



Charlie Milazzo VP of Sonoma Pines Council By Mary Trueman



Charles (Charlie) Milazzo is Vice President of our Sonoma Pines Council. He has spent the last 23 years working at ARROW Electronics in Burnaby, B.C. and is continuing to commute between his office there and home here at Sonoma Pines. His work, he says, "involves anything electronically controlled". Retirement for Charlie will commence April 1, 2015.

Both Charlie and his wife Terry grew up in Winnipeg - Jeanne's Cakes, The Bridge Drive-In, Junior's Hamburgers, etc. are part of shared Winnipeg memories. I remember all of them too! Charlie attended Vincent Massey High School, Red River Community College and some courses at the University of Manitoba. Charlie is a licensed Ham Radio Operator VE7RM as is his wife, Terry VE7MLT. As a member of the Langley Ham Radio Association Charlie served as an Instructor and through this became part

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of the communications with the International Space Station, working to connect two Lower Mainland Schools (Space Centre in Kitsilano), using NASA and Canadian Space Agency specs. Talking with Dr. Robert Thirsk was part of Charlie's days during that amazing project.

Terry and Charlie have one daughter, Andrea (professional photographer), son-in-law Dan Walker, and a granddaughter, Ashley age 8. Since they live on the lower mainland they get to see them often. Andrea is a "true artist" her Dad says proudly.

Charlie and Terry love to travel. They take cruises - loved The South Pacific and Mediterranean Cruises (Rome, Monaco, Greek Isles). They go with groups of friends and have a great time. On two sabbaticals from ARROW they have driven to Halifax, NS, back home, and then down the Oregon Coast, and another to Texas ... they have driven through 44 States.

And speaking of driving, Charlie drives from here back and forth to Burnaby so many times in a year, in all weather. I asked him if he watches "Highway Thru Hell" on TV. "Funny you should mention that", Charlie replied, "because I've met Jamie Davis, and he's as nice a human being in person as he is on camera. He's the real deal".

Charlie says that he sees Sonoma Pines as a small city now with the last of the construction approaching completion. His personal goal for SP is to see it "run as a business not a club". He believes there should be standard operating procedures, and a business plan defined, he says.

He also says he's very much enjoying working with our new President and the Council members - "a great group" he says.

He encourages residents to call him on his cell phone [\(604\) 671-3389](tel:6046713389) or send him an email charliem.strata@gmail.com with questions or concerns.

Our Most Amazing Neighbours,- Roger, Carrie, Brea, Alyssa and Daniel Liegmann of Sonoma Pines.



The Liegmann family began a mission to Haiti this August 2014, through their church (WestMOUNT) and with the support of many in Sonoma Pines! Here is Carrie's update:

As most of you know we just came back from Haiti. Despite most of us getting sick at one point, we all arrived back home safely and to be honest, much more broken -in a good way. As eye witnesses to all that is going on there it was hard to even watch at times. Kids eating dirt, walking around naked, huts of metal scraps put together as their homes, plastic jugs of gasoline at the side of the road for sale, chaos on bare feet, a million people literally all over in Port au Prince, no laws or traffic signals even exist, more than half of the women by age 13 have experienced sexual assault...the list just

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goes on. We could not leave our accommodations at dark for our own safety, despite security guards at our place 24x7. Despite this reality there is good news! There are little glimmers of hope that

are being raised in the rubble and for that we were grateful to be part and to help. My girlfriend Kim (who runs the orphanage) left her BC home when the earthquake first hit to help provide relief. Little did she know that she would fall in love with the Haitian children and begin an orphanage there. They now run one of the strongest, quality orphanages that is becoming recognized by the government. They will soon be one of the very few to offer legal adoption privileges in the country. They max out at 56 kids, despite a daily ask for taking more, simply wanting to give quality care. She has begun a school there now that teaches 150 students, an elderly home, a top notch medical clinic (they offer their services free) and are looking to build a teen girl home as well as a dentistry. We were able to take down a bunch of school supplies, cloth diapers hand made, dresses sewn for the girls and a bunch of clothes (both made by a group of local women), pabulum, toys, batteries, etc.

I decided in my heart long ago that rather than just sending money I literally wanted to be the hands and feet to make sure it gets there and as hard as it is, to have my own heart humbled in the reality that exists in our world today. I look forward to the days/years to come in which we continue together to make a difference both here in our neighborhood and to a poor land, distant and yet reachable. I've included this link so you can see a bunch of pics from the trip, the kids and the orphanage.

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/xcueircp7oipfpi/ABWdoPouuqTEmcVHEyceneRa?dl=0>

With sincerest thanks, Carrie Liegmann

You can get in touch with Carrie at:

carrie.liegmann@gmail.com

QUILTING

Quilting - a chance to explore your cultural and creative side.

"The origins of quilting remain unknown, but sewing techniques of piecing, applique, and quilting have been used for clothing and furnishings in diverse parts of the world for several millennia.

