

Your Community

The official newsletter of the R.M. of East St. Paul

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C'mon down to the Gator Pond

ESP Arena now home to ESP's own junior hockey team

There's a new junior hockey team in East St. Paul and they're hoping to take an even bigger bite out of the win column when they hit the ice this fall.

The East St. Paul Gators will play in the Hanover-Tache Junior Hockey League and out of the Gator Pond – also known as the East St. Paul Arena – and there's excitement building around the team already.

Managers Richard Tyslau and Peter Tomko are planning teamand community-building events for the summer months and can't wait to get the roster finalized and ready for the boys to take to the ice.

"We're very excited about the team and introducing them to the East St. Paul community and getting the Gators name out there," Tyslau said.

"Our team is mostly comprised of local players, with a few from outside the community, so this is a good, neutralized place to play for a lot of our players."

The team played its inaugural season last year out of St. Clements, but if they'd had their druthers, they'd have been based here from Day 1. A lack of suitable ice availability made it a non-starter, but when that changed, they were more than happy to relocate.

"East St. Paul was our first choice overall, but the ice situation just didn't work out last year," Tomko said.

"They were rumbles at the end of last year that it could work for this upcoming season, we jumped at the opportunity."

Tomko says most of their players last year were from East St. Paul, with just a few from St. Clements, so there's excitement to play out of their home rink and there's excitement for fans too.

"The roots of hockey in East St. Paul are pretty deep and a lot of people that I've been talking to and Peter as well, are perhaps residents or business owners within the municipality and as young players themselves, years ago they played out of East St. Paul Arena.," Tyslau said.

"There's that level of excitement that they have that, wow, this is coming here. This is fantastic. We're hoping that turns into some good crowds coming

Tomko says fans should expect to see some great hockey. A scout for many years, he says



Mayor Carla Devlin and Couns. Charles Posthumus, Brian Duval and Brian Imhoff with East St. Paul Gators members, left to right, Luke Tyslau, Kaiden Sichewski, Dameon MacDonald, Antwain McKay and Dillon Tower. Below, the Gators at their new home, the Gator Pond, also known as the East St. Paul Arena. Photos courtesy Selkirk Record.

players range in age from 16-21 and if their goal is to continue their education and keep playing, this league prepares them for that next level.

"Colleges, whether it's Division 1, 2 or 3, they don't look at players until they're 21," he said.

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"They want mature players and they look at their DNA, which means what they're composed of at home, their parents and so forth before they even take a kid or invite a kid there."

Tomko says their goal is to provide the proper coaching to help advance players.

"We feel we have the opportunity for those who may want to potentially open up some other doors."

The team did well last year, notching four wins – the best record for a first-year team in the league's history – and they intend to build on that success.

Most of last year's players are returning and Tyslau says they'll be looking to improve where they were lacking last year.

Of equal importance to icing a good team, is bringing together a good group of guys who are community minded.

"Not only are we looking for the good individuals, but also



the ones that are on board with being involved with the community," Tyslau said. "We're not a team that's go-

"We're not a team that's going to be playing out of the rink. We're a team that's going to be part of the community, playing out of the rink. So it's going to be really community based."

That community involvement starts this June 22 at East St.

Paul's first ESP Day. Players will be in the parade and taking part in festivities throughout the day.

Come on out and meet your team! Welcome to the East St. Paul Gators!

Email your name and phone number to gatorsjhockey@ gmail.com for season ticket information.

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ESP Fire Department Open House

The East St. Paul Fire Department will be hosting an open house on Saturday, June 1st, 2024. The event will take place from 10 am to 2 pm. Location is the fire hall at 2127 Camsell Avenue (beside the administration building).

Activities will include:

- Static displays of fire department vehicles and equipment
- Public access to the fire hall
- Children's firefighter challenge
 - Face painting for children
 Vehicle
 extrication
- Vehicle extrication demonstration
- Fire safety trailer sponsored by Manitoba Firefighters Burn Fund
- BBQ lunch consisting of hamburgers/hot dogs and refreshments will be provided free of charge from 11 am to 1 pm.

There is plenty of parking available in a lot on the west side of the fire hall.

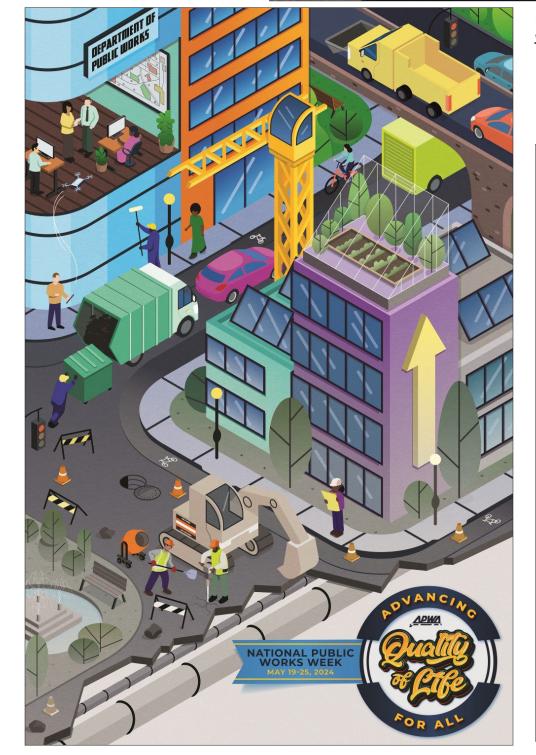
Your East St. Paul Fire Department members are cordially inviting all of our residents to come out and visit us. We look forward to seeing you!

If you have any questions, email us at fire.department@ eaststpaul.com or call 204-668-0064 and leave a message.





