

ERIN RIDGE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2023



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD



Canada Post Mailbox

After extensive investigation, the Board has decided not to relocate the south Canada Post mailboxes. There is no other suitable location that meets the Canada Post rules for distance from an intersection.

Board Members Bev Miller and Lynne Perry volunteered to monitor the safety conditions at the mailboxes over the winter. When necessary, they will co-ordinate with Do-All and the City of St. Albert to manage drainage and ice buildup.

Appointment of Auditor

The Board has retained the accounting firm of Cass & Fraser to prepare the Financial Statements for the year ended May 31, 2023.

Do-All Fall Cleanup and Snow Removal

As weather permits, Do-All will be doing the fall clean-up, then transitioning to snow removal. Please remove planters from driveways and sidewalks so they are not damaged during snow removal. The Board also asks that you report any problems you encounter with Do-All to KDM via email rather than by phone call. When appropriate, include a picture. This will make it easier for KDM to resolve the issue with Do-All.

Tree Committee Update

The arborist will be in community the week of September 25. Let Ray Rohr, Chair of the Tree Committee know if you need her services – rayrohr@telusplanet.net

Request for Permission to Install Solar Panels

As we mentioned in the last Newsletter, the Board has had a request for approval to install solar panels. This matter will be presented for discussion at the Annual General Meeting on October 4, 2023. If you wish to provide input, please plan on attending the AGM.

On behalf of the Board
Peggy Corner, President

NOTICE BOARD



Welcome to the Neighbourhood!



Richard & Marilyn Linton – 56
Enderby Crescent

Ian Grant - 14 Enderby Crescent

Darren & Arlene Zylla - 36 Enderby
Crescent

Block Party 2023!

Over 50 neighbours enjoyed the Block Party on June 16. Rain cut the festivities short; however, all enjoyed the good food and friendship. Thanks to Paul Kendall and his Committee for organizing the event.



Ladies Lunch

If you would like to attend the monthly ladies luncheons, we would love for you to join us. Please contact lynnep1@telus.net or burtinek@gmail.com to be added to the email list.

Book Club News

Book Club will start in mid-October; date to be confirmed by end of September. We usually meet once a month on a Wednesday afternoon for informal book/author discussions. We are a small group with room for a few more members. If you would like to join us, please email Deb Jewell: dscarlyle2016@gmail.com

Home Safety Review - Part 2

FIRE SAFETY

Further to the article in our April newsletter, here are more hints and reminders, particularly regarding fire safety. So much of what follows in this basic list is common sense and yet, we can become complacent; everything is fine – until it isn't. When it comes to fire, that can happen all too quickly.

Review, up-date, and practice your home's fire escape plan at least twice a year with all who need to know. The City of St. Albert has a comprehensive Emergency Preparedness plan on-line for you to print; it includes fire safety tips. Garage safety, including fire safety, will be included in the spring issue but many items here apply!

Whole Home Checks



Take a walk around your home, inside and outside: garage, main floor and basement including any storage areas to ensure that:

- ✓ fire extinguishers are placed where recommended (near the furnace, fireplaces, in the garage and kitchen) and have not expired; fire blankets are an option to extinguishers; check out the many available on line
- ✓ all smoke and CO detectors are working; check detectors once a month and change batteries twice a year
- ✓ flammable materials are not positioned near any heat sources including: the main electrical junction box, electrical outlets, hot air vents, lamps/lights, fireplaces, space heaters, the furnace, the hot water heater, the barbecue (need we add open flames!)
- ✓ all appliances, electrical cords, plugs and receptacles are in good repair and proper working order
- ✓ plugs are fully inserted in receptacles,
- ✓ use a power bar rather than overloading one outlet
- ✓ all batteries are removed from items not in use and are stored safely; refer to manufacturers' instructions for storage re: battery operated tools, lights, bicycles

