

ERIN RIDGE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2021



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD



Fence Committee Update

Funds were allocated in the 2021-22 budget to remove tree and shrub branches that were starting to cause damage to the wrought iron fence. We did not have to use that money allocated because when asked, the City of St. Albert came in May and trimmed all along the fence line.

The Fence Committee, Florin Bergh and Daryl D'Amico painted the top and bottom boards of the wooden fence along the walkway. They have paint available for you to use if you have boards that need a bit of touch up. Thanks again Daryl and Florin for keeping our fences in good order.

Flower Bed Maintenance

The Board thanks Myrna Howell for keeping the flowers beside the east entrance sign so lovely for many years. Kudos to Lyn Murk for keeping the shady bed behind the Little Library looking so nice. We also thank Clem and Claudette Imgrund for doing the major update to flower bed at the north entrance sign. It is now featured on the masthead of this Newsletter.

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be held on Wednesday, October 6, 2021. Now that they are in their new building, KDM has space for us to hold our meeting there at no charge. Registration will start at 6:30 pm and the meeting will commence at 7:00 pm. The Board is hosting a reception after the meeting, so we invite you to stay and visit with your neighbours. You will receive the AGM package in the mail by mid September.

On behalf of the Board
Peggy Corner, President

NOTICE BOARD



Welcome to the Neighbourhood!

Philomena and Peter Lloyd – 22 Enderby Crescent



Ladies Lunch

As the Covid restrictions have been lifted and the majority of us have had both vaccines, we plan to resume our ladies' luncheons.

Ladies of the ERAALHA meet for an informal luncheon on the **first Wednesday of every month** at a local restaurant. We will send out an email a couple of days before the event advising the time and location.

If you would like your name added to the list of recipients, please email Lynnep1@telus.net or burtinek@gmail.com

Block Party

Sadly, due to Covid, another summer has passed without a Block Party; however, the organizers look forward to putting together an event next summer.

Update on the Neighbour Helping Neighbour Initiative

In the April 2020 edition of this Newsletter, Larry Bodnarchuk and Bob Gabourie invited anyone interested in volunteering to be "helpers" for the Neighbour Helping Neighbour initiative to contact them. They did receive a number of positive responses, but then of course lockdown happened. Larry and Bob want to let you know that they plan to move forward with this initiative in the spring of 2022 and would be happy to add you to the list of "helpers". You can email them: Larry gailarr@shaw.ca and Bob bhgabourie@gmail.com

Reminder - KDM Office Has Moved

The new KDM location is on the second floor:

**#210, 150 Carleton Drive
St. Albert AB, T8N 6W2**

CONTRACTOR'S CORNER



Burtine Kendall has been connecting Homeowners who can recommend tradespeople with Homeowners who need tradespeople since 2014.

Burtine gets many requests for a reputable "Handyperson" but does not yet have a recommendation. **If you have used someone to do odd jobs around the house, Burtine would appreciate hearing from you.**

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

MEN AT WORK

In the summer of 2018 Mike Slecza (centre in the picture below) designed and built our Little Free Library which is located across from the north Canada Post boxes.

This summer Mike did some siding repair with help from Walley Nicklin (left) and Bob Gabourie (right) to make sure the books stay dry.

Please feel free to take a book and leave a book.



Update on Birds That Nest in Stucco

The front of our stucco homes have a panel just under the eaves which is a stucco/drivit finish (plaster and stucco over Styrofoam). Some birds notice the stucco has a hollow sound and will start pecking at it to find a space to build a nest. This leaves an unsightly hole, and the birds will return each year unless steps are taken as soon as they are noticed.



Neighbours in our community have a variety of ways to repair the damage and (hopefully) prevent the birds from returning:

- Spray the hole with a nontoxic bird repellent such as 'Critter Ridder'. This is only a temporary measure, but the hole can then be filled with a pre-mixed concrete such as 'Quikrete'.
- Another method would be to block the hole with something rigid such as plastic or rock, then cover with silicone. This works best on the lighter-coloured stucco.
- Alternatively, you can put small metal spikes in the hole, which isn't a 'fix' but will prevent the birds from re-entering the hole.

