



Pine Line

Pine Meadows Community Newsletter

June 2025

Fathers and Summer

Following the success of Mother's Day celebrations, introduced at the dawn of the 20th Century and continuing going forward, a person named Sonora Smart Dodd introduced Father's Day a few years later, as she sought to establish an official equivalent to Mother's Day for male parents. It began in the United States on June 19, 1910, and is celebrated on the third Sunday in June in many countries, including Canada, the USA, the United Kingdom, and other countries. It was a success from the start. In Catholic, Irish and Polish communities, for example, honouring Saint Joseph preceded the beginning of Father's Day celebrations. It has since become a national holiday in many countries. Some countries have even gone further and introduced celebrating Siblings Day and Grandparents' Day. What next...Before you know it, 'someone' will have us celebrating something every week of the year. Sometimes that is what Pine Meadows Happy Hour is like, often celebrating something or other. It's a nice, fun time. In any case, Father's Day is about the love for our fathers and grandfathers.



Love can inspire wonderful things. In 1912, Halsey Taylor invented the modern drinking fountain as a tribute to his father. Families around the world began celebrating Father's Day by gifting men Hallmark cards and silk neckties. Silk neckties became the number one gift for fathers on their recognized day. Dads must certainly remember thinking, "not another necktie" as they opened their gifts.

The idea of men wearing neckties has subsided over the years, with fashion becoming much more relaxed. In my family, the giving of Father's Day gifts has waned, being substituted by family BBQs since we are now in the warmer days of the end of Spring and beginning of Summer, providing a great time to get outside and enjoy fun and games with hamburgers, hot dogs, steaks, corn etc. on the grill...delicious. Dads still usually do the cooking, but if you are fortunate, mom will provide the salads and snacks.

After Father's Day, we celebrate the beginning of summer. What is this thing that coincides with the third Sunday in June...the Summer Solstice? Yes, the first day of summer is celebrated in June. This year, it is celebrated on Friday, June 20, at 10:41 pm, to be exact. The Summer Solstice occurs at the moment the Earth's tilt towards the sun is at a maximum. For the Northern Hemisphere, the Summer Solstice shifts between June 20, 21 and 22. It is the longest day of the year.

One of the most iconic monuments associated with the Summer Solstice is Stonehenge in England, believed to be over 4000 years old. The structure on that day is aligned with the solstitial sunrise, and thousands of people gather there to witness it.

In ancient Egypt, the Summer Solstice heralded in the new year and the annual flooding of the Nile River, a critical event for successful agriculture. The Maya and Aztec civilizations observed

the Summer Solstice with great reverence, constructing temples and pyramids in alignment with the solstices and equinoxes.

There are many modern celebrations during the Summer Solstice in our culture -- parties, prayers, dancing and singing, to name a few. It is a time to celebrate the abundance of nature, the power of the sun, and the cycles that sustain life on earth. By understanding this tradition, we can deepen our appreciation for the natural world. How will you celebrate June 20th this year? Have fun.

Chris Rynberk, President, PMHA

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Maintenance Cost Review Committee (MCRC)

Barry Wood, Recording Secretary

The MCRC Committee did not receive the report on the maintenance costs for April in time for the meeting so there is nothing to report to the community.

In another matter, the Maintenance Cost Review Committee (MCRC) is currently seeking to fill the position of Recording Secretary. The MCRC meets monthly. The position involves recording the Minutes of the meeting and forwarding them to the Committee members following the meeting. The Recording Secretary also provides a short report for printing in the Pine Line. The position is currently open. If you or anyone you know who may be interested, please contact Nancy Ottewell (nottewell@gmail.com) or Ted White (tedwhite83@yahoo.com).

The maintenance cost report for April, 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.

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:

Nicole Bernou	66 Pine Ridge Road
John Hodgson	71 White Bark Way
Maureen Bryan	24 White Bark Way



We were saddened to hear of the passing of former resident Olive Quinlan.



GARAGE SALE MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Date: JUNE 21, 2025 (08:00 a.m. – Noon)

This date is approaching fast! The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. So far, we have had a wonderful response with almost 20 homes participating. There is still time to sign up and place \$5 in an envelope in the internal mail slot #181 Joanne Alexander. Please note your name and house # on the envelope.

This year Janice Gagne is hosting a garage sale with **all proceeds donated to the new Aboyne Hospice Fundraiser**. Janice will accept these items on Thursday, June 19 and Friday, June 20 at her home #9 Pine Ridge Road.

If you have items that you want to part with but do not wish to have your own garage sale, you may consider donating to this great cause. If you require help getting your smaller goods to Janice please call one of the garage sale organizing team members and we will be happy to help. Please be aware that for any larger unsold items (e.g., furniture) left at #9 PRR after the sale, you should contact Janice for pick-up on Saturday after the sale as we do not have the means to store or transport larger items.

