



Estates Village, Sherwood Park 2024 “Sort of” Almost Spring Newsletter

Dear Estates Village Neighbours;

Well, it sure has been quite the winter this year, we are almost thru the nasty parts. One very cold snap and more mild spells than usual. We may be challenged for water this summer due to the lack of snow and spring rains. Some owners may not be aware that our complex has been included as part of the Whitecroft Community Center. We can “belong” to and have access to the community center in Whitecroft. Annual membership is \$20.00 currently, which gives access to the building rental at a reduced cost, free use of the winter rink, summer use of the pickle ball courts and participation to various annual events. There are a limited number raised garden boxes that are also available free to members. For more information, here is the website:

Whitecroft Community Hall: A Place to Celebrate, Gather and Grow
whitecrofthall.ca

There has been a suggestion for another “social get together” in April. Stay tuned to your email for details. Additionally, if there are any “social functions” you may be interested in for later in the year, please let Marlene Freinbichler know. Past examples include community garage sale, potluck, etc. And as always, local gatherings on driveways to catch up and enjoy the warm sunny days.

As one of our long-term residents often refer to us as “The Village People”. Here are our new residents!

WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO:

Dale & Sandra Pollard / Unit 1

Heidi Erisman / Unit 3

Robert & Sharon Segó / Unit 32

Some housekeeping items:

The Board will be starting the annual budget process shortly. If you have any items that you think need attention, please convey to the Property Manager (Joy Wallace). When finalized, it is worthwhile for owners to check their insurance, as the various deductibles in the Corporation's Policy may have changed. This may result in owners needing to change their own policies. Best to discuss with your insurance company. Keep in mind the complex is not "rural". We are carved out and part of Sherwood Park (not the County of Strathcona). This may impact your personal insurance rates. Also, we are within 3 km of a fire station and have a total of 4 fire hydrants located on the property.

Come later in April or early May (depending on the weather and ground conditions) the annual "walk about" will be done. Again, if you have anything you wish to convey to the Board, as needing attention, please contact the Property Manager (Joy Wallace). It is also suggested it may be time to check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. These are at an owner's cost.

It is a bit early, but please remember the snow clearing contract will be finished at the end of March. The Board appreciated the patience of owners during the recent fast and furious snowfall that we had. Things got done, but it took a few extra days. Come April, if we get a dump of the white stuff and you are able to help those that have issues removing snow – it would be greatly appreciated!

For those that have a sump pump bypass installed, as spring rolls around (usually mid April) the bypass can be closed to allow sump water to enter the grey water system as usual. If you are unsure wait until May.

Couple of more items. If there is a maintenance issue that the Board and Property Manager has to address, please fill out a "Maintenance Request Form" (found on the Estates Village Website).

When leaving your unit for a length of time it is strongly suggested that you arrange for someone to check your unit. We have had owners' units that suffered issues due to the unit not being checked in a timely manner. A neighbour or family member is suggested. It may also be required by your personal insurance company.

*****CHEERS FROM THE BOARD*****