



ERMINESKIN ENLIGHTENER

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The Ermineskin Enlightener is our Community Newsletter sharing information about your community with you.

Ermineskin Community League Virtual AGM and Open House

Tuesday May 11, 2021

**RSVP to eclinfo1@gmail.com
and link will be sent
prior to meeting.**

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for information
on the Big Bin
Event coming
in May!*

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Neil Thompson and David Long—Ambassadors

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**For more information and to download issues
of the Ermineskin Enlightener please visit our
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Copy deadline for June is March 28

**The Ermineskin Board of Directors
meets the second Tuesday of every
month at 7:00 PM— meetings are
currently being held via Zoom.**

**If you have a special concern please
contact us for information.**

Upcoming Board Meetings:

April 13, **May 11—AGM, June 8
please Attend!**

**YOU are what makes the Community
League Great!**

From the President:

Great Ice!

On behalf of the Board and the Community we would like to thank Piet den Besten and helpers for keeping the rinks in tiptop shape this winter. It has been great to see so many families and friends out using the ice till late in the evenings and to see the community working together to share space. On more than one occasion we have seen the big guys working with one end of the rink with small stick handlers on the other end! Bear in mind that we are, unfortunately, approaching that transition period in our weather. Please stay off the ice if it is too warm.

Litter... unfortunately we are still seeing lots of "stuff" left behind at the rink, on the toboggan hill and in the playground area: Pop cans, masks, candy bar wrappers... let's try and pick up after ourselves and our kids.

We do have a **lost and found**... if you have lost something... coat, toque, skates (yes, we have all of that and more) please contact the office at eclinfo1@gmail.com and we will arrange time for you to pick your items up.

Neighbourhood Watch (ESNW)

Crime continues to be an issue with now near daily video recordings of people trying to break into cars and homes.

A group of concerned citizens has approached the Community League Board and asked for our support as they form a neighbourhood watch program. Neil Thompson and David Long have volunteered to be our Neighbourhood Watch Program Ambassadors and are reaching out to Edmonton Neighbourhood Watch (ENW) to learn about the success of other Community Leagues' ENW programs. If you are interested in volunteering in any way, please contact David and Neil :

ermineskinsteinhauernw@gmail.com or by calling the office 780-438-6623

Annual General Meeting and Open House

Please watch online for more information about our **Virtual AGM and Open House** that will be held on **Tuesday, May 11, 2021.**

The **Open House** will commence at **6:00 pm**. We have invited a few guests to share information at the open house, potentially;

- ⇒ our retiring City Councillor Michael Walters and our MLA Richard Feehan;
- ⇒ **the City of Edmonton** on the new waste collection system, and the new bus routes;
- ⇒ Edmonton **Police Service** to share on crime prevention;
- ⇒ Dawn Fenske **EPCOR** - Steinhauer School Drainage Pond Update and Duggan Trunk Line Update.

The AGM **will start at 7:00 pm**. Please plan to attend. This is your community and only you can keep it strong!

Thank you for helping us build to a community where we all want to live.

Introducing our Ermineskin-Steinhauer Neighbourhood Watch Program!

Hello Neighbours,

We are setting up a 'Neighbourhood Watch' program and we need your help!

My family is fairly new to our community and we are so happy to have landed in such an amazing neighborhood. We are constantly reminded of this through the kindness of our neighbours; from the couple that delivered treats to our door in lieu of trick or treating during Covid, to our children playing in the yard with new friends, to the great new couple that sang Christmas carols to our family in -20 below, to the daily interactions of people stopping on walks to exchange pleasantries. We are so lucky!

