



ERMINESKIN ENLIGHTENER

SERVING THE ERMINESKIN & STEINHAUER COMMUNITIES

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The Community Leagues signs on 23rd Avenue and at the Stienhauer Park location have been changed to read:

Please !!
Self Isolate, 2 Meters,
Wash Hands 20 Seconds

This is our new normal. Under direction from all three orders of government the Community League hall and playground have been closed and all programming temporarily suspended.

According to Covid19 patient map published by AHS, our community does not have anyone that has tested positive for the virus. Let's do our best to keep it that way. Going outside and getting fresh air is encouraged and when you are out walking remember that keeping a 2 meter distance from people who are not in your home is now mandatory.

Our economy is going to take a hit and I know seven families that lost jobs last week. In Edmonton more than 75% our businesses are classified as small business. Please support the small businesses in our community and let's try and keep their doors open.

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The organization, Business Retention and Expansion International provided a list of seven things to support small business.

1. Order Takeout or Delivery

Your favorite restaurants may have had to shut their doors, but many of them still offer takeout or delivery. Not only does that keep the business going, it also provides income for delivery drivers. Services like Skip-the-Dishes have sent information to customers and drivers to help ensure safe--and in some cases, contact-less--deliveries.

2. Buy Gift Cards

Want to inject some cash into a small business right now? Buy a gift card. Even if you aren't buying anything else because you're stuck at home, you can give your local shops or favorite restaurant a vote of confidence by spending even \$25 on a gift card to use later, when life returns to normal.

3. Shop Local Businesses Online

Many local businesses have online stores in addition to their brick-and-mortar locations. Whenever possible, consider giving them your business. The delivery option applies here as well with Click and Collect type services. While I'm a fan of shopping local when you can, keep in mind that as long as you are buying from someone in your community, you're helping to keep people in their jobs.

4. Use Credit or Debit Cards

When you do go shopping, use a credit or debit card instead of cash. Paper money and coins pass through so many hands and carry all types of germs. Limiting the amount of cash you use can help limit the spread of those germs, which is especially important right now.

5. Stay Home if You're Sick

Don't put others at risk if you're sick. That seems like common sense, but consider using a delivery service if there's something you really need or contact the Community League; we have folk ready and willing to help out! Many of the small businesses in your community are working hard to get through this. The last thing they need is for their employees to get sick because a customer went out when they shouldn't have.

6. Be Patient

In many cases, businesses are working at a dramatically reduced capacity. There's a good chance that you'll experience longer waits or encounter out-of-stock items. Trust me, every business is feeling that pain. They want nothing more than to be able to meet your needs and if they can't, extend a little grace and patience, remembering that they're working hard to stay open and serve their community.

7. Say Thank You!!

When you do go to the grocery store to buy what you need (as opposed to hoarding toilet paper), be sure to say thanks to the employees who are hard at work stocking shelves. It can be easy to forget that many of those employees are working overtime to keep their store clean and full of the food and supplies customers need. A simple thank you can go a long way to spreading a little gratitude and goodwill.

Which, as opposed to spreading germs, is something we could all use a little more of right now. Please reach out to family, friends and the community. I was happy to see a member reach out on social media that she needs some groceries and immediately three people offered to help. If your kids are driving you crazy send them out to shovel driveways, they can all do with a little less screen time. We live in a great community and we are all trying to build the community that we want to live in. Thank you for doing your part.

Let us look forward to a giant potluck bbq at the hall when this is over. Stay safe.

Kent McMullin, President- Ermineskin Community League

Annual General Meeting

ERMINESKIN COMMUNITY LEAGUE is tentatively

Looking at September for the AGM

Please watch our website and Facebook page for more information and updates to activities.

Information on the Casino:

On March 17, the government of Alberta declared a public health emergency due to the COVID - 19 pandemic that resulted in various measures, including the closure of all casinos.

- Charitable casino events in the **third quarter (July 1 - September 30, 2020)** will not proceed as scheduled.
- **All charities currently slotted for casino events will be moved back to later dates in order to accommodate and reschedule charities with canceled casino events due to casino closures.**
- Though casino events are disrupted, Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis (AGLC) will ensure that charities are rescheduled fairly when casinos open.
- When casinos eventually re-open, it will take a period of time for AGLC to reschedule all charities.
- At this time we do not know when casinos will re-open.
- We will provide specific details regarding the rescheduling of charitable casino events to charities when a plan is in place.
- **We have deactivated the sign up sheet on our website and will re activate once we have a date provided to us.**

Please be aware that dog walking in the green belt/utility corridor and in the parks is now on leash only and please... it is required that when you have your dog out... pick up the poo! (not related to COVID-19) but a common courtesy.

