



Fire in Sonoma Pines

Our hearts go out to the families affected by the recent fire in Sonoma Pines. We all hope never to have to deal with such disasters, but this serves as a reminder that it can happen here and we need to be prepared.

For multi family homeowners, the SPHOM insurance policy does cover replacement of the building, but not unit owners or renters personal property. To read more on this please click [here](#). Single family homeowners are responsible for their own insurance.



The early estimate from the insurance adjustor is that it will take between 8 – 10 months for the rebuild.

A SEA OF RED AND WHITE- HAPPY 150th CANADA

Approximately 193 people attended Sonoma Pines Canada Day celebrations, mostly dressed in red and white. The Social Committee had decorated in a theme festive atmosphere and provided salads, burgers, hot dogs and cake. Thanks to Darrell, Walt and Jerry for barbecuing.....they must have been cooking!

The afternoon started with a show & shine car parade organized by Don Bridges. About 20 cars/motorcycles participated. It was a new feature to our festivities and enjoyed by all. Marlene and Bob Wakefield were parade marshalls and many thanks for their donations.

Debbie and Jim Harris organized games, doing a great job of keeping things organized. Don and Lucie Bridges

brought their popcorn machine and many thanks to Kal Tire for donating the popcorn. Don and Lucie were kept very busy.

Special thanks to the Social Committee for the organization, great food and superb weather!

All in all, a very happy successful party.



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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 NEIGHBOURHOOD BLOCK WATCH PROGRAM UPDATE

**A W A T C H F U L
NEIGHBOUR IS YOUR
BEST BURGLAR ALARM!!**

The Neighbourhood Block Watch Captains have now submitted their applications. They have been validated and security checked through the RCMP and are now official certified Block Watch Captains. Each Captain will be calling on the streets they are responsible for, to introduce each homeowner to the program to ensure the street is working together to make sure our streets are watched over. The Block Watch Captain will also ensure any odd activity is reported through 911 and to the rest of the community.

Our Block Watch Captains will lead our neighbours through the necessary precautions to be on watch with you for your street. It is as easy as looking out as you pass by a window or door. If you are out in your yard please watch for unfamiliar persons loitering or any slow moving vehicles that may circle the block or any persons sitting in parked vehicles. **Please do not approach** - Please alert 911 and your fellow neighbours on any suspicious activity. **Don't assume someone else has called the police....three calls received is better than no calls at all!!**

Thank you very much new Block Watch Captain volunteers - Dan Hovorka - Talavera and Anne Marleau - Verona

Our Block Watch Captains are:

- Paulette Houle - Sonoma Pines Drive
- Heather Shapcott - Sonoma Pines Drive
- Greg Johnson - Talavera Place
- Dan Hovorka - Talavera Place
- John Fawcett - Madera Court
- Garry Jabusch - Del Mar Court and Lane
- Linda Schopp - Mesa Vista
- Jon Jonasson - Candalera Place and Lane
- Jim Harris - Candalera Place
- Terry and Melody Cross - Pine Vista
- Angie Ritchie - Terrero Place
- Diane Eskildsen - Sorrento Lane
- Anne Marleau - Verona

Streets still requiring Block Watch Captains:

- Siringo Lane**
- Acacia Lane**
- Alvarado Trail**
- Solana Place**

If you are interested in volunteering for our Block Watch Program, please call or email Karen Dickie, Committee Chair - Neighbourhood Block Watch Program, Sonoma Pines - [250-575-0065](tel:250-575-0065) or email "karendickie@shaw.ca"

**NEIGHBOURS...KNOWING...CARING...
AND LOOKING OUT FOR EACH OTHER.**

WFN Advisory Council

Update on the 4 Way Stop At Carrington and Sonoma Pines

From the May 9th WFN Advisory Council meeting-

The Ministry of Transportation (MOT) never considered the stop signs as a viable solution but in a recent meeting with the new players, the stop sign alternative was suggested. Further the MOT design criteria around the WFN desired round about solution have been very restrictive in terms of space. The WFN are setting up a meeting over the next 2-3 weeks to try and relax these design criteria somewhat to make the solution more cost effective (and secure a sharing arrangement with MOT). At this meeting if there is no real progress on the traffic circle, then they will table the stop sign solution. This also includes some road, sidewalk, x-walk work that will also be cost shared with MOT.

If you don't like the progress being made on this issue consider running for WFN Advisory Council

The next Advisory Council election is October 19, 2017. In August and September, residents will be invited to submit nominations for qualified residents whom they would like to represent their district at the WFN Government. In October, residents will go to the polls to submit official votes. Individuals interested in joining the Advisory Council are encouraged to attend several AC meetings prior to seeking a nomination.

More information will become available closer to the Election date. Election Day-Thursday, October 19, 2017

For your information, minutes of Advisory Council meetings and the upcoming elections are available on line. To find them, click [here](#)

Wood Accent Staining and Fascia Board Painting for Multi Family Homes

Work continues on wood accent staining and fascia board painting services this summer.

The [attached map](#) shows only homes that will be completed this year. All other multi family homes will be completed next year.

In preparation for this work, we ask all homeowners to remove any plants, hooks

or other fixtures from their wood accents (including pergolas if you are on this years list) and to be mindful of parked vehicles under wooden accents to ensure the contractors free access to the work area.

Any questions or should you wish for further clarity on timing for your home, please call our Community Services Coordinator Gord Hammond at 778-215-3705.



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Gardeners Corner

Definition of xeriscape: a landscaping method developed especially for arid and semiarid climates that utilizes water-conserving techniques (such as the use of drought-tolerant plants, mulch, and efficient irrigation).