We were recently shocked to hear the news of someone trying to lure children at Steinhauer school, and the nightly crimes of opportunity that seem to be more commonplace. As a father to a young family, this news did not sit well with me. I was more than happy to sign up with Dave Long as volunteers with EPS and The Edmonton Neighbourhood Watch Program Society to see if there is anything that we, as a community, can do to reduce the crime and make our neighborhood an unwelcome space to predators. At the February 9, 2021 Ermineskin Community League Board meeting, the board approved a motion that I, **Neil Thompson, and David Long would become Neighbourhood Watch Ambassadors.**

How can we make our community safer you ask? We asked the same question and Kent McMullin, our Community League President, put Dave and me in contact with the 'Knowsy Neighbours' program Director in Aspen Gardens. One of the Founders shed some insight into successful strategies that their community has put in place to reduce the crimes of opportunity, making their community safer. In 2008, the communities of Aspen Gardens and Westbrook were rocked by the vicious attack and rape of one of their elderly members! This was a watershed moment and galvanized their community around the issue of domestic crime. Since then the 'Knowsy Neighbours' program has been a leader within the city in crime prevention and community connection ever since.

Here are some great takeaways that we got from our conversation with Aspen Gardens:

- 1) Foster community connection - Know your eight neighbours around you.**
- 2) Have block meetings (when it is safe to do so) - Exchange phone numbers & email addresses so that you can contact each other in an emergency. Know the local kids; become friendlier to one another.**
- 3) Remove the opportunity for crime - lock your vehicles and homes to deter potential criminals.**

We are asking for your involvement in our fledgling program to make it a success. We need individuals to volunteer their time to help provide education, and to share ideas and programs that focus on crime prevention.

Please contact us (David Long or Neil Thompson) at: ermineskinsteinhauernw@gmail.com or please join us on the Facebook group: Ermineskin - Steinhauer Neighborhood Watch or contact the Community League office by phone 780-438-6623.

We want to create a space that highlights everything that is great about our neighbourhood and not a negative sentiment echo chamber. Let's make this a positive space for community building!

Ermineskin-Steinhauer Neighbour Watch

Reminder: During school hours if you ever see suspicious activity around a school, call 780-429-8000 and be connected to the EPSB Switchboard who can assist you.

The following are excerpts from Michael Jantz's Blog site: (Michael Jantz is our Public School Trustee) - blog site <https://www.michaeljanz.ca/>

"Edmonton's Chief of Police often says "the social determinants of crime are the same as the social determinants of health". We know that when we have more poverty, folks living rough, untreated mental health challenges, and substance abuse in our city, we are going to see more crime. We know we need to address the root causes of crime and focus more on prevention. While we work as a community to make these shifts, there are plenty of things we can do to keep ourselves and our families safe from worry and build better community safety." We all know this to be true and a concern. We can help!

BIKE INDEX: Register now - your Bike, Chariot, Stroller etc.—If you have not already, open a new browser tab right now and get registered. Go to any of the bike shops in Edmonton and they can help you out. <https://www.edmontonpolice.ca/CrimePrevention/HomePropertySafety/ProtectYourProperty/BikeIndex>

There is no substitute for the elimination of temptation. - keep doors locked and garage windows covered; keep hidden any valuables in your vehicle. Every night make sure all toys, bikes, or any items are hidden in the garage and doors locked or taken indoors. A solid lock on the garage is a great deterrent and prevents even the hardest bodycheck. It sounds simple but just put your things away. Sadly, even petty cash in the coffee cup can be a delicious temptation for someone hitting hard times.

Neighbourhood contact list!

Even if your neighbours are right across the road or alley, can you text them? Do you know their names? If their front window or garage was left open could you call?

In each place I've lived, I printed off a slip with our names and phone numbers, introduced ourselves, and offered some cookies to our neighbours as a friendly gesture to open a line of communication. You might feel a bit weird, but I can tell you first hand the neighbours all enjoyed meeting someone else, having contact and they were almost all willing to be an emergency contact or pet sitter! That contact list has helped us on a number of occasions, including a basement flooding issue.

Again, there is no substitute for knowing your neighbours and helping to keep an eye out for one another.

Let there be light: the beauty of motion sensor lights.

