

WINDSOR PARK COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



October 2014

*Community Meetings – Everyone is welcome to attend! Next meeting is
October 21 at 7pm at the Windsor Park Hall*

EXECUTIVE NOTES

First of all, the executive would like to take a minute to thank everyone who helped out with our latest casino (September 2 and 3). THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Secondly, the local organizing committee of the TransCanada World Triathlon Grand Final would also like to extend their thanks to the community. They extend their sincere thanks to the members of the community for your support and cooperation during the triathlon.

It is time to renew community league memberships. If you are new to the neighbourhood and want to find out all the great reasons to join, check out Janet Millar's article in this newsletter (page 4). If you are renewing, check out her article as the membership renewal process is changing.

In addition to this newsletter, the community league emails information including updates and information pertinent to residents. Not receiving emails? Email chelseycabaj@gmail.com to be added to the list.

Lastly, mark your calendars. The Windsor Park Community League Annual General Meeting is on Friday October 24, 2014 at 7 pm. Interested in getting involved with the community league? Now is your chance. All residents are welcome to put their name forward for positions on the executive. In particular, we need a social chair. If you would like to help organize volunteers for our next casino (which will be quite some time from now), please let us know. Don't have time to commit to an executive position, but have a great idea? Join us and share it. After the meeting we will have a wine, cheese and chocolate social.

FRONT YARDS IN BLOOM WINNER!

Congratulations to the Windsor Park Community for having Edmonton's first place Front Yards in Bloom winner. Robert Ferrari at 9239 118 Street has the city-wide winning entry for the Natural category. Comments overheard by judges and passers-by included "Is this gardening or is this art?" and "Eden is not lost."

To view the finalists and winning gardens in various categories, see the City of Edmonton site:

http://www.edmonton.ca/environmental/conservation_landscaping/2014-front-yards-in-bloom-phot.aspx

YOU ARE INVITED!

WPCL Family BBQ. Saturday September 20 from 10 am to 1 pm at the WPCL Hall

We will be having a BBQ lunch, as well as offering children from 2 to 12 years a chance to play Sportball. Haven't heard of Sportball? See www.sportball.ca for information. If you are interested in having your child participate in Sportball, contact Chelsey at 780-887-3950 or chelseycabaj@gmail.com to pre-register your child. Children can also enjoy bubbles, sidewalk chalk, and a magnet-making station.

We will be selling community league memberships at this event. Memberships are only \$25/household.

Come visit with your neighbours, enjoy some lunch, and pick up your community league membership. Hope to see you there!

PS. All welcome! If you can RSVP by September 18 to chelseycabaj@gmail.com that would be greatly appreciated.

TEA TIME TECHNOLOGY TALK. Monday September 22 from 1 to 3 pm at the WPCL Hall

You are invited by the WPCL to a presentation on Technology presented by Edmonton Public Librarian Andrew Halberstadt.

Andrew will give a presentation, followed by some hands-on demo time. He will bring along a few devices (laptop, iPad) that people can use to practice with, but feel free to bring your own as well.

After the talk, we will serve snacks and refreshments. This will also give neighbours a chance to catch up and visit.

If you would like to join us, please RSVP to chelseycabaj@gmail.com. When replying please also:

1. Let us know your knowledge level – beginner, intermediate, expert
2. Let us know what kinds of questions or areas you would like discussed, i.e. how to better use Skype, how to take better pictures on your iPad, how to use Instagram, etc.



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WINDSOR PARK COMMUNITY LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP

WPCL membership benefits, and a new approach to this year's drive

It's time to renew your WPCL membership!

This year, the WPCL is taking a new approach to membership sales. **We will not be canvassing door-to-door.** Instead, the league will host special events where memberships are offered, make in-person registration available at monthly executive meetings and the annual general meeting, and continue providing memberships online through the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues: efcl.org. Not able to use these opportunities? Never fear – for those who may have difficulty with access, we'll still make house calls!

What's the cost?

The annual family membership fee is \$25.00, whether your household consists of one or many. Seniors can become honorary members at no cost.

What are the benefits?

