



RIVER RIDGE

HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

In action

WELL EVERYONE...

... we have started a new year at River Ridge Homeowners Association (RRHOA)

and it is time to revisit some of the activities and events of 2016 that your membership fees have provided!

RRHOA has provided funds and support to **try to stop the development of our greenspace, Henderson Park.**

Most of you might perhaps not be aware of the magnitude or type of development that the mayor and council are planning to build on our greenspace...

The **lighting at the community entrance gates** has been improved to keep our access bright and inviting.

The spring and fall garbage bin days went well. **The spring bin day was a great success** and included games for the kids, a bouncy castle, hotdogs and refreshments, great conversation and of course the garbage bin. The fall bin day was moved, because of less than desirable weather, to a warmer day. The fall bin day gave us a last attempt at getting our yards and garages cleaned up for winter. Thanks to all who turned out!

RRHOA had our first **"Music in the Park"** this summer. The

diverse performers included a dynamic marching band, a classical music group that filled the park with amazing sound and a violin/fiddle soloist who had the crowd smiling and clapping. It was truly a spectacular summer day.

RRHOA provided funds as well for **upkeep and maintenance of the outer fence** that surrounds our community. It is a terrific way to maintain the aesthetics

of this great community. This is one of the quiet services that you won't notice until the fences become run down, great job guys!

Movie Night was a tremendous success. The weather didn't help us out a bunch, but a hardy group turned out enjoyed an evening in our amazing park. Great popcorn by the way! River ridge Community is so fortunate to have such a great venue!

The association also liaised with the Community League

on the **snowbank rink in the park**. It turned out amazing again. It is fun to watch and hear the enthusiasm from our community members enjoying our park.

RRHOA provided **maintenance of the grounds at our entrances**. It is so nice entering our community and seeing the groomed areas. Great job everyone who was involved!

This is a quick update of the things that your Homeowners Association made happen this year:

Your membership is vital in order to continue the progress we are making and to continue maintaining and building community values in this wonderful place we call home.

If you have already looked after your dues: thank you! If you haven't gotten around to it yet, there are different payment options that will make it easier for you. If you haven't heard about us or just need to ask some questions; please let us know. We love this community as much as you do!

INVITATION TO SUPPORT YOUR RIVER RIDGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

2016 activities supported by your membership dues:

- Maintenance of the grounds around the gate at Heath/Riverbend Road
- Improved lighting at this entrance gate to the community
- Spring and Fall Bin Days for members
- Bouncy Castle and Fun activities for the kids at all events
- Music event in Henderson park
- Movie night for the kids (young and old) in Henderson park
- Liaison with Community League on skating rink in Henderson park
- Upkeep of the surround fence subsidy program
- Efforts to defend the maintenance of Henderson Park

Financial status

• 124 of 357 households paid the annual \$100 fee for revenue of	\$12,350
• Members contributed in kind goods of a total value of	\$ 2,625
• Maintenance of front gates grass and garden cost	\$ 2,150
• Events like bin days cost a total of	\$ 2,700
• Printing and distribution of newsletters cost -	\$ 3,200
• The Surround Fence subsidy program cost -	\$ 3,150
• Improved lighting at gates cost	\$ 1,675
• Replacement of stolen signs costs	\$ 2,050
• Meeting and administration cost	\$ 1,340

Estimated Net Loss for year of \$1,300

PAY YOUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES OF \$100 VIA:

CHEQUE
payable to the River
Ridge Homeowners Association
Mailed to Box 21019, Terwillegar Postal
Outlet, Edmonton, AB
or
Dropped off in the mailbox
of any board member

CREDIT CARD
with PayPal through our website
www.riverridgecommunity.ca

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2017 - 7:30 PM

A Terwillegar Recreation Centre meeting room.

The agenda will cover a report of 2016 activities, election of the board of directors for 2017, approval of the minutes of the 2015 annual meeting and of the 2016 financial statements, and general discussion of issues of concern to River Ridge Homeowners. Everyone is welcome to attend but particularly homeowners and residents from the community. If anyone has an item they would like to see on the agenda please forward your suggestion to any member of the board.

