

# ERIN RIDGE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2021



## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD



### 2021 -22 Budget

The Board is preparing the 2021-22 Budget. The budget document will be mailed to all Homeowners by mid-May. The financial position of the Association remains solid.

### Fence Committee Update

Members of the Fence Committee – Daryl D'Amico and Florin Bergh have done an inspection of the wrought iron fences and the wooden fences. Both fences are in good shape with no major repairs required in the immediate future. Daryl and Florin will fasten some loose boards and do some touch up painting this summer.

A big thank you to Florin and Daryl for the time and energy spent on keeping the fence in good order.

### Tree Committee Update

Our Tree Committee Chair, Ray Rohr, organized our spring visit from our arborist, Branches Tree Care. A number of Homeowners had Dianne do work. A couple of insect infestations were identified. Those trees will be sprayed in late May.

Thank you to Ray for his continued work on the Tree Committee.

### Do-All Summer Maintenance

Do-All has completed the spring clean-up. Summer maintenance will now commence. 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.

On behalf of the Board  
**Peggy Corner, President**

## NOTICE BOARD



### KDM Office is Moving!

Effective May 1, 2021



New office address is:

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

### Missing Boulevard Trees

Several years ago, the City of St. Albert removed several trees from the boulevard beside 36 Edward Way. Due to budget constraints, the City has indicated those trees will not be replaced until the summer of 2022 at the earliest.

### A Chilly Easter Parade



## CONTRACTOR'S CORNER



We could call her the match maker. Burtine Kendall has been connecting Homeowners who can recommend tradespeople with Homeowners who need tradespeople since 2014! We are so glad that Burtine is willing to provide this service.

She needs your help, however. Burtine gets many requests for a reputable "Handyperson" but does not 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](mailto:burtinek@gmail.com).

## HOMEOWNER PROFILE

### Mike Slecza – Local Artisan



Newcomers in our neighbourhood may not be aware that it was Mike who designed and built our local pride and joy – the community lending library. He meticulously crafted it to replicate our homes in our Erin Ridge community.



Mike's passionate hobby is a great love and respect for wood and woodworking. His work includes picture framing, computer desks, oak stereo and T.V. stands, and most recently the lending library and a replica of an antique chair that belonged to his Father shown in this article. His Calgarian grandkids also keep him busy fixing broken toys - "broke it, broke it, fix it"!



Mike joined the Air Force and served for 11 years before leaving to work for cable companies. When he married Maureen Sheehan, he not only got a wife but also inherited her four sisters since their parents had passed away. Mike and Maureen welcomed an instant family into their

lives – raising 3 of the 4 girls with the youngest being only 6 years old. They eventually had two daughters (more girls in Mike's life) and four granddaughters (more girls) and two grandsons. Maureen passed away after 42 years of marriage.

Years later, Mike met and married Irene who has two daughters (and even more girls in his life) and now three grandchildren (2 girls and 1 boy).

Mike has lived in St. Albert for 50 years and has been very active in the community – coaching ball and serving on the Special Olympics and Youville Home

boards. His parents immigrated to Canada from Poland with his Dad arriving 20 years before his Mom and three children followed. Mike was the fourth of six kids and the first of the Slecza's to become a Canadian citizen. The family settled in the Busby area of Alberta.

## Government of Alberta Resources You May Find Useful

**MyAlberta Digital ID** is managed by the Ministry of Service Alberta. MyAlberta Digital ID makes it easy for Albertans to access government services online. It allows you to sign in once for seamless access to participating services such as your Canada Pension Plan, Old Age Security, senior financial assistance and road reports. You can pay for certain Government services such as license and vehicle registration and pay fines.



When you click on <https://account.alberta.ca/> you can then click on 'Create Account' and fill in the required information. You will receive an activation code by mail, ensuring your complete privacy.

A major benefit of using this government site is that it provides convenient and secure access to view and update your health records by clicking on MyHealth Records. You will have access to your Lab test results, allergies, immunization history, medications from pharmacies and much more.

### Resources for Seniors

The Alberta Government has a section of the website that includes short videos, YouTubes, publications and lots of great information about **Supports for Seniors**. Some of the topics include:

- ✓ Resources to Help Seniors Aging in their Community
- ✓ Caring for Caregivers
- ✓ Financial Assistance and other Supports

Lots of other information on this site:

<https://www.alberta.ca/seniors-resources.aspx>



## TEST FOR WATER LEAKS

The City of St. Albert installed new AMI Water Meters in all households in 2017 to 2019. The water meters have sophisticated indicators to display flow rates or to detect small leaks such as a toilet flapper not sealing properly. A small leak can result in wasted water of 10 litres per hour (240 litres per day or 7 cubic meters per month) and add \$25 to your monthly water bill. Water tests should be performed regularly to save money or to help you conserve water usage.

### How to perform a simple water meter check to help determine if there is a leak.

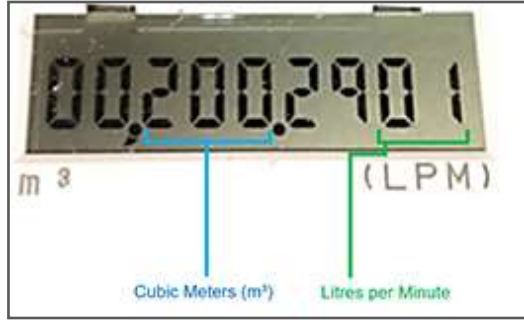
Find your water meter which is usually located in the basement. Do not use any water during the check. Open the cap and shine a flashlight over the solar panel to activate the LCD screen. The LCD will toggle between the flow rate and the total consumption every six seconds when illuminated. The nine-digit LCD will display meter reading in cubic meters and flow rate in litres per minute.

If there are no flow rates illuminated there is no leak. (low flow rate or consumption rate)

If a flow rate illuminates, water is flowing through the meter and has a leak or is using water.



If you suspect you have a leak, you can record your water meter reading display before going to bed, and again when you wake up in the morning to compare. If the numbers are different, there could be an intermittent water leak such as a very slow leaking toilet which gets topped up every hour, or a humidifier on your furnace or air conditioner using water when they operate. Investigate further.



For more information on Water Leak Tests, Understanding Water Usage or Getting to Know Your Water Meter go to:

[www.stalbert.ca/home/utilities/water/leaks](http://www.stalbert.ca/home/utilities/water/leaks)

*The Newsletter Committee thanks Daryl D'Amico for providing this article.*

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