

# ERIN RIDGE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER - MAY 2018



### MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD



#### Tree Care

The Association has signed a contract for arborist services with Dianne Hutton of Branches Tree Care. Dianne has provided educational materials (which are attached to the newsletter email) that you may find useful. A copy of the recently approved Tree Care Policy is also attached. All of these documents are posted on the Association website: <https://www.erinridgealhoa.com>.

Dianne Hutton will be doing two inspections of the trees in the complex - one before they leaf out and again after they leaf out - to identify recommended pruning and disease and pest control actions. After Dianne has done her inspections, our Property Manager will forward the list of recommended actions to individual Homeowners. Homeowners can then advise the Property Manager if they want Branches Tree Care to do the pruning, and if they want to use the services of a recommended contractor to spray for disease and/or pests. If they wish, Homeowners can opt to take responsibility for doing the pruning and/or spraying, and can do it themselves, hire another arborist or hire a non-professional to do it.

The contractors will then do the work that individual Homeowners requested. When work is completed, the Property Manager will invoice Homeowners for the cost of the work done on their property.

Homeowners are reminded that as per the Restrictive Covenant, Association Bylaws and the Project Approval Guidelines, approval is required to remove a tree or plant a new tree.

#### Age Discrimination Issue

The Board has had a discussion with a lawyer who specializes in condominium and property law. The lawyer advises that the January 2018 amendments to the Alberta Human Rights Act and associated legislation, protects the current age restriction in our Restrictive Covenant for 15 years. So, over the next 15 years we will have to decide if we want to restrict our community to persons age 55 and older, or have no age restrictions at all.

**Ray Rohr, President**

### NOTICE BOARD



#### Ladies Lunch – Everyone Welcome!

Ladies of the ERAALHA meet for an informal luncheon the first Wednesday of every month at a local restaurant selected by Burtine Kendall. It's an enjoyable social event providing an opportunity to meet other ladies in the community and to visit with old friends.

Burtine sends out an e-mail a couple of days before the event advising of the location. Reservations are not required. If you would like your name added to the list of recipients, please call Burtine at 780 458 3380 or email her at [arbur@shaw.ca](mailto:arbur@shaw.ca).

#### Contractor's Corner

Burtine Kendall co-ordinates residents with service providers, so if you need, or can recommend a tradesperson, contact her – 780 458 3380 or [arbur@shaw.ca](mailto:arbur@shaw.ca).

### SUMMER BLOCK PARTY

A very pleasant summer tradition was started many years ago by Ray Rohr and Ray Corner. They have indicated they are willing to head up organizing a Block Party in late June or early July.

Every year, they need to find a venue. They need **two adjacent homeowners** to volunteer the use of their garages – one for the food tables and one for seating in case the weather doesn't co-operate. As in past years, they are also looking for volunteers to help with set up and clean up. Please give either of them a call if you would like to help:

**Ray Corner – 780 458 1740**

**Ray Rohr – 780 460 7866**



## TIPS AND HINTS FROM OUR ARBORIST - Dianne Hutton

### Watering

**Trees** – most well established trees do not need to be watered. I suggest letting nature take its course, except in times of drought. When a tree is overwatered, its roots don't seek out water from the ground and the anchor roots don't develop as they should. When a water drainage spout is directed toward a tree, there is danger the ground will become too wet and drown and/or uproot the tree.

**Shrubs** – are aggressive growers. The more you water them, the more trimming you will need to do. Winter kill should be trimmed out. It will require time to grow back and fill in the empty space.

### Fertilizing

Established trees, unless in decline, do not need to be fertilized. Fertilizer can work against the natural growth of a tree. Trees may become dependent on the fertilizer and will be unable to feed and support themselves without it. Be sure to ask, when you purchase new trees, for written guidelines for fertilizing during their early years.

### Disease

Schubert/Mayday trees are highly susceptible to Black Knot disease which is a terminal fungus, spread through the air. This disease winters in the ground and becomes active during an April shower once the air has gained warmth. Trees can survive Black Knot for a period of time if proper maintenance is consistently performed through the various seasons. Eventually, the fungus will kill the tree. There are specific procedures and rules for pruning Black Knot. Unless you are familiar with these, it would be best to consult a professional arborist.

### Insects

There are obvious signs to watch for such as holes in the leaves or in the stems or trunk. Check for bugs or damage visible on the leaves. Ash trees are susceptible to Ash Gall Mites and Ash Plant Bug. I have described the symptoms in the report I prepared for the Board, which is attached to this newsletter email. While I do not do spraying for insects or disease, I will provide the name of a contractor I recommend.



### Your Junk May Be Someone Else's Treasure

The **Edmonton Humane Society** appreciates the following items when you are finished using them:

- > towels and facecloths
- > pillowcases and sheets (both flat and fitted)
- > kitchen towels
- > blankets, quilts and knitted blankets

You can drop off items on the metal shelves at the main door. The address is 13620 – 163 Street NW, Edmonton. Check the website for hours: <https://www.edmontonhumanesociety.com/>

**St. Matthews Anglican Church** would be happy to receive donations of spare knitting wool for making lap shawls for seniors' homes in St. Albert. Anyone wishing to donate, please contact Myrna Howell at 780 459 3690.

### Burglars Beware!

If your security system provider is SecurTek (formerly Lionsafe), they will provide you with decals to replace the Lionsafe ones. Call 1-877-777-7590 to request decals or signs.

## MANAGEMENT COMPANY

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