



# Windsor Park Community Newsletter



February 2010

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## Message from the President...

### Windsor Park and Parking Passes

- Did you know that parking passes, visitor or otherwise, are only valid if the vehicle is parked within a short distance of the address to which the pass was issued?
- Did you know that a vehicle that parks in front of your house every weekday for eight hours is not a visitor?
- Did you know that Windsor Park is one of only a few residential parking areas allowed to have visitor-parking passes?
- Did you know that Windsor Park is required to have a community parking coordinator (a position that is now vacant, by the way) to deal with parking issues arising from inappropriate pass use?
- Did you know that, in attempting to deal with parking issues, we have to extensively document each repeat offender with written records, polite letters, etc before the City will take any action?

My guess is: probably not.

Why else would there be so many parking complaints arising for the parking coordinator and executive to contend with? It is very frustrating to deal with the City on these issues. They do not like the program; they wish it would go away. In fact, they have come very close to simply eliminating it during the last few years. Parking restrictions based on hours, phases of the moon or vehicle colour, they don't mind: straightforward and no grey areas. Parking passes, visitor or otherwise, that are used by people blocks away from the issuing address, are more difficult. Attempts at enforcement are met with responses like, "Gosh, I didn't

know," the matter is dropped with a warning, and two weeks later the miscreants are back in action, perhaps a few feet closer to base. Once again involving records and polite letters, etc. And I haven't even mentioned the wretches who actually sell their passes! How their mothers must hang their heads in shame.

Drama aside, I am beginning to wonder whether we should eliminate the visitor-parking passes. It might be far simpler to allow parking passes for resident's vehicles only, within 100 feet of the issued address, requiring copies of each vehicle's registration (addresses have to match) and displaying the license number of the vehicle on the permit. Some elements of this approach are already in place, but the full combination would make our parking program easier to enforce. The City would be happy and so, perhaps, would future WPCL parking coordinators (and presidents).

As far as I can see, virtually every house in WP has off-street, on-property parking available, which would allow them to accommodate their visitors' vehicles (even if their own must then be parked temporarily on the street). So, maybe, we could all live without visitor-parking passes?

I am just one person in this community and it's not my opinion that counts, it's yours. What do you think? Am I right on the money? Do you only use your visitor-passes to shim wonky furniture? As bits of scrap for shopping lists? Maybe you don't apply for any passes at all.

Or... Am I an idiot prattling on – full of sound and fury, signifying nothing? Perhaps you use your visitor passes

regularly? Find them necessary, as the parking on your own property is limited?

Please contact me at the coordinates below and let me know what you think. Don't worry, nothing is going to change anytime soon. I am just running up a couple of flags to see who's saluting and who's shooting. But, if you are one of the people abusing your parking passes, "Knock it off, please!"

[Please note that we need a parking co-ordinator. Ed.]

### **Urgent Urgent**

We need just a few more people in the count room for this March's casino! The monies raised will largely be used for our new playground. Please contact Betty Millar at 780 439 0130

### **Parkland Redevelopment**

The Playground Redevelopment Committee is broadening its scope to include all the parklands within the Windsor Park boundaries. If you're interested in seeing walking trails in and around the old rose garden, perhaps a skateboard park (only joking a wee bit) or other ideas for the smaller park areas in Windsor Park, or if you'd prefer to see well enough left alone, perhaps you would like to join the committee to have your views heard. We will be freezing the

number of voting committee members at the beginning of March, so this is the last call for members!

### **Community League Membership Numbers**

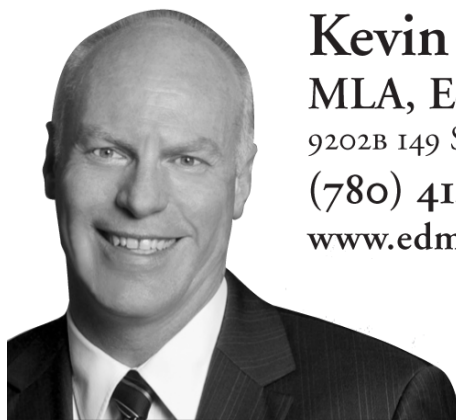
To date we have 240 households who have either purchased memberships or are honorary members for 2009-10 and memberships continue to come in. Thank you so much for your support.

If you missed our fall membership drive, you can obtain a membership anytime by contacting Janet Millar (see contact list) or online at efcl.org. Community league membership not only supports league programs, it also gives you significant discounts at City of Edmonton Leisure, Sports and Fitness Facilities. Memberships are \$25 for a household and free for residents 65 years and older (tax receipts given for donations).

