



## AGM RESULTS

The Annual General Meeting held on May 25, 2017 at 6 pm at the Westbank Lions Centre.

The Board provided homeowners a review of last year's operations, a summary proposed 2018 budget, and an opportunity to elect 4 new Board members.

Last year's (2016) operations resulted in a surplus which will help reduce this years expenses. Complete minutes of the AGM can be found on our website at [2017 AGM Minutes](#)

The 2018 budget approved by homeowners shows all reserve funds in good shape and an operating budget that is focussed on maintaining the long term value of community assets and getting fair value for contracts for community operational needs.

Two new board members were elected to the board, Brenda Evans and Bob Scruton. Congratulations Brenda and Bob! Four Directors from last year did not stand for re-election and we wish to thank Jo Luchka, Charlie Milazzo, John Cole and Tom McEwen for their contributions.

David Reid, Bryon Dickie and John Scott will return to the Board for another year. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

## WFN IR9 Boil Water Notice downgraded to Water Quality Advisory

It is recommended that certain individuals take precaution during a Water Quality Advisory, including people with weakened immune systems or chronic illnesses; people under 12 and over 65 years of age; and people wishing to take additional protection. Precautionary measures for those individuals, or others who wish, include: boiling water for one minute, using filtered or distilled water, or using an alternative water source (e.g. bottled water).

All consumers should boil their water for a minimum of one (1) minute rolling boil prior to consumption. Tap water may be used for cooking, cleaning, disinfection, dish washing and hand washing. WFN does not recommend that you use filtered water from your fridge.

Residents should ensure an adequate amount of safe drinking water is stored during this time.

Contacts: Dawn McGrath, Superintendent of Utilities, 250-571-4356

WFN Website: <http://www.wfn.ca/wfnnews.htm>

**Free bulk water available to West Kelowna and Westbank First Nation residents**

Free water is available until further notice to WFN and City of West Kelowna residents, via a bulk filling station at Shannon Lake and Asquith Roads. Water from the station is treated via the state of the art Powers Creek Treatment Plant, which uses methods including filtration, UV radiation and chlorination.

**Water can be accessed at a tap located on the Asquith Road side of the station. Users need to bring their own containers, and hoses if needed, and ensure they are clean and suitable for potable water. The free access is granted for the duration of the current water quality advisories.**

If you are unsure if your home or business falls within the IR#9 boundary, click on the map links below to view boundary maps.

WFN Land Map (search your address): <http://www.wfn.ca/landownershipproadsmap.htm>

For updates on news affecting WFN residents and local issues related to the flooding you can go to [WFN News](#) online.

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### Sonoma Pines Website and Sonoma Sun Newsletter

[www.sonomapines.info](http://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](mailto:sonomapinesnews@gmail.com).



## NEIGHBOURHOOD BLOCK WATCH ORGANIZING MEETING



Approximately 45 residents participated in a very informative meeting regarding security and block watch program on May 23.

John Scott welcomed everyone and thanked Karen for her efforts in organizing this meeting and working with neighbours to introduce Block Watch.

Karen Dickie introduced Roy Morgan, Crime Prevention Coordinator with Regional District of Central Okanagan.

Roy Morgan stressed that we live in a relatively safe neighbourhood but that doesn't mean we shouldn't be aware of what is going on around us and be vigilant about locking car and house doors/windows, reporting suspicious people to the RCMP, and not leaving garage doors open unattended. Having a lights on around doorways and not obstructed by foliage is important....thieves like darkness and not being visible.

Block Watch is a free program, and recommends that we have serial numbers of our tvs and other valuables, plus appraisals of jewellery.

There were 46 incidents in Sonoma Pines reported in one year....11 thefts, false alarms, suspicious people and domestic disputes.

Jim Harris, Block Watch Captain from Candalera Place spoke about the success of their block watch, offering sense of community, peace of mind for widows, and a general sense of awareness.

At the end of the meeting the following

volunteers agreed to be captains and co-captains for block watch on their street.

