



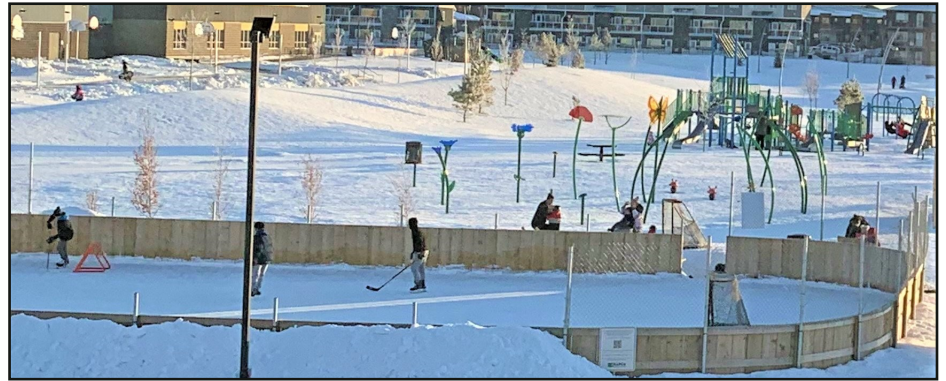
# EARCA

EVERGREEN & ASPEN RIDGE  
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE EVERGREEN COMMUNITY RINK

by Cinthya Wiersma, EARCA Rink Coordinator

The rink has been a very busy place since the start of the winter season. Cold weather early on helped the rink get flooded earlier than expected, and it has been wonderful to see families and kids of all ages partake in this great winter activity in our community.

The Evergreen & Aspen Ridge Community Association would like to thank all community members for adhering to the rink rules and also Covid protocols, which can be found posted at the rink and online at [EARCA.ca](http://EARCA.ca).

Rink maintenance is currently provided by five committed volunteers, who take time from their personal schedules to scrape, shovel, and flood the rink. There are now two new

benches at the rink that were built by one of our rink volunteers.

We appreciate the shoveling efforts of everyone using the rink, especially after a snowfall. If possible, it would be even more helpful if the snow could be shoveled outside of the boards.

EARCA is seeking volunteers to supervise family skate times, which not only provide a useful service to the community, but also ensure our association's eligibility for City of Saskatoon rink grants. Please visit [EARCA.ca](http://EARCA.ca) to sign up.

Enjoy the rink, and please remember the many volunteer hours that go into maintaining it. Email [rink@earca.ca](mailto:rink@earca.ca) for more information.

### ADVERTISE IN AN UPCOMING ISSUE

SPRING 2021  
Deadline: April 1

SUMMER 2021  
Deadline: June 1

FALL 2021  
Deadline: Sept. 1

# EARCA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Todd Hardy, EARCA President & Website Coordinator



## WOW, WHAT A YEAR THAT WAS!?!

2020 threw some curveballs that I'm proud to say only made Evergreen and Aspen Ridge deepen our ties as a community. Through the year, I took opportunities to speak with you when I was walking my dogs, taking my son to daycare at the ELC, or monitoring the rink, and the optimism coming from each of you was inspiring.

## So, what was 2020 like for the Evergreen and Aspen Ridge Community Association (EARCA)?

Well, some of you may have noticed the community association struggling from a few different aspects, and I'd like to take a minute and talk about them. EARCA is made up of volunteers, and going into 2020, we were running with less than a bare minimum board to support all of the programs anticipated for 2020. This was compounded in March when our past president and vice president made the decision to move out of province and were vacating their positions. As happy as we were for David and Rozlynn to be pursuing their next steps in life, EARCA became directionless and understaffed.

## Where is EARCA at now?

The EARCA Executive Board is re-grouping and being brought back to the core of our existence. EARCA exists to create a sense of community and works to improve the quality of life of all people in the Evergreen and Aspen Ridge neighbourhoods. Since October 2020, you will have seen an increase in communication through our [website](#) and [Facebook](#) channels about things impacting our community. These communications align with our mission and include the values of trust, integrity, and transparency in all things we do and are the base in how we are going to operate moving forward.

## What should Evergreen and Aspen Ridge neighbourhoods expect of EARCA in 2021?

To deliver on our mission will require additional volunteers, creative thinking to deliver

programs, and most importantly, your thoughts on our community direction. This will not be light work, and it will take all hands on deck, paired with continuous focus. I am convinced it's not a matter of if we can deliver, it's a matter of what and how far we can go, and that will be up to the Evergreen and Aspen Ridge community working together.

## How can I help EARCA achieve its mission? (Why, thank you for asking!)

1. Sign up for an [EARCA membership](#) to help cover operating expenses.
2. We are made up of volunteers and we need more help, please [email me](#) to apply.
3. [Follow us on Facebook](#), watch the [EARCA website](#) for updates, and send us words of encouragement.
4. Tell us what you would like to see in the community. We want to hear from you! Email us, send us a Facebook message, or join our board meetings.

As this is my first presidential message, I wasn't sure how to close, so let me just say "thank you." Thank you for taking the time to read this. Thank you for staying so positive, and thank you for helping us all get through 2020. Thank you to the dedicated volunteers in our community and, most importantly, thank you for stopping to say hello and in doing so, brightening a neighbour's day.

On behalf of the EARCA Executive Board, all the best in 2021!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Todd Hardy".