Please feel free to contact me with any issues or concerns you might have. I can be reached at :  
780.433.1270  
jbcollier@shaw.ca

---John Collier, Windsor Park Community League President

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**MLA, Edmonton Riverview**

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# Soccer Registration Saturday March 6 Community League Hall 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Or Register on line at: [lava-man@hotmail.com](mailto:lava-man@hotmail.com)

All fees for outdoor soccer are set by the individual community leagues (not by SWEMSA)  
Current community league membership is required to be able to register.  
Late registrants are placed on team selection waiting lists.  
The outdoor game schedules will be ready about the third week in April.  
**Note that the age groups for this past indoor season remain in effect** (ie: players do not move up to the next age group in the outdoor season).

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## Community League Executive



| Title / Role                   | Name  | Address   | Phone                            | E-mail                |
|--------------------------------|---|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| President                      | John Collier                                  | 8620 Sask. Drive                                | 433-1270                         | jbcollier@shaw.ca     |
| Vice President                 | John Wilson                                   | 8915-120 St                                     | 432-1042                         | jaydee.uu@ualberta.ca |
| Secretary                      | Ronnene Anderson                              | 8738-117 Street                                 | 433-8632                         | anderpep@telus.net    |
| Treasurer                      | Russ Makar                                    | 9127-118 Street                                 | 430-1313                         | rgmakar@shaw.ca       |
| Casino                         | Betty Millar<br>Melita Allan                  | 9303 Sask. Drive<br>9308 Edinboro Rd            | 439-0130<br>484-8132             |                       |
| Building Rental                | Ivy Neuhaus                                   |   | 433-2623                         |                       |
| Building Manager               | Dave Austen                                   | 9023 Sask. Drive                                | 439-2612                         |                       |
| Central Area Council/Planning  | Elaine Solez                                  | 8711 Sask. Drive                                | 431-0292                         |                       |
| Landscaping                    | Marilyn Gaa                                   | 9318 Edinboro Rd                                | 432-7660                         |                       |
| Bottle Drive<br>Road Side Sign | Sheri Samuels                                 |   | 433-3741                         |                       |
| Membership                     | Janet Millar                                  | 8620 Sask. Drive                                | 433-1270                         | jlmillar@shaw.ca      |
| Newsletter Editor              | Jean Frost                                    | 11626 Edinboro Rd                               | 433-7472                         | Jean_frost@yahoo.com  |
| Nursery School                 |   |   | 439-0919                         |                       |
| Parking Program                | vacant  |   |                                  |                       |
| Rink Maintenance               | Joe Miller                                    | 9247-117 Street                                 | 431-1585                         |                       |
| Soccer                         | Larry Burnstad                                | 11003-85 Ave                                    | 445-4013                         | weslar@telus.net      |
| Social                         | Gabriella Makar<br>Jannine Otto<br>Linda Toal | 9127-118 St<br>8923-120 St<br>11632 Edinboro Rd | 430-1313<br>439-4235<br>733-1377 |                       |



**Windsor Park School Poster for the Olympic Torch Run through Windsor Park**

## **Babysitting Course**

Learn what it takes to be a great babysitter! This well rounded course covers basic child care, first aid, safety, and introduces participants to the importance of play in a child's life.

**Belgravia Elementary School** (11605 – 74 Ave)

**Thursday, February 25, 2010**

**8:30 am – 4:30 pm**

For ages 11 - 17 years.

Cost: \$55

This session lesson will be taught by a qualified instructor and will include role playing, brainstorming, and hands-on exercises. Certificates will be awarded upon **successful completion** of the program.

Participants are encouraged to provide their own lunches, pens & paper.

### **FOR PROGRAM REGISTRATION:**

**COURSE CODE:** 349524

**Phone:** 311      **Web:** <http://ereg.edmonton.ca>

**In Person:** At any City of Edmonton Swimming Pool

In partnership with the Belgravia, McKernan, Windsor Park Community Leagues & The City of Edmonton

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**Special 2010 offer for  
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from the  
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classes included!)**

