



## **Wedgewood Ravine Home Owners Association Spring 2020 Newsletter**

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Hello all. With the current COVID-19 situation we hope all are well and safe. It is a different and difficult time for sure, and once over, it will be different again. Your Board continues to work and meet by conference calls to ensure our Community Association responsibilities are being addressed. We have been busy, and in the following brief summary offer a report as to what's going on.

Due to the significant developments of Covid-19 we do not know when we can hold our AGM, what it may even look like as a result of the battle with COVID-19. The world continues to learn more as it grapples with the pandemic. Once a date is determined we will ensure that all community members are informed.

Please drop us a line with any questions you may have. You can be assured your Board remains committed and functioning as it should. Above all, be safe, follow the COVID-19 guidelines, as it affects every one of us.

Best regards

Your Board of Directors

### **AHD Noise Committee Report**

The WRHOA Noise Committee continues to press the government to add noise attenuation measures to the Anthony Henday expansion project. In July 2019 the committee met with representatives from Alberta Transportation and the consultant who does the noise studies. We had requested the opportunity to question the consultant on the methodology of the studies, as well as to ensure the government understood our concerns. We followed up the meeting with a letter to document what we heard and the follow-up questions we wanted answered.

Representatives of the committee also met with MLA Kaycee Madu in November. Mr. Madu assured us he understood our concern as he had heard from many constituents about this issue during the election campaign. He promised to support our efforts in getting in front of the decision makers.

We received a response from Alberta Transportation (posted on the website) in February. At this time, given the current COVID 19 situation, we are waiting to review our position and respond to this letter.

### **Fountain Enhancement**

After a long-wet summer the fountain repair and upgrade were finally completed just in time for fall winterizing and shut down. We were fortunate enough to experience a test run over the Thanksgiving weekend which proved to be fantastic. This spring we will do a small amount of fine tuning before a full season of enjoyment, we thank all involved with this project.

### **Blue Bin roll out**

The Blue Bins have rolled out with huge success, the community has embraced the program with all of their recycling that arrives in our everyday mail. Thank you. We also added a new liner to all the neighborhood concrete garbage cans, allowing for easier emptying and increased cleanliness, Wedgewood doing its part in the fight against garbage.

### **Address update**

Please remove the PO Box portion, Canada Post has asked for this change and it is now to simply be:  
Wedgewood Ravine Home Owners Association  
101 Wedgewood Blvd.  
Edmonton, AB., T6M 2L5

### **Restrictive Covenant Road Map**

Due to the recent COVID 19 situation the WRHOA Board will not be able to convene a Special Meeting to review the next steps in the Road Map to change the Restrictive Covenant (RC) & Bylaws as discussed at the 2019 WRHOA Annual General Meeting (AGM). Please be advised as well that the WRHOA Board is seeking legal advice on this concern, and continues working on this matter. We look forward to meeting with the home owners to review and discuss this topic in the near future. The Board will keep you notified of a Special Meeting on this matter, as the COVID 19 situation progresses.

### **ETS Strategy Committee Report**

The WRHOA ETS Strategy Committee continues to be active in the pursuit of retaining ETS Service in Wedgewood Ravine over the past year. Thanks to the help from various members of the WRHOA ETS Strategy Committee in preparing for, attending and speaking at numerous City of Edmonton hosted meetings to voice the suggestions & concerns raised by Wedgewood Ravine residents.

The City of Edmonton, however, remains committed to changing the service levels for Wedgewood Ravine residents and many other communities in Edmonton and ignoring the suggestions from City of Edmonton residents (including many Wedgewood Ravine residents) on other city proposed alternatives.

The City forges ahead with a new model that will promote a private smaller bus network that they claim will meet all the requirements of our bus users, with the “on demand system”. The specific detail of how the process works are not available for the public and are being worked on by City ETS staff. The new model & process are planned for implementation in **August 2020** and will run for a planned 2-year test period. Accordingly, the city will not commit to what will happen after the test period.

The **ETS Bus network, is changing**. All residents who use the bus network will need to become informed through the City of Edmonton communication methods provided on how this change will specifically impact them. All residents are advised that should you have any further concerns, you will need to contact your **City Councillor (Sarah Hamilton)** & the **Mayor (Don Iveson)** to voice your concerns. Thank you again to all the WRHOA ETS Strategy Committee volunteers for your continued help. We will continue to monitor and advise via the WRHOA website of any upcoming news in regard to the ETS Bus network changes.

