



Windsor Park Community Newsletter



December 2007

Message from the President...

Let It Snow, Let It Snow, etc.

It's funny what a year can do. Last year about this time, I was lamenting winter's early onset. Now I find myself longing for the white stuff and the cooler temperatures. Mother Nature must feel a bit distraught at times, dealing with people who never can make up their minds.

However, I feel I can go out on a limb and say with some confidence that it *will* snow this winter. Which brings me back on topic, in reminding you to help your neighbours by keeping your walks free of ice and snow. Even better, clear your neighbour's walks if you know they might not be as spry as they used to be. If you feel that you might need some help with your walks, the Citizen Action Centre (496-8200), Southeast Edmonton Seniors (468-1985) and the Seniors Association of Greater Edmonton (423-5510 ext 314) can all link seniors with snow-shovellers who charge reasonable rates. The City of Edmonton requires that sidewalks be cleared within 48 hours after the snow stops falling. Should a snowbound sidewalk bar your way, you can call the City at 496-3100 to register your concern.

Old Shopping Centre Re-zoning

The City's Planning Department has been kicking up a bit of a ruckus. They are not pleased that WPCL has

negotiated such a detailed DC-2 bylaw in our discussions with the developer. They are even less happy with the news that the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues is planning on using our DC-2 as a template for all future DC-2s. It is very odd indeed to be at a meeting where the developer and community are in complete agreement and it is the City's representative who must be calmed down and reined in.

There are only a few minor items left to iron out. One example is the City's desire to have the bylaw state this is a "low-rise" development when, in the past, anything over three stories has been deemed "medium-rise." It may seem a minor distinction, but it is important that the Planning Dept. not freely change terminology so that one thing appears to be another.

Winter Fun

We have a number of winter social events already lined up. Wednesday, December 5 brings a children's winter carnival put on by the Lister Hall Students Association. Our Christmas Carol Sing is on Saturday, December 16, 2 to 4 p.m. -- a highlight of the season for me, though perhaps not for those unfortunate to be seated close enough to hear me sing! And, on Sunday, December 29, there will be a family sleigh ride party, which may also include skating if weather permits. Many thanks to Melita Allan, Sarah Nyland and the LHSA for organizing these events.

Casino Dates

The next casino for the WPCL will be held March 17 and 18, 2008. We will need 36 volunteers, to allow all to do only one shift each. The funds generated by these volunteer-staffed casinos are used to run and maintain programs and facilities in Windsor Park, as well as to assist other programs in the Edmonton area. Please contact me at the coordinates below if you can help out. Thanks.

---John Collier, Windsor Park
Community League President
433-1270
jbcollier@shaw.ca.

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WPCL Fall Membership Drive

For anyone who would still like a membership but who may have missed his/her membership canvasser please call Sarah Nyland at 433-2211 directly. Most of the 55 canvassers have handed back their envelopes and we all owe them a huge thank you for all their work in helping to build a strong community here in Windsor Park.

Sarah Nyland & Robert Gariepy

Dear Windsor Park Residents,

The Students of Lister Hall Students' Association would like to thank-you for your continued support. Thanks to your help and co-operation we were able to raise \$4,500 for the Cross Cancer Institute at Rez Fest, our annual benefit concert this fall.

Thanks Windsor Park!

The Lister Hall Students' Association

vp.pr@lhsa.ualberta.ca



What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?

Frostbite

What kind of bird can write?

Pen quin

How do sheep in Mexico say Merry Christmas?

Fleece Navidad

Community League Executive



Title / Role	Name	Address	Phone	E-mail
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ELECTRONIC VERSION OF NEWSLETTER

If you wish an electronic copy of the newsletter, please email me and I will attempt to send you a copy:

jean_frost@yahoo.com

I would like to thank my husband, John Shaw, for proofreading each month and Stuart, Will, and Tonima for folding the newsletters. It is always wonderful to have an indentured family!

The students of Lister Hall are hosting a Children's

Winter Wonderland Carnival

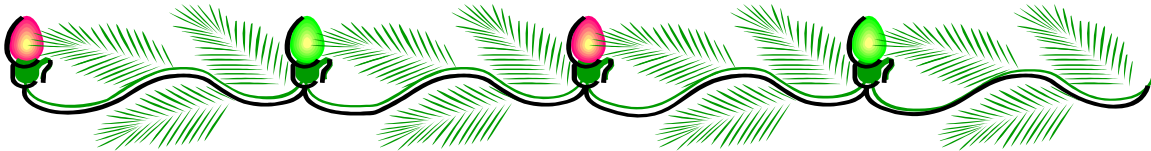
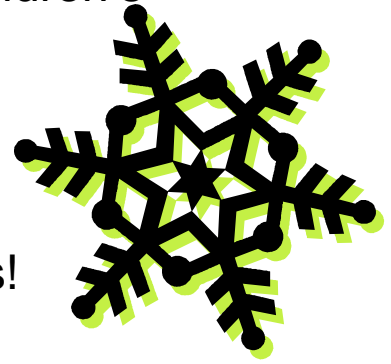
At the Windsor Park Community Center

Come for games, crafts and fun prizes!

