



OCTOBER EDITION

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RM OF EAST ST. PAUL

Mayor and Council open new play structure

East St. Paul Mayor Carla Devlin along with Couns. Brian Imhoff, Charles Posthumus and Orest Horechko and were joined by MLA Jeff Wharton at the opening of the new play structure at Hugh McDonald Park.

“I’d like to thank MLA Wharton for joining us today and thank the Province for contributing to our park. When I was first elected in 2018 this park was an item that was of concern in the community and I had one resident in particular who was always actively reminding me that this park needed to be rehabilitated,” Mayor Devlin said.

“It’s very exciting today to have it rehabilitated and open to the public and especially to have it accessible, it provides more opportunity to all our residents.”

One of the highlights of the day was little Aquila K, playing on the swings with the Mayor, perfectly capturing the spirit of community and joy the project represents.

The Provincial Government provided \$50,000 through the From the Ground Up – Safe Healthy Communities for ALL Program to go toward the structure.



MLA Wharton was excited about additional recreational equipment in East St. Paul, noting the new splash pad also opened this summer.

“This is another great announcement for East St. Paul, another great investment by Manitoba taxpayers and the Government of Manitoba so we thank them for a \$50,000 grant to help our kids. This is an accessible play structure that is very user friendly and very safe,” Wharton said.

Devlin said staff were instrumental in making the new structure a reality.



“Thanks to all our staff and our CAO who contributed to the success of the park and we look forward to all the kids who will enjoy the park.”

Fire Prevention Week Oct. 5 - 11 focuses on lithium-ion batteries

Fire Prevention Week is celebrated every October throughout North America. Fire Prevention Week works to educate people



about the leading risks to home fires and ways they can better protect themselves and their loved ones.

The theme for this year’s event is: “Charge Into Fire Safety: Lithium-ion batteries in your home”

Lithium-Ion Battery Safety

Over the past years, the number of devices using rechargeable lithium-ion batteries has rapidly expanded. These include cell phones, laptops, tablets, e-scooters, e-bikes, hover boards, e-cigarettes and toys just to name a few. These batteries store a large amount of energy in a small amount of space. Like any

product, a small number of these batteries are defective. They can overheat, catch fire, or explode.

Have you ever dropped your smart phone or tablet? Has your child ever dropped their e-scooter? Did you think about the impact that could have on the lithium-ion battery that is powering your device?

Safety Tips

- Purchase and use devices that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory displaying a UL, ETL or CSA sticker. Just because something is sold, it doesn’t mean it’s safe.
- Always follow the manufacturer’s instructions.
- Use only the battery that is designed for the device and the charging cord that came with it.
- Do not charge a device under your pillow, on your bed, or on a couch.
- Do not keep charging the device or device battery after it is fully charged.
- If you are leaving your house, do not leave your e-bike, e-scooter, hoverboard etc. on a charger. Ideally, these should be charged outside in a well-ventilated area.
- Keep batteries at room temperature when possible. Do not charge them at temperatures below 0°C or above 40°C.

- Store batteries away from anything that can catch fire.
- Stop using the battery or device if you notice any of these problems:
- Odour, change in colour, too much heat, change in shape, leaking or making odd noises.
 - If it’s safe, remove the device from anything that can catch fire and call 911.

Battery Disposal

- Do not put lithium-ion batteries in the trash.
- Do not put discarded batteries in piles.
- Recycling is always the best option. The East St. Paul Administration building at 3021 Birds Hill Rd. will accept these batteries or you can take them to another battery recycling location.

Throughout Fire Prevention Week, further information will be sent out through our social media platforms.

If you have any questions, contact the administration office at 204-668-8112 or email info@eaststpaul.com and someone will get back to you.

**Thank you,
Your East St. Paul
Fire Department**

Here’s what the seniors are doing...

East St. Paul 55+ Activity Club News

October 18, 2025 at 1 PM The ESP 55+ Activity Club will be holding a Power of Attorney (POA) information session at the ESP 55+ Activity Centre located at 262 Hoddinott Road.

