



Pine Line

Pine Meadows Community Newsletter

August 2025

As we head into the second half of the summer, the heat wave experienced in July was a scorcher. As I write my August message to the Pine Meadows Community in late July, the temperatures have become more comfortable and normalized. Is this a true sign of climate change, which some people deny? Perhaps it is just one of those hot summers I remember as a child before air conditioning became common in homes and my parents allowed my bed to be right in front of a screened bedroom window. Hopefully, your heat pumps are in good working order, as they were recently tested to the limit.



I was reminded at the July Board of Directors meeting to tell our homeowners who are members of the Pine Meadows Homeowners Association (PMHA) that the annual membership fee of only \$40 is now due to be paid to the Board treasurer through an e-transfer (PMHAtreasurer2024@gmail.com); or place your money/cheque in an envelope labelled with your name and house number, and leave it in internal mail slot #29. This money goes towards many items that benefit everyone in Pine Meadows.

There are concerns regarding our Pine Meadows website, which we are in the process of rectifying by improving the site and its accessibility, including a chatline. The Board is searching for expertise in this area. If you have knowledge in website development and would like to serve on a new committee being formed, please send a note to the PMHA Secretary, Lilly Chaulk (lillianchaulk@gmail.com), expressing your interest. We will respond as we discern the direction in which the website should proceed.

The library club chairs have been an issue with complaints about the difficulty in moving them on the carpet. The Board is trying out several different options to determine which product will allow the chairs to move freely and not damage the carpet. Please be patient if you find moving the chairs difficult to manoeuvre.

It has been a few months in coming, but the new outdoor benches and stone base preparations are now complete. We have six beautiful benches located throughout the Pine Meadows Community. Please feel free to use them whenever you desire. We have a beautiful park-like setting here. Go for a stroll in the cooler weather and sit awhile. I am particularly fond of the bench at the end of Pine Ridge Road, where there is a nice vista towards Belwood Lake. Thank you is expressed to Chuck McCormack and his team for assembling these benches and getting them secured on their bases. They are bolted down, so they won't move.

Before you know it, September will be here, a busy month for the Pine Meadows Board as we prepare for the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held this year on Wednesday, September 17, 2025; registration beginning at 9:30 am. If you are a paid-up member of the PMHA, please remember this date and attend. Your voice is important. If members wish to put a motion forward to the AGM, this must be completed by the cutoff date of August 18, 2025. I refer you to our Communications Director, Larry Pope (comm.pmha@proton.me), if you require more information or wish to proceed with a motion.

I wish everyone a wonderful month of August, enjoying the warmth and activities of summer.

Is it really August, or are you Julying to me?

Chris Rynberk, President, PMHA

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Maintenance Cost Review committee (MCRC) Opening

The MCRC Committee received maintenance costs reports for both May and June to consider for the current meeting. Maintenance costs for May exceeded our monthly fees with expenditures for spring cleanup and the return of expenditures for lawn care and garden bed maintenance. However, with the completion of spring cleanup and the lower expenditures for lawn care and bed maintenance as well as few expenses for special projects in June, our maintenance fees significantly exceeded our maintenance costs. As a result, our favourable position with regard to our year-to-date maintenance costs per household has increased.

HELP

In another matter, the Maintenance Cost Review Committee (MCRC) is still seeking to fill the position of Recording Secretary. Anyone who is interested in volunteering for the position, please contact Nancy Ottewell (nottewell@gmail.com) or Ted White (tedwhite83@yahoo.com).

The maintenance cost report for June, 2025 will be posted in the Boardroom as it becomes available for you to review. In addition, it will also be 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:

Norm Webb 57 Pine Ridge Road

Keith Frost 45 White Bark Way

Maureen Bryan 24 White Bark Way



Expressions of Sympathy cards were sent to:



Leona and Craig Howard 93 White Bark Way on the passing of Leona's sister.

