

ERIN RIDGE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2018



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD



Season's Greetings

The Board wishes all Homeowners a Merry Christmas spent with family and friends and best wishes for a Happy and Healthy 2019!

Peggy Corner – President
Paul Boutin – Vice President
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Preparing for Winter

Last winter freezing rain caused several problems. We incurred extra expense for snow melt product and that product caused considerable damage to the grass. The Board has been working with Do-All Landscaping to come up with a better solution for this snow season. We have agreed on a three part strategy:

- We have asked Do-All to select an ice melt product that will provide the best overall results at a reasonable cost.
- Do-All has agreed to ensure that overspray of the product on grass adjacent to driveways and sidewalks will be minimized.
- When feasible, Do-All will apply a reduced amount of ice melt prior to the occurrence of freezing rain.

Do-All has installed sand boxes beside both of the Canada Post mailboxes. If you use the sand, please ensure the lid of the box is closed. If the lid is left open, the sand becomes wet and freezes into a hard block making it unusable. Do-All requests that you remove any planters from your driveway so that they are not damaged by snow removal equipment.

Our contract with Do-All stipulates that a skiff of snow must be cleared within 12 hours of snow ceasing to fall. When there is a snow fall of more than 3 inches, clearing must begin by 2:00 pm of the following day, even if it is still snowing.

Tree Committee Report

On October 15, Dianne Hutton of Branches Tree Care, inspected the tree and shrubs, as requested by Homeowners, and provided them with recommended courses of action and

associated costs. The agreed work was done on October 25. KDM received the invoice for the work and passed on invoices to the Homeowners who had work done.

In her inspection, Ms. Hutton noted that a number of the evergreen trees appeared to be suffering from a lack of water, especially the pines in the dry pond area. She will conduct another inspection in the spring.

On behalf of the Board
Peggy Corner, President

NOTICE BOARD



Christmas Lunch – Reminder

If you wish to attend this year's Christmas lunch at noon on December 12, there is still time to get tickets. It will be held at Century Casino, and the cost is \$31 per person. Please contact **Mary Smith** at **780 459-7251** or **Lynne Perry** at **780-459-1103** so they can finalize the numbers.



Ladies Lunch – New Contact Information

The regular Ladies Lunch will resume in January. Should you wish to be included in the email communications for the luncheons and any other future social activities, please contact **Mary Smith** at:

780-459-7251 or email marygord@telus.net
Your email address will be kept confidential.

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Purse Campaign

The St. Albert Community Information and Volunteer Centre is sponsoring the "FILL A PURSE FOR A SISTER" campaign.



This campaign was founded in 2015 to support local woman who are homeless, in the shelter system, or accessing other support services. Purses collected by this campaign will be distributed to St. Albert area social support organizations and given to women who are accessing their services.

If you are interested in supporting this endeavor, fill a new or gently used purse with essential supplies (must be new). Suggested items include lip balm, wallet, tissues/gum, brush, soap/shampoo, gloves/hat/scarf, coffee gift cards, etc.

Myrna Howell (780 459-3690) would be happy to pick up your purse contribution and deliver it to one of the St. Albert drop-off locations. The campaign runs until December 31, 2018.

Carbon Monoxide – the Silent Killer

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colourless, odourless, tasteless gas that can be emitted by your furnace, fireplace or hot water heater if the gas does not burn fully. If you don't already have one in your home, it would be a good idea to replace your hard-wired smoke detector with a combination CO/smoke detector. It is recommended that you have one detector in your furnace room and one near your bedroom. These can be purchased at any hardware store for around \$65 and it's a simple task to remove the existing smoke detector and replace with the combination detector.

HOMEOWNER PROFILE



We have some very talented folks living in our community. We thought you might be interested in getting to know some of them. Our first article features **Jeanine Cloutier**.

Jeanine Cloutier's sister arrived home from Arizona about six years ago with a bark wood carving she had created in a class during her vacation. Jeanine was inspired! She headed to Lee Valley Tools Ltd. to pick up some tools and there was assisted by one of the founders of the Northern Alberta Wood Carvers Association. Jeanine joined the carvers' club and the rest is history.

She spends hours in her basement or at the club producing a wide range of Christmas decorations, ornaments, and other

works of art out of different types of wood. However, Jeanine prefers cottonwood bark which she says "speaks" to her.

If you are interested in more information, Jeanine would be happy to talk with you. Although she carves for the pure pleasure of this art form, her granddaughter does have some pieces for sale in her shop in Calgary.

Each year, the Carvers Association enters a decorated tree at the Christmas Tree Festival held in Edmonton. Jeanine's ornaments can be seen as part of this display.



Jeanine holding two of her carvings.

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NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

The Newsletter Committee wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2019!

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Lynne Perry

Peggy Corner- Board Liaison