



Marmots – how you get rid of them



Meet Pete and Roger



They will be in charge of trapping Marmots in Sonoma Pines for the coming summer. If you see them around the neighbourhood they will be wearing their visi-vests and driving a vehicle with a Wildlife Control sign on it. Last year Pete removed 49 marmots from the property. The reason we have them removed is that they burrow under and undermine our rock walls which in the long run will cost us a lot of money to repair.

At the end of March, Pete will be in the neighbourhood on a regular basis baiting and setting traps. He will not be setting traps randomly but based on homeowner sightings. In order to do the most effective job possible, Pete asks for homeowner's cooperation in the following ways:

If you see a Marmot please identify the location where it is coming out of a hole or between some rocks. This is probably where its den is located and the best position for a trap.

- If Pete places a trap near your home, please leave it alone- do not move it. We are spending a lot of money for this service and we should let the experts do what they do best.
- If you see a Marmot in a trap leave it in the trap. They will come and pick up the trap with the Marmot and live release the animal far from here. If you see a Marmot in a trap and it is in direct sunlight you may move the trap to the shade- just make sure you email or text Pete to let him know. He will come to pick up the Marmot.

· Reports of a Marmot running down your street don't do Pete a lot of good so here's what we would like you to do.

Try to determine where the Marmot's hole or where he is entering the rock wall and send that information via email to Pete; i.e. there is a Marmot behind my house at 3821 Alvarado Trail. He seems to come from the rockwall behind my house or he has a den near the northeast corner of my house.

Please supply your address and phone number. Pete will call you if he needs more information.

Send emails to sonomapinesmarmots@gmail.com

Send text messages to 250-503-7151.

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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.



JOIN THE SONOMA PINES MANAGEMENT BOARD

As the Annual General Meeting quickly approaches, this is the time to consider running for a Director position on the Board.

The Board manages the business of the community and assures that the decisions made are fair and for the benefit of the overall community.

Over the past year there has been some very valuable input provided by homeowners to help the Board make decisions so we know there are very capable individuals out there.

Also, committee members are needed for the various committees that help with the operations side. You will find this a very rewarding contribution to your community and your special skills will be very much appreciated.

For more information call John Scott at 250-681-5681.

GORDON HAMMOND Community Services Coordinator

The Board is pleased to introduce Gordon Hammond to our community as the new Community Services Coordinator!



Gordon comes with a strong background in managing the maintenance operations of various strata projects and large operations such as Sparkling Hill Wellness Hotel.

Gordon is very personable and a "hands on" type of manager who values quality customer service.

Gordon will be starting in April so please give him your warmest welcome.

THE HOME BUYING TIME OF THE YEAR !!!



Hello fine people of Sonoma Pines! I'm Paul Hawley and I'm excited and proud to say this will be my first installment for the Sonoma Pines Newsletter. My family and I live here in Sonoma Pines and we love it. I am a Realtor with Re/Max.

With this column, it's my goal to bring you useful information, tips and generally get a conversation going about real estate and how it relates to you, a Sonoma Pines resident. I encourage you to email me with any comments or questions you may have and I will do my very best to cover them here.

Did you know that in the past 180 days, there have been 9 homes sold in Sonoma Pines? Currently there are 4 properties in SP listed on the Multiple Listing Service website. What does this mean for you in the red hot Okanagan housing market? It means that the average sale price of a house in SP rose 7.6% from 2015 to 2016. It's amazing! This neighborhood has never been so desirable.

The question many potential sellers are asking is "Should I list now? Will I find a replacement home?" While I acknowledge a bias, we are heading into the most active time of the year. There WILL be more listings and sellers WILL have more choices when they become buyers.

We are so lucky to live in the Okanagan! Happy Spring everyone!

Paul
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PROPERTY MANAGEMENT HOURS



Karina Wright

Just a reminder that our property management office on the lower level of the clubhouse (next to the gym) is open Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm.

This space reserved for your story!



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Dog Stations Change



The board has decided to no longer supply free dog bags at the dog stations.

The reason for this change is two fold:

- the cost of dog bags has increased by 30%
- people from in and outside the community are removing large quantities of bags to stockpile for their own use (maybe for the kids lunches, who knows).

The bags were intended for emergency use when you forgot yours or as some dogs owners would say, when “ you're surprised by a double header”.

We will not be purchasing any new bags and current inventory is expected to last until the end of April.

Collections from the bins will continue on a weekly basis and we will be installing another collection station this spring. Stay tuned to board minutes for the location.

It was also suggested that homeowners with extra bags (i.e. grocery bags) can leave them in the stations for those caught by surprise.

Bags are available at Bosleys at a price of \$14.99 for 300.

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Happy Easter!



EASTER

Easter, also called Pascha (Greek/Latin) or Resurrection Sunday, is a festival and holiday celebrating the resurrection of Jesus, described in the New Testament as having occurred on the third day of his burial after his crucifixion by the Romans at Calvary. Most Christians refer to the week before Easter as Holy Week and Lent is a forty day period of fasting, prayer and penance,

Easter and the holidays that are related to it are moveable feasts which do not fall on a fixed date in the Gregorian or Julian calendars which follow only the cycle of the sun. Easter is linked to the Jewish Passover by much of its symbolism, as well as by its position in the calendar. In many languages, the words for Easter and Passover are identical or very similar. Easter customs vary across the Christian world, and include sunrise services, decorating Easter eggs and enjoying the beautiful Easter Lily, a symbol of the resurrection.

