



New Property Manager



Sonoma Pines Homeowners Management Ltd has engaged **Coldwell**

Banker as our new property management company and **Mike Makin** will be our property manager.

To facilitate a smooth turnover to the new company we require all property owners to fill in the PAD forms. Instructions and forms can be found on our website by clicking here: www.sonomapines.info

Safety and Security Presentation



On September 20th Roy Morgan, Regional District of Central Okanagan presented an interesting and detailed talk on safety and security to approximately 50 people.

Roy is the Crime Prevention Co-ordinator for RDCO. He was a police officer in England prior to immigrating. He works closely with the RCMP and WFN law enforcements.

He said crime is very low in our community but it's important not to get complacent. He supports Block Watch and encourages all residents to phone the RCMP 250-768-2880 or WFN law enforcement 250-717-6147 or if a crime is in progress call 911.

From Feb. 1 to Aug. 1, 41 calls were received, most were false alarms, some calls were related to criminal offences (B&E), suspicious people, driving related, or noise related.

He stressed that we live in a very safe area but backing onto the golf course leaves some homes more vulnerable.

Some suggestions regarding keeping our homes safe are:

1. An alarm system, outside lighting (he prefers constant low lighting rather than the motion lighting that stays on for a short period of time), have a dog, belong to Block Watch and post signs, do not leave garage doors open unattended, check windows and doors, particularly at the rear of house, make sure windows, doors and cars are properly locked, especially sliding patio doors, cut back foliage around doors and windows, and he suggested setting off the alarm on your car key which will scare people away.
2. We have a large population of snowbirds who leave all their blinds down usually indicating that the house is vacant. He suggested having someone open the blinds occasionally, clear paper away from doors, mention to neighbors that you are away and have timer lights on inside the home.

Roy said they are always looking for volunteers to be on patrols...being the eyes and ears for the RCMP and WFN.

RV Lot Purchase Resolution Vote Result

The Special General Meeting on September 27th, was held at the Westbank Lions Community Centre to vote on a resolution to purchase the lower RV lot.

A very good turnout of home owners showed up to cast their votes and to convey the proxies of those who did not attend but wished to have their votes counted in the poll process.

A three quarter Yes vote of attending home owners plus proxy votes was necessary to approve this resolution.

The total votes cast were 639 out of a possible 990 votes. 470 'Yes' votes were cast and 169 'No' votes were cast.

By a very narrow margin of 9 votes, the resolution was defeated.

Therefore, the community will not be purchasing the RV lot from Rykon.

Gutter Cleaning

Everclear Windows was in Sonoma Pines to clean gutters in some of our homes.

The plan is to clean about ¼ of the multi family homes every year. At the same time we are developing a list of some homes nearer large trees that will require cleaning on an annual basis. The lift is being used to more safely access gutters over 10 feet above the ground.



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Sonoma Pines Website and Sonoma Sun Newsletter

www.sonomapines.info

You can check here for most recent articles on the community, back issues of the newsletter, or copies of Council minutes and financial statements. Some pages are password protected so use sonomapines and you should be fine. If there is something that you would like to see on the site or in the Newsletter please email us at sonomapinesnews@gmail.com.



SONOMA PINES GOLF TOURNAMENT

September 12th was a gorgeous golf weather day! Thirteen teams enjoyed golfing and dinner. The Warriors hockey team, along with their 2016 Royal Bank trophy came out to support us and chatted as we registered.

Many thanks to Paul Shaflik for coordinating the tournament, along with Bruce Bodnar, Leo Lecavelier, Terry Burkholder, Jean Scheidl and Lorna Wright. Winners Debby & Jim Harris and Dixie & Dave Michie successfully defended last year's title and won again. The winners each received a golf bag. Congratulations! To view photos



https://drive.google.com/drive/mobile/folders/0B6DMXwBED52kemhZc25MMVRJUfK?usp=sharing_eidp&ts=57de2137

The dinner provided by Nineteen Okanagan Grill & Bar was excellent. Neil Martens always does a fabulous job. People were asking if they could reserve a table for next year. Leo did a good job as MC and the silent auction items, raffle and door prizes were numerous and much appreciated. The Social Committee donated a golf bag.

Thank you to Marlene, Bob and Tyler Waterfield of Budget Blinds for being the gold sponsors. All in all it was a day of fun, getting to know new people and enjoy a very well organized event.

Library News



Thank you so much to everyone in Sonoma Pines who is using the new sign out sheets at the library. The sheets have been very helpful in providing information on how well the library is being utilized. We have been told that we have one of the best libraries and we have a great team of volunteers that keep it looking so organized. Recently bookends were purchased which will help keep our library even tidier.

Data has now been collected for three months as follows...

June 2016 - 55 people signed the sheets and withdrew a total of 151 books.

July 2016 - 63 people signed the sheets and withdrew a total of 157 books.

Aug 2016 - 57 people signed the sheets and withdrew a total of 140 books.

We are still collecting fictional books for the library. Please be selective in what you donate. We do not accept torn books, old old books or non fictional books due to space. Also we appreciate those who donate recent magazines.