Quilting has been part of the needlework tradition in Europe from about the 5th century. Early objects contain Egyptian cotton, which may indicate that Egyptian and Mediterranean trade provided a conduit for the technique. Quilted objects were relatively rare in Europe until approximately the 12th century, when quilted bedding and other items appeared after the return of the Crusaders from the Middle East. " 1



Today quilting is forming a part of a new Sonoma Pines Tradition. We have a small group pursuing this delightful craft and art form. They meet in the clubhouse basement every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, from 9:00 to 12:00 and would welcome new participants. Merely curious, please drop by to see what we do. If you need any questions answered, please call Gaye Hunter @

[250 768-0996](tel:2507680996)

Community Awareness

Oct 15 @ 7:00 PM Sonoma Pines Clubhouse

- How should we ensure our neighbourhood is safe?
- How should we protect our homes if we are away for short or extended periods?
- What should we do if we see something suspicious?
- Who do you call when a bylaw appears to be in violation?
- Who do you call in the case of an emergency?

Come to this awareness night to find out. There will be a short presentation followed by a question and answer period. Members of the Safety & Security Committee, SPHOA Council, Regional Crime Protection and the RCMP will be in attendance to discuss these issues and more.

New Notice Board!

You may have noticed that we have a brand new and stylish notice board outside the Clubhouse. Special thanks to Marshall Wolski for taking the time to design the board and donating a lot of the materials. Helping Marshall on the project were Gerry McNichol, Cary Bugar and Vern Sarver.

If there is something that you would like posted on the board you can drop it off at 2163 Serrento Lane and Leslie Asselstine will take care of it. If you have any questions you can reach Leslie at

[778 754 1397](tel:7787541397)



Thanks Marshall!



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Regarding the pet issue: I think the DNA thing is a bit extreme to say the least and an enforcement nightmare at best. Unfortunately there are always going to be owners that are negligent in cleaning up after their pets and if they are caught there should be a fine. As well there are residents that will be anti-pets and no matter what rules are put in place they will complain. So I think it best to "Tolerate" these two groups and go with the majority of pet owners. One needs to consider the science around the health benefits of owning pets and the fact that for most owners these pets are "family". Certainly the rules should include cleaning up after your pet and proper disposal, all pets should be licenced, and on leashes. It could work to have "all" pets registered with SPHOA and then there would be a more accurate picture of the numbers.

The east side of the development does not have any pet "posts" so that should be addressed soon. Also it appears that some people have taken possession of property beyond their residence which they consider their "yard" so clarification of what is common areas needs to happen.

No one likes to step in dog poo, but at the end of the day it is not a life threatening situation, and we should deal with the situation as a nuisance and not a catastrophe as I have seen some people approach it.

Pam Benson

Editors note:

Pam, thanks for your comments. Council is looking to add some new pet stations in the 2015/16 budget for homeowner approval.

Tell us what you think.

(we'll share your thoughts next month)

What is your Favourite Fall Activity or place to visit?

sonomapinesnews@gmail.com

Tell us what you think, September:

Do you think more should be done to improve the intersection of Carrington and Sonoma Pines?

We had a number of very thoughtful responses from residents. Due to space restrictions they cannot be published in their entirety here, but have been on the Sonoma Pines website.

You can see all of them at www.sonomapines.info (password: sonomapines)

At the very least we should have a four way stop. This is a very busy road and the busier Hwy 97 gets the more Carrington seems to be a bit of a traffic shunt to bypass a few lights of congestion. Considering the speed limit is posted at 50KM coming to a stop for drivers should not incur a last minute braking problem.

I have seen and experienced many close calls especially compounded by not exactly knowing or just plain lack of courtesy who should have the right of way thus having to quickly accelerate to get across fast with the current two way stops. Also worthy of mention is two various sized vehicles side by side with one turning and the other trying to go strait causing blind spots.

The 4 way stops will still be subject to the latter but at least all vehicles will be stopped and it won't be necessary to dodge vehicles doing 50 + km's to cross thus by far reducing a serious accident risk

Of course Traffic lights would be best especially knowing the Sonoma Community will be 520 homes strong and with at least as many vehicles.

I do hope something gets done prior to any of my Sonoma Pines neighbors having to get hurt to prove the point of need.

Best Regards and thanks for the opportunity to state the above text message.

Richard Girvan

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Yes, I hope something is done to correct this situation before someone gets hurt or worse yet, killed. A four way stop will correct this problem.

Sincerely, Cherie Arnould

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Yes we agree the Carrington/Butt intersection is a disaster waiting to happen. Lights or a round-about are certainly indicated as with the growing population in the area it is only gong to get more congested, so doing something sooner than later is a must. Thanks again for the opportunity to share our thoughts via this venue,

Pam Benson

Insurance Are You Covered?



An insurable event (i.e. a toilet leaking) that result in damages that are less than our SPHOA deductible of \$10,000 is the sole responsibility of the home owner and the SPHOA is not involved.

If the damages of this event exceed our deductible then the SPHOA will pick up all

the charges. Our Insurance will cover any costs that exceed the \$10,000 deductible of our insurance and it is then up to the SPHOA to collect the \$10,000 from the home owner. This is why it is critical for every homeowner to have coverage to support a claim for the \$10,000 damage deposit paid by the SPHOA.