This presentation is put on by a lawyer who is well versed in the laws related to a POA.

We have also negotiated a preferred rate for the lawyer to prepare a POA for our eligible members, and the Club will be further reducing the cost with a \$250 subsidy for individuals or \$400 subsidy for couples.

The preferred rate and the subsidy will bring the total cost for a POA to a very affordable rate for seniors who are members of our Club.

The subsidy is made possible because of a grant we have obtained from the federal government’s New Horizons for Seniors Program. If you are a senior and interested in hearing more, please contact us at:

esp55plus@gmail.com. There are conditions to getting the preferred rate and subsidy.

INTERESTED IN BRIDGE? WHIST? CRIB?

We are always looking for more card players

AND we are trying to start up a bridge group so if you are interested, we urge you to contact us.

Nov 19, 2025 - Our **MAH JONGG** activity group will be holding an orientation for anyone new to this wonderfully challenging and fun game. Mah Jongg is a tile-based game that involves strategy, skill and memory. It is a great way to have some fun, socialize and keep those memories sharp! Please email our Mah Jongg coordinator at:

teranderlic@gmail.com for more information.

Our new Social Seekers Activity Group is holding a number of fun events for members. We urge you to join our Club and come out to enjoy some of these great events and the other wonderful activities we offer.

October 25 Halloween party

November 16 Grey Cup Party

Dec 4 (date subject to change) Bus tour to view Christmas lights

Dec 16 Xmas Party.

Please contact us at esp55plus@gmail.com for more information.

COPP recruitment off to good start, more volunteers needed

The Provincial Coordinator of the Citizens on Patrol Program (COPP) has been on the recruitment trail in East St. Paul, and there’s good news to report.

Coordinator Murray Luschinski says an info booth at East St. Paul Day has led to several volunteers stepping forward to join the community group that patrols neighbourhoods with an eye to keeping the municipality safe.

“We had 12 people say they wanted more information on the group when we had a booth at East St. Paul Day and after our July 9 infor-

mation session, seven new people signed up,” Luschinski said.

“At the next information meeting on Sept. 10, eight more people came out and one signed up immediately. We’re waiting to see how many more do.”

It brings the local COPP numbers up 15, which Luschinski says is a good start, but there’s room for more.

There are countless reasons why you should become a COPP volunteer, including:

- Making East St. Paul a safer community
- Flexibility – you only need to patrol a few hours a month, and you do it when you can
- In-house training and on patrol training provided
- Reporting criminal activity to RCMP allows them to keep track of targeted areas, share that info back to COPP who can then patrol those areas more frequently
- The opportunity to volunteer at events, like East St. Paul Day, to share safety tips and other crime prevention education

East St. Paul’s Acting COPP Coordinator is Minache Samaroo. If you’re interested in volunteering,