Any duplicate books are donated to a local charity. Happy Reading

Pauline Marshall,
Chair/Library Committee

WINTERIZING MEMO 2016

Please note that Evergreen Irrigation will be completing the irrigation system winterizations (blow outs) the week of October 24th and beyond.

We request that all single family homes turn off the water supply to their irrigation systems no later than

7:30 am on October 24th. This can be done by closing a valve inside the home, usually in the basement or crawl space.

To facilitate a trouble free blow out and avoid a call back charge for any incomplete or delayed service, each owner must ensure that;

- The irrigation system is in good working order prior to the blow out.
- All valve boxes (the green lids in the landscape) are clearly visible. Sometimes during the course of the year these are buried under new landscaping like rock, mulch or soil. If the valve box has filled up with sand or soil, and the valves (Solenoids) are not readily accessible, there would be a charge made to the Unit Owner for digging them out. Although utmost care will be taken

by the contractor during any required digging, any damage caused to wiring or pipes, fittings or parts, will be the responsibility of the Unit Owner.

- The above mentioned valve inside the house has been turned off.

A door hanger notice of incomplete service will be left at any applicable units. Asahi Contracting Ltd. and its subcontractor are unable to provide owners with the exact date or time of their attendance for the irrigation winterizations.

There is a risk of flying debris during the blow outs so residents and their pets should avoid the area during this service.

Please remove leaves and any miscellaneous items from plant beds and lawns which may hinder and compromise the Blow-out.

Ideally, any unwanted irrigation heads should be "capped off" permanently at the underground pipe, and NOT on the sprinkler itself, as this can sometimes cause water to be trapped inside the system during the blow out.

ANY IRRIGATION LINES WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN BLOWN COULD EXPERIENCE FREEZING, RESULTING IN A RUPTURE TO THE LINES, AND A COSTLY EXPENDITURE TO THE OWNER.

IT WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL ABSENTEE OWNERS TO INFORM THEIR TENANTS OF THIS NOTICE, AND ENSURE THE WATER HAS BEEN SHUT OFF IN TIME.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Sonoma Pines Calendar Of Events

Calendar click here: <http://www.sonomapines.info/calendar/>

Happy Hour

Our next Happy Hour will be **Friday, October 7thth** from 4pm – 7pm.

Please bring an appetizer to share, but if you are unable to the cost will be \$5.00 per person. We do try to encourage people to bring a dish to ensure we have enough for everyone. We will supply the dessert. Please bring your own refreshments. See you there!

Welcoming New Neighbours



The Welcome Committee met with over 20 new residents In September to share with them some information about our community.

Thanks to Jo Luchka, Terry Milazzo and Jean Scheidl.



Have some news that you'd like to share with your neighbours?

The Sonoma Pines Facebook group is growing and you can join by [clicking here.](#)



4th Annual Oktoberfest

Please join us at the Sonoma Pines Beer Garden (aka Clubhouse) **Friday October 21st from 4pm - 8pm** for an evening of fun, dancing and sing-along at our annual Oktoberfest. Cost will be \$12.50 per person and will include Bratwurst on a bun, Salads, Dessert and door prizes. Please bring your own refreshments. So that we may plan accordingly please purchase your tickets no later than Tuesday October 18th. Tickets will be on sale at our October 7th Happy Hour or by contacting either:

Lorna Wright lorna-wright@shaw.ca
250-452-9872 or

Wendy Delaney
wendyloudelaney@gmail.com
250-768-6676.

This event is limited to 80 people so don't be disappointed, get your tickets early.

If you are interested in past copies of the Newsletter or more information on

The Sonoma Pines Community please check out the website at: sonomapines.info

SP Ladies Night

**SHOPPING, SHOPPING
SHOPPING!!**



Now that we have your attention! It's that time again, Jean Wandler will again be hosting the Sonoma Pines Ladies Night of Christmas shopping at the clubhouse on Thursday, November 3rd from 3pm - 8pm. Wine and appetizers will be served. (Does it get any better than this?) Your Toonie donation at the door gets you a glass of wine and a donation to the local Food Bank. Over 20 local vendors will be on hand for your shopping pleasure.



Handicapped Parking at Clubhouse

Hopefully you have noticed that parking for handicapped visitors to the clubhouse has been improved. There are now two handicapped spots available at the lower entrance to the Clubhouse.

We'd like to remind all homeowners using the Clubhouse to leave these spots available for those who need them. Thank You.

Letters



Please send your comments and letters to sonomapinesnews@gmail.com

Sonoma Pines Activities & Contacts

Quilting

Gaye Hunter at
250 768-0996

Painting Club

Glen Heming
[250-768-0991](tel:250-768-0991)
glenheming@telus.net

To place notices, on the Bulletin Board, please contact:
Leslie Asselstine at 778-754-1397 or drop off the item at 2163 Serrento Lane

Clubhouse Rentals

If you are interested in reserving the Sonoma Pines Clubhouse and require any information please call Tom McEwen at 250-768-3439 or Jean Scheidl at 778-754-1884
Rental Forms and Insurance Information are now on line at www.sonomapines.info under the Clubhouse tab.