



Pine Line

Pine Meadows Community Newsletter

December 2025

Wow, where has 2025 gone?

It is often said that as we grow older the hands on the clock seem to move faster. I can attest to this fact as it seems like only yesterday that I was a young man and couldn't wait until the time came that I could retire. Retirement meant being able to sit back and watch the world go by, with all the time in the world to do as I pleased. Well, as much as I am enjoying retirement, I do wish I could slow down those hands occasionally. November has just slipped by, between medical appointments, volunteer activities, social events, Remembrance ceremonies, and several other activities, here I am on the 20th of November writing this message and thinking about 2026.



Around our community, and other parts of Wellington County, it is becoming evident that December is just a week away. There are Christmas lights on houses, trees showing in windows, and carols playing in shops, and stores. December is a month of celebrating and here in Pine Meadows there are a few events planned or being planned. Whatever manner you celebrate, my wish for you is that you are surrounded by the warmth of family, and friends.

Chuck McCormack 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:



Chris Rynberk	129 Bristlecone Court
Roy Vinden	188 Pine Ridge Road
Barry Wood	124 Bristlecone Court
Henri Gagne	19 Pine Ridge Road
Ted White	83 White Bark Way



A sympathy card was sent to George and Nancy Ottewell on the passing of George's sister,





Birthdays and Anniversaries for December

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

<i>Birthdays</i>		<i>Anniversaries:</i>	
Dave Fisher	December 3	Craig and Lee Howard	December 5
Ken Ashton	December 3	Ted White & Karen Hampton	December 5
Mary Drew	December 8	Doug and Rose Blinkiron	December 7
Nicole Bernou	December 9	Fred and Melanie Newton	December 18
Keith Solomon	December 11	Bob and Marilyn Patterson	December 21
Bonnie Bottomley	December 12	Don and Joan Ferrier	December 28
Kathryn Dancey	December 14		
Pearl Davis	December 15		
Sharon Wansbrough	December 22		
Ken Lindsay	December 29		

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.

Audio-Visual Call for Volunteers

Carmie McCormick



As you know, Pine Meadows has an Audio-Visual system in the Grand Hall that is used any time the community gathers, and a group of dedicated residents operates the equipment. We are currently looking for volunteers to help with AV operations during some of our many events. Support and training are provided to any resident who wishes to serve on the Team. This is an exciting opportunity to be involved with the community while supporting your fellow residents. For further (no obligation) information please contact Larry Pope as per the green sheet contact list. Thank you.

Dart Tournament

Clyde Henry



We had 19 participants at our fall darts tournament. There were two winners in the share the wealth draw, Cathy Keen and Neil Westwater. Andy Keen won the consolation final and Chris Larsen was our new champion. Thanks to everyone for helping to set things up and also for helping to put them away. Thanks also to Cathy Keen, Helen Waring and Diane Larsen for looking after our lunch, and Andy Keen for setting up the board with all the groupings. We really appreciate all the participants coming out to play.

Pine Meadows Ladies Group

Lois MacPherson

As our December calendars fill up with various Christmas celebrations please note the happenings at the Monday afternoon ladies group. Whether you choose to be involved with the activities or just come and socialize all women of our community are welcome and join us and have a 'cuppa'.

December 1, Linda Webster will be guiding those interested to make fabric Starburst Ornaments. Check out the bulletin board for a sample and more information. Note the number of straight pins required.

December 8, We will be having our Christmas Pot Luck Luncheon. This will be a true potluck. Maybe it will be all sandwiches, or all desserts, come and find out. Note the 1 o'clock starting time.

December 15, It will be Christmas tree table top construction time using styrofoam cones. Also we will be sharing Christmas stories and greetings.

Our next meeting will be on January 5 when Pennie Young will have us colouring. Watch for further information.

It is our wish that we all have a happy holiday season.



Basketeers - Assisting Women in New Beginnings

Linda Webster and Joyce Giddings

Sincere appreciation is extended to all residents of Pine Meadows who contributed donations so that we were able to purchase gift cards for the Guelph-Wellington Basketeers to support the Guelph-Wellington Women in Crisis.

A total of \$850.00 was donated by Pine Meadows residents. This is the seventh annual Basketeers Donation Drive at Pine Meadows and we continue to receive wonderful support from our community.

Thank you so much.



Display Case

Joyce Giddings

Wow. Where has this year gone? I can't believe that I am writing my final article for 2025. What a year it's been! We've had dogs and cats and elephants, tea pots, teddy bears, jewellery boxes, embroidery and weddings twice. I really appreciate all the support from everyone.