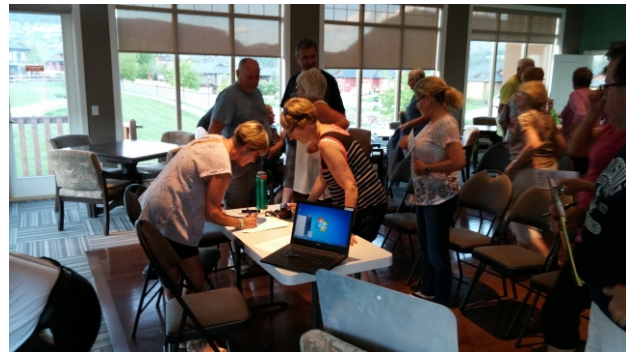
- Paulette Houle - Sonoma Pines Drive
- Greg Johnson - Talavera Place
- John Fawcett - Madera Court
- Garry Jabusch - Del Mar Court & Lane
- Tom and Linda Schopp - Mesa Vista
- John Jonasson - Candalera Place & Lane
- Breyan Heeney - Candalera Place & Lane
- Heather Shapcott - Sonoma Pines Drive
- Ange Ritchie - Terrero Place

We continue to search for volunteers to Captain or Co-Captain the following areas - Pine Vista Place, Siringo Lane, Acacia Lane, Verona Lane, Alvarado Trail, Solana Place and Sorrento Lane.

Thank you all very much for attending and helping us to make our community a safer place.

Karen Dickie will be calling another meeting with Roy Morgan for the current Captains and any new volunteers to plan our next steps and plan for our Block Watch program in early June.

Please contact Karen Dickie@[250-575-0065](tel:250-575-0065) should you have any questions or wish to volunteer for this program.



## CANADA DAY 150<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS FRIDAY JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>



CANADA 150  
1867-2017



LET'S ALL CELEBRATE CANADA'S 150 BIRTHDAY by celebrating at the **clubhouse Friday, June 30, 3-7 p.m.**

Burgers, hot dogs, salads, pop, water and dessert to be served after 4:00 p.m. at a cost of \$7.50.

There will be games for the young and the young at heart.

We hope to see many residents proudly wearing red and white.

Come out and mingle with friends and neighbours and relax on this very special day in our history at our community centre. *See page 4 for registration information.*



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## HAPPY SPRING!

When selling your home, the way it's presented to buyers very well may make or break their decision to buy or walk away.

Here are my top "Three You Can Do For Free" tips for enticing potential buyers!

### 1) Declutter the space

Often buyers can simply overlook what they *should* be looking at (space, light, flow etc...), as they want to know more about the people who currently own it. Consciously or subconsciously they are making judgements that will inform their decisions. Begin to "emotionally move out" by decluttering. Perhaps set yourself a goal of selling, giving away, or storing unloved or unused items leading up to listing your home. **Box, bag and store these items for future enjoyment after you've moved.**

### 2) Curb appeal

**Set the stage for the interior!** Potential buyers will make judgements in 5 seconds or less. If it looks good, they will continue inside with an open mind. If it does not, you've got an uphill battle. An afternoon of yard work is all it may take to give your home that finishing touch. A few simple tips would be: mowing the lawn, planting seasonal flowers and gardening, power washing the driveway or house and, if applicable, a light coat of paint on the fence. Make sure the front door and windows are clean.

### 3) Smells and odors in the home

As we live our lives in our spaces, we naturally become accustomed to our own smells. Pets, food and sometimes just stale air just become "home". Fine for you but not necessarily for a potential buyer. Ask a trusted friend to stop by and give it

to stop by and give it the "sniff test". **Turn off air fresheners and put out scented candles while you are showing your house.**



### Bonus tip!

The one room buyers won't care about is the garage! They know everything will be gone come possession day. **Pack those boxes and stack them up!**

All the best!

Paul - paul@homesbyhawley.com

*Paul Hawley is a Realtor with Re/Max Kelowna and a resident of Sonoma Pines. This is his 3rd installment as a guest columnist in the Sonoma Sun.*

## ANNUAL GARAGE SALE A RESOUNDING SUCCESS

On a gorgeous sunny May 27 the Annual Sonoma Pines garage sale kept the neighbourhood roads clogged with expectant "deal seekers".

Spirits were high and many went home with "the best deal ever!"

In excess of 74 homes participated.

The \$5 cost to participants paid for advertising and signs. Some residents paid \$10 for tables at the clubhouse to sell their treasures to eager treasure hunters.. The hot dog sales at the clubhouse were brisk and the volunteers who cooked were kept busy. Thank you again for giving up your Saturday to cook for hungry garage salers.

Get into the action next year.

## Sonoma Pines Activities & Contacts

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

### Quilting

Wendy MacLeod 250-899-1013  
[wendyjmac@gmail.com](mailto:wendyjmac@gmail.com)

### Painting Club

Glen Heming 250-768-0991  
[glenheming@telus.net](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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:  
[sonomapines.info](http://sonomapines.info)

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## Sonoma Pines Calendar Of Events

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



### Happy Hour

Our next Happy Hour is Friday June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4pm –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. See you there!

