



Windsor Park Community Newsletter



October 2008

Message from the President...

Crime in the Neighbourhood

One day this summer my family had bikes and other items stolen from a shed on our property. We reported the matter to the police, alerted bike shops, and were fortunate enough to recover the most valuable one. Living on a major pedestrian route, we assumed ours might be an isolated, opportunistic incident. As summer drew to a close, however, I received news of a break and entry to a home in the neighbourhood. I posted this to our email distribution list. The floodgates opened, and reports of house break-ins and thefts from vehicles in Windsor Park poured in. To learn more about the scope of problems in our area, I contacted the Edmonton Police Service (EPS) and arranged for their community liaison to attend our next regularly scheduled executive meeting that was held on September 16.

As always, the meeting was open to all community members, and ten residents attended, in addition to the executive. Sgt. Steven Young of the EPS came well prepared with up-to-date statistics for this year, as well as comparative data from past years. He was able to assure us that Windsor Park's crime incidents had actually declined in the past year. Residents raised concerns, however, that the current incidents were of a more serious nature, as some of the break-ins occurred while the people were home. Residents also raised concerns about the presence of a drug-friendly house on 117 Street. Sgt. Young reported that the EPS were aware of the house and working with the occupant and owners to improve the situation. Nearby residents are helping the police by recording license plate numbers of vehicles visiting the house.

WPCL AGM

Sgt. Young was so helpful that we have asked him to attend our up-coming Annual General Meeting, so that all residents can have the opportunity to have questions answered on crime and crime prevention in our area.

The AGM will be held Friday, October 17, at the WPCL hall (11840 – 87 Avenue). The meeting will start at 7 pm with a brief business meeting. While nominations for all executive positions are welcome from the floor, a full slate will be presented for attending residents to consider. Sgt. Young will be up next, followed by wine and cheese (and dessert!) and more informal discussions. Everyone is welcome to attend, and even to run for the executive. While you may be assured there will be no arm-twisting at the AGM, it is my dream that we'll one day have a real election, with rival candidates, to spice up our annual meeting!

Federal Election

Speaking of elections, we have done our darnedest to ensure that Windsor Park has a polling station in the up-coming federal election. Our polling station will be at the Windsor Park Elementary School and open from 7:30 AM until 7:30 PM on election day, Tuesday, October 14. Advance polling days are Oct. 3, 4 and 6, noon to 8 pm at the City Arts Centre, 10943 – 84 Avenue.

Please feel free to contact me with your concerns and questions. I can be reached by phone (780.433.1270) or email

(jbcollier@shaw.ca).

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Geothermal Explained – Savings for Every Home

The ever increasing energy costs required to maintain a home in Edmonton have residents looking for alternatives. Geothermal Utilities, an Edmonton-based NextEnergy dealer, provides an effective solution to this universal problem, specializing in the design and installation of ground source heating and cooling systems for urban, rural and commercial applications.

Geothermal installations date back as early as 1912, but have only gained popularity and wide-spread acceptance in Alberta in recent years, as homeowners watch their hard earned money disappear with rising natural gas bills. In the past year alone, geothermal system installations have doubled. This innovative, tried and tested technology saves money and evokes social and environmental responsibility.

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| Conservative: | 22,736 |
| Linda Duncan: | 17,460 |
| Liberal: | 9,461 |
| Green: | 3,204 |

On October 14, don't give Stephen Harper a majority Government.

**Vote for Linda Duncan in
Edmonton-Strathcona.**

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Putting you & your family first!  **NDP**

US ELECTION

It is not too late! (yet).

All American citizens are qualified to vote in the Nov. 4, 2008 US Presidential Election. Dual citizenship and tax status are not relevant. If you have a parent who was born in the US, you can claim US citizenship. The non-partisan website to register for an absentee ballot is: votefromabroad.org.

If you would like assistance, or prefer to use a traditional paper format, contact Marilyn Gaa: marilyngaa@telusplanet.net or 780-432-7660, or 9318 Edinboro Rd, Windsor Park. If you wish to be included in local Democrats Abroad activities leading up to and including election night, contact Marilyn.

For Sale

Get in shape for winter. TREK stationery bike. Good bike, adjustable magnetic resistance, pump handlebars for upper body, low mileage, \$75.
Call Richard or Anne: 780 432 7083

Tutoring

Need a little extra help in school? Tutoring services available for subjects in grades 8-11 and grade 12 math, chemistry and physics.

Call Katie Cameron: 780-433-8418.

Olympic News

Windsor Park's Zöe Hoskins represented Canada in the pairs rowing. She came an impressive 9th. To complete an awesome summer, she married gold medallist Kevin Light (rowing eights). Andrew Hoskins, Zöe's brother, has also represented Canada at the Olympics.