Additional customs that have become associated with Easter and are observed by both Christians and non-Christians including egg hunting, the Easter bunny and Easter parades. There are also various traditional Easter foods that vary regionally. Whatever Easter means to you and your family, take time to enjoy each other and the blooming of Spring.

Sonoma Pines Activities & Contacts

To place notices, on the Bulletin Board, please contact:
John Cole 778-754-7265

Quilting
Gaye Hunter at 250 768-0996

Painting Club
Glen Heming 250-768-0991
glenheming@telus.net

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.



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.](#)

Letters



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

If you are interested in past copies of the Newsletter or more information on
The Sonoma Pines Community please check out the website at:
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Sonoma Pines Calendar Of Events

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



Trivia Night - Happy Hour

Join us for a fun night of Trivia April 7th, from 4pm to 7pm. Please bring an appetizer to share, but if you are unable to the cost will be \$7.50 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. This was a lot of fun at our last event. There will be prizes for the winners. **This event will be limited to the first 60 people.** To save a spot, please contact either

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5th Annual Easter Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt



Bring your kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews or just yourselves for a delicious Sausage and Pancake Breakfast **Saturday April 15th** from 9:00am - 11:00am at the Clubhouse. The Easter Egg Hunt will begin at 10:00am, so have the kids bring their baskets ready to fill. Attached you will find a Colouring Contest poster. Please print and have the kids colour and bring to the breakfast for a chance to win some prizes. If you don't have a printer we will have some printed off and left in the Library, please feel free to take as many as you need. Our Sonoma Pines Easter Bunny will again be making an appearance. We also have face painting and games. The cost will be \$5 per adult, \$3 per child 3-12 and 2 and under free. So that we may plan accordingly, please RSVP to Sonomapineseaster@gmail.com before **April 11th**. We would like to acknowledge our former residents Roger and Carrie Liegmann and their wonderful family and friends for again stepping up to organize this event.

Spring Fling Potluck Dinner /Dance

To welcome back our snowbirds, we will be having a Potluck Dinner on April 21st from 5pm to ??? If you feel like dancing, we will have music, or maybe you can just visit with your neighbours As this is a dinner, if you are unable to bring a dish, the cost will be **\$10.00** per person for this event, (we do encourage everyone to bring food though to ensure there is enough for everyone.) The Social Committee will supply dessert. We will also have door prizes and a wonderful gift basket to raffle off. Please bring your own refreshments. To save a spot, please contact either Sharon McNichol mcnicholgs@gmail.com 778-754-0777 or Jean Scheidl scheidls@telus.net 778-754-1884

5th Annual Sonoma Pines Garage Sale



Ok, time to clean out all your old treasures and make some money. Our 5th Annual Sonoma Pines Community Garage Sale is being held, Saturday May 27th from 8am - 2pm. Cost is \$5 which covers advertising and signage. To register please contact either Lorna Wright lorna-wright@shaw.ca 250-452-9872 or Sharon McNichol mcnicholgs@gmail.com 778-754-0777. We will even cook your lunch. Hot Dogs and Pop will be on sale at the clubhouse. All proceeds from the Hot Dog Sale go to improvements of the Clubhouse. If you would prefer you can rent a table at the clubhouse and sell your treasures from there. Cost to rent the table at the clubhouse will be \$10 inclusive of the advertising/signage fee. This event has proven very popular with customers coming from all over the valley. Deadline for registration is Saturday May 20th.

Sonoma Pines

Ladies Night

Join us

20 plus vendors for your
Spring Shopping Experience

Wine and Appys
Toonie Donation
at the door



RSVP TO Jean by May 1st.
Jean.wandler@gmail.com
or 250-826-3249

Location:
Sonoma Pines Clubhouse
3999 Sonoma Pines Drive

Thursday
May 11th

3pm to 8pm

Sonoma Pines Ladies Night

It's shopping time again ladies Jean Wandler will again be hosting the Sonoma Pines Ladies Night of shopping at the clubhouse on Thursday May 11th from 3pm - 8pm. A Toonie donation at the door will get you a glass of wine and appys. (Does it get any better than this?) 20 plus vendors for your shopping pleasure. Please RSVP to Jean Wandler 250-826-3249 or jean.wandler@gmail.com by **May 1st**

Dining-In

Want to meet some of your neighbours? This is an event for small groups to gather, share good food and hospitality for an evening in private homes. It is not about "gourmet" cooking. This event will take place on the second Saturday of the month, with the Host preparing the main course and the visiting guests providing as arranged by the Host, other portions of the meal such as, appetizers, salad or dessert. These events will all be BYOB. A Host should be able to accommodate 6 or more people at the table including themselves. For more information or to enroll, please contact Carolyn Kaiser kaiser801@shaw.ca