Facilities and Programs: WPCL maintains an ice rink, park, playgrounds and community hall for the benefit of all residents. The league operates an excellent preschool program for 3- and 4-year olds, taught by a qualified and experienced Early Childhood Educator. WPCL and neighboring leagues organize a spring outdoor soccer season for girls and boys under-6 through under-16, and league membership also provides access to the SWEMSA indoor soccer program. As well, our league participates in the Green Shack program, a summer drop-in for neighborhood kids, with activities organized by a City-employed student.

Special Events: Community league events are a great way to meet neighbors and make friends. WPCL hosts activities like summer BBQs, winter sleigh-rides, sing-alongs and social evenings. **Get your 2014-15 membership at one of our upcoming events: Family BBQ and Sportball on Saturday September 20, 10am to 1pm; and Tea Time Technology Talk on Monday September 22, 1-3pm.**

Access and Savings: Community league members receive a 10% discount on annual, monthly and multi-admission passes to City of Edmonton recreation facilities. WPCL members are also invited to become Associate Members of the U of A Faculty Club (details at www.uofafacultyclub.ca).

Input and Information: The league represents community interests in consultations with the City of Edmonton, the University of Alberta and other organizations. All residents are welcome to provide input at monthly meetings or to the volunteer executive. The WPCL newsletter is delivered to your door and by email, and members are welcome to sign-up to the league's email distribution list for additional bulletins.

Thanks to all who support their community league by becoming members. And, a special thanks to our membership volunteers for their past help in canvassing – your efforts on behalf of the WPCL have been greatly appreciated.

If you have membership questions or concerns, please contact me anytime.

Janet Millar, Membership
780-433-1270; jlmillar@shaw.ca

WPCL Annual General Meeting

Friday October 24, 2014 @ 7 pm
Windsor Park Hall (118 St. and 87 Ave.)

Meet your neighbours, share your ideas – get involved!

Meeting to be followed by a wine, cheese and chocolate social.

MESSAGE FROM WINDSOR PARK SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Once again we are off to a great start. Our parents brought Treats on the Tarmac for our first day. This tradition is always a great way to become reacquainted with friends and a chance to meet new students, staff and families. Our Running Club is already off to the races! Leading a healthy lifestyle is very important to what we do at Windsor Park. Our school is filled with energy, enthusiasm and excitement as we look forward to living in the digital world and doing inquiry and project based learning. We even have a new club – the Windsor Park Entrepreneur Club. It will be fun to see our young entrepreneurs in action.

I hope all community members will feel free to come and visit or volunteer in our school. Have a great fall.

Patti Christensen, Principal
Windsor Park School

THE FACULTY CLUB PRESENTS TRIVIA NIGHT!

WHY: Meet new friends, old friends, finally use your trivia knowledge and...WIN YOUR BAR TAB!
WHEN: Thursdays: October 23 and November 27 at 7:00 pm
WHERE: The Faculty Club Lounge (University of Alberta)
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Newcomers to Windsor Park.

If you are new to the community, or know of any new Windsor Park residents, let me know at alexialaneferrari@gmail.com so we can extend a community welcome!

MASTER COMPOSTER RECYCLER NEWS

Thank you to all the neighbours who agreed to display GRASSCYCLING signs on their lawns this summer. The “We Go Bagless” campaign is a reminder that bagging lawn clippings is unnecessary. The grasscycling campaign has ended for this year, but please watch for future opportunities to help promote this practice. If you would like to get a lawn sign next year, or if you have comments about your experience with grasscycling, please provide them by email to ewmiller@shaw.ca or telephone Liz at 780-431-1585.

Wondering what to do with leftover school supplies, or in need of a few items? Perhaps the REUSE CENTRE is the answer! The Centre RELOCATED in July from downtown to 6835 83rd Street, just off Argyll Road. The very spacious new location has ample parking, and is accessible by bus. The browsing and displaying items available for purchase is much larger and more comfortable than the old location, as is the donation area. For details on acceptable items, hours of operation, tour or volunteer opportunities, check the website: www.edmonton.ca/reusecentre or contact Liz (details above). For an interesting look at what happens to some of the donated items, check the blog reuseitedmonton.blogspot.ca, and view some of the amazing creations.

