



Pine Line

Pine Meadows Community Newsletter

October 2025

It has been my pleasure to serve as your Pine Meadows Homeowners Association (PMHA) President, Vice-President and Board Chair for the past few years. I would like to thank both current and past Board members for their contributions and positive suggestions as we all work towards the continuation of the great culture that has evolved here over the past thirty years. Working together most often in harmony is how a community develops a strong reputation for a desire to live here. Homeowners get involved by joining anything available that suits their level of participation. I know some homeowners desire their privacy and may prefer not to be involved. That is perfectly fine too. Whatever makes us all happy and content.



I present the new PMHA Board of Directors for the 2025-2026 year. They are President -**Chuck McCormack**; Vice-President – **Ted White**; Secretary – **Lilly Chaulk**; Treasurer – **Chris Larsen**; Building and Maintenance – **Craig Howard**; Communications – **Carmie McCormack**; Government Liaison – **Susan Laberge**; Activity Director – **Susan Stock**; Member at Large – **Anne Marie Hiron**; MCRC Representative – **VACANT**; Past President – **Chris Rynberk**. They make a great team, ready to promote our homeowners for the upcoming year.

Much was expressed at the Annual Meeting (AM) about interests, needs and accomplishments over the past year and hopes for the future. I apologize if, in the essence of time, a few homeowners did not have sufficient opportunity to voice their complete concerns and comments. I believe that when you read the minutes of the AM (2025), you will note that we have encapsulated views and moved forward quite well. The key item that was being expressed by one homeowner was that we have a wonderful community that has evolved here, and the keywords used were **‘a developing positive culture.’** How could we say it better? We couldn't. In a group of 195 homes and hundreds of homeowners, there will always be items and issues to discuss and solve, making improvements along the way.

A final thank you is extended to the retiring Board members who gave a lot of time during their tenure to attend meetings and fulfill their responsibilities, ensuring this community stays current and progressive. Thank you to **Larry Pope** – Communications; **Heather Hocken** - Government Liaison; and **Andy Keen** - Building and Maintenance.

I am reminded of a catchphrase that still resonates with me from the multiculturalism days of the 1970s and 1980s about our great country, Canada. ... **“Unity through diversity...”** still good words to live by. Following is a great quote from Parker Palmer...

In true community, we will not choose our companions, for our choices are so often limited by self-serving motives. Instead, our companions will be given to us by grace.

Chris Rynberk, Past President

Cards Cards Cards

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

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



Irene McRae	160 Pine Ridge Road
Judy Busch	106 White Bark Way
Joe Piercey	97 White Bark Way
Perry Adams	70 White Bark Way
Sue Scott	162 Pine Ridge Road



Expression of Sympathy card was sent to:

Carol Doyon 120 White Bark Way on the passing of her grandson.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of resident Charlie Bryan 142 White Bark Way.
Cards were sent to his wife Shirley and Bill and Maureen Bryan 24 White Bark Way.

A Special Welcome to our New Residents

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



Judy Maunu
115 White Bark Way

A GREAT BIG THANKYOU ❤️

We all know we have a wonderful community here BUT until you are on the receiving end of the love, support and generosity you truly don't know how lucky we are. I feel very humbled. Thank you so much to everyone who has helped and continue to help me through this journey. I appreciate you. ❤️ ❤️

Judy Busch (and Ken too!)

Maintenance Cost Review Committee (MCRC)

Cathy Clendenning -Recording Secretary

The MCRC Committee met in September before the Annual Meeting. The Maintenance Cost Report for August 2025 was reviewed. A higher cost for Mulch and Triple Mix was noted because of the necessity of changing suppliers. There was also an additional cost of \$5561.70 for repair to the blocked sewer line. The washroom and shower refresh is in the process of being updated. Painting of the walls is yet to be completed. Even though our monthly Maintenance Costs for August were slightly higher than our Maintenance fee, we go into the fall in a break-even position.

As noted in each resident's letter from Pine Meadows Retirement Community Limited (PMRC), the Maintenance and Lease costs will increase in January 2026 by 2.1%, which is the maximum allowed.

The Committee welcomed Cathy Clendenning as Recording Secretary replacing Barry Wood. The Committee extended Barry a show of gratitude and appreciation for all his years of serving as Recording Secretary. Thank you was also extended to Ted White for serving as MCRC Board representative and his contributions to the Committee.

For your review, the August Maintenance Cost Report prepared by the Management of PMRC is posted on the bulletin board in the Boardroom. It is also posted on the Pine Meadows Homeowners Association (PMHA) website. Please take a moment to review. If you have any questions, you may contact MCRC Chair Nancy Ottewell by email at nottewell@gmail.com or any of the MCRC members.

