, we'd love to hear from you! For any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact one of the 2025 garage sale organizing team members.

Lilly Chaulk #127 BC 289-924-0254

Joanne Alexander #181 LBL 519-938-6003

Linda Ward #130 BC 519-400-3290

Message from Dana re Vacation

I will be away on vacation the weeks of, May 19th and May 21st returning Monday, June 2nd.

For **emergencies**, I can be reached by phone or text at 905-703-6411 (but there is a 5 hour time difference in Ireland).



SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Submitted by Chris Larsen

THE BIG BREAKFAST

It was really BIG this year. We served 122 residents and sent a few takeout meals home! What a great time everyone had socializing with friends and neighbours. They enjoyed the pancakes, scrambled eggs, peameal bacon and hash browns with onions. We started cooking about 7am and finally got everything cleaned up by noon. A long time serving, cooking and cleaning but we had a terrific group of volunteers to handle everything. The compliments for the service, hot and delicious food was overwhelming. The Share the Wealth draw for 3 prizes of \$45 went to Ted Muehlbacher, Sylvia Lawson and Sue Anderson. Thanks to the Social Committee and volunteers for all their hard work. Thanks Diane, Chris, Susan, Karen, Debbi, Larry, Mike, Ted, Bonnie, Joanne, Reg, Carole, Judy, Ken, Janice, Helen and Terry.



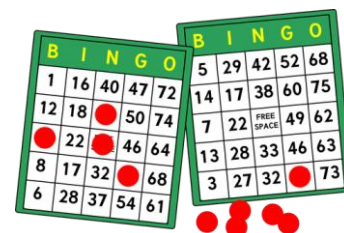
Upcoming Events

Mayday Bingo on May 12. Doors open 6:30. Bingo starts at 7 pm.

Summer Bingo on June 9

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 16. See poster in Rec Centre*
 3. *Wine tour & Theatre/Shopping Bus Trip to Stratford or Niagara on the Lake- planned for September*
 4. *St Jacob's to Elmira Train Trip- planned for August*
- pmsocialcommittee2025@gmail.com*



Display Case *Joyce Giddings*



Wow! What a marvelous woodworker Barry Wyant is. Every time I go by the Display Case, I am in awe. Thank you, Barry for allowing us to view examples of your talent. My favourite is the sewing basket which he made for his mother when he was only 14. It was constructed without using any nails, screws or glue. Amazing!

The display for May is Carole Jansen's collection of elephants.

As previously stated, June is going to showcase different wedding photos of our residents. Everyone seemed to enjoy guessing the pictures in March. Let's see how many couples you can identify this time. The size, format etc. doesn't matter. You can drop your photos off any time in May at my

house (121 BC), in the internal mailbox, or call me and I can pick it up.

And please, don't forget "The Dog Days of Summer" display in August. Should be fun!

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 May

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

Birthdays

Elizabeth Bartlett	May 4
Chris Rynberk	May 4
Craig Howard	May 4
Cathy Keen	May 5
Linda Webster	May 5
Wally Sheldon	May 5
John Hocken	May 5
Pat Chaulk	May 5
Elke Lingen	May 7
Sharon Spittachine	May 9
Kathy Johnson	May 10
John Gwinn	May 10
Jack Webster	May 11
Andy Keen	May 12
Melanie Newton	May 13
Clyde Henry	May 14
Heather Hocken	May 18
Rose Blenkiron	May 18
Carole Jansen	May 19
Sandra Solomon	May 20
Derryl MacInnis	May 21
Deahn Wilson	May 21
Donna Rundle	May 21
Joyce Giddings	May 22
Martin Bauer	May 22

Anniversaries

Jack and Mary Tocher	May 8
Sharon Spittachine and Deb Welch	May 13
Howard and Linda Coates	May 16
Pat and Lily Chaulk	May 22
Ron and Janice Hunwicks	May 30
Ken and Donna Chalmers	May 30



Birthdays (cont'd)

Keith Frost	May 23
Amina Miller	May 23
Gail Westwater	May 27
Avon Giddings	May 29
Jim Alexander	May 29

Pine Meadows Ladies Group

Lois MacPherson

We've had March winds, April Showers and now let's hope for May flowers. The Ladies Group will continue to meet on Monday afternoons until mid June. We will have a summer break and then meet again in September.

May 5: Bonnie Norris will be sharing her talents as she leads us in making 'scratchboard art pictures'. This is a skill she was teaching to the Craft Group when we had to 'shut down' due to covid five years ago.

Note: Sign up required as the number of participants is limited. See bulletin board for details and cost.

May 12: The topic for this week will be gardening. We plan on sharing our questions, answers, plans, ideas and possibly plants. Check the bulletin board for further information.

May 19: Victoria Day - no meeting

May 26: Info to be posted.

Koffee Klatch

Jackie Piercey



May 7th

Dr. Clarissa Burke and the Aboyne Hospice Team will give us an update of the proposal.



May 14th

Tyler Black from Wellington Public Health will discuss the risks of Radon Gas
Don and Dana attending



May 21st

Farzad will tell us about “**Health is Best**”, a new mobility store in Fergus.



May 28th

“**The Most One Liners you’ll ever hear in a comedy special.**”

Brian Kiley

25 minutes

Pole Walking Group

Thursday, May 15th at 10:15 am, VON will be starting a Pole Walking Group (poles supplied on loan). First session in Grand Hall; subsequent sessions outdoors. Please let Chris Larsen know if you are interested or have questions.

PMHA BOARD 2024-2025

President	Chris Rynberk
Vice President	Chuck McCormick
Secretary	Lillian Chaulk
Treasurer	Chris Larsen
Past President	
Communications	Larry Pope
Member at Large	Craig Howard
Gov't Liaison	Heather Hocken
Building & Maintenance	Andy Keen
Activities	Susan Stock
MCRC Rep	Ted White

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

May 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 KK- Aboyne Hospice update	8	9	10
11 Mother's Day	12 Summer Bingo Doors Open 6:30 Bingo 7 pm	13	14 KK- Radon Gas Risks	15 10:15 Pole Walking	16	17
18	19 Victoria Day	20	21 KK – Mobility Store in Fergus	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 KK – YouTube Comedy One Liners	29	30	31
	Safety/Security Clyde Henry	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 nd and 4 th Wednesday) Bid Euchre (1 st , 3 rd and 5 th 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 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