



Meet The New Members of the Sonoma Pines Board of Directors

Brenda Evans



I was born and raised in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Go Riders!

We bought a home in Sonoma Pines in 2014 and have been working our way to retiring and living here permanently. I am pleased to say I am a permanent resident now and my husband will be here in June.

I worked with the CIBC for 11 years, the Saskatoon Police Service for 10 years in the Policy and Planning Department along with other specialized assignments. When we moved to Calgary, I was an Executive Assistant to a CFO of large oil company and later organized and managed two smaller private oil and gas companies.

I am married and have two grown sons and a wonderful daughter in law and a beautiful granddaughter.

I enjoy golfing, curling, gym workouts, gardening and reading.

Bob Scruton



Born and raised in Vancouver, BC. After high school and two years working in a sawmill in Port Alberni, BC, I spent eight years in the Canadian Armed Forces (five years in the infantry followed up by three years as a fire fighter). After an honourable discharge I was hired as a fire fighter by the District of Coquitlam Fire Department where I served two years before joining the then Abbotsford-Matsqui Fire Department. I retired as a Training Officer with the Abbotsford Fire Rescue Service after serving for 24 years.

I have been involved with my Union, the International Fire Fighters Association (IAFF) in a variety of positions. These included 16 years on my Locals Executive Boards (Secretary and VP), six years on our provincial's executive board, 10 years as an IAFF PEP (Partnership Educational Program) Instructor and eight years as a Hazardous Materials Instructor.

I was the secretary for a non-profit fire related organization for 20 years and spent two years on the strata of a large condominium we lived in while still working in Abbotsford. I remain involved in facilitating courses on critical incident stress management which I have played an active role in since 1992.

Between my spouse Jane and I we have four adult children (her son and daughter in Calgary) and my two daughters (one in Lynden, WA and the other in Duncan, BC). Between our four children we have eight grand-daughters and one grandson, including two sets of twin girls (both on my side). The grandson is on Jane's.

Jane and I enjoy travelling and have a winter residence in Mesa, AZ, so that's where we plan on being for four to five months each winter. I will make myself available via Skype or Face-time for meetings and remain in touch via the internet.

We both enjoy the sun and have lived in the Okanagan since my retirement in 2008. As recent (2016) arrivals to Westbank and Sonoma Pines we love the area and have met some wonderful people.

I care about where we live and I'd like to see our community flourish and remain one of the most sought after areas in the Okanagan. I take pride in where we live and hope everyone living here does as well.



Happy Canada Day

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WFN Water Quality Advisory

The Boil Water Notice has been downgraded to a water quality advisory.

[read more here...](#)

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.



A WATCHFUL NEIGHBOUR IS YOUR BEST BURGLAR ALARM

Our Neighbourhood Block Watch program is spreading throughout our community!! Our goal is to have a Block Watch Captain for each street in our community by September 30, we are only short 5 streets (listed below) which require a volunteer Block Watch Captain. Please if you can volunteer you will find it takes very little time from your schedule.

