

ERIN RIDGE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 2019



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD



New Contact at KDM

Our Property Manager at KDM, Kelly Cruthers retired in July. The Board thanks her for her service over the years and wishes her well in her golfing retirement.

We welcome Tamara Davis as our new contact at KDM. Tamara previously worked with Bill Kerr, so she has knowledge of our Homeowners' Association. Tamara's contact information is listed on the last page of the newsletter. Welcome aboard Tamara!

Plan for Repairing Grass

Last summer the Board decided to wait until this spring to assess the damage done over the winter by ice melt. Some of the grass came back; however remediation is necessary. Unfortunately due to unsuitable weather, we missed the window of opportunity to repair the grass this season. We have made arrangements for a contractor to topdress and seed in the spring, as early as the weather permits. The quote also includes watering three times a week for six weeks.

Tree Committee Report

Dianne from Branches Tree Care conducted an inspection earlier this month. She found a number of trees affected by Fire Blight and several that have been damaged by Rusty Tussock caterpillars. Dianne will be here on August 30 to prune trees with Fire Blight damage. If you have a damaged tree, contact Ray Rohr (780 915 6972). Rusty Tussock caterpillars need to be sprayed. That can also be arranged by calling Ray Rohr.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on October 9, 2019. See page 3 for information about the meeting. Two Board positions will be available. Please contact Peggy Corner (780 458 1740) if you are interested in serving.

On behalf of the Board

Peggy Corner, President

NOTICE BOARD



WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBOURHOOD!



Joan and Wally Nicklin – 58 Enderby Crescent

Deborah Jewell – 50 Edward Way

LADIES LUNCH - RESUMES IN SEPTEMBER

The Ladies Lunch took a break over the summer, but will resume in September.

The ladies next lunch will be held on Wednesday September 4 at 11:30 am. Venue to be determined. If you would like to receive the notice, please forward your email address to marygord@telus.net (Your email address will be kept confidential.)

Kudos Kudos Kudos Kudos Kudos Kudos

Even though the weather did not cooperate, this year's Block Party was a big success. Thanks to **Ray Rohr** and **Ray Corner** for organizing the event, and a special thanks to **Myrna and Lorne Howell** and **Marj Optiz** for the use of their garages.

The plants at the two entrance signs to our community have been planted and maintained for a number of years by **Clem and Claudette Imgrund** and **Myrna Howell**. Thank you for enhancing our community.

A huge thanks to **Ray Rohr** for making the approach to the "Little Free Library" safer by installing stepping stones and repairing the landscape. All the thoughtful ways Ray contributes to our community do not go unnoticed.

By the way, in this writer's opinion, of all the libraries popping up in Edmonton and St. Albert, none are classier than ours. Kudos to builder **Mike Slecza**.

Bea's Garden is at its peak right now. Thank you **Bea and Fuzzy Bergh** for your hard work and for sharing your talents with the many people using the Red Willow path who enjoy this beautiful garden.

HOMEOWNER PROFILE

DARYL D'AMICO



On July 17, 2019 Daryl D'Amico was presented the 2019 Community Recognition Award by the City of St. Albert. Daryl was recognized in the Environmental Stewardship Category.



This category recognizes individual residents who have embraced the responsibility of protecting and improving the environment. Daryl was instrumental in the

designation and naming of the Grey Nuns White Spruce Park (GNWSP). He has been an integral member of the GNWSP Working Group since 2012 and was recognized for his continuous and outstanding efforts to protect and manage the historical and ecologically significant forest. He was a contributor for writing the Management Plan for the GNWSP from 2012 to 2014 and for developing specifications for growing seedlings at a Nursery and for overseeing the planting of seedlings in the forest. Over 17,000 seedlings have been planted in the forest since 2015. In addition to receiving the plaque, Daryl will have his name carved in the category stone at the Community Recognition Garden across from the Clock Tower.



The GNWSP is one of the last remaining white spruce forests of any significance within an urban municipality. It is a remnant of a much larger forest that covered St. Albert at the time of settlement - the area where the GNWSP straddles the border of historic River Lots 17 and 18. Ray and Mary Lou Rouault, Andre and Norah Rouault and their parents owned and farmed the land adjacent to the GNWSP and provided some historical information for the development of the Management Plan for the forest. Both couples have been long time residents of our community.

Daryl and his wife, Liz, have resided in this community since 2000 and were the third couple to own a home in the Erin Ridge Active Adult Living Homeowners' development.



LAWN MUSHROOMS

Due to the amount of rain we've had lately, we're seeing lots of mushrooms growing in our lawns. A number of neighbours have voiced concern about them and ask if we can get rid of them. Mushrooms are actually part of a fungus that grows underground and reproduce through spores. They release the spores, which spread by wind or water to start a new fungal colony. They are unsightly and many are poisonous to animals and children.

Though they can't be eradicated, they can be somewhat controlled. In order to help stop them spreading, as soon as you see them, preferably prior to mowing, they can be pulled by hand, removing them at their base, put into plastic bags and disposed of in the garbage.

We found some additional information from Jim Hole that you might find useful:

<https://www.holesonline.com/blog/mushrooms-in-lawn>

Or, per William Shakespeare:

If you see a fairy ring
In a field of grass,
Very lightly step around,
Tiptoe as you pass;
Last night fairies frolicked there,
And they're sleeping somewhere near.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE.....

Looking for information about:

- the code for your exterior paint colour?
- getting approval to do some landscaping 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?

Check the documents posted on the Association website. Past editions of this Newsletter are also posted there in case you didn't save them.



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TIPS AND HINTS FROM OUR ARBORIST



Fire Blight

Fire Blight is a bacterial organism called *Erwinia amylovora*. Leaves turn brown and look burned.

No pesticide works – branches must be pruned. Disinfect your

tools with Lysol or similar. Don't leave infected branches in your yard because insects can spread the disease to healthy tree tissue.

Black Knot

Black Knot is an airborne fungus. It only affects Prunus trees – Mayday and Schubert Choke Cherry. The disease is ultimately terminal for the tree; however with correct pruning the tree can thrive for 10 to 15 years.

Pruning is done once the leaves fall and the tree becomes dormant. Pruning while the leaves are still on only spreads the fungus to other parts of the tree.

CONTRACTOR'S CORNER



With autumn not too far away, you may be looking to get your home ready for winter. 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
- ✓ Deck repair and building
- ✓ Christmas light installation
- ✓ Arborist
- ✓ Appliance repair
- ✓ Grout and tile cleaning
- ✓ Stucco repair
- ✓ Patio door repair

Burtine's number is 780 458 3380, and her email is arbur@shaw.ca

2019 Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on **Wednesday, October 9, 2019, commencing at 7:00 pm.**

Registration will start at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be held at:

St. Albert Inn and Suites
156 St. Albert Trail
Heritage Room

In mid-September, KDM will mail a package to each Homeowner containing the agenda and relevant documents.

Please contact **Tamara Davis** at KDM if you do not receive your package. If you are unable to attend, you may want to consider giving your proxy to someone who will be attending.

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