



Pine Line

Pine Meadows Community Newsletter

November 2025

As I take on the role of President for the Pine Meadows Homeowners Board of Directors, I would like to express my thanks to the Past President, Chris Rynberk, for his dedication and positive contribution to the PMHA Board. I would also like to welcome the new members who have stepped forward to volunteer their time along with the remaining members. We all have various points of expertise and have committed to use them in the support of this great community. Working together, we are here to support all of the residents who live in this community.



As we say goodbye to October, and thoughts of winter enter our minds, let's take a moment to look back. October is the month when we, as Canadians celebrate Thanksgiving. According to the history books, in 1578, English explorer Martin Frobisher and his crew gave thanks and communion was observed, either on land at Frobisher Bay, in present day Nunavut, or onboard a ship anchored there. The explorers dined on salt beef, biscuits, and mushy peas and gave thanks for their safe arrival. This is now accepted as the first "Canadian" Thanksgiving, forty-three years before the first "American" Thanksgiving. Although I am sure most of us had a much different meal, the act of giving thanks is still the same. I hope everyone took some time to give thanks for whatever blessings you have in your life, but also for living in a country where freedom is more than just a word.

In closing, and on the topic of freedom, please attend our Remembrance Day ceremony on Wednesday November 5 at 10:00 in the Grand Hall.

Chuck McCormack President

A Special Welcome to our New Residents

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



Terry and Marlene Nelson
32 White Bark Way

Let us Introduce you to the New Kid on the Block

Our Very Own Private Facebook Group

PMHA CONNECTS

Over the past few weeks the administrators of PMHA Connects have been working at getting a Private Face Book Group Page together for use only by individuals living in Pine Meadows Retirement Community. We have sent an invite to everyone in the Community that we have emails for.

Please Note that In order for you to be able to accept the Invite it is necessary that the email address we receive is one you have connected with Facebook. We currently have 72 Members and are very pleased to say that PMHA Connects is being used exactly as we hoped a source of communication among those who live here. Not only does this Page give you information on what is happening in Pine Meadows, but several people have introduced themselves providing pictures & sharing information. Communication has been great, inquiries looking for trade persons or good restaurants, TV options, someone looking for a recipe or where to find a special shop in the area... the more we communicate the closer we become in our Community. Please update us and share pics of your grandkids, dog, cat, fishor the big fish you caught.

HELP Do we have any computer savy individuals in the community who are familiar with Facebook groups and who could help with a couple of problems we have ?????

1. Some people did not receive the invite sent to them even though their email is a correct email and is connected to facebook,
2. Some received the invite but could not open it. **If you can help please email or call one of our admins. For your convenience our names & emails are below**

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Chris Rynberk rynberkc@gmail.com

Chris Larsen pmhaTreasurer1980@gmail.com

Heather Hocken – admin PMHA Connects

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:



Ken Ashton

15 Pine Ridge Road

Judy Busch

106 White Bark Way



We were saddened to hear of the passing of resident
Gwen Lennox. 51 Pine Ridge Road. A card was sent to her husband, Blair.

We were also saddened to hear of the passing of former resident, Janet Hexter.



Maintenance Cost Review Committee (MCRC)

Cathy Clendenning -Recording Secretary

The Maintenance Cost Review Committee met in October and reviewed the Maintenance Report for September. In the absence of a Board MCRC representative, PMHA President Chuck McCormack joined our meeting. Currently, there are no major projects ongoing.

The Lawn Maintenance and Beds Maintenance expenses were higher than last year as weekly grass cutting continued during September. We are now into the fall cleanup time, and it is expected the Lawn and Beds Maintenance will not be lower.

The bathrooms in the hall have been painted.

The Committee reviewed the Water and Sewer costs over the past 4 months and calculated our costs per home have come in lower than in some Municipalities. As our overall expenses were lower for September, our Maintenance fee to date is in a **positive** position of \$85.91!

The Maintenance Cost Report for September 2025 has been posted in the Boardroom for you to review. It has also been posted on the Pine Meadows Homeowners Association (PMHA) website. This report is prepared by the Management of Pine Meadows Retirement Community Limited (PMRC) and shows all Revenue items, Expense items, costs per home, and other important details.