All ages are welcome!

Wednesday, December 5th 2007

2:30p.m. -4:30 p.m.



Christmas Carol Sing Sunday December 16 Community Hall 2 to 4 p.m.

Come one and all for live orchestra, seasonal singing and a story from Jennie Frost! Refreshments will be served.

Although Lillian Upright moved from Windsor Park she especially wants to continue conducting the Christmas chamber orchestra. We have called those musicians that we already know, but please do not be shy. If you would like to join the orchestra please call Sarah Nyland at 433 2211.

There is a one hour rehearsal for the musicians at 1 p.m.

CASINO VOLUNTEER WORKER

Our Windsor Park Community League Casino is scheduled for Monday March 17th and Tuesday March 18th and is being held at the **Palace Casino – West Edmonton Mall.**

We need approximately 40 people to help with the casino.

Proceeds from the Casino will be used for building upkeep, playground upgrade, rink repair and joint School/League projects. Some funds will also be given to other charities.

If you can volunteer please complete the Information/Availability sheet below.

FORM MUST BE RETURNED BY NOVEMBER 30, 2007.

To: E. S. Holmes
 11902 – 89 Avenue FAX: 474-8001
 T6G 1A3

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

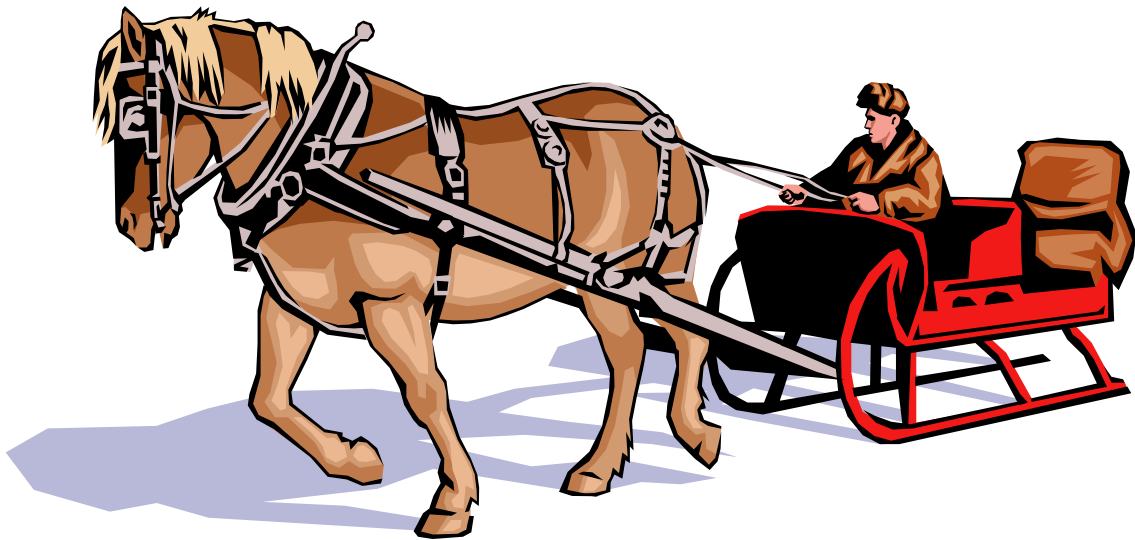
PHONE:
 (Day) _____ (Evening) _____

Have you worked casinos previously?

AVAILABILITY/PREFERENCE	Monday March 17	Tuesday March 18
Dayshifts: Approximately 10:30 to 7pm		
Evening/Nightshifts: Approximately 7pm to 2am <div style="text-align: center;"><u>Or</u> Count Room 9pm to 3:30am</div>		

**Please indicate ALL time preferences and your availability.
 We will assign positions when we have all applications.
 Indicate your job preference if you have one.
 Thank you.**

Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides



**Saturday, December 29, 2007
1:00 to 4:00 PM**

Enjoy an old fashioned sleigh ride with beautiful horses harnessed with bells. Come with your family and friends and enjoy a ride around the park and back to the Community League Hall for hot chocolate and goodies.

