



IN FLANDERS FIELDS

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks still bravely singing fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead: Short days ago,
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved: and now we lie
In Flanders fields!

Take up our quarrel with the foe
To you, from failing hands, we throw
The torch: be yours to hold it high
If ye break faith with us who die,
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Composed by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae at the battlefront on May 3, 1915 during the second battle of Ypres, Belgium.

The Canadian flag at the Clubhouse will be half-masted on November 11, 2018.

The Community is developing a Protocol for Half-masting our flag.



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Police, ambulance and fire rescue crews attend accident at Carrington and Butt Road October 25, 2018

response was that they “would revisit the project next year.” When asked what revisit meant specifically, no one from Mr. Stewart's office had asked that question. As a matter of fact, none of the questions submitted in the letter of October 2 to MLA Stewart had even been asked.

For the newer residents of our community, this discussion goes back (at least) to 2012 when the head of Safety and Security wrote to Blair Lekstrom, then head of Ministry Of Transport, asking for a 4 Way Stop at the intersection due to the dangerous conditions for pedestrians and vehicles. These dangers have since been confirmed with recommendations for improvements made in an [independent study of traffic conditions](#).

We await the answers to our questions. If in the meantime you'd like to express your opinion of the continued delays or would like to address MLA Stewart directly on this issue, he can be reached at Ben.Stewart.MLA@leg.bc.ca

If we allow these delays to go without comment from the community it could be a long time before we see any improvements.

John Scott, Sonoma Pines Homeowner

Accidents Continue While Government Delays 4 Way Stop Again

By now, we're supposed to have a new 4 way stop at the corner of Sonoma Pines Drive and Carrington Road. As no construction had started by the end of September, a letter was sent to MLA, Ben Stewart asking for his assistance and

clarification as to some of the plans. You can see a copy of letter dated October 2 [here](#).

Subsequently, Mr. Stewart's office contacted me to say that there will be another delay in Ministry of Transport plans to install a 4 way stop at the intersection of Carrington Road and Sonoma Pines Drive. The MOT actual

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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

It is of crucial importance that vehicles parked in our community are locked and that garage doors are closed while not in use for long periods of time.

We continually experience unwanted visitors who are looking for an unlocked car to rummage through for spare change or anything of value they can use. Please lock your vehicle. An unlocked vehicle puts our community at risk! Please also ensure that garage doors are closed at all times. Again unwanted visitors who are looking for unlocked vehicles are also looking for open garages - don't give those persons easy access to your valuables or possessions!

Thank you for helping to keep our community theft free.

The Sonoma Pines Blockwatch Committee



Gardener's Corner

The end of the landscaping season has been signaled with the changes to the community foliage.

The oval garden was a success this past year. The newly planted drought resistant plants thrived. The gardeners will continue to manage the garden and continue to decrease the amount of water necessary to have an attractive garden at the front of Sonoma Pines.

The Landscape Committee and the Irrigation and Water Conservation Committee were recently created and while each having their own responsibilities we will work together on many projects as they can be closely connected. The landscape group will focus on the trees and plants and ensuring all the common and multi areas look the best they can. Over the winter we plan to revise the approved plant list and the Red Stake program.

HOMEOWNERS' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR SNOW REMOVAL



- Sonoma Pines homeowners will be responsible for clearing snow from their driveway.
- Homeowners who happen to live in proximity of a street drain are asked to keep the drain cleared of snow to allow rain or melting snow to enter the drainage system.
- When clearing their driveways, homeowners can pile the snow on either side of it. Whenever possible, homeowner should pile snow to the right of the driveway (as you face the street) to reduce the potential of having it re-deposited at the driveway opening when the snow plow passes.
- Homeowners shall not shovel snow back onto the streets or sidewalks as this creates unsafe road conditions for motorists and may interfere with contractor's efforts to clear the roads.
- Rarely is the collection of trash and recyclables interrupted due to a winter storm so garbage bins, bundles and bags of recycling, will be kept on homeowner's driveway far enough from the road so that they are not dragged by the plow.
- Canada Post is responsible for providing access from the street or sidewalk to community mailboxes. However, considering the number of mailboxes they have to service, there might be delays. This is why it is customary for homeowners living in proximity of a mailbox to shovel an access path.

