



Community Services Coordinator Appointment

We are very pleased to announce the appointment of **Blake Elsasser** as our new Community Services Coordinator (CSC) effective Tuesday, September 4, 2018. Blake joins us with 40+ years of work experience including very good customer relations skills and a strong background in various technical processes and construction projects during his career.

Additionally, Blake was also a strata council director for over six years and is very familiar with the dynamics of such an organization including working with a property management firm and homeowners. He will report to Mike Makin at Coldwell Banker and will liaise with many of our Sonoma Pines committees, homeowners, board members and contractors.

We would like to recognize **Gary Sears**, from our Landscaping and Irrigation Committee, who agreed to temporarily fill in at the CSC role since mid-June. Gary did a terrific job during the interim period and we would like to acknowledge him for his time, dedication and extra efforts on behalf of our community. Gary will also be assisting Blake with his orientation and transition. **Thank you Gary!**

Rock Wall Construction

Beginning in early September there will be heavy equipment and trucks around the upper RV lot. Contractors will be

removing the sandstone retaining walls on two streets and replacing it with Kettle Valley granite, which is consistent with the rest of the community. We ask all residents and guests to be careful around this area, as crews will be using the road, sidewalk and some grassed areas to access specific areas to complete these rock wall projects. We expect the project to last 6-7 weeks.



Notice from Asahi re Yard Waste:

The following is a notice from our landscaper at Asahi regarding yard waste and how it is handled.

"It's the time of year where I remind everyone that garden refuse has to be out by 7:30 am because we may do a pick up run at that time, and not as we normally do at a later time, but especially as we are moving forward into the fall. We are also considering a new method for debris collection on the mowing day right now. We may sub out this task moving forward.

We routinely see a lot of opaque bags (which invariably contain some garbage). We do not pick up these bags. Also, a bag within another bag is a bag containing garbage to us.

Loose debris that is not placed on a tarp is not picked up. We are treated with disdain by some residents when we leave debris behind. We occasionally see some people drive this left-behind debris up to one of our rigs and just drop it off. We have seen

people throw it directly into the truck box as we drive by and we also see them leave it by the curb for a week or more hoping we will pick it up at some point.

These loads of gardening debris that we collect often go to a private facility and are not dumped in the general garbage area of a city dump facility (where that would not be allowed anyway)."

Please place yard trimmings in a clear plastic bag for the gardeners to pick up, or place in a container that can be dumped and returned to the curb in front of your home. Let's help our gardeners to keep Sonoma Pines beautiful! Thank you.



Water Quality

The water quality advisory has officially been lifted according to the WFN.ca website. See website link:

<https://www.wfn.ca/news/waterqualityadvisory.htm?CategoryID=47070&Include=2&SortType=2&SortDirection=2>

#9 Water Quality Advisory has been lifted

WFN's Water Quality Advisory has now been lifted as the requirement for a rating less than 1 NTU's for more than 48 hours has been achieved.

The advisory impacted WFN's IR #9 only, and had been in place since May 18, 2018.

If you have concerns or questions please contact Krista Derrickson for more information – (250) 575 4210

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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.



SP NEIGHBOURHOOD BLOCK WATCH UPDATE

We thought it would be prudent to send out the list of Captains and Co-Captains for the Neighbourhood Block Watch Teams for Sonoma Pines as a reminder. If you see a crime taking place please call 911 immediately. If there is suspicious activity that causes concern in our community - please contact the Block Watch Captain or Co-Captain for your street. If you do not have the contact info please check "www.sonomapines.info" and contact information is available under Neighbourhood Block Watch Sonoma Pines.

Neighbourhood Block Watch Team

Sonoma Pines Drive Captain - Heather Shapcott Captain - Paulette Houle	Mesa Vista Captain - Linda Schopp Co-Captain - Gayle Durocher
Pine Vista Captain - Terry Cross Co-Captain - Melody Cross	Solana Place Captain - Bob Davie
Terrero Place Angie Ritchie	Serrento Lane Captain - Dianne Eskildsen
Candalera Place and Lane Captain - Jim Harris Co-Captain - Jon Jonasson	Alvarado Lane Captain - Violet Taylor Co-Captain - Rob Taylor
Madera Lane Captain - John Fawcett Siringo Lane Captain - Paul Hawley	Talavara Place Captain - Greg Johnson Co-Captain - Dan Hovorka
Del Mar Place and Lane Captain - Garry Jabasch Co-Captain - Keith Gutenberg	Verona Lane Captain - Anne Marleau
Acacia Lane Captain - Linda Metcalfe	Serrento Lane Need Block Watch Captain

SP Neighbourhood Block Watch Committee Chair

Karen Dickie - karendickie@shaw.ca
- 250-575-0065

Parking Restrictions Reminder



With summer in full swing there are a number of Parking Restrictions that we would like to remind homeowners of:

1. Parking on our main drive (Sonoma Pines Drive) is restricted to 48 hours and parking is on one side of the street only.