Please dress warmly and bring your skates, as there will also be family ice skating at our rink. If there is not enough snow, the horses will pull a hay wagon.

The sleigh ride is free for all, so come out and enjoy a wintry afternoon of skating and sleigh riding with your friends, family and neighbours!

If you would like to donate to the Food Bank, your donations will be gratefully received.

Note: If the temperature falls below -20°, there will be no rides.

Original Art by Karen Ferrari

Are you looking for a special gift, or a painting to brighten your walls?

I am an emerging artist and have been living in Windsor Park since 2000.

I have a beautiful collection of water colour paintings at my home.

I am also willing to take commissions.

Prices range from \$375 to \$795 depending on the painting size.

If you would like to see my work please call or email me to make an appointment..

karenferrari@shaw.ca

Phone: 491 0095



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Happy Holidays!

Season's greetings from Claudette Roy, the nominated candidate, and the Edmonton Strathcona Federal Liberal Association. We wish you and yours all the best during this festive season.



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Wishing You A Safe And Happy Holiday Season

Thank you for your support
I look forward to working with you over the next 3 years



Councillor
Jane Batty
Ward 4

Phone 496-8140 or email jane.batty@edmonton.ca

DANCE & MOVEMENT EXPERIENCES FOR CHILDREN

A **NEW** and very **UNIQUE** program for **children 4-9 yrs** designed to offer a broad variety of movement, dance and combined arts experiences to stimulate growth in many aspects of your child's development.



WINTER SESSION - SATURDAYS:

Ages 4-6 years old: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Ages 7-9 years old: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.



LOCATION: McKernan Community Hall/Day Care
11341-78 Ave

INSTRUCTOR: Vanessa Harris (bio on website)

TO REGISTER, or FOR INFORMATION:



Phone: 436-1590 Email: vandot2@telus.net
website: www.geocities.com/jazz_moves (under construction)

COUPON

Register and receive a:

10% - 20% DISCOUNT
from the regular class fee for
WINTER 2008 session.

One coupon per student allowed. Expires Mar 31, 2008.

Rutherford House

Tea & Tales

Tuesday, December 11th, 7:00 pm

Storyteller **Marjorie Russell** returns for an evening of charming tales, delicious tea and sweets, for the Christmas edition of Tickets for this event are \$14/\$12 members, and include entry for a door prize.

High Tea Saturdays

December 8 & 22, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Come enjoy Christmas High Tea at The Arbour Restaurant this December. What a perfect way to spend a snowy December day with your friends and family!
Reservations required; please call 422-2697.

The Friends of Rutherford House is a not-for-profit/charitable society committed to the enhancement of Rutherford House. As such, our society depends upon the community for support.

For tickets or information, call (780) 422-2697

Holiday Rental in South of France Village

Languedoc area near Montpellier and Mediterranean.
Medieval house or studio apartment.
Self Catering.
From CDN\$350/week for 2 people.
780 433 9602



salliejohnson@shaw.ca



MINKHA



HANDKNIT
PURE
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TRADITIONAL &
CONTEMPORARY
DESIGNS
FOR MEN & WOMEN

*Non profit - all \$ returned to the Minkha women of Bolivia
Now also available in Peruvian Pima Cotton*

SWEATER SALE OPEN HOUSE

Windsor Park Community Hall

11840 – 87 Ave.

Edmonton

Saturday, December 8, 2007

9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

**You are invited to view the quality & artistry of the sweater samples
from the Minkha Women's Knitting Cooperative in Bolivia.**

**If you choose, you can order a sweater to be custom knit for you or as a
gift.**

Samples will also be available for direct sale.

Scarves, Hats, Vests, Cardigans, Pullovers, Long Vests & Coats

PRICED FROM: \$25.00 - \$300.00

What is Minkha?

In 1989, in Bolivia, staff and volunteers of Save the Children Canada brought together a group of expert knitters and founded the micro industry **Minkha**. Through their skill and hard work, the women of Minkha have made their cooperatively owned enterprise self-sufficient and continue to provide for themselves and their children. **Save the Children – Canada** volunteers continue to assist the knitters, marketing the sweaters on a non-profit basis.

For further info call: **Linda Haswell (780) 436-5732** **Bev Edwards-Sawatzky (780) 433-3206**

NON-PROFIT REPRESENTATIVES www.minkhasweaters.com

Windsor Park Winter Soiree

Wine and Cheese



Saturday, January 26th, 2008

7:00 p.m.