Sue Anderson 98 White Bark Way and Kathy McClelland 183 Lace Bark Lane on the passing of their mother Jean Barratt

A Special Welcome to our New Residents

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



Barry and Judy Stranks

123 Bristlecone Court

Mike and Peggy Agnew

23 White Bark Way

Pennie and Murray Young

156 Pine Ridge Road

Bruce and Joan Greenwood

88 White Bark Way



Post Garage Sale Message to Residents:

Pine Meadows' annual Garage Sale was a huge success again this year, there were 46 homes that participated and approximately 400 visiting vehicles attended the sale.

The Garage Sale Organizing Committee would like to thank the many volunteers who helped to make the day the success that it was again this year. We could not do it without you!

- 5 volunteers delivered flyers to businesses in the Centre Wellington surrounding area 2 weeks prior to the sale (Ken & Judy Bush, Sandra Hennessey, Sheila Vinden, Kathy & Gord Perry, John Gwinn)
- 4 volunteers (2 hour period each) Greeted vehicles, handed out maps & directed traffic to avoid congestion (Clyde Henri, Louise DeCorso, Neil Westwater, Larry Pope)
- 4 volunteers (1 hour period each) Community Centre - monitored visitor use of bathrooms for safety and building security (Carmie McCormack, Anne Burns, Donna Rundle, Carole Rosinski)

A big Thank You also goes to Keith Solomon for personally designing, printing & donating the 400 coloured maps that were handed out by volunteers to each vehicle showing the individual homes participating as well as the location of the Aboyne Fundraiser tables.

A big Thank You to Larry Pope and Dave Favrin for updating, repairing, and erecting the large sign posted at PM entrance 2 weeks prior to the sale and for erecting and retrieving the individual Garage Sale signs posted around the surrounding sideroads the evening prior to and morning after the sale. You guys are amazing!

We'd also like to thank last year's Garage Sale Organizing Committee of Debbi Pope and Terri Favrin for their support and guidance – you made our job easy with all your tips and the wealth of information you shared with us. Thank you, thank you!

And to the residents of our fine community, we owe you our thanks for accepting graciously the traffic and noise that goes along with a large community garage sale!

We hope that you enjoyed the Friday evening prior to the sale with friends & neighbors and Saturday morning sale as much as we did.

Please let us know if you have any comments or suggestions for improvements next year. Our ears are open, and we can only make it better next year with your help.

And finally, thank you to Don Vallery for permitting the use of the Community Centre washrooms by guests at the garage sale.

Best wishes,

Your Garage Sale Organizing Team: Lilly Chaulk, Joanne Alexander & Linda Ward

Display Case
Joyce Giddings

Sorry to say, I can't take credit for most of the beautiful embroidery in last month's display case. Julia Adams and Lisa Hass were the creators. Thank you, ladies, for agreeing to share your beautiful creations.

And now for the "Dog Days of Summer". Yeah!! I have been looking forward to this for ages. Let's see how many of your pets, past and present, will be showcased.

If you have ideas for future displays, please contact me at joycegiddings1@gmail.com or 519 843-6244.





Thank you to everyone who donated garage sale items or cash to the ABOYNE Hospice Fund Raiser.

A special thank you for all the support I received.

With your help we raised over \$1000. and at a separate table Sandra Solomon raised over \$2000. in cash/cheque donations for the cause

We also had a visit and a showing of support from the ABOYNE Hospice Fundraising Committee Chairperson, Dr C. Burke and her family

It was a successful day for this very worthwhile cause.

Thank you for your support

Janice Gagne
9 Pine Ridge Road

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So many congratulations and thanks (in chronological order):

To:

- Lilly Chaulk, Joanne Alexander and Linda Ward for a very successful Garage Sale (even Mother Nature was in your court)!
- Janice Gagne for putting on a Garage Sale in support of the Aboyne Rural Hospice – and raising more than \$3,000.00!
- The Social Committee for their annual July 1st event – and this year was extra special.
- Karen Hampton and Ted White for organizing the Grand River cruise – people are still talking about it and
- All the residents who come out to the events in the community and your continued generosity – it makes Pine Meadows the great place it is.