It's a good idea to hang some bird scare tape or a small silver windchime as the reflectiveness and sound will scare them away.

There are several Stucco companies that will give you a quote and match the colour of your stucco.



HOMEOWNER PROFILES



VINTAGE VEHICLES

Residents of our community may have noticed a couple of beautiful vintage vehicles in the neighbourhood. We thought our readers would be interested in some background information, so Reg Rees and Walley Nicklin were asked to share their stories. Thank you to both gentlemen for providing pictures and articles for this Newsletter.

Reg and Peggy Rees – 68 Enderby Crescent Tales of the Red Miata

My wife and I moved to St. Albert from Calgary to be closer to our daughter just as the pandemic started. You may have seen Peggy (with her red walker) and me walking together around the neighbourhood.

Unfortunately, Peggy's Alzheimer's progressed faster than expected and she moved into Youville Home last September.

While you won't see the red walker anymore, you've probably seen me coming and going in my little red convertible, a 1990 Mazda Miata, that we bought when we lived in Calgary.



Peggy and I really enjoy the scenery and culture of Alberta and the Miata gave us a unique way to explore this beautiful province. As soon as the weather warmed up each year, we motored around with the top down, stopping to take in the many scenic vistas. We travelled many back roads and enjoyed good conversations with the people we met along the way, often in small town restaurants and rural pubs. Once when we were in the Mount Norquay area, we got into conversation with an

American tourist and his wife, and we offered suggestions and directions to get the most from their visit. Later that day our paths crossed again, and they complimented us on our advice, and he gave me his business card so that we could call on them in San Francisco so that he could return the favour. After we parted, I read the card and learned to my surprise that he was a US Supreme Court Judge!

Our little red convertible also enabled us to explore the natural beauty of British Columbia and facilitated many chance conversations with people both local and from around the world who choose to vacation in Western Canada.

I've noticed that there are many notable vintage cars and trucks in the area. I recently participated in St. Albert's Rock 'n August Car Rally in the Miata with my son-in-law. We had a great time finding our way to many St. Albert landmarks and places of interest - another good reason to call St. Albert home.

Walley Nicklin – 58 Enderby Crescent

This vehicle, a 1950 Mercury M47 pickup, was found by chance in an auto trader ad. I purchased it in 2001 and worked on it as time permitted until 2015, when I had it complete enough to register for on road use. This is not a restoration to original specs but what is referred to as a resto-mod - meaning it retains its original basic look on the outside but has been updated on the inside and drivetrain. The engine is an original type Ford flathead V8 but has had the cylinders bored to larger than stock. The crankshaft has been replaced with one with a longer stroke; these two features increase the displacement of the engine from 239 cubic inches to 260 cubic inches, which results in more horsepower which was 110 in the original form and is now approximately 200. Instead of a standard transmission it now has an automatic, which along with the power steering makes it more driver friendly. The old rear axle was replaced with a newer more reliable one. I built all the mechanical parts and put the truck back together.



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A friend with body work and automotive painting skills did all the extensive body work and paint, my brother did all the woodwork and a local upholstery shop in Edson did the interior. The truck was painted dark forest green with Aztec gold fenders and running boards. These types of vehicles are never complete and require constant repair, maintenance, and upgrades but at least it gives me something to do in my spare time.

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VISIT OUR WEBSITE.....

<https://www.erinridgeaalhoa.com/>

From the homepage, you can find Board Meeting Minutes, AGM Minutes, and the following Association Documents:

- Restrictive Covenant
- Association By-Laws
- Information for new homeowners
- Application for Project Approval Guidelines
- Committee Reports



You can also find information about:

- Codes for exterior paint
- How to get approval for landscaping changes or replacing your deck
- Suggestions for the kind of tree to replace a diseased or undesirable tree
- What bug has infested your tree, and what to do about it



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NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

We are very happy to welcome Deborah Jewell to the Newsletter Committee

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