**Happy Hour** Happy Hour Friday June 16th from 4pm –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. See you there!

### 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](mailto:kaiser801@shaw.ca)

### KNITTING CLUB



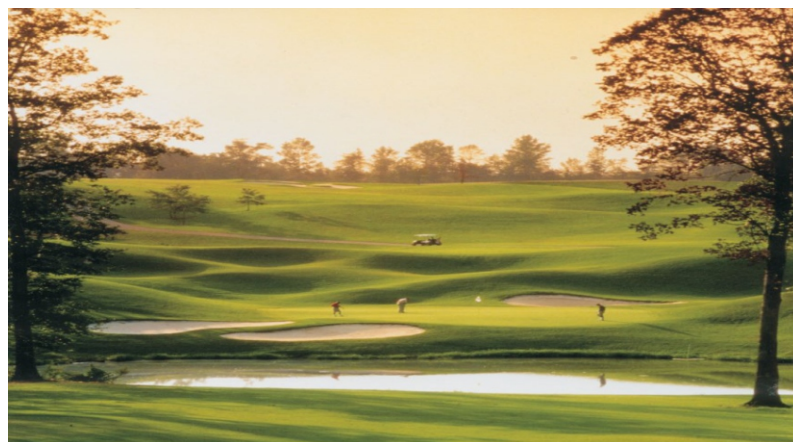
This club will be taking a break for the summer starting at the end of May. They will start up again the second week of September.

Club meets Thursday 1-4 p.m.

Wendy Macleod is the contact person for knitting and quilting.

Her number is 250-899-1013.

## Sonoma Pines Golf Tournament



### Two Eagles Golf Course

**Date:**  
Monday, Sept 11<sup>th</sup>  
2017  
'Rain or Shine'

**First Tee Off:**  
12 Noon

**Game Format:**  
Texas Scramble,  
9 holes

**Maximum Registrations:**  
60 Golfers,  
15 Teams

**Cost:**  
\$75.00 per player,  
includes dinner &  
prizes

**Dinner:**  
5:30 p.m. Sonoma  
Pines Clubhouse.  
BYOB. Pre-dinner  
drinks at 3:30 p.m.

**Dinner-only option:**  
For non-golfing  
spouses/partners:  
Limited to 14.  
\$40.00 per person

**Fundraising:**  
Proceeds will be  
used to support  
Clubhouse Social  
programs/events,  
plus contributions  
toward facility  
improvements for  
the benefit of the  
entire community

This year's event will be held on Monday, September 11th, 2017 (rain or shine) at Two Eagles Golf Course with dinner and awards at Sonoma Pines Clubhouse. Come join the FUN.

Golfers may register as foursomes, twosomes or singles. Organizers will form teams and distribute Tee-times well in advance.

Golf skill challenge prizes, raffle draws and a silent auction for 'golfers' and 'non-golfers'.

A catered gourmet dinner ('buffet style') will be served at the Sonoma Pines Clubhouse at 5:30 p.m. Please bring your own refreshments. *Open at 3:30 p.m. for pre-dinner drinks.*

**Participants must be residents of Sonoma Pines.**

Register early as this event is limited to 60 golfers and 14 non-golfing spouses/partners.

**Note:** Payment by cash or cheque to Sonoma Pines Homeowners Association, no later than Aug 30th; refunds subject to 'wait-list'

**To register please contact:**

Jean Scheidl: call 778-754-1884 [scheidls@telus.net](mailto:scheidls@telus.net)  
Lorna Wright: call 250-452-9872 [lorna-wright@shaw.ca](mailto:lorna-wright@shaw.ca)

### Canada Day 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday BBQ



Preparations are underway for our special 150<sup>th</sup> birthday Canada Day celebration, (details are to follow). This will include our annual Canada Day BBQ. This event is being held on Friday June 30<sup>th</sup> so that we are not in conflict with the Westside Daze Parade or any other events that are happening within our community and in Kelowna. So that we may plan accordingly for food, could you please register for this event by contacting either Sharon McNichol [mcnicholgs@gmail.com](mailto:mcnicholgs@gmail.com) 778-754-0777 or Lorna Wright [lorna-wright@shaw.ca](mailto:lorna-wright@shaw.ca) 250-452-9872 no later than Tuesday June 27<sup>th</sup>.