There are all kinds of motion sensor lights on the market now and many ways to utilize them. Light is a great deterrent.

Report everything and take the time to alert your neighbours. Edmonton Police Service logs all calls and tracks the data to determine where more attention may be needed. If recurring events are happening in a hot spot they will patrol that area more often.

In addition to police presence, forming a dog walking group or a neighbourhood watch task force can be an easy way to discourage negative activity in your area and lets those living on your street know that there are people keeping an eye out regularly. A more active community where people are regularly visible can be a good deterrent.



Over the last 60 days, (as of March 3, 2021) a total of 26 crimes were reported in our communities (Ermineskin and Steinhauer) including Assault, Break and Enter, Robbery, Theft from Vehicle over and under \$5,000 and Theft of Vehicles.

Please check out <https://enwatch.ca/> and see where you can help your community!

#9pmRoutine

Do your part in protecting yourself, your family and your home from property crime. Set your phone alarm for 9 p.m. every evening and be part of the #9pmRoutine.

- Empty your mailbox and retrieve packages from your porch.
- Turn on your exterior motion sensor lights.
- Put away and lock up any items that are in the yard.
- Close and lock your garage, garden gate, shed, doors and windows.
- Remove valuables from your vehicles, ensure windows are closed and doors are locked.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD Empowerment Team

A partnership of the City of Edmonton, the Edmonton Police Service, The Family Centre of North Alberta, and the United Way of the Alberta Capital Region.

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Seniors Abuse Help Line:
780-454-8888 ;

Edmonton Seniors Safe Housing:
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To all our seniors who have been able to get their first COVID SHOT!! Congratulations!!

Get a hand around your home

SENIORS HOME SUPPORTS PROGRAM

The Seniors Home Supports Program is a service that gives Edmonton Seniors 55+ the opportunity to receive referrals to screened businesses and service providers offering the following:

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- Personal services

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Greetings!

The Alberta Legislature returned to session on February 25th, and with that, the government revealed their budget for 2021. I was disappointed to see big cuts in public services, which families and businesses rely on. The budget also demonstrates a lack of investment in the industries and critical projects that could drive job creation and boost Alberta's economic recovery.

This budget hurts our primary, secondary, and post-secondary education systems. Due to the budget cuts, we know that 20,000 new students will enter the K-12 school system this September without additional funding. Post-Secondary was cut by \$300 million, which means layoffs and tuition increases for the 3rd year in a row. The deepest post-secondary cut concerns me the most -- the University of Alberta experiences 3- year cuts which add up to over 22% of their grants.

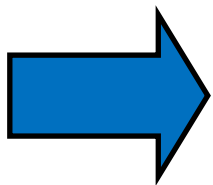
Premier Kenney's plan to lay off 11,000 health care workers and pave the way for privatized facilities is not what Alberta needs. In this budget, without tracking inflation and population growth, healthcare was effectively cut by \$632 million. Layoffs are certainly not what most of us thought of, when the Premier promised to create jobs in Alberta.

I am the Chair of the NDP Caucus "Alberta's Future" committee. As such, I would like to invite you all to join our discussion about how we can build the new Alberta economy in a forward-looking way. Diversification of the economy is essential and it will not happen without a plan. You can offer your ideas, read and comment on policies and participate in consultations on all the biggest issues of the day: <https://www.albertasfuture.ca>

I am sorry that we cannot meet face to face during this pandemic and I look forward to getting back to normal soon. I will continue to post updates on social media and videos on my YouTube channel, so constituents can see the work that's happening in the Legislature.

As always, I'm happy to hear from constituents. Whether you're concerned about coal mining in the Rockies, the problems of precarious work, or anything else, I want to know. If you have feedback to offer, please contact my constituency office.

*Sincerely,
Richard Feehan, MLA for Edmonton-Rutherford*



We are hopeful that we will soon have a date for our Casino... Stay Tuned!