Please take a moment to look at this report, and if you have any questions, you can contact Nancy Ottewell, the Chair of MCRC at email nottewell@gmail.com or contact any of the MCRC members.

Pine Meadows Ladies Group

Lois MacPherson

Once November comes there are many thoughts of how we are going to celebrate Christmas this year. So, naturally at the Ladies Group we share many ideas and memories of Christmases past, and of the upcoming festive season. One member of our group told us of a tradition in their family. Each year there is a new homemade Christmas ornament in each of their grandchildren's stocking and how the kids look forward to the tradition and save and reuse these treasures from year to year.

As ideas have come from our members, it looks like there will be some new homemade ornaments being created at our Monday meetings, as well as some baking ideas while we socialize and have a 'cuppa'. Please watch the bulletin board as plans sometimes change.

November 3 - Share and show ornaments ideas from past years, and some you are considering making this year.

November 10 - Betty Dykstra will guide us through the making of Puff Pastry. This will be a hands on experience, and a list of ingredients you will need to bring will be put in your mailbox after you sign up.

November 17 - Carol Wood will be assisting us in creating felted Xmas ornaments.

November 24 - Last chance for this year's homemade Christmas cards with Elke.



All women of Pine Meadows are invited to join us as we spend time together Mondays at 1:30.

Display Case

Joyce Giddings



So many beautiful cats in Pine Meadows. But unfortunately, we rarely get to see them. Unlike our dogs that we get to see on their daily walks. Except for Sue Anderson who faithfully walks her cat on a leash with Thomas, a feral cat, following along behind.

Special thanks to Maureen and Grant Swift for their contributions and to Maureen for her assistance.



Christmas is going to come to Pine Meadows early this year. Terry Favrin is going to share some of her collection of Christmas ceramics with us.



Terry has been doing ceramics for over forty years. She first started making porcelain figurines and having them fired. Then she purchased a kiln of her own. She thinks she has made about 95 in total including using pre-formed.

She has always enjoyed doing crafts and a life-long friend got her interested in ceramics. Terry enjoys the detailed work of painting the figurines. Mistakes are easily corrected by letting the pieces dry and re-painting. Ceramics doesn't seem to be as popular as it once was, and she is finding it more difficult to source now.

Her son and daughter and other family members and friends have been the lucky recipients of Terry's handiwork. She has now become interested in the latest craft craze - diamond dots. I have seen some of her pieces and they are stunning. Hopefully she will agree to put some in the display case next year.

If you have any ideas or suggestions, please contact me at: joycegiddings1@gmail.com, 519 843-6244 or 121 BC.

“Jive Drive 25”

Pine Meadows 2025 Car Rally



This year's ***Jive Drive 25 Car Rally*** was completed on October 6th. In total there were 21 cars with a total of 83 participants. During the rally the participants spotted 53 clues and answered 6 bonus question along the route. In addition to that there were 20 trivia questions to help fill in the travel time. The route started from the Pine Meadows Rec Centre. There was a coffee break sponsored by the PMHA Board at the Eden Mills Community Hall. After that the second part of the route finished for a great lunch at the Victoria Park East Golf Club. After lunch the participants headed home for a break and then met back at our Grand Hall for a fantastic dinner and award presentation.

As mentioned, the lunch was at the Victoria Park East. The dinner was also catered by Victoria Park East. Both meals were absolutely great and a very special thank you goes out to Louise De Corso, John Quinn and the great staff at the Club. It was a lot of work for them and the meals could not have been better. At the dinner, the following team award winners were announced



Rally winning team was The Happy Four, their prize was a \$120 gift card for the Goofie Newfie. In second place were Three Edgy Ladies and Ian, their prize were \$50 gift cards from Joanies restaurant and \$50 from China 8. In third place were 4 Confused Seniors-Forever Lost and their prize were gift cards for 4 Large 3 topping pizzas from New Orleans Pizza.

The Trivia Question winner was the team of 4 Messed up Gears with prizes of 2 \$15 Tim Hortons and 2 \$15 Ultramar Gas gift cards.