# COVID RESTRICTIONS IMPACT COMMUNITY SPORTS

By Melissa Tysowski, EARCA Vice President & Basketball Coordinator

Two EARCA teams participated in the fall 2020 session of community indoor soccer, with some players sent to Willow Grove University Heights Community Association when full teams could not be made. Play was suspended in December because of COVID-19, however, the players still enjoyed their season.



With increased COVID numbers in January and the likelihood of limited game opportunities and restrictions on play, EARCA decided to not continue soccer for the 2021 winter season.

Newly elected soccer coordinator, Dave Plamondon, looks forward to seeing many faces in the spring for the outdoor soccer season! Please watch our Facebook page and website for information on spring soccer registrations in the next few months.



EARCA Soccer Coordinator Dave Plamondon  
[soccer@earca.ca](mailto:soccer@earca.ca)

There were big hopes for continued growth of basketball in EARCA at the beginning of the season, but like with all recent stories. . . COVID.

Due to gym availability, only Mini (grades 5/6) and Bantam (grades 7/8) players were registered through Saskatoon Minor Basketball Association and were put on teams in EARCA or other neighbourhoods based on self-declared experience. Games began in the fall at the Martensville Athletic Pavilion, but with health orders, SMBA pivoted to carry on with weekly practices instead of games, which is what is continuing at present for teams choosing to participate.



Please contact EARCA basketball coordinator, Melissa Tysowski, with any questions: [basketball@earca.ca](mailto:basketball@earca.ca). EARCA thanks all coaches, managers, parents, and players for participating!



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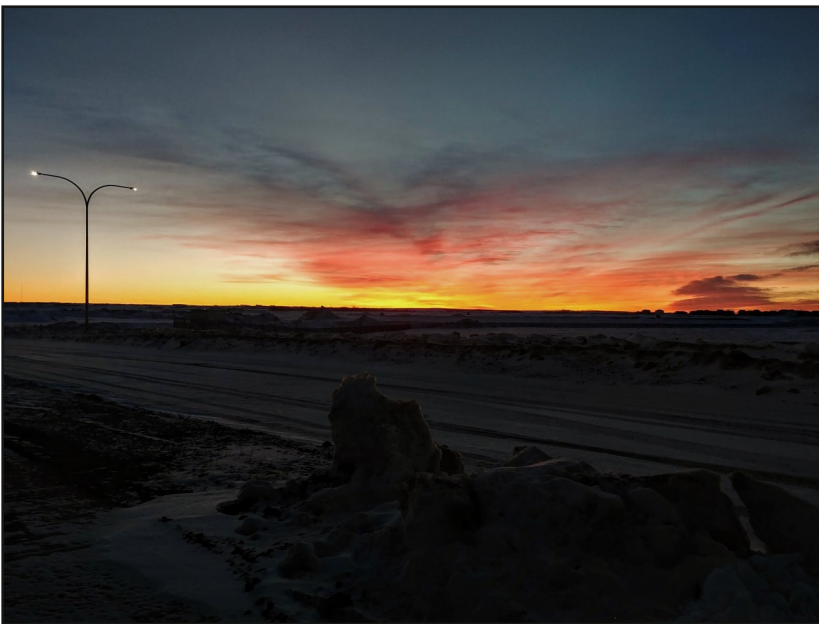
# WINTER BEAUTY IN EVERGREEN & ASPEN RIDGE



*Photo taken in the Northeast Swale by Julie Cortens*



*Photo taken by Wendi Harris*



*Photo taken east of the Northeast Swale by Samatha Kitzul*



*Photo by Julie Cortens*

**Share community photos  
with us at [info@earca.ca](mailto:info@earca.ca).**



*Photo by Julie Cortens*

# EARCA SEEKING NEW BOARD MEMBERS

## Volunteer Your Time and Talents through Your Community Association

The Evergreen & Aspen Ridge Community Association is made up of volunteers who strive to improve our neighbourhoods through programs and events. EARCA is looking to round out its executive board and fill the positions of softball coordinator and communications coordinator.

The **softball coordinator** is responsible for coordinating and organizing the association's softball league. This includes managing registrations and other scheduling, creating teams, and equipment and uniform delivery and maintenance.



The **communications coordinator** role promotes the association by preparing and arranging for distribution of the association's newsletter, facilitating social media and website communications, and assisting with revenue-generating advertising opportunities.

### The 2021 EARCA executive board includes:

- Todd Hardy, President & Web Coordinator
- Melissa Tysowski, Vice President & Basketball Coordinator
- Robbin Martens, Secretary
- Dave Foth, Treasurer
- Cinthya Wiersma, Rink Coordinator
- Sam Whitehawk, Facilities Coordinator
- Yimika Plumptre, Registration Coordinator
- Dave Plamondon, Soccer Coordinator
- Jeff Froese, Member At Large
- Jeff Silbernagel, Member At Large
- Natasha Silbernagel, Member At Large
- Jennifer Sadoway, Member at Large
- Laura Monchuk, Member At Large

If you are interested in joining the EARCA executive board, please [email us](#).

## EARCA ADOPTS NEW LOGOS AT 2020 AGM

You may have noticed the new logo for Evergreen & Aspen Ridge Community Association on page 1 of the newsletter. A new logo set was adopted at the Nov. 9 EARCA Annual General Meeting to better reflect the association between the two neighbouring communities.

Freelance Communications Consultant **Laura Monchuk**, who also serves as member at large and newsletter designer for EARCA, crafted the new logo set at the board's request. The new logo designs incorporate elements from each community's signage to convey unity through the association.