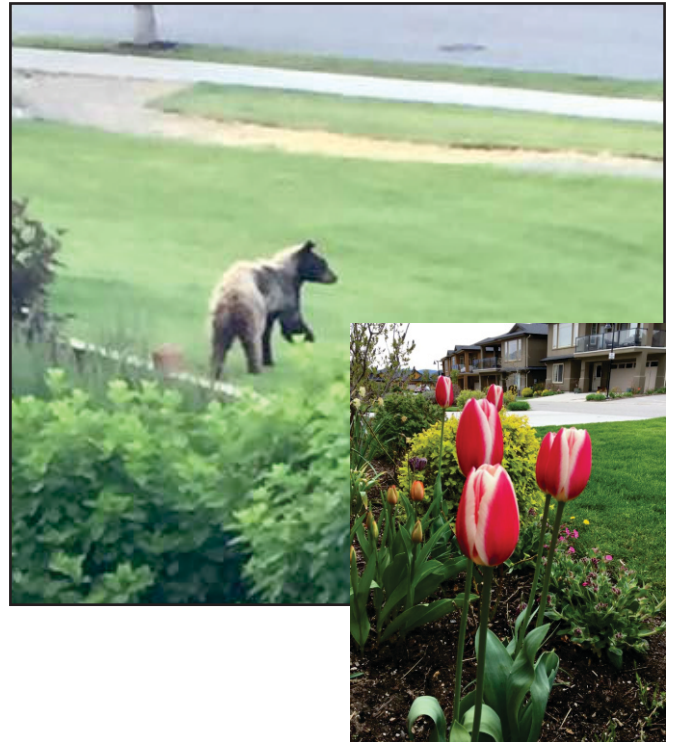
Leading your neighbours through the necessary precautions to be on watch for your street is as natural as a look out the window as you pass by or if your out in your yard to watch for unfamiliar persons loitering in your neighbourhood or slow moving vehicles that circle the block or a person sitting in parked vehicle. Do not approach, Please Alert 911 and your neighbours on suspicious activity. Block Watch is a neighbour helping a neighbour. Families on a block form a communication chain aided by a block map of names, telephone numbers and addresses. They watch out for each others homes and report suspicious activities to the police and each other to reduce the likelihood of residential crime.

"Don't assume someone else has called the police...three calls received are better than no calls at all!"

The Neighbourhood Block Watch Captains and I will be meeting on June 28 with Roy Morgan to in build Block Watch plans which they will share with you very shortly. The Captain from each street (Captains of specific Streets listed below) will then reach out to his/her neighbours to meet and deliver important information and tips for each of homeowners to keep our community safe and secure. Candalera Place Captain, Jim Harris has presented to his street and now will have additional coverage for Candalera Lane with John Jonasson.

Current Volunteer Block Watch Captains

- Paulette Houle - Sonoma Pines Drive
- Heather Shapcott - Sonoma Pines Drive
- Greg Johnson - Telavera Place
- John Fawcett - Madera Court
- Garry Jabusch - Del Mar Court and Lane
- Tom and Linda Schopp - Mesa Vista
- John Jonasson - Candalera Place & Lane
- Jim Harris - Candalera Place
- Terry Cross - Pine Vista
- Angie Ritchie - Terrero Place
- Diane Eskildsen - Sorrento Lane



Streets which require Volunteer Block Watch Captains

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

Potential Block Watch Captain Volunteers, Please call or email Karen Dickie, Committee Chair - Neighbourhood Block Watch Program, Sonoma Pines - [250-575-0065](tel:250-575-0065) or email "karenjdickie@shaw.ca"

NEIGHBOURS...KNOWING...CARING...AND LOOKING OUT FOR EACH OTHER
SONOMA PINES NEIGHBOURS BLOCK WATCH PROGRAM. — THANK YOU...KAREN DICKIE



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Gardeners Corner

We are pleased to introduce the Gardener's Corner. We hope to provide garden and landscaping news as well as useful information for all the gardeners in our community.

In the oval garden this spring we planted 300 red and white geraniums on May 13. We have a wonderful group of volunteers who take turns, on a rotational basis, weeding and deadheading the flowers to keep the Oval Garden looking beautiful. We will be posting updates on our Sonoma Pines Facebook Page as the garden starts to grow in.

We will be having some ad hoc weeding parties to remove invasive plants. We are always looking for volunteers to help with these one hour sessions to help keep our community looking so great. Please let

me know if you have an hour or so to spare on a monthly basis or just one time. This is a gentle reminder to everyone that Asahi does not weed the yards individually; they only spray. Please dig out your gardening gloves and weed your area. Get together with neighbours on your block to enhance your garden and yard areas.

Remember to follow the rules for putting out cuttings on Tuesday by 7:30 am for Asahi to take away. Please do not include any rocks, dirt or household garbage. It must be put out in a clear plastic bag.

Please send an email to sonomapinesgarden@gmail.com if you have a suggestion or comment to enhance our newly minted Gardener's Corner.