If you have any questions about your coverage, check with your agent.

The Sonoma Pines insurance policy is available for you to review at www.sonomapines.info. (password sonomapines)



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Two Couples, Six Wheels And A Passion

Four of your neighbors recently returned from a tour of the Kootenays and the Selkirks. The Forshaws did their tour by bicycle and the Sarvers, by motorcycle.



George and Gail returning from their ride

The Forshaws rode for 12 days, 880 kilometers from Castlegar, across the border through the Selkirks and home via Revelstoke and Vernon. They like to ride bicycles. Earlier this year they spent two weeks travelling through Italy. Riding in their own back yard, Gail was telling me how blown away she was by the many motorcyclists they saw during the trip...



Vern and Patti heading out to Golden on a chilly morning

The Sarvers travelled through Radium Hot Springs and were on the road for 8 days, covering 1800 kilometers.

Patti was telling me how blown away she was by the amount of bicyclists she saw along the way. Although the Sarvers and Forshaws did not meet up, Patti did tell me a story about the Australian couple she talked to how the lady she talked to appeared a little chilly in her spandex riding shorts.

The Sarvers longest and most memorable motorcycle ride was for 10 days, covering 3000 kilometers thru Washington, Idaho, Oregon and Montana.

Do you have any 2 wheel adventures to share with us? Please send them along with some photos to sonomapinesnews@gmail.com



Some of the route George and Gail followed

Good Food – And Close!

If you're looking for a delicious restaurant lunch or dinner, close to Sonoma Pines, with interesting decor, Bamboo Chopsticks (across from Winners) and Thai Fusion (across Hwy 97 beside Booster Juice) are two you may enjoy.

We love both of them! The food is always good, freshly prepared with lots of fresh vegetables, and patrons are always asked for 'degree of spiciness preferred' and any food allergies or dislikes. For example, I eat neither green peppers nor bean sprouts and these restaurants are happy to comply with my requests. They won't break the bank either! :0) - M Trueman



Check them out online:

<http://www.thaifusionrestaurant.ca/>
<http://www.bamboochopsticks.ca/>

Sonoma Pines ATV enthusiasts

My name is Glen Lesmeister. I live in Sonoma Pines and have been ATV'ing in the area for the last 24 years.

If anyone is interested in exchanging phone numbers to form a group or for riding companions give me a call 250-707-1151 or glesmeis@shaw.ca



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Sonoma Pines Clubhouse
Thursday, November 6th
4:00 til 8:00pm

RSVP to Jean @ jean.wandler@gmail.com

Or

250-826-3249 by October 31st

50's/60's Dance 🎵



Isabelle Haverman & Larry Herchak dancing to "A White Sport Coat"



The Clubhouse was hoppin'

When asked about the success of the evening all he could say was, "Farr Out Maan!"

Thanks to the Social Committee for another excellent evening.
Photos by Lyle and Karen Larrigan



The 60's and the 50's were well represented



How about a Sonoma Pines Photography Club?

Have you ever:

- wanted to take better photographs on your next vacation or winter sojourn in the Southern United States or Mexico?
- wondered which camera you should buy from the somewhat bewildering number that are on the market?
- wished you could use computer-based software to correct, improve, crop or otherwise manipulate your digital images?
- looked for answers on how, when and why you should consider taking your existing camera off the "A" (Auto) setting

and at least trying out the "P" setting or getting even more daring and trying using other camera modes? Maybe you're interested in becoming part of a proposed Sonoma Pines Photography Club? When can we meet? Possibly once or twice a month, we can't make Tuesdays, but are open to other evenings. How much would it cost? As long as we have free use of a room in the Sonoma Pines Clubhouse the cost would be minimal if someone could volunteer a video projector.

Who would lead such a proposed Club? Lyle and Karen Larrigan have been active in the Vernon Camera Club for several years prior to moving to Sonoma Pines in May this year. Lyle has been involved in the business and instructional sides of photography for 60 years. Karen keeps the "focus" (forgive the pun) on making things as relevant as possible for the rank beginner. If interested please contact us at: heritageimaging@shaw.ca or by telephone at 250-768-2555. Lyle and Karen Larrigan



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Zumba 9am	2 Pool 7-9pm	3 Ladies Golf (Two Eagles) Octoberfest 4-8pm 	4
5 Clubhouse cleaning Upper 11am-2pm Lower 1-5pm Gym open all day	6 Zumba 9am	7 Cribbage 7pm	8 Yoga 9am Canasta 7-9pm	9 Pool 7-9pm	10 Ladies Golf (Two Eagles)	11
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Upcoming Special Events

October
4th **Octoberfest**



November
6th **Shopping Night**



Interested in Volunteering??

Please contact:
Lorna Wright
lorna-wright@shaw.ca
or
Sharon McNichol
mcnicholg@shaw.ca

Sonoma Pines Council Meetings

We have heard that some members of our community are interested in attending the regular sessions of Council but are not that mobile.

If you'd like to attend and need a ride please give us a call at **250-681-5681**

Our next meeting will be October 10 at 9:00 am in the Clubhouse

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