



# Stay Connected

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## Welcome Randy

Your Board is happy to inform residents of the new addition. Randy Benson is now the Vice Chair. He is also a single family homeowner which we were seeking. Randy has provided his bio for residents to acquaint themselves with our new board member.



Randy and his wife Melanie have been residents of Sonoma Pines for over two years. He retired in September, 2020, after serving 19 years as the Executive Director of Kelowna's Gospel Mission. During that time he also served as a member and chair of both civic and provincial boards. In 2019 Randy was honoured with the Anita Tozer Memorial Award. This award, selected and presented by Kelowna Mayor and Council, is given to an individual or group in recognition of an extraordinary and positive contribution to the quality of life in Kelowna. Randy believes that clear and transparent communication is a key to positive community health. Randy hopes that his years of leadership and board experience will serve Sonoma Pines well.

The Board also wishes to inform residents that Greg Marshall has resigned from the SPHM Board.



## Please Inform the Office Staff

The SPHM administrators require necessary information from residents for their records. In summary: if you **sell your home**, your assistance in providing the administration office with the address of the home you sold and, if possible, the name, address, telephone number, email address, and the possession date of the new owner. If you have **just moved to our community**, please advise the administrators of your arrival.

A reminder for residents of the following:

- **Renters** - The office staff have just discovered that the rental information is not up-to-date and homeowners need to keep the office staff apprised of renters in their home. A form is required to be filled out regarding renters. It is available on the SPHM website a - click on the menu tab "Legal Documents" to view and download.
- **RV Insurance** - When RVs are in storage in the RV lots, we require a copy of that storage insurance. Homeowners are only providing us with copies of insurance for the period of time they have their RVs on the road.
- **Applications for Alterations and Landscaping** Please refer to the Alterations Reference Table when you are completing your application. The office is receiving many incomplete applications and this slows down the process in having alterations approved

Please contact the SPHM office should you have any questions regarding the above requests by phone at 778-754-7929 or email [sphmboard@gmail.com](mailto:sphmboard@gmail.com).

**Paint Discount**  
Sherwin Williams offers a discount on paint for Sonoma Pines residents.

## Your Help Is Needed

Again, we are asking the folks of Sonoma Pines, to spare some of your time to help within your



community and volunteer on a committee including:

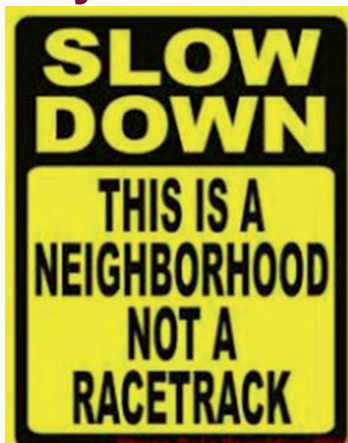
- Two people to take on the gym maintenance.
- Landscaping members have been recruited, BUT we are still seeking a Single Family homeowner.
- Residents who can help by both developing and serving on a Complaints Committee, approved at the 2022 AGM, have yet to volunteer.

Our thanks to Tom McEwen who has come forward to take over the role as Chairperson for the Clubhouse Committee.

## What's Your Hurry?

A reminder AGAIN about speed, never mind the limit, to just go slow, slow, slow at the top bend of the corner heading down Sonoma Pines Drive.

From a concerned resident: Daily we are involved with and see on numerous occasions situations that could potentially be disastrous by cars travelling much too fast. **PLEASE SLOW DOWN.**



## Be Courteous to Office Staff

The SPHM office staff are very busy with the day-to-day business matters that need to be addressed in a timely fashion. Some matters require immediate attention while others must be deferred to a later time, Some may require attention by the SPHM Board.



We ask that residents, whether in-person, by phone or email, communicate with the office staff in a respectful and courteous manner. Also remember that they too are residents of

SPHM and work hard to ensure that we live in a great community.

## Did You Know?

With new residents arriving in our community there are a few areas that we would like to bring not only to their attention but also to remind long-time residents.

**1) Weed Control** - We live in a beautifully landscaped community where the majority of residents take care of their gardens and rock areas around their home. Unfortunately not all do so. Our By-laws state:

**D, D), - a) The landscape contractor is responsible for weed control in common areas only. (Parks, Pathways, Parking Lots, Boulevard etc.) Homeowners are responsible for weeding in the Personal Use Area around their home.**

**b) Homeowners are required to control weeds on their property; owners can hire private contractors of their choice to undertake their weeding.**

So we are asking all residents when they are out in their gardens to take a moment and check for weeds that are just appearing and remove them. We also recognize that some residents may be physically unable to do so. Please contact the office to ask for their assistance.



On your walk throughout the community, you may just feel inclined to pull that small weed just showing its head around the tree bases along Sonoma Pines or in the rocks next to the sidewalks. Of course it is not required for residents to do so but I know some residents who do this often.

**2) How to Deal with those PESKY Marmots** There have been many requests by residents regarding how they can deal with marmots. To be clear, this is NOT the responsibility of your SPHM CSC or Board, but the individual resident.

We have a page on the website at <https://www.sonomapines.ca/in-the-index-under-the-Homeowners-Information-tab>. We hope the tips from residents who have been successful in discouraging the marmots from their homes will be of assistance dealing with them.