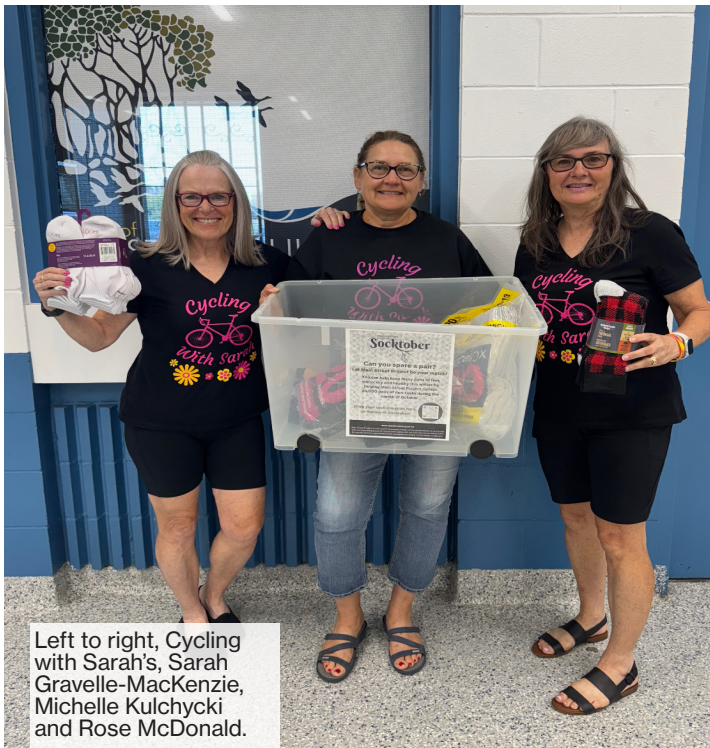
Hamper Drive 2025

The Abundant Life Lutheran Church is facilitating a Christmas hamper drive for community members in the East St. Paul area and areas north of the Perimeter Highway. Businesses and individuals who are able are asked to donate money so hamper items, including children’s toys and grocery gift cards, can be purchased and donated to those in need.

It’s Socktober!

It’s Socktober! And the Cycling with Sarah crew has a donation bin at the East St. Paul Arena awaiting your donation of socks! Each year, the ladies collect socks for the Main Street Project.

If you’re going to the arena, bring some new socks to donate. And if you have no plans to go to the arena, you’re welcome to stop by with the sole purpose of donating a pair or two! Thanks in advance to all who help out. There is also a bin at the 55+ Activity Centre.



Left to right, Cycling with Sarah’s, Sarah Gravelle-MacKenzie, Michelle Kulchyski and Rose McDonald.

Volunteers Wanted

Make a Difference in Your Neighbourhood

COPP


EAST ST. PAUL IS A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE!
JOIN THE CITIZENS ON PATROL PROGRAM (COPP) AND VOLUNTEER JUST A FEW HOURS A MONTH TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY SAFETY

- ✓ Patrol with a friend
- ✓ Full training provided
- ✓ Flexible commitment

It’s a simple way to make a real difference in your neighbourhood!

Contact: COPP.eaststpaul@gmail.com

please send an email to:
COPP.eaststpaul@gmail.com



NOTICE of Annual General Meeting

Sunday, October 19th
7:00pm

East St Paul Arena
(Upstairs Hall)
266 Hoddinott Road, East St Paul

Positions open for nomination (2-year term):
Vice President, Secretary, Basketball Director,
Lacrosse Director, Ringette Director,
Softball Director and Communications Director

Please visit ESPCC.ca for full details and Nomination Information



Louise Chernetz’ annual Parkinson SuperWalk broke a record in East St. Paul this year, with 54 people participating. “It’s the first time we’ve passed the 50+ mark,” Chernetz said. “The signs were effective and our growing numbers made a difference, lots of waving and cars honking.” Chernetz, who has Parkinsons, said it’s also the first time the community has raised more than \$10,000 in one year. A total of \$2,700 was made at a garage sale earlier this summer and another \$8,000 at the walk. “I am always grateful that you support Parkinsons year after year and I am truly amazed at the number of people who would give up a Saturday morning to walk with me,” she said in an email to supporters. Among the 50+ walkers was Chernetz’ friend, Grasita Jones, who also has Parkinsons.

Support for Parkinson Walk grows

Severe weather alerts/warnings, why the RM posts them

The East St. Paul Emergency Preparedness Committee strives to keep municipal residents as informed as possible when severe weather alerts or warnings are issued. Manitoba Emergency Measures Organization (EMO) issues severe weather alerts to the Municipal Administration Office and Emergency Coordinator to be shared with municipal residents. Over the course of this past Spring and Summer, Manitoba (EMO) issued numerous weather alerts and warnings. These alerts and warnings provide general information about the potential for severe weather or warnings for designated areas throughout the province. Severe weather alerts that had the potential to impact our municipality were posted alerting residents of the potential or warning of severe weather. Weather alerts that had minimal potential of impacting the municipality were not posted but still monitored. Although these alerts at times could be cumbersome and may not have impacted the municipality, the municipality felt obligated to keep residents informed as much as possible on the potential for severe weather.