If you are having a garage sale and able to do it, please open your garage the evening prior to the sale from 6 – 7 pm for Pine Meadows residents. This will enable those of us having a sale the chance to check out the treasures of our neighbors.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have already signed up to help. We still need a few additional volunteers. If you can help, please check the bulletin board for sign-up sheets.

- **Hand out maps at the entrance** showing participating houses and directing traffic. We need one more volunteer (from 08 – 10:00).
- **Distribute flyers** - we need a few more volunteers. We have lists of locations divided into suitable areas from Elora to Grand Valley, the stores have been very receptive to displaying the posters. This should be done two weeks prior to the sale.
- **Sit in the Community Center** (hallway bathroom area) to ensure bathroom visitors' safety and building security. We need one more volunteer for a 1 hour period.

A friendly reminder that your unsold items can be donated to the charity of your choice- a few examples:

New to You – clothing and small miscellaneous items

Mission Thrift Store – clothing, small miscellaneous items, furniture

Habitat for Humanity (ReStore) - Furniture

Goodwill Donation Centre – all donations accepted.

For more information or any questions, please contact: Lilly Chaulk at 289-924-0254; Joanne Alexander at 519-938-6003; or Linda Ward at 519-400-3290.

ABOYNE RURAL HOSPICE

Sandra Solomon

Donations for the Hospice will be collected at the Hospice garage sale site (9 PRR) on June 21st. Tax receipts are given for amounts over \$25.00 and, until July 31, 2025, the amounts will be matched.



Library News

Heather Denomy

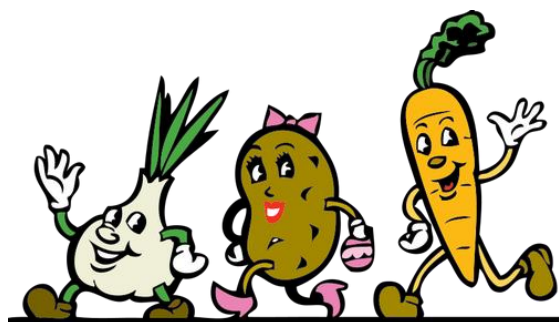
On May 4th, our library volunteers met for an afternoon tea. A lively discussion quickly ensued with suggested ideas for the library and for Pine Meadows in general.

A special thanks to Lois who shared many items from an archive binder she has compiled. She even read out the receipts for various purchases that have been made for Pine Meadows over the years. They certainly did not reflect today's costs!

Did you know that there is a time capsule hidden within the library?
We all wondered at which special event it will be revealed!



Heather Denomy, Carolyn Coulombe, Marilyn Ross, Susan Stock, Lois MacPherson, Peggy Barton, Donna Chalmers, Susan Laberge



Garden Plots

Kim and Jay Johnston

To all residents that may or may not know that we have garden plots available on a first come first served basis.

The plots are located across from the maintenance building, large storage area and for an annual fee of \$10 per plot are a steal.

Currently we have 4 plots available for interested residents.

For more information contact Kim or Jay Johnston at 519 843 4595.



Glasses for Third World Countries

Brenda De Jong

I appreciate all the donations of eye glasses for the Lion's Club. Shon Sorenson delivers them to the club.

These glasses go to third world countries. Can you imagine a child being able to recognize his mother again or see nature around him? It is about you donating to these loved ones so their life can be more fulfilled.

The box is by the puzzles in the Community Centre.

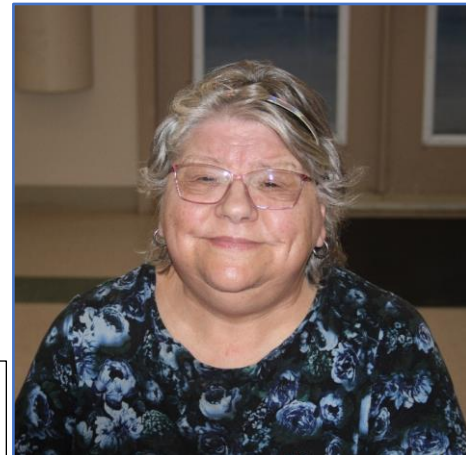
SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Submitted by Chris Larsen

May Bingo

We had close to 50 residents out for an evening of Bingo. The winners of the regular games were Marilyn Ross (multiple times), Linda Webster, Linda Moore, Joan Ferrier, Carol Doyan, Don Sewell, JoAnne Black, Janice Hunwicks, Gord Perry, Bonnie Tetrault and Sue Henshaw. The Jackpot of \$100 was claimed by John Campbell. The Share the Wealth winners of \$40 each were Judy Busch, Jane Nicholas and Lois MacPherson. Snacks of candies, popcorn, brownies and cupcakes were provided by the Social Committee.

HAPPY WINNERS!



