

ERIN RIDGE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2022



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD



Winter Maintenance

It was a very challenging winter maintenance season, with extremely cold temperatures and then periods of melting. The melt/freeze cycles and the many episodes of freezing rain resulted in additional costs of \$8,600 for ice melt, rock chips and ice chipping.

Do-All Summer Maintenance

When weather permits, Do-All will proceed with the spring clean-up. Summer maintenance will commence once the spring clean-up is done. Grass cutting is scheduled for Tuesdays, weather permitting. If you experience issues with the maintenance work being done, please contact Tammy at KDM rather than speaking with the Do-All crew directly.

2022 -23 Budget

The Board is preparing the 2022-23 Budget. The budget document will be mailed to all Homeowners by mid-May.

Tree Committee Update

In January, you may have noticed an arborist company, contracted by the City, cutting down a substantial number of trees at the Ellesmere Park end of our pathway. The Tree Committee was concerned about the number of trees being cut down and how it would affect the homeowners backing onto the path. Daryl D'Amico, Florin Bergh and Ray Rohr met with City employees and found that the scope of the project had been miscommunicated by the arborist firm. The City explained that they were removing dead, diseased and hazardous trees, including all the black poplar, along the pathway. The majority of the trees deemed hazardous by the City were located at the Ellesmere Park end of the pathway, so fewer trees were removed further up the path.

A big thank you to Daryl, Florin and Ray for intervening to preserve the lovely trees along the pathway that we all enjoy.

On behalf of the Board
Peggy Corner, President

NOTICE BOARD



Welcome to the Neighbourhood!

Paul and Lesley Hogan – 42 Edward Way (November)

Richard and Debora Dawson – 54 Enderby Crescent (April)



Ladies Lunch

We resumed our monthly Ladies Luncheons in March and had a wonderful turnout of 11 ladies. Lots of laughs and good food was had by all.



If you have recently moved into our community and would like to attend the monthly ladies luncheons, we would love you to join us. Please contact

lynep1@telus.net or burtinek@gmail.com to be added to the email list.

Erin Ridge Active Adult Living Facebook Page

We have created a private Facebook page for homeowners in our community.

How Do You Join?

If you don't have a Facebook account, just join Facebook by typing Facebook.com in your search engine. That will take you to a Log In page.

After you create a Facebook account, type Erin Ridge Active Adult Living in the search box in the top left-hand corner. Ask the Administrator to admit you to the group. The purpose of the group is to provide us with an avenue to share stories, ideas, information, pictures, ask questions and get to know each other and support each other concerning what's going on in our community.

HOMEOWNER PROFILE



Crimson Star – Rocket Man

Crimson and his wife Christine moved into 3, Enderby Crescent in October 2021. Crimson has a couple of unusual, but interesting hobbies, one of which he is willing to share. Namely “Model Rocketry”.

I became interested in model rocketry while a Boy Scout, attending the 50th Anniversary Jamboree in Colorado Springs, in 1960. There was a model rocket launch that introduced many of us to what was, back then, a new hobby. My family moved to California that year, and several years later I started a rocket club with some high school friends. We soon acquired sponsorship from the Rocket Research Institute, a group of engineers and professionals from Aerojet who provided facilities and supervision to student rocketeers. We would build our rockets in Sacramento, then drive into a remote area of Nevada to launch them.



People who build rockets using metal and/or mix their own rocket propellants are usually called amateur rocketeers. Model rocketeers do not use any metal in their rockets and only use rocket motors manufactured commercially.

After high school, I moved to Los Angeles and participated in amateur rocketry activities with the Reaction Research Society for several years. I was attending Northrop Institute of Technology on a part-time basis, which wasn't enough to protect me from Uncle Sam. I soon found myself in the Army, stationed at the 8th Radio Research Field Station in Vietnam. I wasn't even old enough to vote.

By the time that I returned to real life, amateur rocketry had ground to a halt due to various laws restricting the activity. I lost interest, moved to Vancouver, and got a job helping to build and operate the TRIUMF cyclotron at UBC.

Model rocketry was also under legal pressure, but the manufacturers and the model rocketeers fought back and eventually sorted out the federal and local laws, which were adapted for Canada without much fuss.

