

Connections

... created by and for members of the eQ Resident Club

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June 2020

Update from the Board

Greetings from your Resident Club Advisory Board

As the pandemic restrictions continue to limit everyone's ability to revert back to normal activities, we trust that everyone is keeping safe, healthy and doing their best to remain active as much as possible.

As we reflect on some of life's pleasures that have been put on hold and that until recently most of us had taken for granted, we can't help but feel privileged to live in our eQuinelle community. While many are confined to high-rise buildings or the concrete jungle of city centers, we benefit from peaceful surroundings, well maintained and beautifully landscaped properties, an inviting golf course, friendly neighbours with whom we can chat from an acceptable distance on our daily walks. Even all the four legged can keep 'smelling the roses' as they meet countless friends pulling their masters along and begging to return home for a rest!

Of course, with the resident club facility closed and physical distancing measures in place, all events that had been planned for Spring and Summer had to be cancelled with the hope that we can resume the various leagues and social groups and organize a get together before year-end. On behalf of all members, the Board thanks eQuinelle management for putting all resident club memberships on hold till we can once again enjoy the benefits of our club.

As we anticipate reopening, we intend to proceed with the yearly appeal for members to consider contributing their talents and expertise by joining the Advisory Board to ensure the ongoing provision of activities, events and services to the eQuinelle community. Additional information will follow shortly. Meanwhile, anyone wanting more information in this regard can consult the Resource Library of the Resident Club website. In addition, any current Board member will be happy to provide insight and answer questions. The time commitment is limited but the advantages provided to fellow members is considerable and the satisfaction of contributing to your community is well worth the effort.

We also want to take this opportunity to recognize our health care and frontline workers and thank them for their continued efforts and dedication. Finally, we remind everyone to support our local businesses, starting with our loyal advertisers and friends, some of whom have now resumed their activities and are grateful for your consideration.

As has been said by many, we are all in this together and together we will overcome this unique challenge. Remain considerate to others, wave hello and keep smiling!

... Your Advisory Board



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Feeding time at the Equinelle River Trail:
making a new friend in pandemic times!

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Community Update

The Advisory Board thought it would be appreciated by residents to have a timely update on the various building and related community activities currently underway by the eQuinelle Development Group. While some areas discussed below are constantly evolving, we wholeheartedly thank James Paterson, Community Experience Director and Rick Milks, General Manager, for their collaboration in providing plan details pertinent to our community development, to the best of their ability. The Board is happy to keep our community apprised of ongoing initiatives but reminds everyone that some of the plans outlined below remain dynamic in nature and may change as many factors come into play.

Phase IV; being built along the golf hole #4

What is the name of that street? Blackhorse Dr.

Will that street join with Equinelle drive? Yes, we have recently released lots starting at eQuinelle Dr. end and we will continue to work our way up the street.

How many houses/units will be in phase IV when completed?

100 units total. This includes 6 attached bungalows.

What is the projected completion date? We are hopeful that all these lots will be sold this year. With an approximate completion of construction by the end of 2021.

Can you provide details of the new model being built beside the Pro Shop

We are excited to introduce one of our newest bungalow floor plans The Willow. It will be the largest of our bungalows with a square footage of slightly over 2000 sq. ft.

Can you provide an update on current community builds:

- Total households built at end of May
- Total builds to date in 2020.

There are over 475 homes built and occupied with an additional 41 currently under construction.

We are thrilled with our sales year to date despite the challenges that we are facing our community continues to thrive!

Once Phase IV is completed, can you talk about Phase V

Where will phase V be located (north of Royal Landing Gate, along the perimeter of the existing park / splash pad)? Yes, Phase 5 is located north of Royal Landing Gate.

What is the projected start date. An exact date has not yet been determined. Service work and development is expected to begin next summer.

How many units are planned. This is always going to be a moving target. I would estimate that we are looking at 85 singles and 25 multi-unit residents.

What type of housing is planned, i.e. singles, bungalows, towns, etc. There will be a full mix of homes that we offer from bungalows, two storey and town homes.

