

Windsor Park Community Newspaper



April 2007

Message from the President...

Shopping Centre Redevelopment Update

For the last few months, your executive has been meeting with the owner of the 11702 – 87th Ave shopping centre and their representatives to discuss a proposal to redevelop the site. The owner wishes to replace the old shopping centre with a four-story condominium project comprising approximately 39 units. While not meeting all our requests, the owner has made some changes in response to our concerns. The proposal is now at the point where we need your direct input.

There will be a public meeting to discuss the redevelopment proposal, at **7 p.m. on Thursday, April 19, at St. George's Anglican Church, 11733 – 87th Ave.** After a presentation by the property owner's representatives and questions from the floor, the WPCL executive will be requesting direction from the gathered residents. This is a very important meeting -- we NEED to hear from you. If for any reason you cannot attend the meeting, but wish to have your views known, please feel free to contact me directly with your comments and concerns.

West High Speed Transit (WHST) Update

It has been more than a few years since I could claim that I had a full head of hair. I am afraid that if I continue to work with the City, I shall soon have no

hair left at all. There was a fair bit of hair pulling going on at the last WHST stakeholder committee meeting on March 5. There, after two years of work by the committee, the City advised that the committee would not be allowed to make a recommendation on possible future LRT routes to the west.

Instead, recommendations regarding future LRT routes will be made as part of the City's own Transportation Master Plan Update process. This update process is now ongoing, and will be finished by the spring of 2008. It will NOT have a stakeholder committee, only "public consultations." Earlier this year, I attended a Transportation Master Plan Update public consultation meeting and future LRT routes were not mentioned, even in passing!

It was Windsor Park, an active participant in the WHST stakeholder committee, that alerted the City about the problems a University Avenue LRT alignment would cause for the Cross Cancer Institute. It now looks suspiciously like such active stakeholders are being removed from the decision-making process. If you happen to be talking to your Councillors, you might wish to ask them to explain why.

There is some good news, however. I can say with some assurance that, if a west LRT line should be built along University Ave, it will be underground by 115th St. and will stay underground until it emerges from the east bank of the North Saskatchewan to head across the river. The University is requiring the City to have any west LRT underground by

115th St to suit their Edmonton Clinic plans, and there has to be some tunneling to facilitate a mid-bank bridge. The City won't be doing much expensive tunneling, though. They will be using a cut-and-cover technique that is significantly less expensive than tunneling.

Heritage Days Hokey Pokey

The Heritage Days Festival is one of the highlights of our summer: Edmontonians learn about the city's broad ethnic diversity through food, music, food, dancing, food and, did I mention the food? Kidding aside, it is one of Edmonton's showcase festivals. While those of us living in Windsor Park are lucky to be easily able to walk to the event, we also have to contend with the effects of huge numbers of people trying to find parking in our area so that they, too, can walk down. Most of these

people are careful to park appropriately. Unfortunately, some are less considerate and park in front of driveways, hydrants and even, in some areas, block emergency vehicle access.

I am going to approach the Heritage Days Festival organization and the City to see if we can at least maintain emergency vehicle access during Heritage Days. I have photos of two or three areas where it would not have been possible to drive an ambulance or fire truck through to certain homes during previous Heritage Days events. If you are aware of areas that were similarly troubled, please let me know.

You can reach me by phone at 433-1270 or by email at jbcollier@shaw.ca

*---John Collier, Windsor Park
Community League President*

Public Information Session St. George's Anglican Church 11733 87 Avenue Thursday, April 19 7:00 p.m.

Information will be presented on the rezoning the shopping center at 11702 87 Avenue from the present CNC Neighbourhood Convenience Commercial Zone to a DC2 Direct Control District, to allow development of a Medium Rise Apartment Condominium.



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YOU ARE INVITED TO THE Rainbow and Butterfly Spring Fling A Children's Spring Carnival

Hosted by the students of Lister Hall



What: Lots of fun and games with plenty of prizes!
Children of all ages are welcome.

When: Monday, April 16
From 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Where: At Windsor Park Community Center



Hope to see you all there!



Contact Kristen Doupe at kdoupe@ualberta.ca for more information

Impressions of Egypt PEN AND INK DRAWINGS BY SHARON FITZSIMMONS

Artist's Reception: Tuesday, April 10,
Walterdale Playhouse, 10322-83 Ave., Edmonton, AB
Reception in the lobby from 7:00 - 7:45 p.m. followed by a complementary preview
performance of Shakespeare's Antony and Cleopatra
directed by Scott Sharplin. Curtain 8 p.m.

Admission to this special event is by Invitation only.

R.S.V.P. to Sharon, 432-7357 by April 5

Art Show continues April 11-21 along with
Walterdale's production of Antony and Cleopatra.

Information at www.walterdaleplayhouse.com or www.tixonthesquare.ca

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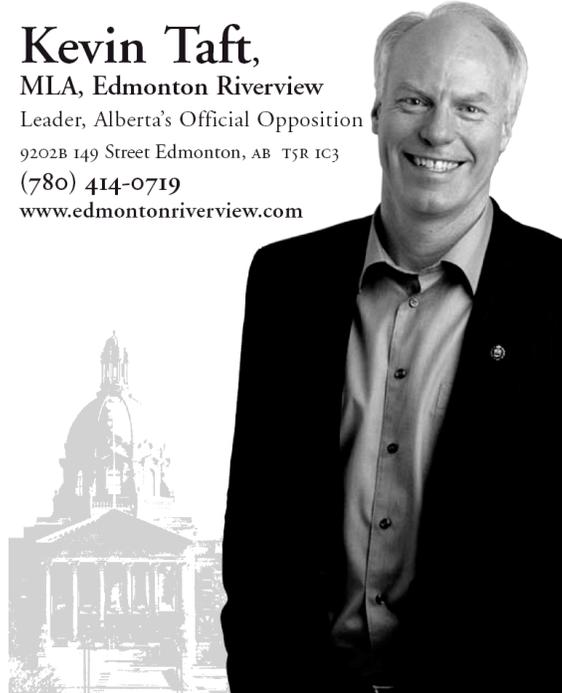
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Your Voice in the Legislature

Enjoy spring
TALES Edmonton's
Story Café Thursday
April 5, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Rosie's Bar and Grill
10475 - 80 Avenue.