Display Case

Joyce Giddings

Again, one of our residents has wowed us with his hobby. Thank you, Bert Lindsey, for sharing your collection of model cars. There must be at least 100 of them! – all makes and models. It seems that once your family and friends realize you are collecting something, they are eager to contribute. Makes gift giving much easier.

Thanks to Karen Hampton and her Car Rally crew for skillfully adding the rally paraphernalia. Good job!

I will leave the current display until after the car rally. Then we will see the wonderful felines that inhabit our community. If you want your kitty to be in the Hallowe'en Cat display, you can drop your pictures off at my house (121), put them in my internal mailbox, or call me and I will pick them up.

We are going to start Christmas early this year with ceramics by Terry Favrin in November and Anne Marie Hirons' music box collection in December.

I am starting to plan for 2026, so if you have any ideas or suggestions, please contact me at: joycegiddings1@gmail.com, 519 843-6244 or 121 BC.

Distribution of the Pine Line

Some residents prefer to access the Pine Line on our website. Other residents prefer to receive a printed copy in their mailbox in the hall in the community centre. Only the number needed are printed.

Please take the Pine Line out of your own box – check the number closely.

If you wish to change how you access the Pine Line, please contact Linda Webster 35 White Bark Way.



Birthdays and Anniversaries for October

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

<i>Birthdays</i>		<i>Anniversaries:</i>	
Lilly Chaulk	October 1	Smitty and Wendy Smith	October 1
Ted White	October 2	Barry and Judy Stranks	October 1
Peggy Agnew	October 3	Donna and Rick Rundle	October 5
Don Sewell	October 5	Gord and Elizabeth Bartlett	October 6
Gail Stainton	October 6	Mike and Peggy Anew	October 8
Doug Blenkiron	October 8	Gord and Dianne Lawson	October 8
Howard Coates	October 10	Betty and Casey Dykstra	October 9
Linda Moore	October 11	Roy and Sheila Vinden	October 10
Bill White	October 12		
Murray Young	October 13		
Barry Wood	October 14		
Bonnie Norris	October 17		
Bonnie Tetrault	October 17		
Barb Lindsay	October 19		
Mark Hirons	October 20		
Chris Larsen	October 22		
Susan Laberge	October 22		
Ron Wilson	October 22		
Doug Wilson	October 24		
Wayne Douglas	October 28		
Debra Gale	October 28		
Gord Perry	October 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



October 1st

June Switzer will tell us about the Erin Fall Fair.



October 8th

Susan Rice at Harvey's Pt 1 7.16 min

and

Susan Rice at Harvey's Pt 2 14.25 min



October 15th

Estate Planning Seminar Susan and Del Wilmot.

Great info for 55+ age group



October 22nd

Amy Cuddy

Your body language may shape who you are

21.50 min



October 29th

Owls are the ADORBLE in the Worlds most funniest videos

10.20 min

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Chris Larsen

Pictures omitted from September report on Senior Olympics



The Judge Reg Black checking on the putting skills of Barbara Hern



Social Committee member Bonnie Tetrault taste testing the grilled cheese



Henry Gagnon and Ken Chalmers, part of the crowd enjoying the day after a hard fought battle



Gold medal winner Joe Piercey and Silver medal winner Kathy Perry

Annual Corn Roast and BBQ-Sat Sept 13th at 4 PM

The Corn Roast was an outstanding success with 147 residents attending.

Social time was scheduled for 4pm but folks started to arrive at 3:30. By 4 pm most of the seats in the hall were full and some took advantage of the terrific sunshine and warm temperatures to eat outside. Dinner started at 4:45 as there were a few banging their forks and knives on the tables for food. The corn obtained from Van Tols farm was delicious especially dipped in butter. John Gwinn (last minute substitute for Ken Busch) took over the grill and cooked the Burgers, Veggie Burgers and Sausage to perfection. Cheese for the Burgers, condiments, sauteed onions, and tomato slices was available. Accompanying the meat options were Potato Salad, Pasta Salad, Coleslaw, Ceasar Salad and Fruit Cups for dessert. Not everyone remembered to bring their own dishes but we had paper plates and plastic cutlery in reserve. The Share the Wealth Draw was 5 prizes of \$50 each shared by the Robert & Cathy Clendenning, Lori Keip and Burt Lindsay, Lee and Craig Howard, Joey & Robert Grime and Bonnie and Stewart Bottomley. For those not able to make it we provided take home meals.

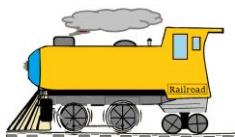
Thanks to the members of the Social Committee and their spouses who pitched in to help with set up and take down and of course, John Gwinn for his prowess with the BBQ and even Mark Hirons who stepped up to dish out burgers. Oh and I can't forget Penny and Todd Curtis for their assistance.