Sandra Solomon
131 Bristle Cone Court

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We want to thank you for your sympathy and kindness with the loss of our mother Jean Barratt.

She loved living in Pine Meadows Community and always cherished the good times and laughter she shared with so many wonderful friends and neighbours.

We appreciate your support during this difficult time.

Sincerely,
Sue & Kathy

Message from Dana re Vacation

I'm planning to take 3 days off after the August long weekend. I will be away from Aug 4 (Civic Holiday) to Aug 7, back in the office on Monday. Aug 10th.

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



PINE MEADOWS MIXED GOLF SCRAMBLE JULY 10TH, 2025

VICTORIA PARK VALLEY GOLF CLUB

Ted White

We played the challenging Lakes 9 holes and had a great day for golf. Many thanks to Louise DeCorso and the staff at Victoria Park Valley Golf Club for their assistance to make the tournament go smoothly. Also thanks to John Campbell, Stewart & Sylvia Lawson, Anne Marie Hirons and my wife Karen for all of their help to organize the food and the tournament.

Overall standings were team 3A and 8B tied at 29. Teams 3B, 7, 8 and 9 were tied at 31. Teams 4, 5, and 6 were tied at 32. Teams 15 and 6 were tied at 33 and team 2 finished at 39. With many teams tied and a spread of only 10 strokes between the 11 groups, it shows that a great job was done to balance the teams. Closest to the pin for hole 1 was Janice Hunwick and John Campbell. For hole 4 the winners were JoAnne Black and Ted White. For hole 7 the winner was Janice Gagne. Apparently no men made the drive to the green.

Thanks again to all for attending and hopefully we can do it again later this year.

Jive Drive 25

Larry Pope

We hope you've seen the sign up sheet for this year's car rally, aka "Jive Drive 25", to be held on Monday, October 6, 2025.

Jive Drive 25 has been mapped out and it's a beauty. Expect a route with portions selected for their beautiful scenery, including fall colours.

The Skinny:

Includes a coffee break, two great meals, prizes, and more fun than a barrel of monkeys. All for the incredible price of only \$60 per person. How do we do it? Volume! The more teams the merrier, so get a team and get on over to the Hall to sign up!

The Rally Committee would like to thank the Homeowners Association for their donation to the JD budget.



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SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Submitted by Chris Larsen

Canada Day 2025

Sorry, we missed the great celebration on Canada Day, we were celebrating on the flight back from Iceland with our Canadian shirts, hats, pins. Even met some Americans who wished us a Happy Canada Day. By the looks of the picture below there was a tremendous turnout. By my count there were 140 people in the Group Drone Picture, (Thanks Larry Pope) and it looks like two empty chairs. Were they reserved for Diane and I? Thanks.

I heard the strawberries, cake and ice cream were great (Thanks to all the Social Committee). I agree with that statement, because there were gluten free cupcakes and strawberries in our fridge when we got home that night at 9 pm. Thanks Kathy. There are some wonderful pictures (thanks to Ken Busch), and they are posted to the website for you to view. See if you can find yourself in the crowd. Such patriotism with all the Red and White shirts, hats, glasses, makes us proud to be Canadian and a Pine Meadow resident.



Grand River Cruise July 16th

53 residents took the Great Canadian Bus to Caledonia for the Grand River Cruise on Wednesday (sorry Jackie we planned this before we knew the Mayor, was coming for Koffee Klatch). We had a great day starting at 9am when everyone made the bus although we did have some doubts about two unnamed individuals. After a hour and a half with the last part following a farm tractor we arrived at the Grand River Cruise facility. We were treated to a rousing presentation by the Blazing Fiddles who had everyone singing, clapping and stomping their feet. We then boarded our boat which was reserved just for Pine Meadows and proceeded out from Big Creek to the Grand River. We cruised along Six Nations territory on one side and a combination of recreational, residential and industrial land and buildings on the other side. Meanwhile we enjoyed a terrific lunch of roast beef or chicken or vegan stew with fresh baked bread and a selection of desserts (apple pie, cheesecake or fruit). Everyone was stuffed after lunch when we made the turn at the dam and observed the locals diving off the railway bridge supports into the Grand.