Storytellers **Jennie Frost, Denise Miller,** and **Billy Joe Laboucan** will present tales of **Tricksters and Fools.** Share your own 5-minute story (told, not read) in our open mic spot. \$5.00 cover charge. Info: Jennie Frost at TALES (433 2932) or Rosie's (439-7211).

TALES Retreat
Friday, April 13--6:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 15, 2:00 p.m.
Strathcona Wilderness Centre

Two tellarounds; 3 workshops;
Friday evening snacks, all meals
Saturday and Sunday. \$175 members;
\$200 non-members.

Phone Jennie Frost 433-2932 for
more information or to register.

TALES Edmonton
(The Alberta League Encouraging
Storytelling)

**Invites you to a
Story Tellaround**
City Arts Centre 10943 - 84 Avenue
8:00 - 10:00 p.m. on April 20
(note change to the **third** Friday this
month and the second Friday of May
and June).

Come to listen or tell. First visit is
free; thereafter \$3.00 helps us pay the
rent.

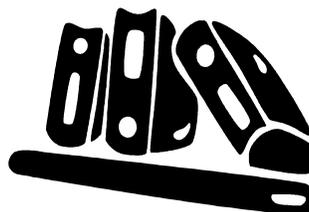
**Call Jennie at 433-2932 for more
information.**

TALES Edmonton is the grateful
recipient of funding from the City of
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Council.

**Spend time with Ken Follett,
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more.... !**

The Cross Cancer Institute is proud to
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to patients and their families.

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St. George's Book and Bake Sale

**Saturday May 12
9 am to 2 pm**

11733 87 Avenue

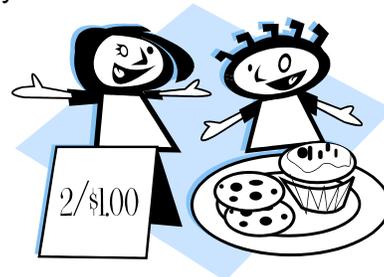
St. George's Anglican Church, located in Windsor Park at 11733 87 Avenue, will hold its annual sale on Saturday May 12 from 9 am to 2 pm. We will be selling books, baking, "treasures", and plants. We always have a high volume of quality used books to sell at reasonable prices, and will also feature our usual delicious baking by parishioners. This year, for the first time, we will be selling plants, and will decrease our emphasis on "bargains" to sell more quality used goods, though still at bargain prices!

The proceeds will be shared half and half between internal church projects and an outreach project. This year the outreach proceeds will help finance the church's sponsorship of a young Somali widow and her six children, ranging in age from 3 to 14 years. We have had an application to sponsor this family as refugees to Canada in process for over 3 years, and have finally received word that the family's immigration interview will be scheduled within two months through the Canadian consulate in Nairobi.

The mother who heads the household of our sponsored family was the oldest of three children who were orphaned at a very young age. She took care of her two younger siblings for as long as she could but, due to the outbreak of war in Somalia, the family was split up. The two younger siblings were sent to refugee camps in Kenya while she ended up at what was originally a UN refugee camp in Ethiopia called Dhulcad. The UN pulled out of

Dhulcad in 1997 because no progress was being made towards the restoration of peace in Somalia. Now the family is living in Addis Ababa in Ethiopia, with no legal status, supported solely by money sent from Canada by the younger sister. This has become increasingly dangerous for the family. Due to the escalating hostilities between Somalia and Ethiopia, Somali refugees in Ethiopia are viewed with suspicion and are sometimes subjected to violent treatment.

The younger sister of the mother we are sponsoring arrived in Edmonton as a refugee at the age of 18. She knew no one in the city. She spoke English, which she had learned in the refugee camp in Kenya, but had much less formal education than the typical Canadian. She attended Norquest College, beginning at the grade 8 level, completed her high school equivalency and is now enrolled at the University of Alberta taking courses in the Faculty of Engineering. She has been working two part-time jobs while attending school in order to send money back to her sister in Ethiopia, and to save money in the hope that her sister, nieces, and nephew, could join her for a better life together in Canada. Upon meeting this young woman, the church was so impressed with her hard work and dedication to her family that we immediately agreed to help her with the sponsorship. St. George's will provide financial support and household items for the family for their first year in Canada. Please come and support our sale, and help us to help this deserving family.





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**11710 – 87 Avenue, The Windsor
(2 blocks west from the Butterdome)**



Playschool News

The Windsor Park Co-op Playschool offers two morning programs:

- ◆ 3-year-olds on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- ◆ 4-year-olds on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Our teacher has an ECE degree, and our emphasis is on learning through play, with seasonal themes, topics like health, safety, and nature, and related field trips.

For more information, call 429 3356.

Bottle Drive

The Playschool will once again be holding a bottle drive in the spring. Please hold onto your bottles and returnables to help support our local playschool. If you have a bottle "emergency" before then, please call

Is it true that the police were recently seen at the Play School when a child was resisting a rest?

Next Community League Meeting

The Windsor Park Community League Executive will next meet on **April 17** and **May 15 @ 7:30 p.m.** in the Community League building. Community members are welcome to attend.



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