



ERMINESKIN ENLIGHTENER

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February 2021

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

PRESCHOOL VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

JANUARY 28—6-7 PM Via Zoom

Please email ermineskinpreschool@gmail.com with the heading: **OPEN HOUSE** then you will be emailed the link to the event.



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Morgan Freeman



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**For more information and to download issues
of the Ermineskin Enlightener please visit our
website at www.ermineskincommunity.ca**

Copy deadline for April is February 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:

February 9, March 9, April 13

**AGM will be coming up in May —
please consider attending!**



Hello Ermineskin and Steinhauer Residents!

Here are few items that were discussed from our most recent Ermineskin Community League Board meeting.

EPCOR Update

The new fencing and signage around the Ermineskin Park drainage pond has helped people to understand the importance of letting the new landscaping settle. Next winter you will be able to use the banks for sledding but for this year we encourage everyone to continue using the sledding hill at Steinhauer School.

EPCOR’s contractor will be back in the spring to finish a few repairs and start on a few new projects. It will be great to have all this new infrastructure in our community.

Crime

We are all aware of the “nuisance” crime problem that we have in our area. Thank you to everyone that is posting their security camera footage to raise awareness.

Constable Ann Waslyshen, Edmonton Police Service and Connie Marciniuk a member of the Southwest Neighbourhood Empowerment Team joined our Board meeting. Both grew up in the area and know our community well. They have shared crime prevention resources with us and we will share them with you on our website and on our Facebook page. During our discussion they asked us to remind everyone to please report **any issue** to the non emergency line 780.423.4567, here is the link.

<https://www.edmontonpolice.ca/ContactEPS/EPSComplaintLine>

By any issue they mean video footage of porch pirates or individuals walking down the street testing door handles, your car has been searched, a bike has been stolen or someone is on your property. EPS uses data analytics to prevent crime so they need all the data from our experiences.

They encouraged us reinforce the importance of not leaving anything visible in your cars, nor leaving a garage door opener or a spare set of keys and to make sure that your car doors are locked, even in the day. For your home they suggest locking your overhead garage doors and for those with attached garages, the door from your garage to your house. Another warning for the spring is not to leave your overhead garage doors open when you are working in the yard.

For homeless camps please report those to 311 **and if it is a real emergency call 911.**

Just for interest sake... here are some interesting information:

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Skating

Under AHS guidelines we are limited to 50, **socially distanced, face mask wearing people on each rink**. Hockey, shinny, pucks, sticks are not permitted by AHS regulations.

A core group of people have continued to ignore the regulations so we have removed the nets as a deterrent. Unfortunately, that did not stop them they just brought their own nets. While we are very happy with the number of people that are out sledding and skating we ask that you please follow the AHS regulations.

A word of caution, the Community League nor its members are by-law enforcement officers so please do not take on the role of ice wardens. If you have a concern, please call 311 and invite bylaw officers to come for a visit.

As of January 18, the AHS regulations will ease and groups of up to 10 people can gather outside. Please feel free to safely gather and have a fire at the community league fire pit. Please practise fire safety, supervise small children and bring enough water (snow) to thoroughly douse the fire.

Municipal Election

Councillor Walters has publicly stated that he will not seek re-election. We thank him for his service to the City and specifically to Ward 10. He helped us negotiate a good neighbourhood agreement with Procurra, the Century Park developer, who through this agreement will contribute financially to public amenities in our community. He also helped with the development of the Ermineskin Park Playground.

The election might be 10 months away but we have already been contacted by a few candidates who want to meet with the Board to share their visions for the City. As a board we would like to take this opportunity to canvass your thoughts on municipal priorities affecting Ward 10 and then later in the spring invite candidates to a meeting where we will share your visions for the City. We will create an online survey to seek your insights.

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

Kent McMullin - President, Ermineskin Community League

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- Empty your mailbox and retrieve packages from your porch.
- Turn on your exterior motion sensor lights.
- Remove valuables from your vehicles, ensure windows are closed and doors are locked.
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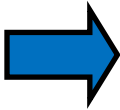
NEIGHBOURHOOD Empowerment Team

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.

 <p>PROPERTY OR VEHICLE DAMAGE</p>	 <p>THEFT</p>
<p>? You witness personal property being damaged.</p>	<p>? Your car or bike is stolen.</p>
<p> #377 or 780-423-4567 Edmonton Police non-emergency line</p>	<p> #377 or 780-423-4567 Edmonton Police non-emergency line</p>
<p> EPS Mobile App Edmonton Police Service</p>	<p> EPS Mobile App Edmonton Police Service</p>
<p>Take action. Provide details to the dispatcher. If reporting the crime on the EPS app, click on Report a Crime, pick the appropriate category and follow the prompts to answer the questionnaire.</p>	<p>Take action. Provide details to the dispatcher. If reporting the crime on the EPS app, click on Report a Crime, pick the appropriate category and follow the prompts to answer the questionnaire.</p>

 <p>HOMELESSNESS</p>	 <p>CAMPS, TENTS OR SHELTERS</p>
<p>? You see a person regularly sleeping in public areas.</p>	<p>? You come across a homeless camp, tent or shelter on public or private property.</p>
<p> 311 City of Edmonton</p> <p>211 press 3 24/7 Crisis Diversion</p> <p>587-336-5688 Boyle Street Community Services Street Outreach</p>	<p> 311 City of Edmonton</p>
<p>Take action. Contact the City for any concerns about homelessness on public land. Call 24/7 Crisis Diversion for non-emergency support for shelter, intoxication and mental health. Boyle Street Community Services Street Outreach connects with those living rough.</p>	<p>Take action. Be prepared to provide camp location details. City of Edmonton Park Rangers will visit the camp within four days. Individuals using the camp will be connected to support services and housing options by the Boyle Street Outreach team. The camp will be scheduled for cleanup by Parks maintenance crews.</p>

Unfortunately our January Casino has been cancelled and we will wait for a new date.



We will let you know as soon as a new date is assigned to us and we are so thankful for those that did sign up for the cancelled January Casino.



Please consider volunteering for this as our community league count on the funds from the Casinos to help pay for programs, renovations and regular expenses.

CRISIS SERVICES FOR SENIORS IN EDMONTON:

Seniors Abuse Help Line:
780-454-8888 ;

Edmonton Seniors Safe Housing:
780-702-1520

Get a hand around your home



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:

- Snow removal*
- Housekeeping*
- Home repair & maintenance*
- Yard help*
- Personal services*

Call your SouthWest Home Supports Coordinator, Barbara Newell, today!

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If you have a small business located in Ermineskin/Steinhauer; want to find work mowing someone's lawn, 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 April Enlightenment issue.

Please contact the office (780-438-6623 or eclinfo1@gmail.com) to submit your information. The deadline for the issue is February 28 .



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