If the weather holds, pickleball all fall!

Grab your paddle and join in on one of the fastest-growing sports in the country, right here in our community. Whether you’re an experienced player or trying it out for the first time, the courts offer a great opportunity to stay active, meet others, and have fun this fall.

Location: Next to the East St. Paul Arena, between the Daycare and 55+ Activity Centre

Hours: Open daily during daylight hours (weather permitting)

Friendly Reminder: Please take a moment to review the posted Pickleball Guidelines and Etiquette signs to help ensure safe, fair, and enjoyable play for all. We look forward to seeing you on the courts this fall!

Follow these tips to stay safe this Halloween

ESP Community Safety Officers would like to remind you of the following safety tips:

Kids:

- Wear a light coloured or bright costume, reflective tape or arm bands to heighten visibility. Bring a flashlight.
- Visit only houses that are lit.
- It’s important to make sure you can see traffic, ensure your vision is not restricted by a mask.
- Walk on the sidewalks, use crosswalks, cross the street at intersections.
- Walk in groups and stay together.
- Stay on the outside of a house, never enter a house. Only accept treats outside the front door.
- Bring your treats home, wait until you get home before sampling your treats. Tampering is rare, but a responsible adult should check out all treats before eating them.

Adults:

- Have a “safety talk” with your kids, make sure you know their route and agree on a curfew time.
- While driving, slow down and look for pedestrians.
- If you are attending a Halloween Party, plan a ride home and do not drink and drive.

PET OF THE MONTH

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I'M RANGER!

He's a 9 year old Labradoodle who loves catching frisbees at the park, lounging on a deck, and chasing squirrels out of the yard.

Show Off Your Star!
Do you have a pet that deserves the spotlight? Share their photo and a short bio (name, age, favourite things, fun facts, or a funny story) to be featured in East St. Paul's monthly newsletter!

• All pets welcome – dogs, cats, birds, reptiles, and more!
• Send entries to: administration@eaststpaul.com
• One pet is randomly selected each month to shine!

LET'S CELEBRATE THE AMAZING PETS THAT BRING JOY TO OUR COMMUNITY!

Councillor's Corner

Brian Duval

Those of you who have attended to Swistun Family Park at the main entrance on Birds Hill road will appreciate this latest development. The parking situation at this entrance is such that diagonally parked vehicles were barely clear of the traffic lane.

Motorists are forced to back out blindly, especially if another vehicle is parked alongside. Compounding the problem is the oncoming traffic is difficult to see as it comes over the adjacent hill.

Clearly, the situation is extremely hazardous.

I'm pleased to report significant improvements are underway and should be completed by the time this newsletter is available. The sidewalk is to be relocated closer to the park, ie further away from the roadway, allowing much more room for diagonal parking and greater visibility for motorists as they back out. While this arrangement is much safer, I urge motorists to still exercise caution when driving by or parking at the site as the park is becoming ever more popular with families, youngsters and group events.

Further on the subject of Swistun Family Park, while the early part of the summer experienced dry conditions, the latter part saw much needed rains. This greatly improved the growth and health of the vegetation in the entire park.

I urge those residents who are not frequent visitors to check it out, walk the trails, take in the view from the top of the hill, particularly during the season of fall colours. While you're there be sure to visit the accessible friendly winding entrance off Garven Avenue. The landscaping is beautiful and the entire path from top to bottom is lit with solar path lights, making a spectacular sight after dark.



PRITCHARD FARM PROPERTIES

HALLOWEEN

PARK AND WALK

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



e-mail: administration@eaststpaul.com

**- HENDERSON LEGION -**

Remembrance Day Service
will be at
Eastview Community Church
315 Maxwell King Drive

Lest We Forget

SERVICE STARTS AT 10:50AM SHARP
Light lunch to follow at Henderson legion
- 215 Maxwell King Drive -