The East St. Paul Fire Department Open House is set for June 1 this year at the Fire Hall. Come out for fun and education!



EAST ST. PAUL YARD WASTE PICKUP



Starts Monday April 29th and ends Friday November 1st

What can I place inside my containers or yard waste bags?

- Grass clippings, leaves, plants, flowers
- Bush/shrub clippings
- Small tree branches (no more than 10 cm or four inches in diameter)

What can I place beside my containers or yard waste bags?

- · Tied bundles of branches
 - Bundles must be less than 22 kg. (50 lb.)
 - Branches must be less than one metre (39 inches) long and less than 10 cm (four inches) in diameter

What types of containers must I use?

- Any reusable container in good condition without a lid (e.g., plastic tubs, old blue boxes, metal or plastic
- Cardboard boxes. These will be taken away with your yard waste. Please do not put cardboard boxes out in heavy rain — any boxes falling apart will not be collected or cleaned up by Waste Connections of Canada
- Paper yard waste bags
- All yard waste should be kept lighter than 22 kg. (50 lb.)

We will not collect yard waste in plastic bags. Plastic bags do not break down and will ruin the finished compost.

When should I place my yard waste out for collection?

Put your yard waste out by 7:00 a.m. on your regular garbage **collection day**, but no sooner than the night before

How Should I set out my yard waste for collection?

- In an acceptable container without a lid, or in tied bundles
- At least an arm's length away from your garbage and recycling carts

What won't be accepted in the yard waste program?

- Logs, stumps
- Rocks, dirt, sod
- Flower pots
- Branches more than 10 cm in diameter (four inches)
- Garbage or any kind
- Painted or treated wood or lumber

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Angus brothers back from Australia as champs

A trip to Australia in the dead of a Canadian winter is always a win, but for Alexander and Samuel Angus, it was a really big win.

The East St. Paul residents travelled to Melborne with Canada's Development Team (CANDT) to compete in the 2024 International Indoor Junior Lacrosse Commonwealth Cup in February and came home as champs.

"It was a great experience, and a memorable first game against the Storm," Samuel said.

"Alexander scored six goals and I scored one. The third game against the Fury was awesome too. I met these guys in 2022 when (older brother) Will played with Team Australia in the 2022 World Junior Lacrosse Championship in Winnipeg. These are lifelong friends."

For Alexander, who scored 14 goals in the tournament, the most of any player, the trip down under was uplifting.

"It was the trip of a lifetime, I wish I could go back," he said.

"I met some awesome people, saw some great places and played some great lacrosse."

The RM of East St. Paul granted each of the Angus boys \$500 toward their trip.

The trip to Australia was in part to help grow the sport there. CANDT competed against three Australian teams and the coaches and players from Canada held camps and clinics for young Aussie players.

Canada won the tournament, winning all four of their games. Along with his tournament high 14 goals, forward Alexander notched nine assists for 23 points. Samuel, a defenseman, had two goals and two assists.

Since they came home they've returned to their regular teams with Samuel playing high school field lacrosse with the Rec Kodiaks with Alexander and Will as assistant coaches. They're all also playing for the Winnipeg



The Angus brothers, Alexander, left of Mayor Carla Devlin, and Samuel, right, with Couns. Charles Posthumus, Orest Horechko, Brian Duval and Brian Imhoff. Below, at the Manitoba Legislature with MLA Jeff Wharton.

Blizzard and Samuel is reffing and working with club camps and development.

"My dad is the manager of the Rec Kodiaks and my mom is our cheerleader," Alexander says.

Samuel and Alexander were recognized by MLA Jeff Wharton in March with a Private Members' Statement in the Manitoba Legislature for their contributions and volunteerism to the community of East St. Paul and the lacrosse community.

The boys are grateful to everyone who supported them on their journey.

"Sam and I want to say a big thank you to all our sponsors and community supporters, we truly appreciate all of your support and how everyone rallied around us," Alexander said.







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Centennial Arts Show still going strong



Come Support your local Legion!

Online 50/50 draw at **Royal Canadian Legion** Henderson #215 Draw on July I, 2024



HAPPY CANADA DAY!

Purchase your tickets quickly & easily online! Any questions, contact Michelle at 204-338-4867 or email at barmgr215@shaw.ca



WATCH FOR THE GRAND OPENING OF OUR NEW PATIO! DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED SOMETIME IN MAY OR EARLY JUNE.

Judy Sutton with just one of her paintings that was on display last month. Check out the works of Susan Carpenter and Gail Sitarz this month.

This month, we reintroduce you to Judy Sutton, whose artwork was on display at the East St. Paul Municipal Office last month. It's not the first time Judy's work has graced our walls, and she, along with other East St. Paul artists have graciously been brightening our space since the RM's Centennial year, 2016.

Judy organized the first showing of local artists' work at the office in January that year, and though originally slated to run just through 2016, its popularity has kept it going ever since.

Here's Judy, in her own words, with some information on this latest exhibit, and some more

It is such fun bringing art to the East St. Paul community in the Municipal Hall. This month I have hung paintings featuring seabirds, horses running in water, waves crashing and some sweet animal paintings.

I am joined by a new artist, Susan Birdwise, who has brought a very different style of work and these pieces hang near the front of the office.

Our group of local artists get together at the 55 Plus building on the second and fourth Monday of each month from 11 a.m.

until 2 p.m. If you love to create, please join us. Some of our members

will display artwork at the 55 Plus AGM on May 6.

Jo Smoley, Ida MacKenzie, Winona Kling and I are looking forward to filling the Gallery in the Park in Altona with our art during the months of June and July. This is an incredible gallery and it's definitely worth the trip to feed your soul.

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