We learned a lot about the history and topography of the Grand which starts just north of Belwood and travels all the way to Lake Erie. We also learned about the history of the Grand River Cruise lines and residents who have contributed to the settlement along the shores. After the return to the dock, we tried to get a group picture with the boats in the background. Thanks to everyone for their cooperation but we made mistake of asking the bus driver to take the picture. Unfortunately, it was taken while we were still organizing the participants, so we got the boats but also the back of many people. He was a great bus driver but not so good at taking pictures. After an opportunity to shop in the gift shop we boarded the bus for the trip home. It was a bit warm in the bus and the air conditioning didn't seem to kick in until we were almost home. We arrived safe and sound at 5:30 and were happy to be back in Pine Meadows.

A great big round of applause for Ted White and Karen Hampton who organized the trip. We are all truly grateful for all the hard work you put into this first excursion event. It was a wonderful success.



Next Social Committee Event: Senior Olympics Thursday Aug 14, 2025

Opening Ceremonies are at 1:30 with the lighting of the Olympic Flame. The lunch which consists of Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, pickles, chips and water will be available from 2pm to 4pm. Games of skill will be held indoors in the Grand Hall and outside in the recreation area. Games will include Golf Skills, Bean Bag Toss, Shuffleboard, Washer toss, Horseshoes, Hatchet Throw, Shuffleboard, Bocce Ball and Horseshoes. The cost is \$5 per person with tickets at Koffee Klatch and signup on the bulletin board. Prizes for winners and Share the Wealth Draw.

St Jacob's to Elmira Train Trip- planned for September 25th

We are in the last stages of finalizing the next excursion. A train trip with a famous Engineer, our own Doug Wansbrough! This is planned for Thursday September 25th. The details will be on the bulletin board by the time you see this notice. It will include the train ride from St Jacobs to Elmira, an opportunity to shop and a lunch at Jack's restaurant the St Jacob's Market. To keep the costs to a minimum, we are not renting a bus but encourage everyone to carpool.

Birthdays and Anniversaries for August

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



Birthdays

Penny Curtis	August 1
Paul Lingen	August 3
George Ottewell	August 3
Sheila Vinden	August 5
Gord Bartlett	August 6
Todd Curtis	August 7
Barb Hearn	August 14
Debbie Pope	August 14
Perry Adams	August 18
Beth Shackelford	August 19
Marni Henri	August 24
Carol Marr	August 27
Marilyn Patterson	August 28
Derek Seeley	August 30

Anniversaries

Perry and Julia Adams	August 11
Larry and Debbie Pope	August 17
Bob and Kathryn Dancey	August 18
Chris and Diane Larsen	August 23
Gary Renaud & Amina Miller	August 23
Andrew and Jane Nicholas	August 25
Ian and Carol Marr	August 27
Ron and Deahn Wilson	August 30



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.

Koffee Klatch

Jackie Piercey



August 6th

Ted Talk by Vanessa Van Edwards
an international expert and public speaker.

“You are contagious” 18.16 minutes



August 13th

Social Time (YouTube)

Rita Rudner explains

“What getting lucky at 60 really means”

24 minutes



August 20th

Laura Van Den Borne from Align Pedorthics

will tell us about their services in

Orthotics and Compression Therapy



August 27th

Social Time (YouTube)

“Rapid Fire jokes you’ll never see coming”

Bobby Tessel Full Special 25.14 minutes

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



AUGUST 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6 KK – Ted Talk by Vanessa Edwards – You are Contagious.	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 KK – Social (YouTube) What getting lucky at 60 really means.	14 - 1:30 pm Senior Olympics	15	16
17	18	19	20 KK Align Pedorthics – Orthotics and Compression Therapy	21	22	23
24 / 31	25	26	27 KK – Social (YouTube) Rapid Fire Jokes – Bobby Tessel	28	29	30
	Safety/Security Jerome Lehman	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 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 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