Below see the crowd waiting patiently for the food!



Next Event

Halloween Potluck Dinner and Dance. Saturday Oct 25th 6pm to Midnight. See the bulletin board for sign up or PMHA CONNECTS on Facebook for announcement details.



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

The Train Ride was great except for misty rain. We have 52 people on this our second excursion. We went from St Jacob's Market Station to Elmira and back. We had most of two train cars for our group and everyone enjoyed the scenic tour through corn fields, the back of industries and retail outlets. One of the highlights was seeing all the cars and locomotives stored on the rails at St Jacobs waiting for retrofitting. Lots of hours of volunteering there. In our car the volunteer Conductor was a U of W student who was an enthusiastic promotor of the railway having first rode the train at 5 years old. We socialized and learned some history of the area. Jack Webster, Todd Curtis, Shon Sorensen, Larry Pope and Murray Young got to ride the locomotive with Doug Wansborough. They enjoyed the unique experience. Afterward most of us had a great lunch at Jacks and did some retail therapy at the Market. All in all a successful day.

Thanks to Doug Wansborough for a safe ride and all the arrangements for the train. Thanks to Susan Stock for arranging the restaurant. Thanks to everyone for coming out.



Doug Wansboroug, our engineer
Ride the Locomotive Winners
Todd Curtis Jack Webster

PMHA BOARD of Directors

President:	Chuck McCormack
Vice-President:	Ted White
Treasurer:	Chris Larsen
Building & Maintenance:	Craig Howard
Communications:	Carmie McCormack
Secretary:	Lilian Chaulk
Government Liaison:	Susan Laberge
MCRC Representative:	Vacant
Activity Director:	Susan Stock
Member at Large:	Anne Marie Hirons
Past President:	Chris Rynberk

Pine Meadows Ladies Group

Lois MacPherson

The Pine Meadows Ladies Group started their 2025-2026 season with a sparkling event. Special thanks to the ladies who brought their projects to share with the group. It was a special way to start our year.

Another special event was having Ann Ironside from "New To You" share with us what is happening at the hospital thrift store, and opportunities for volunteering. Forms for potential volunteers are available on the bulletin board, or by contacting Peggy Barton.

There will NOT be ladies group meetings on October 6 and 13. On Oct 6, many members of our group will be partaking in the Car Rally, and October 13 is Thanksgiving Day and a time to spend with family and friends, and or getting over the dinner and festivities of the day before.



October 20 Some ladies seemed interested in painting leaves on a sweatshirt. T-shirt or other cloth. Linda Webster will guide you through the process. It may take the following Monday to finish up. Check the bulletin board for a photo, sign-up sheet and materials needed.

October 27, being the last meeting of the month, Elke Lingen will share with us another of her card making experiences with members who wish to participate. Sign up information will be on the Bulletin Board.

Special thanks to members of our community who continue to knit/crochet afghans, shawls etc. which are given to the Oncology Department at Groves Hospital. To date 29 items have been donated this year. They are much appreciated.



The Ladies Group is a time for sharing interests with other ladies in our community, sometimes with special events or projects, but always a time to socialize and enjoy a 'cuppa' and a goodie (if anyone signed up to bring). All ladies are welcome

Watch the Bulletin Board for updates.

Basketeers - Assisting Women in New Beginnings
Linda Webster & Joyce Giddings



DONATIONS are due by November 10th

In the past, Pine Meadows has made donations for the Basketeers program in November.

Basketeers 2025 will be again doing baskets and will accept money for gift cards.

We will not be doing baskets. Instead, we are asking that you please consider donating cash to purchase gift cards.

Gift cards for Walmart Canada and Canadian Tire will provide women at risk the opportunity to purchase exact household and personal care items they need to transition from shelter to a new home.

Please know that 100 percent of your monetary donation will directly support women in need across Guelph and Wellington County.

Make a cash donation of \$10 or more if you wish and give it to Linda Webster 35 WBW or Joyce Giddings 121 Bristlecone Court before November 10th.

Remembrance Day

During the month of November, we wish to acknowledge all those who are veterans or have served as peace keepers, in reserves, as a cadet or in any other way. Photos and names will be displayed and recognition is given at the Remembrance Day program at Koffee Klatch.

If you have recently moved into our community since last year and have served, please contact Linda Webster 226-821-1517.

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

OCTOBER 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 KK- Erin Fall Fair	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 KK- Comedy Video	9	10	11
12	13 Thanksgiving Day	14	15 KK- Estate Planning	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 KK- TED Talk video Body Language	23	24	25 Pot Luck Dinner and Dance
26	27	28	29 KK – You Tube Owls	30	31	
	Safety/Security Jack Webster	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 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 1:45 Line Dancing -beginner 2:30 Line Dancing -regular 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