For December, Anne Marie Hiron has agreed to let us see her collection of Christmas music boxes. Anne Marie says when she was a little girl, she loved to go to her neighbour's house at Christmas to see her music boxes. When the lady passed, she gifted Anne Marie her collection. Thanks, Anne Marie for sharing with us.



I am still working on 2026 and am looking for any ideas or suggestions of hobbies or collectibles you may have for the display case. So far, I am considering the Pine Meadows totem pole, Fergus and area authors, bees, butterflies, canes, and celebrating our Indigenous heritage, to name a few. Please contact me at: joycegiddings1@gmail.com, or 519 546-6995.

Merry Christmas from Avon, Joyce and Briney.

Message from Dana re Vacation and Office Holiday Closure

- Vacation: Monday Dec 15th – Sun Dec 21st
- In the office – Mon Dec 22nd, Tues Dec 23rd, Tues. Dec 30th, Wed. Dec 31st

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

Koffee Klatch

Jackie Pierce



December 3rd

**Sue Anderson's
Northern Lights Extravaganza**



December 10th

**Michael McIntyre
"Everyone does this at Christmas"**



December 17th

Lisa, nurse practitioner and owner of Impower Wellness Clinic will tell us about the Emsella Chair, an innovative technology for pelvic health



December 24th

**NO KOFFEE KLATCH
Have a wonderful holiday.
See you in the New Year!**



December 31st

**NO KOFFEE KLATCH
Happy New Year!**

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Chris Larsen

Halloween Pot Luck Dinner and Dance

We had 49 people attend the Pot Luck Dinner portion of the evening. The food bought by everyone was delicious. The variety and quantity of dishes from appetizers to main courses and salads to desserts was outstanding. The Costume Parade had Cowboys and girls, the Devil and his helper, the Spice/Herb Girls, Witches and a three legged elder (hip replacement gone wrong). Prizes were given to Dave Favrin (Devil), Craig Howard (Pirate), Jane and Andrew Nicholas (Mary Poppins and the Chimney Sweep).

The second half of the evening which was supposed to be a Dance was less well attended as many people went home or to the library to watch the Blue Jays game. Despite the efforts of our DJ Larry Pope, the dance was enjoyed by only a few die-hard participants. It turned into an early evening as the Blue Jays lost and the party ended.



Recreation Centre Decorations

The outside Christmas lights and decorations have been completed. It nice to see everything festive. The Social Committee also decorated in the hall, the hallway and the Library. We didn't put up the big Christmas Tree as there is usually a crowd for Don's Lunch and no room for the tree. We will get it up in time for the Christmas tree lighting on the evening of Friday Nov 28th. We are expecting our largest attendance with 137 signed up.

Upcoming Events:



Xmas Bingo Monday Dec 8, 2025

Bingo starts at 7 pm with doors open at 6:30 pm. Share the Wealth Draw. Christmas goodies and snacks provided, bring your own drinks. Big Jackpot and other cash prizes.

New Years Eve Dinner and Dance 6:30 pm-11am

3 Course Catered Dinner – two choices of entrées – Chicken Cordon Bleu or Salmon, Complementary wine with the meal, DJ led dancing to 1:00 am, party favours, late night snacks, Share the Wealth Draw. We hope you can make it!

Monday January 12, 2026

Court Whist planned for mid January. \$4 per person, snacks provided, tables of 4, bring your own drinks, Share the Wealth and Cash prizes for the winners.

PMHA BOARD of Directors

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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.

We are always looking for more team members to proofread the final draft of the Pine Line and attend our pre-publication meeting. If any of you are interested, please contact either Linda or Perry.

The submission deadline in December, for the January 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 may require that some submissions be omitted, or delayed to a future edition of The Pine Line.

The Pine Line depends on submissions by the various activity groups within Pine Meadows and **by you, the residents.** Submissions should be made electronically (by email) to pinemeadowsnewsletter@gmail.com.



Please note that we are no longer accepting submissions in the box by the coat cupboard in the hall. If you wish to submit a paper copy of a submission, it can be placed in the internal mailboxes of Perry or Linda. #70 or #35.



Pine Meadows Homeowners' Association – Events Calendar



DECEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 KK – Sue Anderson Northern Lights	4	5	6
7	8 Bingo 7:00 pm 	9	10 KK – You Tube Everyone Does This at Christmas	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 KK – Emsella Chair (pelvic health)	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 NO KK	25 Merry Christmas 	26	27
28	20	30	31 NO KK New Years Eve Dinner Dance 6:30 pm			
	Safety/Security Carl Severn	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 – 1:00 Men's Aquafit 1:30 Bridge 2:00 Chair Yoga 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 1:30 Line Dancing -beginner 2:15 Line Dancing -regular 2:00 Ladies Billiards 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