The Board of Directors is comprised of members of the Association who volunteer

to serve in this capacity. Meetings are held about four or five times a year and are designed to gather ideas and suggestions of actions and programs to be undertaken by the Association.

All Board meetings are open meetings and any interested volunteer is always welcome to attend these meetings. If you are willing to serve in this capacity please let one of your directors know of your willingness and your name shall be placed on the list of directors presented for election at the annual general meeting.

THANKS...

Your association would like thank the following businesses that assisted with making the events put on on your behalf in 2016

- **The Bin Company**, for working with us on the Spring and Fall "Bin in The Park" day;
- **Ravenhill Agencies Limited**, supply insurance for our various events;
- **LSW Lighting**, handling our lighting needs at the front entrance;
- **Pace Oilfield Hauling Inc.**, who supplied major support at our events in the park;
- **Erik Visser Design** for all his work on the website, creation of the new logo and the fresh new look of our newsletter and for all of our graphic design needs..
- As well a **THANK YOU** to those individual members of the Homeowners Association who volunteered of their time to plan and work on the events and sit as members of our planning and steering committee.



STATUS OF HENDERSON DEVELOPMENT

ACT for community, the not-for-profit organization continues to act on behalf of communities in Edmonton regarding the development of our green spaces and schools sites. They are still before the courts with respect to the Haddow site which has commenced development. We suggest



community members drive by the development and judge for themselves whether this site makes the best use of the land and integrates into the park and community. Consensus of community members feel that it integrates poorly and has detrimentally fragmented the park. There is no word on Henderson Park, but members should look to Ogilvie (Whitemud Hills) to see how the process is being handled. An initial site layout by the City concerning the Henderson Park site showed that the sidewalk and a portion of the area designated for the snowbank rink would fall into the site, destroying the landscaping

funded by the community and approved by the City. Again, consensus is that communities are not being heard. We will be making boulevard signs available this spring for those households wishing to voice their opinion with respect to development of our Park.



SNOWBANK RINK

Thanks again to the community league for their support of the snowbank rink. The rink is funded through the league and costs the community \$10,000 each season to hire a contractor to build and maintain the site. The site is well used and the City has even used it for their learn to skate programs, scheduling 4 programs on the site this winter season. The most recent event had 30 - 40 attendees. It's great to see families use the site and meet others in the neighborhood. **Thanks to Jim** (Community League President), **Dave** (on both the League and Homeownership Board) & **Jolanta** (Community League) in their volunteer efforts to add some lighting to the ice. It's a great example of Community volunteers making our community one of the best, if not the best, community we can call home.





GATE GOSSIP

Once again the River Ridge Homeowners Association Board have **decorated the trees** at the main gate off Riverbend Road this year. The previous light strings did not last the season, we hope these will perform better. It certainly does brighten up the entry for the winter nights!

This Spring we are planning an **upgrade to the garden beds** to make a more dramatic entrance. Anyone with an interest in stonework and laying out gardens or stonework is invited to get involved.

Late in December it was noticed that a vehicle had left Riverbend Road and **skidded into the south stone pillar** causing damage to the light and stone structure... If anyone observed this incident or has information on what transpired we would be grateful to identify the individual in need of winter driving lessons and have them repair our gate.

New signs have been ordered to replace the Bronze ones that were stolen (!) from the pillars at Heath Road and Hedley Way. The new signs are plastic composite and should attract less attention of metal thieves...

2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS & VOLUNTEERS

Elton Allen (614 Henderson St) - Bruce Bannard (716 Hendra Cres) - John Brennan (313 Hedley Way) - Ambrose Choi (743 Hendra Cres) - Jay Danforth (314 Hedley Way) - Chris Gowers (738 Hendra Cres) - Gordon Houlden (810 Hepburn Ave) - Peter Kunkel (742 Hendra Cres) - Colin Wright (277 Heagle Cres) - Dave Wilson (702 Hendra Cres) - Josephine van Lier / Erik Visser (617 Henderson Street)

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February 22, 2017 **Annual General Meeting**

May 27, 2017 **BIN DAY**

TBA **Summer in the park events, including
MUSIC IN THE PARK and MOVIE NIGHT**

October 14, 2017 **BIN DAY**



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