

ERIN RIDGE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2014

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Hello to all our Association Members. I hope you all have enjoyed a good summer. It is nice to see the City has replaced a lot of the cracked sidewalks. I am pleased to report that your Board has been busy also.

First, you have all witnessed numerous shingle replacements that many home owners have had done, some with insurance help and some without. The Board reacted to your needs by approving two additional shingle types to the approved list which we hope alleviated much of the confusion surrounding the approval process.

One of the Board initiatives was a study of the perimeter fencing and developing a letter to those homeowners who back onto the wooden perimeter fence. The letter explained the "good neighbour concept" when it comes to repair and replacement. The Association will be responsible for one-half the cost of repair/replacement (as outlined in the letter). Thanks to Fuzzy Bergh and Daryl D'Amico for their efforts in contacting all our neighbours.

The Dry Pond area was another project which was completely weeded and re-constructed by Lyn Murk. She worked many long hours to clean up the pond which was getting weed and grass infested. Additional rock is to be provided as necessary.

Some might be aware that we now have our own web site thanks to Ray Rohr. It can be seen at www.erinridgeaalhoa.com. It is still under development and any ideas would be appreciated.

Another project of your committee was the review of the Guidelines for the Repair and Maintenance that was produced last year and reviewed after a one year experience working with them. It has been reviewed and revised

to be more user friendly. The new version will be available at our AGM October 15, 2014.

We are also working on a Manual to be given to new Board Members as an introduction to the Board and outlining many of the duties expected of Board Members. We are hopeful that this will be ready for our new Board when they are elected at the AGM in October.

Speaking of the **Annual General Meeting, it will be held on October 15, 2014 at the St. Albert Inn.** You will be advised further as the date is nearer, however, I would ask that if you have any items that you would like discussed please advise myself or one of the Board Members so they can be added to the agenda.

A special note about the winter-kill of grass. Your board decided to put off repairs until the sidewalk construction was completed. Some of you have already repaired your lots and some were marginally affected. We will address the issue to determine our best fix before any action is taken.

While it is not an Association function, I would like to extend special Kudos to those from our community who braved the weather to put on the Block Party. The Rohr's, the Corners, the Bergh's and all the many others who contributed to make it the special event it turned out to be. Special thanks to you all for bringing our community more closely together.

Thanks for reading. It is a bit long-winded, but we want to keep you informed of the work that has been done. See you at the AGM on October 15, 2014

Respectfully submitted,

Lorne Howell

CONTRACTOR'S CORNER

As homes age, repairs and renovations become both desirable and necessary. To this end information is being compiled listing the type of work that has been completed to the satisfaction of one or more of the residents who live within the Erin Ridge Active Living Community.



To date we have information relating to – flooring, painting, mud jacking, bathroom renovation, solar tube installations and window washing.

Residents who have had home repairs or renovations completed, and who are willing to share their experience, are encouraged to provide information relating to the type of work done.

Residents wishing information relative to home repairs or renovations may request the name of the resident/s who have had the same or similar work done. It is hoped access to this information will be of assistance to residents in making their decisions.

Please contact the volunteer co-ordinator - Burtine Kendall – 780-458-3380
arbur@shaw.ca for further information.

BIG BOUQUETS

Sincere thanks to **Ray Corner** and **Ray Rohr** for organizing the July block party and to all attendees and participants who contributed to the huge success of the event.



The cool rainy evening did not dampen the spirit demonstrated by those good sports arriving with delicious food, chairs, and sundry other items. Kudos to those who helped by phoning/e-mailing, picking up, delivering, setting up/taking down and providing the special touches such as table cloths and centerpieces. A special thanks to those offering the use of their garages. It takes a lot of energy and spirit to make an event such as this successful. The community energy evidenced in the success of this event was heart-warming. A Big Bouquet to our Community Spirit.

A Big Bouquet to **Lyn Murk** for the great job cleaning up the dry pond and her many hours of hard work. It looks so much better now.

Another Big Bouquet to **Burtine Kendall** for keeping the monthly ladies' luncheons going.

And, last but not least, a Big Bouquet to the Erin Ridge residents who maintain the lovely flower gardens along the City path on the east side of our community.



HOMEOWNER QUESTION



Q: My previous home did not have a sump pump. Can you provide some information about them?

A: Every home has a sump pump and backwater valve (BWV). The access cover for the BWV is approximately 20 by 50 cm. and is located in the basement where the sewer leaves the house.

We have posted more information on the **Erin Ridge website**. Once you are on the website, click on **Newsletters** on the sidebar.
<http://www.erinridgeaahoa.com>.

If you want to make sure your sump pump is working properly, search “how to test a sump pump”. There are a number of videos on YouTube that show you how.

Let your insurance company know you have a sump pump and BWV – it could decrease your premium.

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NOTICE BOARD



Welcome to the Neighbourhood

Erwin and Gwen Bartell have moved in at 35 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 lists please call Burtine Kendall at 780 458 3380 or by email at arbur@shaw.ca.

Annual General Meeting

Save the date – the Erin Ridge Homeowners Annual General Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 15, 2014**.

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

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The Committee welcomes ideas for future articles.