2. Boats, recreational vehicles, and trailers are prohibited on roadways, except for the purpose of loading and unloading, which will not exceed 24 hours.
3. Residents and visitors must not park trucks exceeding 1 ton, campers, recreational vehicles, equipment, boats, trailers or containers on concrete driveways or in visitor parking spots.
4. Vehicles parked on a homeowner's concrete driveway must be completely within the footprint or boundary of the driveway and not exceed into a neighbouring driveway or roadway.

Please be courteous to your neighbours by adhering to the above bylaws.



Gardener's Corner

There seems to be some confusion as to where to find the bylaws, rules and regulations for both the Single Family and Multi Family Homes. This information is available on the Sonoma Pines website: *Board of Directors and Committees* - <http://www.sonomapines.info/rules-and-regulations/>

The bylaws are put in place to help us live peacefully with our neighbours as we enjoy this beautiful community. The bylaws will answer many questions you may have e.g. watering, gardening, and the correct way to resolve issues you may have. The board regularly sends out information that home owners need to be aware of e.g. WFN water regulations. We hope that you will take the time and familiarize yourself with your responsibilities.



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Sonoma Pines Calendar Of Events

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



Happy Hour Fun at the Clubhouse

Karaoke Night



This should be a fun evening! Mark your calendars for **Friday September 7th** from **4pm to 8pm**. Even if you don't sing (and don't feel like you have to) come out and cheer on the singers! We've booked a local lady named "Elle", who puts on a great Karaoke show.

The format will be the same as our *Happy Hour* night, so bring an appetizer to share (if you are unable to the cost will be \$7.50 per person) and your own refreshment. We'll supply a smashing dessert! Food will be served at 5pm - then let the singing begin!

Contact Lorna Wright
lorna-wright@shaw.ca
if you have any questions.

Sonoma Singles Group

The Sonoma Singles Group is a group of homeowners who get together once a month and share interests or find out what they have in common with other single members. We are all Sonoma Pines home owners and are exclusive to our Sonoma Pines Single Community.

Sonoma Singles meet on the first Wednesday of every month at 1:00 pm in the Clubhouse in the downstairs boardroom. The next meeting takes place on Wednesday September 5, 2018. We encourage singles to come out and join us to bring ideas and/or interests to the group. We have enjoyed a number of social activities so far: Happy Hour Trivia, games night, spring dance, local luncheon

outings, bingo nights, wing nights, bocce ball, Gorman Mill tour, playing cards and canasta lessons, John Fogerty Concert, and barbecue dinners.

Sunset Dinner Cruise

There'll be lots more enjoyable things to look forward to, so come along, join in and have some fun! For further information please contact:

Darlene dswarner@shaw.ca or 250 768-5618 or Janet cowperjm@gmail.com or 250 768-0320

The Great Chili Cook-Off

The **Great Chili Cook-Off** was held at SP Clubhouse on Friday August 10 and it was a HUGE success!

Thank you to those contestants who took up the challenge: Jim Bouzane, Gerry Tonn, Danielle Renaud, Gerry Yurkoski and Lloyd Searcy.



Congratulations to **Jim Bouzane** of Talavera who won the **Great Chili Cook-Off** contest. His pot of "Backdraft" chili hit the spot with the people of SP and though ballots were very close and chili entries were amazing, Jim takes the title! Just ask the 90+ people who tried and tested each chili entry. Jim also earns bragging rights in the community and his name on the trophy that will join the Golf Trophy in the library.

Sonoma Pines Activities & Contacts

Quilting Club

Kate Fawcett at 778-754-4426 or email johnandkate@shaw.ca

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

Who knew that chili could bring out so many hungry patrons? After the judging was completed attendees enjoyed their favourite chili with buns, salad and dessert. A great way to end a fun day!

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