

ERIN RIDGE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2015



2015 ANNUAL MEETING



A total of 48 units were represented at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) – 36 in attendance and 12 by proxy.

As many of you are aware, Margaret Murk (44 Edward Way), Jim Terry (39 Edward Way), Loretta St. Arnaud (36 Enderby Crescent) and Ray Rohr (48 Enderby Crescent) were elected to two year terms on the Board of Directors. They join Lorne Howell, Ron Ponich and Elaine Tully who have one year remaining on their terms.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board of Directors, the following officers were elected:

President	Ray Rohr
Vice-President	Lorne Howell
Treasurer	Margaret Murk
Secretary	Jim Terry

We thank each of you for agreeing to serve our community.

We would also like to thank the outgoing Board members for their service. Larry Rodewolt has served on the Board for six years and has been Vice-President for the past two years and Warren Wrigglesworth has served one year. Your service to the community is much appreciated.

As the proposed amendment to the By-Laws was approved at the AGM the Board will be updating the Guidelines for Application and Approval Process for Repair, Maintenance or Modification of Properties to reflect the amendment. It is anticipated that this task will be completed in the near future.

Because the Fire Department Representative was unable to attend, we have included information about smoke alarms in this issue.

Elaine Tully

On behalf of the Board of Directors

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I would like to thank the new members of the Board and the newly elected Officers for agreeing to serve our community and the outgoing Board members for their service. Such service is essential to maintaining the lifestyle we all enjoy in ERAALHA.

Since I spend most of the winter out of the country, I have agreed to serve as President on the basis that the Vice-President will look after the affairs of the Association in my absence. Thanks Lorne for agreeing to do that. I will be available on-line or by phone if required. If anyone wishes to contact me during the November 1 – April 10 period, please call 480-895-5694 or send an e-mail message to rayrohr@magma.ca.

Ray Rohr

ALL THE STUFF YOU NEED TO KNOW...

Is on the Association website – check it out! www.erinridgeaalhoa.com

- ❖ Read the message presented at the AGM from outgoing President Lorne Howell.
- ❖ At the AGM it was suggested that we post the minutes of the Board of Directors meetings on our web site. Copies of the minutes of recent meetings are now available. Click Association Meeting Minutes on the sidebar.
- ❖ If you have misplaced your copy, previous newsletters and Board messages are also stored on the web site.
- ❖ More information about smoke alarms (see article on page 2) is on the website.



SMOKE ALARMS - Still your best tool for surviving a fire



The sound of a smoke alarm can mean the difference between life and death in a fire. Research shows that working smoke alarms cut the chances of dying in a fire nearly in half. But they must be working properly to do so.

Data from the Office of the Fire Commissioner show many homes have smoke alarms that do not activate when smoke is present, usually because of missing, disconnected or dead batteries. Lack of a power source is the main reason why smoke alarms don't work properly.

A working smoke alarm will beep when smoke is present or when the test button is pressed, has a power source (battery or household electric circuit), is not plugged by dust, cob-webs or paint. The fire service recommends installing working smoke alarms in every home, on every level (including the basement), outside each sleeping area and in each bedroom.

Age matters

If a smoke alarm is 10 years old or older, it needs to be replaced.

Types of alarms

Experts agree that interconnected smoke alarms offer the best protection; when one sounds, they help make a family's response quicker. There are also wireless interconnected smoke alarms on the market and these are easy for homeowners to install. Newer model battery-operated smoke alarms with 10-year lithium batteries do not require annual battery replacement. However, they must be tested once a month to ensure they are in working condition. Specially designed smoke alarms for the hearing and visually impaired are also available.

Is your smoke alarm in good working order?

Test smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button, and make sure everyone in your home knows how they sound. If an alarm "chirps," warning the battery is low, replace the battery right away.

Replace all smoke alarms, including alarms that use 10-year batteries and hard-wired alarms, when they're 10 years old or sooner if they do not respond properly when tested.

Never remove the batteries or disable a smoke alarm.

For more information on fire safety in Alberta, contact your municipality's fire or emergency service or the Office of the Fire Commissioner at 1-800-421-6929, email firecomm@gov.ab.ca or visit www.ofc.alberta.ca and click on the Public Education tab.

NOTICE BOARD



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.

Contractor's Corner

Burtine Kendall is still co-ordinating residents and service providers, so if you need, or can recommend a tradesperson, contact her – 780 458 -3380 or arbur@shaw.ca.

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