



# ROSSDALE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## **Message from our Executive**

Dan Forest has stepped down as President. Terry Pandza, Vice President, has now assumed the role of President; this is in accordance with Article 9 of our By-laws. We thank Dan for his contribution.

The Executive has been continuing to meet, albeit remotely due to the COVID-19 restrictions. If you wish to speak to an agenda item, you are welcome to participate when the Executive gets to that meeting item. Should you wish to have an agenda item added please contact Terry Pandza (terrypandza37@gmail.com). For any materials that accompany your agenda item, please provide appropriate copies to the Executive prior to the meeting in order that the item can be dealt with in a timely and productive manner. Meeting agendas and minutes are posted on our website – [www.rossdale.ca](http://www.rossdale.ca).

## **Confirmed -- Big Bin Event –Sept 19 & 20 at Community Hall**

*Call for Volunteers* -- Volunteers are needed to help with the event. Responsibilities will include:

- ensuring social distancing protocols are in place and adhered to,
- items are disposed of in the bins appropriately,
- asking for proof of residency,
- limiting, where necessary, volume and quality of items (see below).

Interested in helping? Please contact Natalie Bunting at 780-984-2334 or [bunting@shaw.ca](mailto:bunting@shaw.ca)

Residents will be responsible for the loading/unloading of their items for disposal. Volunteers will not assist in this task. Please note -- one load per residence per day will be allowed, subject to availability.

If you are planning or have completed any major renovation, landscaping or large cleaning project, please be advised that the Rosssdale Big Bin event will not and cannot accommodate these volumes. We will have only three bins available for use of Rosssdale residents and disposal will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis. When the bins are full, no further items will be accepted. However, if it appears on the second day that there is additional room in the bins, a message will be sent out via *Rosssdale Connect* alerting residents and they will be allowed a second disposal. Again, this will be on a first-come, first served basis.

The Executive reserves the right to limit or refuse items brought to the Rosssdale Big Bin Event. Household hazardous materials or commercial waste will not be permitted; please use City of Edmonton Eco Stations for proper disposal.

The City of Edmonton will be offering the following Big Bin Events throughout the City; they are open to the public:



<b>Date</b>	<b>Quadrant</b>	<b>Location</b>
Aug 22-23	Central Edmonton	Commonwealth Stadium
Aug 29-30	Southwest	Terwillegar Community Recreation Centre
Sep 12 -13	Northwest	Castle Downs
Sep 19-20	Southeast	Ellerslie (To be confirmed)
Sep 26-27	Northeast	Clareview Community Recreation Centre

**Rossdale Kids - Hoping to make your summer a little more FUN!**

The Rossdale Executive is pleased to offer children who reside in Rossdale an opportunity to visit either the Edmonton Valley Zoo or the Royal Alberta Museum.

**How do I take advantage of this great offer?** Book your online tickets, including your siblings and parents, and email a copy of the receipt along with your address to Natalie Bunting [bunting@shaw.ca](mailto:bunting@shaw.ca).

A cheque will be dropped off at your home. Reimbursement is limited to one visit to either the zoo or the museum (not both), per Rossdale residence, Maximum amount of reimbursement is \$50. If you have any questions, please contact Natalie Bunting at 780-984-2334.

**Annual General Meeting – Save the Date**

The Annual General meeting will be held as follows:

**Date:** September 20, 2020

**Time:** 3:00 pm

**Where:** Rossdale Community Hall. Weather permitting, the meeting will be held outdoors to accommodate social distancing.

The AGM will follow on the heels of the Big Bin Event and will be outdoors. No seating or refreshments will be provided. If we are rained out, the meeting will be held the following Sunday (Sep 27) at the same time and location. Further details will be forthcoming.

**UPDATE ON EPCOR NEIGHBOURHOOD MAINTENANCE**

Our Epcor contact has provided the following information regarding scheduled neighbourhood maintenance in the Rossdale community.

Groundwater Monitoring Wells:

In our April newsletter to the community, we described our plans to install new groundwater monitoring wells in eight locations around the water treatment plant. We are planning to begin this work the week of June 29, and expect it to take around two weeks to complete. We expect that it will take approximately one to two days to install the wells at each location, and will post signage around our worksites to ensure public safety.

Water Main Rehabilitation:

Since May Epcor has continued our work to rehabilitate the leaking water transmission main and replace the leaking valve located near the entrance to the Rossdale Water Treatment Plant. We are planning to include the information below in an upcoming (early July) newsletter to the community. We'll also include information about upcoming work at the two substations located directly west of the water treatment plant in the July newsletter.

Weather depending, we expect the valve replacement portion of the work to begin mid-July and be completed by the August long weekend. The work will involve cutting the asphalt, lifting the valve chamber lid, replacing the leaking valve, and restoring the access road to its previous condition.