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LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP RATES

Memberships for 2019-2020 are now available

Single / Single Parent Family: \$25.00

Family : \$ 35.00; Seniors (65 years and older): no charge

Memberships can be purchased on line (www.EFCL.org)

or through our office.

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February, April, June, September & November

Our advertisers play an important role in our community, as they support us and many of our endeavors. GST is already included in the rates:

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For more information visit our website at www.ermineskincommunity.ca

Copy deadline for June/July/August is April 30

The Ermineskin Board of Directors meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM—

All are welcome to attend.

Upcoming Board Meetings:

June 9—pending....

All are welcome!

As an **Ermineskin Community League member** you have the opportunity to rent the hall.

For booking inquiries please email the office at eclinfo1@gmail.com or call the office 780-438-6623

Volunteer Opportunities!!

- Get involved in the community and gain valuable volunteer experience.
- Most ECL volunteer opportunities entail only a few hours of work per month or less!

Casino workers
Enlightener delivery
Community League Day
Hallowe'en Party
Craft Fair Kitchen Elves
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If you are interested in any volunteer positions, please contact the ECL office at: 780-438-6623 or eclinfo1@gmail.com



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A very hearty THANK YOU to Piet and Leo den Besten for all the work they did to give us great ice!! A lot of hours and hard work goes into this process and we are fortunate to have them!

This year had a cold stretch that was a challenge but the ice was GREAT!
(when this issue goes to print we still have lots of ice!)

Are you a poet and would like to share some of your prose?

Do you have an interesting hobby that you would like to share information on?

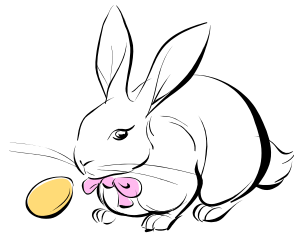
As there are no programs running we are looking for some interesting bits on folk in our community to share!

Let u s know via email!

ERMINESKIN ENLIGHTENER JUNE /JULY/AUGUST DEADLINE: APRIL 30
Please email JPEG Ad submissions to: eclinfo1@gmail.com
 Submit any hard copy items to the mail slot at the Community League office.
 Please Note: The Ermineskin Enlightener can be downloaded from our website:
www.erminekincommunity.ca

Facts you may not know about Easter:

1. Easter is celebrated at different times by Eastern and Western Christians. That's because the dates for Easter in Eastern Christianity are based on the Julian Calendar.
2. The traditional act of painting eggs is called Pysanka.
3. The name Easter owes its origin from Eastre, the Anglo-Saxon goddess who symbolizes hare and egg.
4. The exchange of eggs for Easter dates back to a spring-time custom older than Easter itself in which eggs were given as a symbol of rebirth in many cultures.
5. The white lily, the symbol of the resurrection, is the special Easter flower.
6. The date of Passover is variable as it is dependent on the phases of the moon, and thus Easter is a movable feast.



Mother's Day May 10

Did you know that Mother's Day is celebrated in almost 50 countries around the world.

However it is celebrated on different days in the month of May; and in some countries at entirely different times of the year.

In today's world Mothers Day has come to be internationally recognized as the day to honor all mothers. To thank them for not only the love they give but the sacrifices they make that benefit their own children and consequently to the betterment of society.

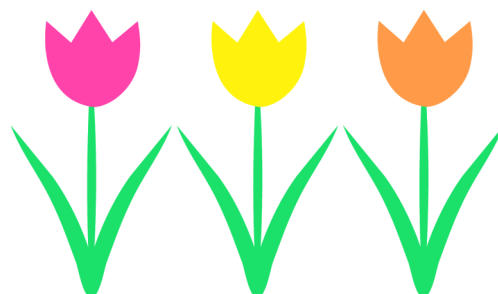
In France Mother's Day is referred to as Fete des Meres. Mother's Day is celebrated on the last Sunday in May and is treated more like a family birthday. Families gather for a special meal.

In Spain Mother's Day is celebrated on the 8th of December. It is closely associated with Mother Mary - the mother of Jesus.

In Sweden Mother's Day is on the last Sunday in May and is a family holiday. The Swedish Red Cross sells small plastic flowers on the days leading up to Mother's Day and the money raised is used to help needy mothers and their children.

In Yugoslavia on "Materitse," "Materice," or Mother's Day, the children tie up their mother, releasing her only when she has paid them to do so with sweets or other goodies.

In India Mother's Day is celebrated nationally on 19 August.



MLA Richard Feehan

Edmonton Rutherford



Need help navigating a Government of Alberta service? Do you have questions or concerns for the provincial government? I want to hear them!

If you would like to meet me to discuss any problems you or your family may be facing I encourage you to contact my office below.

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