As you can see the team names were very creative this year and the winner of the best team name was, We Only Have Eyes for Jive 25 with prizes of 2 \$15 Tim

Hortons and 2 \$15 Ultramar Gas gift cards.

In all there were a total of 14 great door prizes also handed out by a random draw. I say a random draw because special mention must go to Reg Black and Chris Larsen who each won \$35 gift cards from Hair Heaven. Yes, it did get a chuckle, and I'm sure JoAnne and Diane will appreciate the trip to the hair dresser.

This Rally would not have happened without the dedication of the committee members Larry Pope, Terry and Dave Favrin, Chuck and Carmie McCormack and my wife Karen and I.

A special thanks must go to all of our sponsors who have been individually thanked.

A final reminder that we still need a few more volunteers to serve on the rally committee for next year. Please let any us know if you are interested.

Happily, submitted by Ted White.



Birthdays and Anniversaries for November

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

<i>Birthdays</i>		<i>Anniversaries:</i>	
Brian Stainton	November 3	Bob and Debra Gale	November 2
Carl Severin	November 5	Carl Severin and Barb Hern	November 5
JoAnn Alexander	November 7	Ken and Barb Lindsay	November 8
Doug McNabb	November 13	Bill and Maureen Bryan	November 9
Roy Vinden	November 14	Derek and Barb Seeley	November 13
Maria Furtado	November 15	Mark and Anne Marie Hirons	November 14
Marilyn Ross	November 17	Jerome and Hope Lehman	November 17
Barbara Hodgson	November 20		
Kathy Perry	November 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



November 5th

REMEMBRANCE DAY PROGRM

10:00 am No Coffee



November 12th

Norm Manning will tell us about Probud
a club of retired & semi-retired men and women
from business and professional backgrounds



November 19th

Come travel with Sandy Hennessey to Calpe Spain.
A sea side town surrounded by mountains and vineyards.



November 26th

Christmas Luncheon

Come and join your neighbours to enjoy a
Delicious lunch provided by Don Vallery again this year.
Seating at 11:30 am.
Don't forget to RSVP to Dana.

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

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Chris Larsen

Plaque from The Food Bank

We received a plaque and letter of recognition from the Centre Wellington Food Bank acknowledging our donation from last year's food barrel and the gifts & cards from the Tree Lighting Ceremony. Although the plaque and letter names the Social Committee, it is you, the residents who contributed to the donations we were able to pass on. You deserve a great big thank you. We intend to carry on the tradition of support to the Food Bank because the need is even greater this year as food insecurity in our community continues to grow. Keep an eye out for the food barrel and make sure you come to the Tree Lighting Ceremony and bring a gift card for the youth in our community.

Upcoming Events:

Tree Lighting Ceremony November 28th, 2025



The tree lighting event starts at 7 pm with Social Time with your neighbours. **Wine and cheese, and hot apps** are provided compliments of the Social Committee. This is our way of thanking the community for all the support you give us throughout the year at our monthly events. We are still working on the Entertainment lineup for the evening, but we will have a Trivia Contest, Christmas Carol singing and a visit from Santa Claus. Any volunteers to lead the Carol singing please give me a call. There will be a signup sheet so we can get adequate food and drinks.

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, Vegetarian Options, Complementary wine with the meal, DJ led dancing to one am, party favours, late night snacks, Share the Wealth Draw. We hope you can make it.

Basketeers - Assisting Women in New Beginnings



Linda Webster & Joyce Giddings

DONATIONS are due by November 10th

Makes 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.

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

NOVEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4	5 10 am Remembrance Day Program 1:30 pm Town Hall Meeting	6	7	8
9	10	11 Remembrance Day	12 KK- Probus talk with Norm Manning	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 KK Calpe Spain with Sandy Hennessey	20	21	22
23 / 30	24	25	26 KK 11:30 am Vallery Luncheon	27	28 - 7 pm Tree Lighting Ceremony	29
	Safety/Security Dave Favrin	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 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 1:45 Line Dancing -beginner 2:30 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