While all of this work will happen in the access road to the water treatment plant, you may see personnel and/or equipment accessing the site from Rossdale Road NW. We will place barricades around the worksite to direct traffic flow and ensure the site is safe. All construction activities will be performed in accordance with the City of Edmonton bylaws, Occupational Health and Safety requirements, and EPCOR's health, safety and environmental procedures and guidelines.

In order to ensure that employees and delivery trucks essential to keeping the plant running can continue to access the plant during this rehabilitation, **we are planning to do the majority of work overnight (from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.). This means that Rossdale residents may see lights from our construction site and hear general noise associated with construction, including beeping from equipment backing up at the site.** Residents can contact Epcor at (780) 412-3599 if they have any questions or concerns about this work.

We are also working to identify and repair a second leak located in the water transmission main that runs underneath the access road to the water treatment plant. The leak investigation is currently underway and, once the leak is located, repairs will need to be completed. To date we have drilled a number of boreholes in the access road to the plant (in front of the substation and our guardhouse).

**CRIME IN OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD**

There has been an increase of petty crime and vandalism in our neighbourhood. Most are crimes of opportunity – unlocked doors, vehicles left open, articles of value left outdoors, etc. We are encouraging all residents to be vigilant.

The following are some crime prevention tips to help ensure we have a safer neighbourhood. *Source: Edmonton Police Service website.*



- Make sure your address placard is labeled properly and well lit—makes it easier for emergency vehicles to find your house.
- Keep your property in good repair and order—sends a message that you care about your property and gives intruders fewer places to hide.
- Never leave keys in a “secret” hiding place outside your home.
- Never leave a note on your door saying you are not home.
- If you have an attached garage, make sure the door leading from the garage to the house is sturdy and has a dead bolt.
- Lock your doors, even when you are home.
- Use window coverings to conceal valuable property in your garage and home.
- If your garage is unattached, ensure proper lighting around it.
- Make sure the overhead garage door is completely closed before entering your home.
- Do not leave your automatic garage door opener inside your vehicle when parked outside.
- Disable your garage door opener when on vacation.
- If your windows have a locking device use it, if not, install a pin or a piece of wood to prevent windows from being slid open.
- Install security bars on windows (particularly basement windows) ensuring they can be easily removed in case of fire.
- Do not leave your windows open, even on the second story.



### **Why should you report a crime?**

It's simple: the Edmonton Police Service cannot address crimes or hotspots if we are not notified of the crimes.

***Typically, when a crime occurs and is left unreported, the frequency and severity of occurrences will increase if they are not dealt with.*** This makes the importance of reporting crime and disorder, regardless of severity, absolutely vital for the EPS and your community.

### ***What does the EPS do to help target crime in your community?***

There are numerous resources within the EPS that, on a daily basis, monitor crime and disorder, analyze it for patterns and send the information to front-line members so they can visit areas targeted by offenders. From this, target areas are identified, and, on numerous occasions, the

individuals responsible are also identified. The final result, although not always seen, is an arrest for the original crime reported, or for other occurrences.

Furthermore, each day, analysts put together a map of their respective division that records and illustrates every crime that occurs within that division. On a weekly basis, the Community Liaison Constables, Community Sergeants, Beat Sergeants, as well as divisional management, meet, review, and discuss crime patterns and emerging hotspots. From these meetings strategies are developed, discussed and utilized by the members of each division.

Proactive patrols, beat patrols, and proactive policing events are responses to the emerging crime and disorder patterns documented. In many cases, when a police car or a police officer is noted in your neighbourhood, they are visiting a target area.

The key is the initial reporting of an incident. Reporting an incident can take as little as 15 minutes. Reports can be made in a number of ways:

1. Attending a community or divisional station.
2. Calling the police dispatch line at [780-423-4567](tel:780-423-4567).
3. Online Crime Reporting -- EPS website: [eps.ca](http://eps.ca), or #377 from a mobile.
4. EPS has a mobile app that can be downloaded to your IOS or Android device. Visit EPS website at: [eps.ca](http://eps.ca) for further details..
5. Text 9-1-1 or call 911 for a crime in progress.

*Source: EPS website*

### **Register your bike with the Bike Index**

Your bike will be easier to track down if it is lost or stolen if it is registered on [BikeIndex.org](http://BikeIndex.org). You'll need to provide your bike's details including serial number, make, model, and colour. Add a photo and additional details like aftermarket parts, unique markings or stickers, etc. – the more details the better.

If you include your phone number, any EPS officer who finds your bike can contact you immediately to notify you of your bike's whereabouts. This will allow an easier transition for the return of your bike. If your bike is missing, mark it as lost or stolen on BikeIndex. That way anyone who finds your bike and searches the Index, can contact you with its whereabouts. Don't forget to report stolen bikes to the police using one of the methods noted above.

### **Youth Looking for Jobs**

There are a number of students in our neighbourhood available to help with yard work, watering, and babysitting. Email Karen at [karen.edwards@shaw.ca](mailto:karen.edwards@shaw.ca) for students on the registry.

*Stay safe, stay healthy  
& have a Happy Summer*