Several years ago, members of the Edmonton Rocketry Club started launching their model rockets here in St. Albert. I knew one of the members, whom I had worked with at the old Alberta Corporate Service Centre. Model rocket technology has marched forward, and today these rockets fly much higher than most amateur rockets from the 60's. I joined and flew one rocket before COVID came along but am currently building a second rocket. The ERC now launches rockets from a large field in Calmar, with the next event scheduled for April 23. Check them out at:

<https://www.edmontonrocketry.net/>

Ladies Book Club



We've enjoyed several meetings since the beginning of December, having had interesting and informative discussions – not solely about books we'd read but also about related topics and some of the authors. We haven't had one specific book to read each month, which meant having a number of different titles across a variety of genres to discuss. While we have talked about various aspects of the books, our conversations were informal, not based on an agenda or extensive literary analysis. Often books were exchanged among us – having given us a chance to share books. We are currently a group of six, happy to welcome a few more members. If you are interested in joining us for our next meeting on May 4, please contact Deb: dscarlye2016@gmail.com or 780 419 3211.



Blue Recycling Bags

Regarding the placement of blue recycling bags, the City asks that there be one metre (3 ft) of spacing on all sides of each cart. This means the Blue Bag should be placed one metre from your bin.

Other helpful information from the City of St. Albert's website regarding Blue Recycling Bags:

- Corrugated cardboard can be flattened and placed underneath the Blue Recycling Bag
- Please keep the cardboard dimensions to a maximum of 3 ft by 3 ft
- There is no limit to the number of Blue Recycling Bags a household can set out
- Blue Recycling Bags must not exceed 15 kgs (33 lbs) per bag
- Please remember to place the bags out by 7:00 a.m. on your household's waste collection day
- Items put in the Blue Bag must be empty, clean, and dry. No food or liquid residue
- Numbered triangles on items do not mean the item is recyclable, but that it is made with plastic content
- A "handy" tip - you can recycle lids the size of your palm or larger. Anything smaller, such as bottle caps and pumps should be placed in the Brown Garbage Cart. These items are too small and will fall between the equipment at the recycling facility.

To learn more about what is accepted in the Blue Recycling Bag, please see the "What Goes Where?" Sorting List on the City's website:

<https://stalbert.ca/home/waste/>

Metal railings on the front porch

The rust cleans off pretty well with the gentle use of a Mr. Clean spongy piece. The Mr. Clean piece is made of compressed grit but doesn't seem harsh enough to affect the hard coating on the railing. That is not the case on other surfaces, so be aware.

Landscaping Changes

If you are planning to replace or remove trees, or make any changes to your landscaping this summer, remember you must submit an Application for Project Approval form (APA) to KDM. The form can be printed from our website:

<https://www.erinridgeaalhoa.com/association-documents.html>

Acknowledging Those Who Have Served on the Board of Directors

The first Board of Directors of Erin Ridge Active Adult Living Homeowners' Association was elected on July 15, 2002. That inaugural Board was comprised of:

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| Mary Smith * | Ron Majeau |
| Ray Corner * | Sophia Podloski |
| Jim Henderson | Ray Rohr * |
| Bryan Liden | |

The following Homeowners have served at least one term on subsequent Boards, many of them serving for multiple years:

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| Ken Kachulak | Larry Rodewolt |
| Linda (Bonar) Thiesen | Jan Alexander |
| Florin Bergh * | Irene Clark |
| Ray Rouault* | Lorne Howell * |
| James Campbell | Lynne Murk |
| Sharon Hamilton | Elaine Tully |
| Warren Wrigglesworth | Ron Ponich |
| Glenna Majeau | Paul Boutin |
| Ron Johnson | Loretta St. Arnaud |
| Frank Nesbitt | Bob Gabourie |
| Daryl D'Amico | Peggy Corner * |
| Jeanine Cloutier | Jody Reekie |
| Evelyn Grant | Lynne Perry |
| Art Kendall | Larry Bodnarchuk |
| Gordon Middlestadt | Clemens Imgrund |
| James Terry | Doug Demers |

* Identifies those who have served as President of the Homeowners' Association

The Little Library

During lockdown, usage of our little library by members of our community and the general public increased considerably. A big "Thanks, much appreciated!" to Mike and Irene, who continued to sort, cull and organize the books so that there was a variety of genres neatly displayed for easy access.

We can help Mike and Irene when we visit by tidying the books and removing those that are crowded or not in good repair.

While the "Men at Work" did some work on the library last summer, Mike has a few more repairs on his to do list. We thank him in advance for work that will happen in the coming months.

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

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

We are still looking for a handyperson – let Burtine know if you know of someone.

Then (Autumn 1999).....



And now.....



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