Where will the access streets be located: off Royal Landing Gate? the Highway? Access to phase 5 will be off Royal Landing Gate at both ends of the municipal park as well as opposite Horizon Cres. There will not be access off the highway.

Has the purchase of the extra piece of land from the severed lot on River road been approved / completed. Our next Official Plan review is at least 3 years away. The outcome of this land will not be determined until then. Development of Phase 5 has been designed to work with and without these lands.

Will that follow Phase V? How many units there? This is still to be determined.



Community Update (Cont'd)

Can you provide a brief update regarding the Equinelle River Trail area?

- Short and long term plans. The Regional Group is working on transitioning these lands. We will keep you informed of any upcoming maintenance.
- Projected timing of development. TBD
- Planned features. TBD
- Is the trail open to anyone or restricted to EQ homeowners
This is a public trail.
- A resident asked if eQuinelle could put up signage there about keeping dogs on leash. Great feedback. Thank you. I'll look into that.

What is the current status of the club facilities?

At this time the Resident Club Facilities, swimming pool and outdoor seating areas still remain closed or not available for use. We continue to monitor the situation closely and will update the community when eQuinelle Homes gives us direction to change these policies. We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding.

The following questions about the golf course may be not be directly under your responsibility, but thank you for trying to get answers please.

Planned paving of cart paths for this season? Work will continue. At this time, paving will take place on the cart paths along holes # 2, 3 and 6 in the next couple of weeks.

Any plans to build permanent washroom facilities: timing? We are not aware of any plans to build permanent washrooms at this point.

Can you provide an update on parking restrictions along Equinelle drive by the Pro Shop.

We have been working with bylaw on this matter since August of last year. Bylaws tentative time line for installing the no parking signage has been given as, with-in the next couple of weeks.

Can you provide an update on outdoor courts status and details, projected completion, etc.

As you are aware, the courts are currently being worked on. The final layer of pavement has been laid. It needs to cure for a minimum of 4 weeks before the final plexi-pave coating can be applied. Then additional details completed after that. eQuinelle management has received a very rough estimate that the courts will be turned over to us around July 10. We then will be in a position to do our fit up, which should take approximately one week. We are doing our best to get the courts ready for play as fast as we can. We thank everyone for your patience and understanding.

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Golf Course Update

Our Director of Golf, Scott McInroy, PGA, has provided the following update, and thanks everyone for their support and cooperation in keeping eQuinelle at the very top of the class of any golf course.

Ballmarks on greens – a general reminder for all golfers to carry with them a ball mark repair tool in their pockets. For those who do not have one, they may request one on the first tee and we can provide it to them. This essentially ensures that our greens remain in great shape all year – one general tip: if you make one mark on the green, please fix yours and two others. Doing our part will ensure the golf course continues to remain in fantastic shape all season.

Divots – Please do the same with regards to divots. If you make a divot, please do your best to repair with the grass that has been removed. Our sand and seed program is going to be rolled out in the next phase to ensure the golf course stays in great shape, but again, please do your part and use the turf to the best of your ability.

Benches - It has been pointed out that not all forward tee boxes have benches to accommodate players. At this time, no benches can be provided to golfers anywhere on the course. We will discuss the issue brought forward and see what we can do once we receive the go-ahead from the government to provide these additional on-course items.

Golf Shop – Please remember that your Golf Shop is open for business and our new apparel for the season has arrived. With Father's Day around the corner, now is a great time to get the Dad(s) if your life a great gift from the Golf Shop! Virtual shopping is an option for those who wish to do so online by setting up an appointment through the Golf Shop team via (eqproshop@equinellegolf.ca). Community drop off can be arranged as well for any purchases during the COVID-19 pandemic.

eQuinelle Learning Centre – Programming for the eQuinelle Learning Centre has begun and our Professional Staff have been very excited to begin assisting our community with their golf games. Policies and procedures have been implemented with regards to COVID-19 to ensure the safety of students and instructors. Group programs have begun as well and we are excited to welcome you back for instruction at the club. For additional information, please visit this link: <http://equinelle.ca/golf/golf-lessons/equinelle-learning-centre.html>

Resident Club Golf League

The Resident Club Golf League kicked off their 5th season this year. Every Monday morning 100 plus golfers tee off for either a 9 hole or 18 hole game of golf on our beautiful Equinelle Golf Course. This league gives new Resident Club members an opportunity to meet and play golf with their neighbours here in Equinelle. In previous years we held monthly luncheons and socialized after golf on the club house veranda but with COVID this year, we have had to put our socializing on hold. Our weekly games will continue until the third week in September.