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Wood Accent Staining and Fascia Board Painting for Multi Family Homes

Lake Country Home and Yard has been awarded the contract for wood accent staining and fascia board painting services this year.

Work has begun with the homes at 3801 to 3821 Sonoma Pines Drive and will move down the hill from there. It is estimated this project will take approximately 60 days to complete however as this is weather dependent that timeframe is an estimate.

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 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.

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

Sonoma Pines Activities & Contacts

Quilting

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.



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

Irrigation Questions and Answers



At our last budget town hall meeting there were a number of questions related to irrigation in Sonoma Pines. We forwarded these to Asahi and Evergreen Irrigation

[for their response - click here](#)

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Sonoma Pines Calendar Of Events

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



Mid Year Update

Hello fellow Sonoma Pines residents! Summer has finally arrived here on the West Side and so far it's been hot and sunny...we'll take it!

It's the end of June so it's time for a mid year update of what's been going on with real estate in Sonoma Pines. Sales have continued to stay strong with 16 properties sold so far in 2017. With the average sold price of those 16 fetching an amazing 99.21% of list price! The median sold price was \$533,275. With the range starting at \$339,500 and topping out at \$659,900. This variation of price is due to the unique variety of lake views, floor plans, square footage and finishings within the units. The average days on the market (DOM) so far this year is 35. The shortest day on the market was 8 and the longest was 107. 35 DOM is well below the average for the rest of the Central Okanagan which is 61. What do these numbers boil down to? Things in Sonoma Pines are selling quickly, and for their highest ever prices!

If there are any questions or topics you would like to see covered in this column, please feel free to reach out and let me know. Have a great summer and all the best!

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Paul Hawley is a Realtor with RE/MAX Kelowna and a resident of Sonoma Pines. This is his 4th installment as a year long guest columnist in the Sonoma Sun.

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

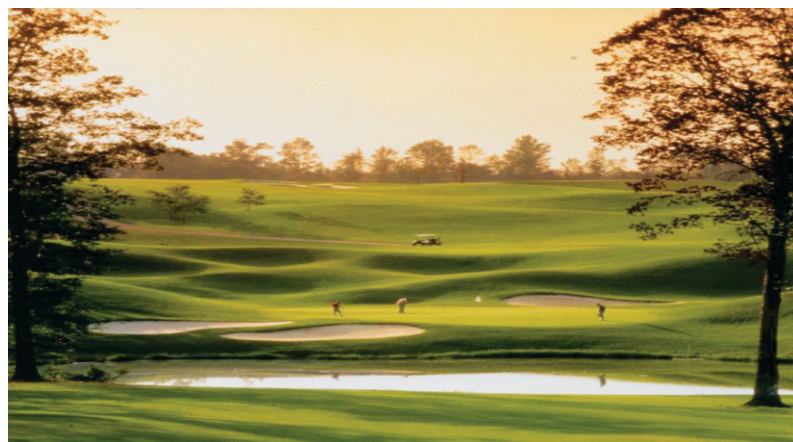
Maximum Registrations:
60 Golfers,
15 Teams

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

Dinner:
5:30 p.m. Sonoma
Pines Clubhouse.
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
Lorna Wright: call 250-452-9872 lorna-wright@shaw.ca

COMMITTEE CHAIRS - URGENT!

A couple of important committees are currently in need of chairpersons.

The **Clubhouse Committee** oversees the operations and maintenance of the clubhouse, which is the centerpiece in the social and organizational setting for our community. We are currently looking for a chair to work with the clubhouse volunteers, who are willing to assist in the operation but need someone to take the lead on a month-to-month basis.

The **Welcome Committee** is also in need of a chairperson.

The committee is responsible for contacting new homeowners in Sonoma Pines and welcoming them to our community with a comprehensive orientation meeting. We have had great feedback on these meetings from new arrivals as it greatly helps newcomers get up to speed with the many aspects of Sonoma Pines.

The committee is also responsible to organize our annual volunteer dinner, where we thank all of our volunteers for their contribution over the year.

If you are interested in helping out with either of these roles or have any questions please contact John Scott at 250-681-5681