Top Right: John Campbell
Marilyn Ross, Gord Perry, Sue Henshaw

Upcoming Events:



Summer Bingo on June 9 – Doors open at 6:30, Games start at 7pm

Canada Day - Strawberry Social on July 1 with group Drone Picture

2025 Social Committee Excursions (revised)

1. **Grand River Cruise** with Lunch including Bus Transportation- July 16 SOLD OUT
2. **St Jacob's to Elmira Train Trip**- planned for **September 25th** more details to be announced
3. Other trips subject to feedback from above events.

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Birthdays and Anniversaries for June

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

Birthdays

Bob Dancey	June 1
Keith Norris	June 2
Ed Kelly	June 3
Grant Swift	June 3
Sue Anderson	June 4
Robert Clendeninng	June 7
Neil Westwater	June 8
JoAnne Black	June 10
Bill Bryan	June 10
Sylvia Lawson	June 13
Linda Coates	June 16
Tim Moore	June 19
Diane Muelbacher	June 20
Randy Cook	June 21
Karen Hampton	June 22
John Barr	June 27
John Hodgson	June 30

Anniversaries

Doug Wilson and	June 10
Chris Rynberk	
Andrew and Mary Ann Simpson	June 13
Martin Bauer and	June 13
Linda Bell	
John and Sandie Campbell	June 18
Chuck and Carmie McCormick	June 18
Ted and Diane Muelbacher	June 21
Joe and Jackie Piercey	June 22
George and Evelyn Goodfellow	June 26
Neil and Gail Westwater	June 26



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.

Display Case *Joyce Giddings*

You probably know that a group of elephants is called a herd. But they can also be a memory or even a parade. I guess "memory" refers to their intelligence and "an elephant never forgets."

So, I guess you could say the May display was an amazing "parade" of elephants. Thank you so much, Carole Jansen, for sharing your collection of elephants. I am sure it will stick in our "memories".

I am looking forward to a new selection, in June, of wedding photos of our residents. It was so much fun seeing everyone trying to guess who the bride and groom were last time. Let's see how well you all do this time.

You can drop your photos off any time at my house (121 BC), in the internal mailbox, or call me and I can pick them up. Also, I am looking for some wedding paraphernalia and decorations, if you have any lying around or in storage.

I hope you are also getting together your pooches' photos for "The Dog Days of Summer" display in August. Should be fun!

If you have any collections or hobbies you would like to share, please contact me at: 519-843-6244 or joycegiddings1@gmail.com.

Koffee Klatch

Jackie Piercey



June 4th

Social Time (YOUTUBE)

"20 Most Mysterious Places Scientists Still Can't Explain." 26 Minutes



June 11th

James Vaclavek will tell us about Wellington County Rural Transit Service.



June 18th

Dr. Kate McKenzie from Swift Family Health Centre will explain the benefits of Spinal Compression Therapy.



June 25th

"Solomon's Travels" returns with a travelogue of Sri Lanka, "The land of spice and tea" by Keith Solomon.

Pine Meadows Ladies Group

Lois MacPherson

The Ladies Group will continue to meet on June 2nd and 9th in the hall on Monday afternoons. Then on June 16th we will have a special event to end off our meetings for this year.

On the 2nd and 9th we will review our year and discuss the meetings we enjoyed the most. We did some crafts, some baking ideas, had some speakers, organized a couple of trips and promoted some community projects, etc. It will also be a time for us to think about our meetings in the fall. Already we have had an interest in learning about "Diamond Dots" in September, and quilling is still on the agenda.

On June 16 we will be visiting Hereward Lavender Farm. This local farm grows different kinds of lavender and uses their products in baking, cosmetics, deco etc. The farm is just 10 kms from us and we will be encouraging interested women to sign up, and to organize car pools. Julie, our hostess at the farm, is opening that day just for our visit. I will be letting her know how many are coming as she will be preparing some lavender refreshments for us. The cost for this experience is \$7.00, payable at the farm. It will be a great way to end our 24-25 season.

Our first meeting in the fall will be on September 8th, the week after Labour Day. Between now and then it is our hope that you have a great summer and stay healthy.

PMHA BOARD 2024-2025

President	Chris Rynberk
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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



June 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 KK -YouTube - Mysterious Places	5	6	7
8	9 Bingo - Doors Open 6:30 Bingo 7:00 pm	10	11 KK- Ride Well Rural Transit	12	13	14
15 Father's Day	16	17	18 KK- Spinal Decompression Therapy	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 KK – Sri Lanka with Keith Solomon	26	27	28
29	30					
	Safety/Security Andy Keen	Open Swim & Children Allowed Pool hours: 2:30 - 6:00 p.m. daily		Reservations & Kitchen Committee - Heather Waring		
10:00 Pickleball 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 12:00 Pickleball 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 10:15 Pole Walking 11:15 Pool Volleyball 1:00 Men's Aquafit 2:00 Ladies Billiards 2:30 Line Dancing 6:30 Pickleball 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