



Thanks to the Social Committee for putting up the Christmas lights at the upper entrance.



New Development On Carrington

Representatives of Sonoma Pines Board met with Ryan Tamblyn of K West Real Estate and Hazel Christy, a consultant representing K-West and Devreaux Developments Ltd.

K West is interested in purchasing the property at the NE corner of Carrington Road and Sonoma Pines Drive. Their

proposal is to build about 350 multi family units on this property.

Plans are in the preliminary stage with the next step being the completion of a traffic study and an application to WFN for rezoning this property.

As part of their due diligence prior to purchase they wanted to meet with

representatives of Sonoma Pines to discuss access to Sonoma Pines Drive along the section between the front gates and Carrington Road.

The Board does not endorse the idea of using Sonoma Pines Drive for access to the proposed development.

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Sonoma Pines Website and Sonoma Sun Newsletter

www.sonomapines.info

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SONOMA PINES NEIGHBOURHOOD BLOCK WATCH PROGRAM UPDATE

A WATCHFUL NEIGHBOUR IS YOUR BEST BURGLAR ALARM – ALWAYS REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES OR CRIMES

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Suggestions for enhanced security around the garage area:

1. Use exterior lighting. Install an in-wall timer to replace the light switch that controls your outdoor lights. Do this at the front and back of your homes.
2. Lock cars in garage. If your vehicle is left on the driveway, lock the vehicle and ensure that nothing of value can be seen. Thefts from vehicles are all too regular. If you cannot leave your vehicle in the garage please be certain the vehicles are locked!
3. Keep the entrance door to the garage locked at all times.
4. Use the Lock Button on the garage wall mount.
5. Install a plastic tie to prevent the chain mechanism from being disabled. In the event of a power failure the plastic tie would need to be cut so that you can manually open the garage door.
6. Keep your car key fob by the nightstand. This can be used to activate the car alarm and scare away any intruders.
7. Never leave your garage door open. Anyone can check out your belongings as they drive by.
8. During snow days, have someone shovel your driveway if you are away. It becomes obvious who is out of town when we see an un-shovelled driveway.
9. Newspapers should not be left on your doorstep. Have a neighbour remove them if you are away. This is another sign that you are not at home.

During September and October, our block watch captains called on every home in their assigned street. Some homes may have been missed due to owners being away, so if you wish to be included in our Block Watch program, please contact your assigned street captain and we can have you added to our list.

FOR UPDATED BLOCKWATCH INFORMATION PLEASE GO TO OUR WEBSITE

WWW.SONOMAPINES.INFO

Homeowner Survey Results

In November, a message from the Board was sent to all homeowners seeking input on the priorities for Sonoma Pines over the next 3 - 5 years. We would like to thank the respondents for their input and comments to help us guide the strategic direction of our community.

There were over 160 responses to the survey and the top five responses were as follows:

- (1) Maintain the existing course - 39
- (2) Upper gate – 27 YES and 11 NO
- (3) More clubhouse parking – 11
- (4) Pickle ball courts – 8
- (5) Expand clubhouse - 6

With respect to the first priority of “maintain the course” - the Board will continue to use the advice and recommendations of our various committees to maintain the direction and focus that we are currently on.

With respect to the second priority being “Upper Gate” – earlier this year the Board established an ad hoc sub-committee to conduct an assessment of the upper gate. The results of that assessment will be forthcoming to the Board for information. Any decision on the upper gate would require a resolution passed by 75% of homeowners at an Annual or Special General Meeting. If approved, the project would be funded through a special levy to all homeowners.

Once again, thank you to all those who took the time to respond to the survey.

Board of Directors
Sonoma Pines Homeowners
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Gardeners Corner

Tree Pruning:

Cody Tree Services will start the pruning of the trees in the common and multi-family areas of Sonoma Pines on January 15, 2017. The pruning will take place over the next couple of days from this date.

Please give the crews and their equipment the room to work safely. They will remove all the deadfall and trimmings from the trees.

Tall Grasses:

The tall grasses (Karl Foerster grass) will be trimmed in the very late winter or early spring.

The Landscape Committee will take a short break during the holiday season and then resume activities in the New Year. We have planning and budgeting to do as well as organize ourselves to best take care of our community plants and trees.