... submitted by Paula Cavan





This is the time of year when we would come off the golf course in late afternoon and see Kemptville and area graduates impeccably dressed and happily celebrating the milestone achievement of high school graduation on the clubhouse lawn and veranda.

While that celebration is taking a very different look this time around, we join the proud parents, some of whom have marked the occasion by posting Happy Signs on their front lawn, in congratulating all graduates in our community.

Graduation is the culmination of your hard work and efforts, and the stepping stone to a new chapter in your life. Enjoy your achievements and take a well-deserved bow as you set your sights on reaching the next rung in your climb to success.

Your community friends and neighbours wish you all the best!!



On behalf of the membership, we welcome the following new resident club members:

- Doris & Susie Lavoie
- Marc Savoie & Janet Carss
- Paul & Darlene Ouelett
- Kevin & Cathy Empey
- John & Janice Graham

If you are a new member and have been missed, please let us know by sending an email to erabmitch@gmail.com. We'll be sure to include you next time.

Gift Card Draw

As there were some cards remaining from last year's allocation, the Board is awarding 4 gift vouchers in this issue.

Congratulations to our winners:

*Gary Boxma
Heather Parks
Lynn Siegersma
Linda Vukelich*

Gift cards will be delivered shortly!
Enjoy!



Photo taken by Nancy Longpré at an Australian vineyard a few months ago: a foresight of things to come!

EQ Book Club



The **eQ Book Club** meets on the third Thursday of every month, from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM, to discuss books, authors, and ideas.

WE HAVE BEEN HOLDING OUR MEETINGS VIRTUALLY AND WILL CONTINUE UNTIL THE CLUBHOUSE RE-OPENS FOR ACTIVITIES.

Book selections for the current season are posted on our website.

For additional information, please contact Elisa Lane at: elisalane5@gmail.com

Kemptville Farmers' Market

Please join us for our opening day, Sunday June 14th from 12-4 pm., at 200 Sanders Street (in the B&H lot) for the kick off to our 14th season. The Market will run every Sunday through October.

There will be some reasonable adjustments this season... In general, we will ask our customers to observe the same practices in our space as they do in other public spaces. That means things like using the sanitizing stations we provide, keeping to single direction flow, keeping browsing to a minimum (pre-ordering from your favourite producers is encouraged...) This is certainly going to be an interesting change for all of us who love to linger at the market, but the health and safety of our vendors and customers is our top concern.

We will also be limiting the number of customers allowed into the market at any given time, but we still anticipate a smooth flow if everyone works together (and we know you will!)

Many of our regular vendors will be back this season — including vegetable farmers, meat producers, bakers, and even crafters. As always, there will be something local and awesome for everyone

More information is available at www.kemptvillefarmersmarket.ca

A message from Murray MacLeod, Macleod Carpentry

At this time, as we all experience the impacts of Covid-19 in all kinds of ways, I hope you are safe and healthy.

I am pleased to say that 'non-essential contractors' have been allowed back to work, and with that great news, I've have been up and running with all of my deck builds for the past couple of weeks. Working outdoors has allowed me to be of exceptionally low risk for contracting/spreading the virus to my clients, myself, and/or our amazing community.

Later this fall, it is still my intent to finish basement projects while actively establishing certain protocols that will make for a safe working environment for my clients, my sub-trades, and myself. Thank you for your continued trust and support.

MacLeod Carpentry would like to extend health-filled wishes to you and your family.

Murray MacLeod

COVID-19 info for North Grenville Residents



More local business are reopening.
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