- ✓ small batteries (e.g. AA, AAA, D) are stored safely – preferably in their original packaging so that terminals are not in contact with other batteries or metal objects
- ✓ any flammable liquids/aerosols should be stored in fit-for-purpose containers in the garage
- ✓ have any natural gas appliances cleaned and checked once a year
- ✓ store any gas powered items properly, even small ones (e.g. barbecue lighters)
- ✓ keep a pair of fire retardant/heat resistant gloves near any heat sources
- ✓ keep a small sand box handy (away from any flammable materials) to act as an ashtray

In The Kitchen



This is the place in our homes where fires most often start and quickly spread due to the close proximity of so many flammable items – and their frequent use. Keep in mind that it's important to:

- ✓ know how to use your all your appliances (big and small) safely, by reading the manual; e.g.: many new stoves have surface areas that can heat rapidly to very high temperatures
- ✓ some new stoves with a touch pad control panel have a "lock-out" function that disables heating so an inadvertent touch doesn't activate any features
- ✓ "turn it off before you turn away" any time you're cooking but especially when oils are used
- ✓ get the gloves out – so many kinds of heat resistant gloves are available
- ✓ keep a metal pot lid nearby to quickly cover a flare-up
- ✓ check that you have an up-to-date kitchen fire extinguisher close by
- ✓ think about "fire blankets" as an option to extinguishers; very easy to use and quickly smother small fires; many types of fire blankets available online
- ✓ if the fire is oil/fat based and a lid is not handy use baking soda to extinguish it
- ✓ know that when there's an oven fire: **don't open the door**; oxygen will just add more fuel to the fire and may cause a sudden flare-up; immediately turn off the heat AND CALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Other Rooms



A few precautions to keep in mind:

- ❖ When using an electric blanket or heating pad, check that heating elements are encased in fire-proof covering of the correct thickness, that the control switch is within reach, that a CSA label is attached to it and don't use an extension cord as it can cause overheating.
- ❖ Take care when using computers, tablets, phones in bed or on any upholstered surface as they may overheat and don't leave these items unattended; only use chargers on a heat resistant surface.
- ❖ Give any small appliances, such as clothing irons, blow dryers, curling irons, time to cool down before storing.
- ❖ Check that charging stations for any small appliances (e.g. electric shavers) are set on heat resistant surfaces.
- ❖ Use battery operated or electric candles which are so much safer!

AND FINALLY: While we all know about calling 911 in an emergency, there are several numbers listed for fire prevention and non-emergency fire services listed in the City of St. Albert phone directory.

Fire Prevention Week is from October 14 – 18 this year. On Saturday, October 8, the St. Albert Fire Service is hosting an open house at Fire Hall #1, 20 Gate Avenue, from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. You'll be able to chat with emergency services personnel and tour an ambulance/firetruck.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 4, 2023** at KDM Management. Registration will commence at 6:30 pm, and the meeting will start at 7:00 pm. KDM is located at 150 Carleton Drive. Take the elevator to the second floor.

The Board invites you to remain after the meeting to enjoy a wine and cheese get together.

You will receive the meeting package in the mail. If you are unable to attend in person, you can complete the Proxy form and give it to someone who will be attending. We look forward to seeing you there.

Special Thanks!

We once again thank Claudette Imgrund for planting and maintaining the beds beside our south entrance sign, and Lynn Murk for planting and maintaining the beds beside the east entrance sign and the Little Library. It makes our community more welcoming and colourful!



CONTRACTOR'S CORNER



Burtine Kendall can connect you with another Homeowner who can recommend the following kinds of contractors:

- ✓ Interior and exterior renovations including fireplaces
- ✓ Garage door repair
- ✓ Window and gutter cleaning
- ✓ Appliance repair
- ✓ Grout and tile cleaning
- ✓ Stucco repair
- ✓ Patio door repair

We are still looking for a handyperson – please let Burtine know if you can recommend one.

Burtine's number is 780 458 3380, and her email is burtinek@gmail.com

Friendship....

"Friends are people who know you really well and like you anyway."

"There is nothing better than a friend, unless it's a friend with chocolate."

There are so many beautiful yards in the neighbourhood, we thought it would be nice to capture them so you can enjoy them once the snow flies!



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