

ELIM VILLAGE VOICE

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What's New At Elim?

Life at Elim is busy and the usual social bustle carries on every day. However, in the last month “stuff” has appeared making residents stop in their tracks and say, “But wait. What’s this?”



Here we have a beautiful chunk of metal permanently parked outside the Oasis. It's a generator so that during a power outage there will now be light and heat in the Oasis. Some electrical outlets will be available for use and some parts of the Bistro will function as well. The generator has a 2.4 litre diesel motor made by John Deere and the tank under the motor holds 353 liters of fuel. It should run for approximately 75 hours if used conservatively.

Dorothy, Harold and Enid have greeted each other in passing on their walks but had never spoken at length. Thanks to the newly arrived and strategically placed benches, these three residents stopped to

chat and exchanged a lot of history in ten minutes. No doubt, the five benches will facilitate many conversations during nice weather. If only benches could talk!

Only Clara knows how many hours she has spent in the closet stocking its shelves. This humble little room in the Oasis has been transformed into an efficient storage area for all the dishes that recently arrived. Now during big events, up to 240 residents will no longer have to drink coffee that tastes like Styrofoam. In addition to the cutlery and dishes, this closet holds two carts, 28 table cloths, stacks of serving trays and who knows what all else. Only Clara knows.

Residents can hardly wait to see what appears next at Elim...perhaps a bus? ☐



“Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve wells of water and seventy palm trees, so they camped there by the waters.” Exodus 15:27 (New King James Version)

The Ins and Outs of the Elim Gardens

By Sam VanRanden

Three weeks in a row of sub zero temperatures last winter gave us an unusual number of shrubs and plants showing absolutely no sign of recovery this spring. The Vista gardeners are still not done taking out heaps of debris, dead or frostbitten.

So, what happens next? How do we recover? I put that question to our facilities department. It is a recurring phenomenon – shrubs and plants die every year and need replacing; this year is just more severe. At budget time the loss of plants, shrubs and trees are tallied up and an amount for replacements during the following year is considered.



Meanwhile there is the annual planting of summer plants in four designated areas: The traffic circle between Carmanah and Diamond; the bottom part of the slope on the south side of Carmanah; the east corner of the Oasis; and the two islands west of the Emerald. And don't forget all the colorful pot planted balconies plus the many wonderful duplex gardens. The ELIM GARDENS are a prized possession.

Many consider us a privileged lot living at Elim. When it is said to me, I always agree heartily. □



When \$1,700 worth of bedding plants arrived at Sam and Willy's duplex, it took quite the huddle to sort out the 32 orders from all over Elim.



O Canada!

Elim's Annual Communal Canada Day Stroll

July 1st
10:30 a.m.

The stroll begins at the 158 Street entrance, winds past the south duplexes, to the Harrison, the Emerald and then up to the Oasis for punch. If you want a snack, bring some to share with your neighbours.

Come for all of the stroll, part of the stroll, or just join us at the Oasis.

Rain or shine, bring your flag along and see you...somewhere along the way!

