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COMMUNITY SPRING 2023 NEWSLETTER

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**ENJOY THE FIRST PRINTED NEWSLETTER IN
3 YEARS. CONNECT WITH US FURTHER ONLINE!**



**PEHRA would like to extend
our best wishes to all
community members
participating in the Holy Month
of Ramadan – starting March 23**

GET YOUR PHOTO WITH THE EASTER BUNNY!

Sat April 8th 2pm – 3pm
at Birches Park Gazebo

PEHRA, PEC Scouts and our sponsor
DENTISTRY 4 U will be hosting our
ANNUAL EASTER EGG SCAVENGER
HUNT at the Gazebo in Birches Park.
Enjoy the hunt, crafts and games, free
refreshments, and lots of Easter Treats!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Stay tuned for more event details

Sat April 8, 2pm-3pm

Easter Egg Hunt

@ Birches Park Gazebo

Sat April 29, 9am-12pm

Community Clean Up

@ Birches Park, Bellbrook
Park & library parking lot
Rain or shine

Sat May 27, 9am-12pm

Community Yard Sale

Join our Participation Map!
Contact chair@pehra.ca

Sat June 24, TBD

NEW EVENT Paws for the Cause

@ Birches Park

Registration for dog activities and
contests opening soon on pehra.ca
Welcoming volunteers and
sponsors!

Sat August 26 (27th rain date)

NEW EVENT Tennis Tournament

@ Birches Park

Registration opening soon
on pehra.ca

Sat October 1, TBD

FREE Movie in the Park

@ Birches Park

THANK YOU LAURA FOR CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY!



PEHRA wants to recognize and thank Laura Wagner for all her efforts over the last 2 years, rain or shine, to update our Community Message Board in Birches Park with wonderful messages to keep our residents informed of local activities and events. She also monitored the condition of our Little Free Library that many of our residents enjoy!

We welcome Linda as our new Message Board and Little Free Library volunteer! Please connect with Linda at messageboard@pehra.ca / littlefreelibrary@pehra.ca

Without the generosity of residents like Laura and Linda, many of our community assets would not be possible! Continue reading to learn more on how you can get involved with PEHRA to give back to your community.

COMMUNITY TRAILS - UPGRADE TO THE PORTLAND LAKES GREENWAY

Written by PEHRA Trails Chair Hugh Millward

Good news for our community trails! The western section of the Portland Lakes Greenway has finally been widened and paved (see photo below). This section runs from the Russell Lake pumping station to the Baker Drive trailhead at the corner of Norm Newman. The Greenway-standard paving was supposed to happen 13 years ago but was deferred due to a lack of funds. The PEHRA trails team has lobbied to HRM for the upgrade for many years, and our persistence has finally been rewarded!



PEHRA trails volunteers had input on the design for the upgrade. The final design was even better than we had hoped! The steep slope at the Baker Drive end was realigned to lower the grade from 17% to 8%, which is the national trail standard. The entire upgraded trail section was widened to three metres and paved. As a bonus, the short section which shares the pump-station access road has also been paved.

The trail upgrade is excellent, and we are hearing enthusiastic comments from residents! The associated improvements at the trailhead are also much appreciated - there are 15 newly planted trees and a pleasant lake-view seating area (see photo below). Overall, it's a very good development and a fitting western terminus to the Portland Lakes Greenway.

On behalf of PEHRA, we have extended thanks to Councillor Kent for backing our upgrade requests, and to HRM Parks and Active Transportation. The upgraded trail opened to walkers & wheelers in December 2022 and is proving to be popular. As a paved greenway, it will receive winter snow clearing, and if it doesn't please report on line 311. Enjoy this great addition to our community!



**If you see safety or maintenance
issues on our trails,
please report them on the
HRM service line (phone 311)
and/or report to trails@pehra.ca
Let's all work together to
take care of our community trails!**



SUPPORT ENVIRONMENT EFFORTS IN 2023

Written by PEHRA Environment Chair Norman Steele

The PEHRA environment committee has several plans to continue to care for and improve our community throughout the spring, summer, and fall season! This includes:

- Participating in our Community Clean Up on April 29th
- Training and continued water sampling for the HRM Lake Watchers program
- A guided environmental awareness walk through the parklands of Portland Estates
- Continuing the tree wrapping/beaver protections along the shorelines that have been successful
- Harvesting invasive plant species in the parklands

We need the community's support for these projects, so please connect with us online to learn how to get involved, or contact environment@pehra.ca



START A COMMUNITY GARDEN!

PEHRA has received interest from many residents about starting a community garden! Help us make this wonderful idea a reality. Send in your ideas and take lead of this gardening group by reaching us at gatesandgardens@pehra.ca



IMPROVE OUR COMMUNITY GATES

Did you know the entrances of our community (pictured on the right) are maintained by your very own neighbours? Volunteer with the PEHRA gardening team to keep the greenery at our beautiful gates looking it's best! All ages and levels of expertise are welcome. Whether it is a one-time, part-time or full-time volunteer commitment, we look forward to working together to care for our area. If you're interested, contact gatesandgardens@pehra.ca anytime!



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P.E.C. SCOUTS ARE EXCITED TO CANOE MORRIS LAKE AGAIN THIS SUMMER



Our local Scouts Program provides our youth with opportunities to build their outdoor skills! The P.E.C. Scouts Group has grown to over 150 youth – making them the 5th largest scouting group in Canada. PEHRA is proud to be a Sponsor to support their efforts. For more information, to register a youth, or to volunteer, please email group.commissioner@pecscouts.ca

Thank you to the Scouts and other community volunteers for helping with the delivery of the printed newsletter throughout our neighbourhood!

SUPPORT CHANGE IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

PEHRA is your non-profit residents' association, and for only \$10 annually YOU can support our work.

As you've read throughout the newsletter, we do a great deal to improve our community's quality of life and keep residents connected! We lobby HRM for improvements voiced by residents, and raise funds from both government and private donors to enable change!

Your annual membership is important to us, not only as a source of funds to make more projects possible, but also to increase our voice within HRM and with other partners.

To become a member and show your support, please visit <https://pehra.ca/join/> or follow the methods below!



JOIN OR RENEW YOUR PEHRA MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

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- EVENTS
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- BIRCHES PARK
- OTHER

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