As we plan for the future of our community, there has been a heightened awareness of the amount of water we use in our semi desert climate. We are looking at a list of better plants and trees that can survive during our hot summers. We are in the process of reviewing the list of approved trees, shrubs and perennials we currently recommend. We hope that with this forward thinking guidance, we can continue to create interest in our gardens with more awareness of the area which we live in.

We will be in contact with Xeriscape Kelowna to help us guide us thru this process.

Happy Gardening, Dagmar

<http://okanaganxeriscape.org/>

<https://www.thespruce.com/drought-tolerant-landscaping-what-to-know-2736660>



Entry Code on lower pedestrian gate



Heads Up!

As of September 1 the entry code for the lower pedestrian gate will be changed. Watch for the email coming with the new code in August.

Meeting with Two Eagles

On June 27, 2017 board and landscaping committee members met with Warren Blue, Course Superintendent, from Two Eagles Golf Course.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the weed situation around our common boundaries and the migration of marmots into the yards of homeowners.

Warren is aware of the weed situation and reports it is a concern for the golf course as well, however, the first priority is the condition of the playing area of the

golf course. He plans to cut the weeds down as time and personnel are available. Since the meeting substantial progress has been made. He reminded us that homeowners should not be cutting weeds or dumping any yard waste on golf course property. This is private property and belongs to the golf course. He also reminded us to please not confront his workers while on the job. They have their work instructions and they need to pay attention to safety.

Sonoma Pines Activities & Contacts

Wendy MacLeod 250-899-1013

wendyjmac@gmail.com

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 Jean Scheidl at 778-754-1884

Rental Forms and Insurance Information are now on line at www.sonomapines.info under the Clubhouse tab.

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: sonomapines.info

The issue of the increasing marmot population came up for discussion and Two Eagles is working to see if the numbers of these animals can be substantially reduced on the golf course.

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Sonoma Pines Calendar Of Events

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Happy Hour Donation

The Social Committee decided that at our July 14th Happy Hour we would make a donation of our share of the 50/50 draw, plus match the total taken in to the BC Wildfire victims. We are very pleased to say that even though we only had about 30-35 people attend they were extremely generous and we raised \$200, so on behalf of Sonoma Pines residents we donated \$400 to the Red Cross. Thank you for yc



Canadian Red Cross



Hoedown Potluck Dinner/Dance & Fundraiser

Friday August 11th

This year our very own Gerry Tonn has very graciously volunteered his amazing band "Dark Horse" for our Hoedown. We are planning on making this a Fundraiser for the BC Wildfire Victims with money raised by our Raffle, 50/50 draw and Silent Auction going to the Red Cross. We are therefore calling upon our many talented Artists and Artisans within the community to see if they could possibly donate some art / sewing etc. for our Silent Auction. (Please contact either Lorna or Sharon – see below) Dinner will be Potluck, so please bring a dish of your choice to share. The Social Committee will supply dessert. Drinks at 5pm, Dinner will be served at 6pm. (BYOB), Dancing to our live band at 7pm. If you are unable to bring a dish the cost will be \$10.00 per person. Space is very limited, so don't be disappointed, please register for this worthwhile cause, by contacting Lorna Wright 250-452-9872 lorna-wright@shaw.ca or Sharon McNichol 778-754-0777 mcnicholgs@gmail.com

Happy Hour



Friday August 25th and Friday September 8th 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!

4th Annual Golf Tournament



Thank you all who have registered for our September 11th Tournament.... This event is now sold out. Please remember to have your payment to Jean Scheidl 778-754-1884 scheidls@telus.net, no later than August 30th. We do have 2 spots left for dinner only \$40. Dinner is to be catered by 19 Okanagan Bar and Grill. If you have any questions, please contact either Jean Scheidl or Lorna Wright lorna-wright@shaw.ca

VOLUNTEER WEEDING DATE

Hello our landscape weeding volunteers, we have planned another weeding date.

THURSDAY August 10 @9:00am

Meeting place: Near the entrance of Sonoma Pines Boulevard off Carrington Road. We will divide up in groups of 3/4 to cover as much weeding area as we can..

Please bring a large plastic bag, pruners, hat and water. Please let me know if you are free to help us out. We will plan another weeding, removing rocks around the trees in the early fall or sooner.

Please feel free to bring a friend along to help us out.

"Many hands make light work"

Dagmar

sonomapinesgarden@gmail.com

Sonoma Pines Golf Tournament

Two Eagles Golf Course

Date: Monday, Sept 11th 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. Y.O.B. Pre-dinner drinks 3:30 p.m.

Dinner or golf: 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.

Prizes will include 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
Lorna Wright: call 250-452-9872 lorna-wright@shaw.ca

Sonoma Pines 50's/60's Dinner Dance Friday September 29th



Again, we are very, very lucky to have a live band for this dance. One of our newer residents, Paul Hawley has very generously volunteered his band "Insiders" for our dance, so....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 29th from 5:00 to ???. Cost will be \$10.00 per person and will include Chilli, baked potatoes, salad and our Ice Cream Sundae Bar for dessert. Drinks at 5pm, Dinner at 6pm (BYOB) and Dancing at 7pm. Space is very limited, so don't be disappointed get your name down early. There will be prizes for best costume plus best jive. Come listen to some great live music and dance the night away. To register, please contact Lorna Wright 250-452-9872 lorna-wright@shaw.ca or Sharon McNichol 778-754-0777 mcnicholgs@gmail.com

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