



Stay Connected

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SPHM Office Information

The SPHM administrators have asked for the information below to be shared with the SP residents.

- **Single and Multi-Home House Insurance** - Thank you for continuing to provide the office with a copy of your home insurance policy. We must ensure that every homeowner has adequate, up-to-date insurance coverage as per our Sublease requirements and our Bylaws. For insurance requirements, visit the Homeowners Information on our website at <https://www.sonomapines.ca/>
- **RFID Information for Upper Gate** - The office has yet to receive orders from all residents for the RFID Reader/FOBs that you require for the upper gate. **PLEASE NOTE:** The deadline date for submission is by midnight **Wednesday, September 7/22**, otherwise you risk not being included in the initial implementation of the upper gates. The correct email address for providing this information is sonomapinesorders@gmail.com Your immediate attention is necessary and appreciated.
- **Installation of your RFID Tag** - For instructions on how to install your tag in your vehicle we have found a YouTube video showing the simple process to install your tag. It can be viewed here. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vRWFJnXgsA0>
- **RV Insurance** - Please ensure that you provide the office with a copy of your year-round RV insurance.
- **Yard Waste Bin** - Waste Connections will again provide a yard waste bin for SP in October (date TBD). Yard trimmings include grass clippings, leaves, hedge clippings, flowers and twigs less than five centimetres in circumference.

Questions? Contact the SPHM office by phone at 778-754-7929 or email sphmboard@gmail.com

Can You Spare Some Time?

With winter around the corner and the busy golf season about to end, perhaps you can now spare some time and join one of our committees.



With 490+ homes in SP, surely we can entice more volunteers including:

- Two people to take on the gym maintenance.
- Residents who can help by both developing and serving on a Complaints Committee, approved at the 2022 AGM, have yet to volunteer.

When you volunteer, you contribute to the success of the kind of community you want to live in.

Report Prowlers to RCMP

Sonoma Pines is a Blockwatch Community. Our website has a tab for BW reports containing all reports received from Roy Morgan. Do take a moment to view these reports. A recent prowler incident reported to Roy resulted in his reply below.



“We do need residents to call and report these types of incidents to the police, so we are aware. It is near impossible to stop criminal opportunists on foot from entering SP due to its location, backing on to a golf course, but if all residents continue to do their own Crime Prevention around their homes, SP will continue to be a safe community to live. Let’s keep the communication going between everyone, lock your stuff up and be a good vigilant neighbour”.

Roy Morgan, ISBlockwatch Coordinator, Crime Prevention Coordinator / RCMP Support Services, Regional District of Central Okanagan, 250-707-8021, roy.morgan@rdco.com

August Board Update

We are very pleased to say that we have a new Treasurer working with our Board. Jim Burkinshaw, a SP homeowner, has agreed to take on the task. Jim is a CPA (Chartered Professional Accountant) and is well qualified to guide us, providing quarterly financial statements for all of us to fully understand.

Also, it is a real pleasure to welcome David Reid to our Maintenance Committee. David has background and experience to do an outstanding job with Jon Connick in planning and driving a planned maintenance program that will be of increasing importance to our community as the property and buildings age.

Recognition is also well deserved for the work done by Chris Christiansen, our irrigation specialist. He does his job with little fuss and seems to appear everywhere. We have heard a number of people commenting that he has fixed issues that have been problems for a considerable time. Best of all, Chris has managed to do a very large portion of the work, reducing the need for outside contractors, with the result that we are seeing better results at a lower cost than we have experienced in the past.

And of course, we cannot miss the hard work that Gary Kitchen has done in getting the gates ALMOST finished. We can assure everyone that Gary deserves a medal for his work under what could be classified as combat conditions – contractors that don't show up as promised, materials that should have been ordered more than a year ago that are now not available, and even a nonresponsive Telus in providing communications at the lower gate. Gary has demonstrated a remarkable level of patience, to the extent that the vendors who have been so difficult to work with at times, now seem to consider Gary as a friend. This will be important as these people will be needed for maintenance as we move forward.

The Board would like to express sincere thanks to the office staff, Jon our CSC, and to Chris, and to all the volunteers that have done so much to make this transition for the completely new Board members a task that has gone relatively smoothly.

We are now positioned to move to better times as the structures are put in place to ensure that our jobs are done well, on time and under budget.



Mystery Weeders

If you are out walking your dog or just getting some exercise walking along Sonoma Pines Drive, you may have noticed weeds mysteriously being tossed on the side of the boulevard, having been pulled from the stones along the sidewalk. The landscapers, by law, cannot spray weed killer along these stones at the bottom of the rock walls, as in the area between Alvarado and Aca-cia Lane, because of the nesting swallows. This unfortunately does not keep the weeds from growing in the stones. BUT, we seem to have several mystery weeders in the community! We have sourced out a few of these volunteer weeders who obviously take part in keeping our community landscape pleasing to the eye for both residents and visitors. Of note are two male walkers - every day without fail - who are also



pulling some large weeds around the RV park at the bottom of SP.

Thank you so much for your efforts which may inspire other residents to lend a hand as well when out in the community.



One More Time!

We are once again asking residents and their guests to **PLEASE** take your butts home with you and discard there. Littered cigarette butts leach toxic chemicals - such as arsenic (used to kill rats) and lead, to name a few - into the environment and can contaminate water. The toxic exposure can poison fish, as well as animals who eat cigarette butts as well as possibly starting a fire.

If you witness someone tossing their cigarette butts in our community, perhaps you could also remind them nicely not to do so. Hopefully they will listen. and cease from doing so.

Thank you.