Table Dollies

The Ermineskin Community League is looking for a metal fabrication shop or skilled craftsman to build three table dollies to move 6' and 8' tables. In these hard economic times we want to support local manufacturers. We have one bid coming in but would like to see at least one more.

If you are interested please contact eclinfo1@gmail.com for more information. Ideally we would like to have quotes in by April 30, 2021 In your quote, please include price, your experience and qualifications and delivery times.



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If you have a small business located in Ermineskin/Steinhauer; want to find work mowing someone's lawn, walk dogs or perhaps sell crafts for a bit of extra cash, then the new "In Our Community" section of the Enlightener is for you!

If you are a current Ermineskin Community League member, you can have a 3-line ad (no graphics) about your business for free in our Summer Enlightener issue.

Please contact the office at: eclinfo1@gmail.com to submit your information. The deadline for the issue is April 28 .



“ What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make. ”

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Holy Week

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Maundy Thursday - April 1st

Good Friday - April 2nd

Easter Sunday - April 4th



Ermineskin Office Host/Hostess Position

Are you interested in working a few hours a week at the Ermineskin Community League Office?

We are looking for community minded, proactive individuals would be comfortable working independently. While the Community League is closed with reduce programming, hours are currently flexible but will increase to up to four nights a week once programs resume.

Some of the duties required include:

- ⇒ Opening and closing the building and working special events on some weekends.
- ⇒ Answering and responding to phone calls and emails.
- ⇒ Selling community league memberships.
- ⇒ Collecting program registrations.
- ⇒ Manage community newsletter (creation, ordering and distribution)
- ⇒ Maintaining website and social media.
- ⇒ Providing support to the Board of Directors as needed.

Individuals should be a minimum of 16 years of age and an active member of Ermineskin/Steinhauer Community. Knowledge and experience with Microsoft Office and Google Suite is required. Strong communication and organizational skills are essential.

The Community League office is open from September through June; closed for Christmas, Spring break and all statutory holidays.

All interested individuals should apply att: Vanessa at ECLwebmaster1@gmail.com. With subject line ECL Host Position. Please provide cover letter with your resume.

Application deadline is April 30,2021

What are your favourite recipes?

Quick and easy, celebratory, desserts, cookies, comfort food....

Send them in and we will share with the community.

Think of it as a pot luck without getting together.

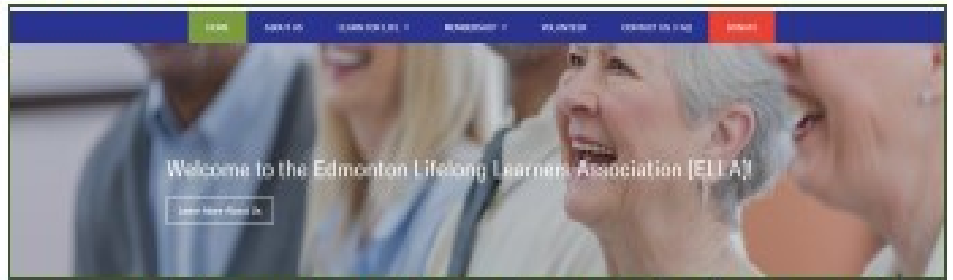
The Edmonton Lifelong Learners Association (ELLA), in partnership with the University of Alberta Faculty of Extension, has delivered expert-led,

continuing education courses for adults 50+ for 20 years. Our students range in age from 50 to 95+ years. ELLA is run entirely by volunteers and is a registered not-for-profit organization with charitable status. This year, we logged 5800 volunteer hours!

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT: Tamara Baltzan cell: 780-907-8722

tbaltzan@gmail.com

Courses in Art Instruction, Fine Arts, Humanities, Science, and Wellness and Leisure start April 19, 2021 with some running until June 11, 2021. Course cost is based on the hours of instruction, ranging from 7 to 30 hours, and works out to approximately \$5.00 per hour for an expert-led class



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