



Lower RV Lot Town Hall Meeting

On Tuesday, August 23, close to 100 residents gathered at the Clubhouse to attend a town hall forum regarding the proposed lease purchase of the lower RV lot from Carrington Road Holdings (Rykon Construction Ltd.). This would increase the number of RV lots owned by the community from 35 to 60.

Board President, John Scott, chaired the meeting and provided an overview of the proposal and set the stage for the meeting proceedings. He further indicated that both the Board of Directors and the Finance Committee have reviewed the offer and the financial recommendation and support the proposal in general. Mr. Scott indicated that in order for the purchase to move forward the motion in September needs a ⅓ approval of homeowners.

A financial analysis was presented by our Treasurer, Bryon Dickie, who reviewed the payout time frames and return on investment. He indicated that the funds for this purchase would come from the Common Contingency Reserve Fund, which is currently, valued in excess of \$1 Million. Former Chairperson, Rob Taylor, indicated that the reserve funds are healthy and that the purchase would have no effect of the strata fees, Mr. Dickie further noted that as a result of some earlier homeowner input, it was suggested that interest should be included in the payback calculation, and



that the motion at our September Special General Meeting should reflect that change. The Board all agreed with this suggestion and the revised motion which will be sent out shortly to homeowners along with the notice of the Special General Meeting.

During the 90 minute session there were many points of view brought forward – many in support of the purchase and some against.

Perhaps the most perceptive comment was made by a homeowner at the end of the evening – to paraphrase her: *“someone has come to you (the community) with an offer to sell you an asset (lease on the lower RV lot) that will preserve and enhance your community value in perpetuity; not cost you anything (user/RV renter pays), provides a fair rate of return on the CRF funds borrowed, with the potential to accelerate the payback period (raise rates), generate future funds for the benefit of the community – why would you say NO?”*

Your vote counts – please attend the Special General Meeting at 7:00PM on Tuesday, September 27 at the Lions Hall in West Kelowna.

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A reminder to Sonoma Pines residents, the speed limit is 40 kmh. For the safety of all please obey the speed limit.

In case of a power failure and our gates have to be opened, please contact one of the following people.

Darrell Bellamy	250-707-3790
Tom McEwen	250-768-3439
Charlie Milazzo	250-754-1000
Paul Kaiser	250-754-1776

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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.



Volunteer Communication Committee Members

If you have creative writing, media or computer skills and/or a willingness to learn, we welcome you to join the Communication Committee and enjoy a positive experience of informing home owners about the happenings in our wonderful community!!

Contact John Cole, elocconsult@klondiker.com, 778-754-7265 or Diane Murray, dianemurray1944@gmail.com, 250-768-9838.

Volunteer Administration Committee

The Administration Committee is still welcoming new members to engage in the operation of our community. Skills such as record keeping, organizational skills, policy/procedure, customer service, computer know-how and a desire to help Sonoma Pines be the best it can be.

We are fortunate to have residents already involved in these very essential tasks BUT, the more hands (heads) the better the outcomes!!

Volunteer Community Services Coordinator Administrative Assistant

More specifically, we are looking for two or three dedicated volunteers to assist our Community Services Coordinator by organizing community contact and records keeping functions on 2/3 hours per week basis.

Contact John Cole elocconsult@klondiker.com, 778-754-7265

Letters



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

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER OCTOBER 12, 2016

Our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be held on October 12 to honor our many volunteers, who give willingly of their time and talent for the betterment of our community. This Appreciation Dinner is a simple way to express gratitude for the contributions of the volunteers in Sonoma Pines. Volunteer appreciation night is designed to recognize those who have committed to belong to a specific committee or have given freely of their time for the betterment of our community. These volunteers contribute significant time and expertise, which has a direct impact on our fees. Without them, our costs would go up significantly. The invitations for this Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will go out by the middle of September.

Notice to Multi-Family Homeowners

If you receive a notice from Corix requesting the trimming of vegetation, please forward the letter to our Property Manager.

These letters are automatically generated by Corix when the meter reader cannot take a reading and the bill is estimated. The letter will be sent to the billing address.

The Board will make arrangements to prune the vegetation once notified by the homeowner

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

BLOCK WATCH MEETING



Candalera Place homeowners attended a Block Watch Meeting at the Club House in August at the Sonoma Pines Clubhouse.

The meeting was directed by the Community Police Director Roy Morgan from the West Kelowna RCMP who presented a lecture and short video on how to make your neighbourhood safer.



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Sonoma Pines Calendar Of Events

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

3RD Annual Golf Tournament

This year's tournament is planned for Monday September 12th with the first tee-off being at 12pm. Registration is limited to the first 80 golfers, with an additional 15 non-golfers that would like to just attend the dinner. This is starting to fill up with over half the spots already taken. Cost will be \$75 per person which includes golf, dinner and prizes. There will also be a Silent Auction and a Raffle. Pre-dinner drinks will start at 3:30 (BYOB) and a catered dinner (by 19 Okanagan Bar and Grill) to be served at 6:00pm. Register now!! Avoid being disappointed as these spots went fast last year.

To register please contact either Jean Scheidl 778-754-1884 scheidls@telus.net or

Lorna Wright 250-452-9872

lorna-wright@shaw.ca If you would like to form your own foursome, please let us know when you register and we will do the best we can to accommodate you. Deadline for registration and payment is August 30. Payments by cheque or cash can be made by contacting Jean Scheidl at the above number.



Happy Hour Outdoor Games Night

Our next regular Happy Hours Friday September 9th and 23rd from 4pm –7pm. Please bring an appetizer to share, but if you are unable to bring a dish the cost will be \$5.00 per person. We will supply the dessert. Please bring your own refreshments.



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.](#)

SP 50's/ 60's Dinner Dance



Dust off your saddle shoes, put on your bell bottoms and wear some flowers in your hair for the Sonoma Pines 50's / 60's Dinner Dance Saturday September 24th from 5:00 to ???. Cost will be \$7.50 per person and will include Beef/Pork on a bun, baked beans, potato, coleslaw and Ice Cream Sundaes for dessert. Drinks at 5pm and Dinner at 6pm (BYOB). Tickets are limited to the first 80 people, so don't be disappointed get yours early. There will be prizes for best costume plus best jive. Come listen to some great music and dance the night away. To register, please contact Lorna Wright 250-452-9872 lorna-wright@shaw.ca



Fun times at games night

Sonoma Pines Activities & Contacts

Photography Club
More to follow

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.



Markets may change. Good investing advice is timeless.

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