For more information please refer to 2017 snow removal information <http://www.sonomapines.info/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/November-Newsletter-2.pdf>

No Soliciting Policy or Canvassing By-Law Reminder

Sonoma Pines *No Soliciting or Canvassing By-law* (Division 1 Part 3 (12)) is in place to help safeguard our community especially

during the winter months when a number of owners/residents vacate their homes to head south and other residents who are away at various times throughout the year. Bearing this in mind, it is very important for us to be aware of any solicitors or canvassers in our community.

Any persons found soliciting or canvassing should be asked to leave the property and told that this is not permitted in the Sonoma Pines community. Regardless of how worthy their cause may be (e.g. Girl Guide cookies), soliciting and canvassing are not permitted on Sonoma Pines property.

A *No Soliciting* sign is posted at the entry gates to Sonoma Pines.

Should you encounter a problem, please contact the RCMP at their non-emergency number 250.768.2880.

UBCO VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Hi, my name is Trudy Oates and I'm a home owner in Sonoma Pines. I'm also a volunteer at UBCO in their 2nd year nursing program. UBCO are currently looking for others to volunteer in this program. They are in desperate need of more volunteers.

Volunteering is held Tuesday through Friday and lasts about 2.5 hours. The nursing students really appreciate being able to work with their live "patient volunteers".

The lab for the 2nd year students involves caring for their "patients" in as many different situations as possible to simulate real life situations. Though acting skills are not needed it can be fun to get into the act! The students may give out candies (as medication), or take blood pressure readings, but those who volunteer don't experience anything invasive e.g. needles or I.V.'s.

If you'd like to know more about volunteering in UBCO's 2nd year nursing program, please contact me at tjoate50@gmail.com.

For parking information or a campus map, please email kristy.verigin@ubc.ca

Thank you



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Sonoma Pines Calendar Of Events

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



Happy Hour Fun at the Clubhouse

Happy Hour November 2nd 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. Appetizers will be served at 5pm. Please bring your own refreshments. See you there!

Happy Hour – Trivia Night

We are almost halfway filled up, so if you want to play please let Lorna know asap. **Friday November 16th** from 4pm to 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. Food will be served after the 1st game is finished. This is always lots of fun. There will be prizes for the winners. **This event will be limited to the first 60 people.** To save a spot, please contact Lorna Wright lorna-wright@shaw.ca 250-452-9872

6th Annual Grey Cup Potluck. Not sure who will be playing yet, but we would like you to mark your calendars and join us, along with your neighbours on Sunday November 25th at the clubhouse for a **Potluck dinner.** Bring your favourite dish and your appetites. Pre-game time is **2pm**, game time is **3pm**. Dinner will be served at half time. We will also have a football pool. This is always a lot of fun. No matter who you are cheering for it will be a good game. If you have any questions, please contact Lorna Wright 250-452-9872 lorna-wright@shaw.ca

6th Annual Oktoberfest

Seventy plus people gathered at *Sonoma Pines Beer Garden* (aka the clubhouse) to visit with friends and enjoy a splendid time at the annual Oktoberfest event! Yes, there was singing, dancing (lots of dancers on the floor showing their Polka moves), wine and beer drinking and let's not forget to mention the awesome food! So a splendid time indeed was had by all! Harald Waldorf won the 50/50! He also won a door prize. Well done Harald! Joan Woods won the gift basket which contained all kinds of German foods (some of which will require *Google* to translate for cooking!), but that's the fun of it isn't it? *Vielen Dank an unseren Social Club-Ausschuss, der einen tollen Job gemacht hat!*

Thank you!

Thank you Sonoma Pines for your support in the RDCO election on October 20th. It means a great deal to me to have friends and neighbours like you.
John Cole

Calling All Sonoma Pines Singles!

Want to get out and meet your single neighbours? Then this is the group for you! Why hesitate? Call or email about this fun crowd.
Darlene 250 768-5618 or dswarner@shaw.ca or Janet 250 768-0320 cowperjm@gmail.com



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

Sonoma Pines Singles

Sonoma Pines Singles group meets the first Wednesday of the month at 11 am in the clubhouse boardroom. The intent is to find other singles that have common interests. For more information contact: Darlene Warner (250) 768-5618 dswarner@shaw.ca Janet Cowper (250) 768-0320 cowperjm@gmail.com

Some of the events members have attended included wine tasting, dinner, cruising, Gorman Hill tour, pool, juks, games, nights, bocce and a visit to the Armstrong Fall Fair.

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