**Tuesday, Thursdays & Saturdays in  
the Belgravia Community Hall**

**Get Fit, Feel Great!**

**Free Karate uniform on full enrollment  
for more information contact Ken**

**at [kenanjen@shaw.ca](mailto:kenanjen@shaw.ca) or**

**780 707 3693**

**[www.ThreeBattles.com](http://www.ThreeBattles.com)**



## City of Edmonton Tobogganing Hills

**Gallagher Park**  
97 Ave & 92 Street

**Whitemud Park North**  
Keillor Road & Fox Drive

**Government House Park**  
Groat Road & River Road

**Emily Murphy Park**  
Emily Murphy Road & Groat Road

**Argyll/Mill Creek Park**  
84 Street & 70 Ave

### Safe Sledding

Dress for the weather, wear a helmet  
Sled in daylight  
Choose a hill with a gentle slope  
Ensure path is clear before starting down  
Always face forward  
Always stay in control; go down safely

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## For Sale

Judo Uniform hardly worn  
"Mikado" made in Vancouver  
Size 4 (small to medium adult)  
\$40  
Jean Frost 780 433 7472



## Cross Country Ski Trails

**Classic, Skate & night:**  
**Capilano and Gold Bar Parks**  
109A Avenue & 50 Street

**Kinsmen Park**  
9100 Walterdale Hill

**Riverside Golf Course**  
Rowland Road & 84 Street

**Snow Valley**  
One block south of WHitemud Drive on  
119 Stree

**Classic, Skate**  
Terwilliger Park  
Rabbit Hill Road-West End

**Victoria Park**  
12130 River Road

**William Hawrelak Park**  
9330 Groat Road

**Classic Only**  
**Whitemud Park**  
Keillor Road access

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## 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.
- ◆ 780-439-0919



# WINDSOR PARK BOTTLE DRIVE



Mark your calendars for ***Saturday, May 29, 2010.***

Proceeds for this first official, community league-sanctioned bottle drive will go to Strathcona High School Theatre Department's Edinburgh Fringe Festival fundraising effort.



Please save those recyclables (including well-rinsed milk containers).

If you want to donate your recyclables but have no storage space, call Sheri at 780-433-3741.

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## SOUTH OF FRANCE

Experience the charm of French village life in this medieval wine grower's house down a narrow, quiet street in the Languedoc town of Montagnac.

A two-bedroom house and a one-room suite are for rent in La Maison Rouge.

For more information  
[www.sjevent.ca](http://www.sjevent.ca)  
[sjevent@shaw.ca](mailto:sjevent@shaw.ca)

**St. George's  
Anglican Church**  
11733 87<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
780 439 1470

Interim-priest-in-charge & U of A  
Anglican Chaplain  
The Rev. Susan Oliver

**Come and worship with us on  
Sundays**

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
10 a.m. Holy Eucharist with choir &  
Sunday School  
6 p.m. The Worship Room  
(student supper & service)

**Special Event:**

Sunday, February 28 at 3 p.m.  
**Russian-born pianist Boris Konovalov**  
a concert of piano music by  
Chopin, Schumann, and Liszt

[www.anglicanstgeorges.com](http://www.anglicanstgeorges.com)  
[www.anglicanstudentministry.ca](http://www.anglicanstudentministry.ca)

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## Third Eco Station Now Open

A new Eco Station in the City's south west is making it easier for residents to dispose of their waste in an environmentally responsible way. The Ambleside Eco Station, located at 14710 Ellerslie Road, is a new drop off point for household hazardous waste (HHW), electronics and items too large for regular collection.

Eco Stations are open Tuesday to Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Strathcona: 5150-99 Street - Enter on 99 Street only  
Coronation: 11440-143 Street  
Ambleside: 14710 Ellerslie Road SW (now open)

For more information on what you can take to an Eco Station visit [edmonton.ca/waste](http://edmonton.ca/waste) or call 311.

## Next Community League Meeting

The WPCL executive meets on the third Tuesday of every month excepting July, August and September. The meetings take place at the hall at 7 p.m. and are open to all.

## 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 at very competitive rates: *Full page: \$60, Half: \$30.00, , Quarter: \$15.00*

The deadline for copy is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month before publication.

To place an ad please contact  
Jean 433 7472  
[Jean\\_frost@yahoo.com](mailto:Jean_frost@yahoo.com).

## Newsletter Deadline

We welcome your articles & news! The deadline for the next newsletter submissions is March 19, 2010. Call 780 433 7472 or send your submission to [jean\\_frost@yahoo.com](mailto:jean_frost@yahoo.com).

## SMILES

Q. What do prisoners use to call each other?

A. Cell phones

Q. Where do snowmen keep their money?

A. In snow banks.

Q. Why do sea-gulls fly over the sea?

A. Because if they flew over the bay they would be bagels!

Q. What did the judge say when the skunk walked in the court room?

A. Odor in the court.