Windsor Park Community League

**When was the last time we got together without the kids?
Take a break and come mingle with your neighbours.
A variety of wines will be provided.
Please bring an hors'oeuvre to share.**

Perfect Gifts! by TALES

Edmonton

Thursday, December 6, 2007

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Rosie's Bar and Grill

10475 - 80 Avenue

\$5.00 cover charge

**Info: TALES (932-4409) or
Rosie's (439-7211).**

Are you looking for perfect gifts for the special people in your life? Give them and yourself the gift of story by coming to the **TALES December Story Cafe**. **Jennie Frost, David Haas, and Laura O'Connor** will tell tales of **Perfect Gifts**. Tell (not read) your own 5-minute story in the **open mic spot**.

An Invitation

**Join TALES Edmonton for
our Christmas Tellaround**

Friday, December 14

8:00 - 10:00 p.m.

City Arts Centre

10943 - 84 Avenue

Tell or listen to stories and enjoy Christmas snacks. First visit to a tellaround is free; thereafter \$3.00 helps us pay the rent. Call TALES at **932-4409** or email **talesedmonton@hotmail.com** for more information.

Special Thanks: TALES Edmonton is the grateful recipient of funding from the City of Edmonton through the Edmonton Arts Council.

Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues News

EFCL Establishes Joint Use Committee

The EFCL has established a committee to review the joint use agreement recently signed by the City of Edmonton and the two Edmonton school boards. This wide-ranging document governs the way school facilities can be used by the community and city facilities, like school playing fields, can be used by the school groups.

A number of community leagues have expressed concerns about the availability of school facilities, which has prompted the formation of the committee. Edo Nyland is a member of this committee.

The committee's first meeting has been set for Monday, Dec. 17, 2007.

Which of Santa's reindeer has bad manners?
"Rude"-olph!

New Year's Eve Downtown Festival

Bring in the New Year at western Canada's largest New Year's Eve celebration. This non-alcoholic, FREE event features four indoor venues with live entertainment and crafts. The outdoor venue features a giant bon-fire, a street dance on Sir Winston Churchill Square, a skating party on the City of Edmonton Fountain and a Snowball Throwing Challenge. There are numerous concessions throughout the festival site that feature an assortment of tasty treats and warm beverages. The New Year is brought in with a stunning pyrotechnic display on 99 Street.

Seniors Driving Centre

Seniors Driving Centre of Edmonton transports seniors to their medical appointments, shopping, banking, etc. If you can spare just a few hours a week/ Mondays-Fridays during the day and have your own vehicle, we would love to hear from you, gas costs are subsidized. This is a great way to support the seniors in our community and many are eagerly waiting drivers. Call Seniors Driving Centre at 732-1221 or visit www.seniorsdriving.org

YMCA Youth Exchanges Canada Program

Youth between 12-17 years can participate in a group reciprocal home stay exchange program. Exchanges last a minimum of 5 days. This program provides the opportunity to see another part of the country and to learn first hand about local history, geography and culture.

For more information call 1.877.639.9987 or visit: www.ymcatoronto.org/youthexchanges

Smiles

What do reindeer always say before telling you a joke?

This one will "sleigh" you!

How does Rudolph know when Christmas is coming?

He looks at his calen-"deer"!

What do you give a reindeer with an upset tummy?

"Elk"-a-seltzer!

Why did Santa's helper see the doctor?

Because he had a low "elf"esteem!

Why is Prancer always wet?

Because he's a "rain"-deer!

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 **433 - 4754**.

The Playschool will not be running a bottle drive in the spring. Thank you for your past donations.

FOUND

Black men's bike, 10-speed, found abandoned in Windsor Park alley.

Call 433-8632

Next Community League Meetings

The Windsor Park Community League Executive will next meet on **January 15, February 19, and March 18** (third Tuesday of the month) at 7:00 p.m. in the Community League building. Community members are welcome to attend.

Notice to Advertisers

Are you a Community League member? Windsor Park members can advertise personal items, such as garage sales, music lessons, babysitting services, etc. **FREE** in this Newsletter.

Do you have a business, product or service you would like to advertise in this Newsletter? Advertise your messages to Windsor Park residents at very competitive rates: *Full page: \$60, Half: \$30.00, Quarter: \$15.00*

Payment is required prior to the monthly production deadline of every 3rd Friday. Cheques can be sent directly to the League treasurer, Guy Woo, 11712 Edinboro Road.

To place an ad please contact
Jean 433 7472
Jean_frost@yahoo.com.

Why does Scrooge love all of the reindeer?
Because every buck is dear to him!

Who sings "Blue Christmas" and makes toy guitars?
Elvis

Newsletter Deadline

We welcome your articles & news! The deadline for newsletter submissions is January 18. Forward your submission by e-mail to jean_frost@yahoo.com or deliver the material to Jean Frost (433 7472) 11626 Edinboro Road.