## **Fence Painting Program 2020/2021**

Our three-year fence painting cycle is beginning once again. The common areas being targeted this year are as follows. Those noted as not done last year may not have been totally completed:

Walkways between Wells Wynd and Weber Way. (Not done last year)  
Lessard Road from the TUC to 184 St.  
184 St from Lessard Rd to Wedgewood Blvd  
The walkway from Wedgewood Boulevard to Wells Wynd. (Not done last year)  
The walkway from Weber Close to Wedgewood Boulevard. (Not done last year)  
The walk way from Weber Way to Wedgewood Boulevard. (Not done last year)

As stated in previous years the maintenance of these common fences is the responsibility of the adjoining Homeowner. Some of the fences in question are in need of repair work. While the Board has maintained the paint on the public side of these fences it will not replace boards or sections of the fence as this duty is solely that of the homeowner.

The board is asking that Homeowners adjoining noted areas to be painted repair their fence prior to painting commencing. The fence must be repaired as per the fencing guidelines located on the Website. Repair work may be done by the home owner or by a contractor of their choosing. Home Owners may if they so choose can contract at their cost the services of Barton Landscaping (780) 918-7846 to complete the repairs.

Due to weather conditions we cannot advise further with the exact dates each of these areas will be addressed. Please do any repairs needed ASAP.

## **Reporting Burnt Out Street Lights and other City Owned Property Needs**

For any neighborhood concerns or citywide concerns, 311 is the first place of contact for repairs and inquiries. 311 has a very user-friendly app, and it allows you to upload pictures of the damages, or repairs needed.

As the Homeowners board, we receive many calls about city owned property and assets, lights, roads, potholes, grass, sewers, paths, snow removal, garbage, bylaws. We as the board refer people to call 311 or use the self-help app on your phone.

This is where you would report burned out lights, as the city does not actively drive neighborhoods any longer looking for burned out lights to repair, if you as a citizen don't report it, it will never be fixed, simple as that, and you could likely assume most other repairs would be similar, although we have not verified this.

With the App, you can report the location by going on a map and putting the cursor at the location of what needs repairing, and submit it, you can make it public, so others can see reported issues and when. Take a picture with your phone, and you can attach that to your submission for clarity.

The city repairs the street lights, and EPCOR repairs park lights, however you still report both to 311 and they route accordingly. The city's service commitment is 14 days on lights; however, they have had challenges with our light fixture type and are finding parts tough to find. They are looking at alternatives for these lights (the fixture portion at the top). They have done one at the corner of 1102 Wedgewood Boulevard with LED, as they strive to put LED's in.

### **Shale Paths**

Last Sprint/Summer we asked the City to do a Safety Audit of our communities Shale Paths as they need repair. They did not get to it last summer. We are reminding them of this need and await their report back. Once received we will report results at either the AGM or on web site given the timing of their reply.

### **Surplus School Site Update**

At this writing the Board and Community League have yet to receive a date notification as to when the Land Development Application will go to Council, at which time a Public Hearing is held. This application the result of the site location being moved closer to 184 Street. With Access to the site remaining off of Wedgewood Boulevard. More to follow once we receive this notification.

### **In Action Newsletter**

Issue #2 was sent November 2019 with the theme of letting everyone know what the Board's role is and the things we are working on. It provided Committee updates and what our future plans are. We listed the Top 3 Complaints we heard this past term (at time of release). Also addressed were the deferred items from last year's AGM. We ask all to let us know what you liked and didn't like about the newsletter. Please let us know via our email address [wrhoa@wedgewood.ca](mailto:wrhoa@wedgewood.ca) or by mail to

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### **RV Parking**

RV Parking has always been an issue we are asked to address year after year. With the RV Season coming we remind all who wish to bring home their Boat, RV, holiday trailer, that the best way to avoid any issue is to comply with a Judge's order on this matter. No Recreational vehicles or Commercial vehicles in the front yard or driveway for more than seven (7) days in any month; and a partial day shall count as one day. Additional information along with the Court Order can be found on the website under the Home Owners Association NEW INFO drop down. Under the Wedgewood New information - RV Parking - compliance and enforcement piece open the Parking RVs in Wedgewood compliance link.

### **New Board Members**

The Board continues to look for committed and able new members as there are openings and more to occur over the course of the next term and terms following. If you are interested in joining the Board of Directors, we would like to hear from you. If interested but hesitant, you will be given a brief overview of what we do, and you will be invited to sit in our meetings to familiarize yourself with the Boards role in maintaining our community. If interested please email us at: [wrhoa@wedgewood.ca](mailto:wrhoa@wedgewood.ca).

That's it for now. More to come at the AGM, when we are allowed to once again assemble. Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions or comments. Your input into your Community is important to all. Until then be safe.