CONGRATULATIONS

Noise Graffiti

The most common complaint I have had this summer has been about the intrusive noise of excessively loud mufflers on both motor bikes and cars. What makes this kind of noise particularly frustrating is that it is completely unnecessary. Any mechanical advantage gained by loud mufflers would be negligible in legal city driving conditions. There has been a lot of attention paid recently to the problems of littering and graffiti. In my mind the invasiveness on the enjoyment of others of loud mufflers is no different.

It is part of the challenge of a large city that we must find ways as individuals to coexist with our neighbours and fellow citizens. Some clash is inevitable and unavoidable. But loud mufflers and car stereos, which essentially do little more than say 'look at me' at the expense of another's ability to enjoy peace and quiet, go well beyond the bounds of common courtesy. I believe it is essentially the equivalent of running into a strangers back yard or onto their balcony or into their living room, interrupting and yelling at them, 'look at me I'm riding my motorcycle.' Most people would never dream of doing that to a friend let alone a stranger and yet that is what is happening every time a loud bike or car drives up or down a street. It is particularly problematic late at night.

On paper the city has bylaws to control this kind of behaviour, yet currently we have been very unsuccessful in actually curtailing the sonic invasion. In response to the numerous calls and emails I have had on the subject I have asked our administration to bring back a report on what we are currently doing, what tools we have to deal with the issue, what are the limitations of those tools, what are other cities are doing, and what changes could we make to more effectively deal with the problem.

We are expecting to deal with the report sometime in September. If any of you have any thoughts on the matter or would like to present to us on the issue please let me know.

-- Councillor Ben Henderson

It's Time for Change!



Claudette Roy,
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WPCL Membership Drive

Please welcome your canvasser for the annual WPCL membership drive this Sept./Oct. We are so fortunate to have 55 canvassers in Windsor Park and most canvassers are working on their home block so it is a great way to meet your neighbours. Many canvassers have dedicated their time and energy for a lot of years but we have new or returning canvassers each year too! Please consider taking your turn and let your canvasser know this when he/she stops by.

A strong membership response in Windsor Park is great for our community and helps ensure our continuing strong community voice with regard to local and city-wide matters.

Sarah Nyland & Robert Gariepy
WPCL Membership Coordinators

News from Lister Hall

Lister Hall Students' Association would like to thank the Windsor Park Community for your understanding in allowing us to run our event, Rezfest, every year. This event is an outdoor concert held in Lister Quad for residents of Lister and their guests to start off a new year in our residence. It is run annually and the proceeds go to the Canadian Cancer Society.

This year, Rezfest took place on September 6. The concert was enjoyed by all, and the event finished promptly at midnight. Rezfest sold out for the third year in a row, and we raised between \$5000.00 and \$7000.00 to donate. This event would not be possible without the help and support of the Windsor Park Community, so we want to extend our appreciation to all community residents. Thank you!

Kristin Glass
Vice-President Public Relations
Lister Hall Students' Association

Annual General Meeting

**Friday, October 17
7 pm**

**Windsor Park Community Hall
11840 – 87 Avenue**

Agenda:

Brief business meeting
Election of Officers

Sgt. Steven Young of the EPS
Crime and Prevention

Dessert and Socializing

Treasurer Required!

After many years Guy Woo is retiring from the position of Treasurer of the Windsor Park Community League. We offer him many thanks for a job very well done.

Now we need a new treasurer. Please contact John Collier if you are will to volunteer for this position.

**FEDERAL ELECTION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER
14, 2008
OUR POLLING STATION
IS WINDSOR PARK
SCHOOL. PLEASE VOTE**

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.

RUMMAGE SALE

St. John's Anglican church at
11111 - 57 Ave.

Friday, October 24 6 - 9 p.m.
Saturday October 25, 9 - 12 noon.

Special "fill up the bag" bags for
\$10 and \$3 are sold on Saturday.

Next Community League Meeting

The Windsor Park Community League Executive will next meet on **October 20** @ 7:00 p.m. in the Community League building. Community members are welcome to attend.

News Letter Submissions

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.* Upon receipt of an invoice, cheques can be sent directly to the League treasurer, Guy Woo.

Please send me accounts of achievements of Windsor Park residents so I can publish them in the newsletter.

The next deadline for copy is November 21.

To place an ad or for other submissions please contact
Jean 433 7472
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FEDERAL ELECTION

**Voting is both a privilege and a responsibility.
MAKE SURE YOU VOTE ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14**

Newsletter Deadline

We welcome your articles & news! The deadline for the next newsletter submissions is November 21, (the 3rd Friday). Forward your submission by e-mail to jean_frost@yahoo.com or deliver the material Jean Frost 11626 Edinboro Road (433 7472).