

ERIN RIDGE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2015



BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORT

As mentioned in the May 2014 Newsletter, a two year summer/winter maintenance contract was signed with Do-All Landscaping Ltd. The contract expires March 31, 2016.

With the coming of spring, the maintenance contract now shifts from snow removal to grass maintenance. That service will commence as weather conditions permit.

The issue of repairing the grass damage caused by winter kill will be addressed at the first meeting of the Board in 2015.

A reminder to everyone that the Homeowners Fee will increase from \$120.00 to \$130.00, effective June 1, 2015.

If you have lost your copy, previous newsletters and Board messages have been posted on our web site: www.erinridgeaahoa.com

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Tully

NOTICE BOARD



Welcome to the Neighbourhood!

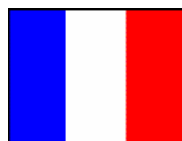
Joan and Gary Gibeault have moved in at 40 Edward Way. Welcome!

Ladies Lunch

The monthly luncheon is set for 1:00 pm, the first Wednesday of each month.

Contact will be made via e-mail or telephone the Sunday prior to the next luncheon. Details will be given as to location at that time.

For more information, or to be added to the contact list, please call Burtine Kendall at 780 458 3380 or by email at arbur@shaw.ca.



FRANCE HONOURS LOCAL RESIDENT

Bill Opitz has been awarded the rank of Knight of the French National Order of the Legion of Honour by the President of the Republic of France for his service in the Royal Canadian Navy in the Second World War. This medal of distinction recognizes his involvement in the liberation of France and will be presented to Bill at a special ceremony at HMCS Nonsuch April 20th, 2015.

Bill served in the Navy from 1942 until the end of the war - spending 27 months on HMCS Bayfield. On June 6, 1944, Bill was in the engine room of the Bayfield which was part of the 31st Flotilla of 14 Canadian mine sweepers which swept 60 kilometers of the French coast enabling the Allied troops to get to the beaches of Normandy.

It is with sincere gratitude to Bill for his service to our country that we congratulate him on this very special honour.

BEWARE OF FRAUDSTERS!

Here are some useful tips to help you safeguard your personal data and identity.

- 1. Be Vigilant** – If it looks too good to be true, then it probably is! Be cautious of emails and websites that promise incredible deals and monetary windfalls.
- 2. Check your credit report** at least once every year and report any discrepancies to the bureau immediately. Consider signing up for ongoing monitoring of your credit file for potentially fraudulent activity. Take steps to detect identity theft early, which helps minimize its impact.
- 3. Secure your computer** – Start by activating your firewall. Firewalls block connections to unknown or bogus sites and will keep out certain types of viruses and hackers. Also, use anti-virus software and keep it up-to-date.

4. Use strong passwords online – Make passwords more complicated by combining letters, numbers and mixing in special characters; change them regularly.

5. Secure your mobile devices - Be aware that your mobile device is vulnerable to viruses and hack attempts. Only download applications from reliable and trusted sources.

6. Do not give out personal information over the phone, through the mail, or over the Internet unless you have initiated the contact. Any credit card payments should be made on sites that are reputable and secure, with a 'padlock' icon located at the top of your browser window.

7. Safeguard personal information in your home, especially if you are going on vacation or having service work done there, or employ outside help.

8. Protect your mail. Bring in your mail daily. Immediately forward or re-route it if you move or change your mailing address.

9. Shred all documents you are discarding, including pre-approved personal credit applications received in your name, insurance forms, bank cheques and statements, and other financial information. An identity thief can easily pick through your garbage or recycling bins.

10. Review all your transactions. Regularly review your financial statements to ensure that all transactions are authorized, and report any missing or fraudulent ones immediately.

CONTRACTOR'S CORNER

About a year ago, Burtine Kendall volunteered to act as a liaison between residents who are looking for a service provider and residents who have hired contractors. Over the year, Burtine has created a registry for the following services:

- ✓ **Gutter cleaning, caulking, and down spout replacement**
- ✓ **Window cleaning**
- ✓ **Flooring**
- ✓ **Painting**
- ✓ **Bathroom renovation**
- ✓ **Solar panel installation**

If you need, or can recommend a tradesperson, contact **Burtine Kendall – 780-458-3380**
arbur@shaw.ca

Although Burtine has not had a large number of enquires over the winter, she is willing to continue to act as co-ordinator over the summer. If there is no demand for this assistance she will discontinue it. This service is purely a volunteer activity and in no way involves the Board or the Homeowners Association.

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What would you like to see in future newsletters? If you have ideas for articles let us know. Or if you would like to submit an article, we would consider it for publication. Contact any one of the Committee Members:

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