The irrigation committee has new committee members that are keen to help maintain and manage our system. We are planning some new processes around the function of the irrigation system. Stay tuned for updates in the spring.

To all the homeowners of Sonoma Pines the Landscape and Irrigation Committee wish all a very Merry Christmas filled with fun, family and good health!



Wishing everyone a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!





Cranberry Pistachio Biscotti

"The red and green make a great Christmas cookie. Have used other nuts instead of pistachios with success. If your pistachios are salted, omit the 1/4 teaspoon salt from the recipe."

Ingredients

- 1/4 cup light olive oil
- 3/4 cup white sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
- 2 eggs
- 1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries
- 1 1/2 cups pistachio nuts

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 300 degrees F (150 degrees C).
2. In a large bowl, mix together oil and sugar until well blended. Mix in the vanilla and almond extracts, then beat in the eggs. Combine flour, salt, and baking powder; gradually stir into egg mixture. Mix in cranberries and nuts by hand.
3. Divide dough in half. Form two logs (12x2 inches) on a cookie sheet that has been lined with parchment paper. Dough may be sticky; wet hands with cool water to handle dough more easily.
4. Bake for 35 minutes in the preheated oven, or until logs are light brown. Remove from oven, and set aside to cool for 10 minutes. Reduce oven heat to 275 degrees F (135 degrees C).
5. Cut logs on diagonal into 3/4 inch thick slices. Lay on sides on parchment covered cookie sheet. Bake approximately 8 to 10 minutes, or until dry; cool.

Christmas Gingerbread Cake



Mix & blend thoroughly:

- 1-1/2 cups oil
- 1-1/2 cups molasses (Black Strap Molasses)
- 1-1/2 cups applesauce
- 3 eggs

Dissolve 1 tbsp baking soda in 1 cup boiling water
Add to above mixture - mix well

Blend in the following dry ingredients:

- 1-1/2 cups white sugar
- 1-1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 4-1/2 tsp ginger
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 3-3/4 cups flour

Bake in a 9x13 pan lined with waxed or parchment paper at 350 for approx 1 hour

• *Place pan on middle rack in oven so bottom and sides don't get crispy first before it is fully baked.*

Cool in pan, freeze (after tasting a piece, of course). Cuts well when partially frozen.

• Serve cold or heated with whipped cream (add in grated orange rind), ice cream, or warm orange sauce, over vanilla yogurt.

Good News!

We have two new people working on the communications committee, Maggie Gilmour and Correne Busby. If you have any suggestions for future newsletter articles or information you'd like to share with the community please feel free to get in touch.

Maggie's contact info: 250.707.9955 or email: maggil@telus.net

Correne's contact info: 250.300.6544 or e-mail: cfbusby@shaw.ca

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Sonoma Pines Calendar Of Events

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Food Bank/ Toy Drive



Starting **December 1st**, the Social Committee will be again holding a Food Bank /Toy Bank Drive with all donations going to the Westside Food Bank until the end of December. Please bring any non-perishable items to the clubhouse where boxes will be set up in the library. Donations will be greatly accepted up until **December 31st**. Also, again this year we will be doing a Toy Drive, so if you would like to donate a new unwrapped toy, these will also be greatly accepted up until Friday **December 15th**. Last year's drive was an outstanding success so let's do it again and make some brighter, merrier Christmases for those less fortunate.

Christmas Happy Hour/ Secret Santa Gift Exchange



Friday, December 15th from 4pm-7pm is our Secret Santa Happy Hour Gift Exchange. If you would like to participate each person please bring a wrapped gift (Limit of \$10 per person) to put under our tree. Ladies please bring a gender appropriate gift and the same for the gentlemen. Please mark the gifts accordingly to make it easier. **We are asking that if possible you bring a donation of non-perishables for the Westside Food bank, or a new unwrapped toy to help brighten a child's Christmas.** Please bring an appetizer to share or if you are unable the cost will be \$7.50 per person. The Social Committee will supply some holiday desserts.

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.

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



Grey Cup Party

About 40 loyal Toronto fans attended the Grey Cup Party at the Clubhouse.

Thanks to the Social Committee for the purchase of the new bigger, brighter television. (easier to see Calgary drop the ball).

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