Finally, when raking leaves, remember to save some for composting! The June newsletter included some helpful composting tips, and the John Janzen Nature Centre has a great compost demonstration area.

TRIVIA QUESTIONS

(answers on page 12)

1. What petroleum product has been used for millennia as an adhesive and for waterproofing?
2. Of which are there more in Canada, public libraries or McDonald's restaurants?
3. What two provinces contain the Palliser Triangle?
4. Who is the young man in the photo below?




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In response to the exorbitant prices being paid by many neighbours, I have formed a general contractor referral service. You let me know what your renovation needs are, and I put you in touch with a selected group of contractors who provide high quality work for less. You do not pay anything for this referral service. They will contact you, and the rest is between you and the contractor.



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Next newsletter – December 2014. The deadline for submission is Monday November 17, 2014.

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CROSSWALKS AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Councillor Ben Henderson (August/September 2014)

Crosswalks and pedestrian safety has been a hot issue this season. With the unfortunate accidents of Jasper & 119 St, as well as 95 Ave in Strathearn, it is clear that we must do more to create a conducive environment for both pedestrians and drivers alike. These issues are exceptionally apparent in Ward 8 with the high number of pedestrians, and it is a situation that I intend to improve.

The Transportation Association of Canada's (TAC) Pedestrian Crossing Control Guide acts as a guideline for local governments to uniformly implement marked and signed crosswalks throughout the country. The guide considers the posted speed limit, cross section of the roadway, distance to the nearest alternate crossing, number and types of pedestrians, and vehicular volume, as indicators for the type of crosswalk to be installed. While these measurements are helpful, the trouble is that they do not take into account other things that are not as easy to measure.

There have been some problematic intersections that local residents have repeatedly raised concern over. In the past, we haven't done much as the argument was they fit within the TAC standards. I strongly feel that we need to do better; go beyond the standards when the need calls, and incorporate residents' knowledge into the mix.

Moving forward, Transportation Services will be assessing the major pedestrian corridors of Whyte Ave, 109 St, 104 Ave and Jasper Ave, and will be considering upgrades to older marked and signed crosswalks through these areas.

From a community side, we have grassroots work happening in Queen Alexandra through the coordination of QA Crossroads. The community will be undergoing neighbourhood renewal next year and the group is advocating that following rehabilitation, Queen Alexandra should have gone through more than just a facelift. This is an opportunity to make sure that the infrastructure is conducive for all modes of transportation, making it a more walkable, bikable, livable and safe neighbourhood for all.

Feel free to contact me at ben.henderson@edmonton.ca, call me at 780 496 8146, or follow me on Twitter, @ben_hen.

CONSIDER HELPING A NEIGHBOR IN NEED

I'm sure you will agree that there are so many amazing women in this world. My wife is one of them. My wife, Tammy, the absolute love of my life and the loving mother of our 2 ½ year old twins (Adam and Madelaine), was recently diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia.

Tammy has been receiving chemotherapy treatment at the U of A Hospital for the past 29 days, as she takes on the fight of her life. She's an amazingly strong woman, but we were recently informed that she can no longer fight this battle alone.

We need your help. Tammy needs to find a matching bone marrow donor so she can have a stem cell transplant.

Please go to the Canadian Blood Services website at onematch.ca to see whether you, or someone you know, may be eligible (and desire) to donate bone marrow with the hopes of potentially saving my wife's life or the life of someone else fighting cancer.


From the bottom of my heart, I truly and sincerely thank you. Mathew McLash



Steve Young, MLA

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ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH (11733 87TH AVENUE)

Surviving Loss: a grief support group

The third Tuesday of every month from 2-3:30 pm. All are welcome.

This monthly program hopes to offer support for those who have faced the death of a loved one, and who would like a safe place to share and question with others who have also faced loss.

Call St. George's at 780-439-1470 for more information or to register.

When Life Changes: a support group for caregivers

The second Tuesday of every month from 2-3:30 pm. All are welcome.

Call St. George's at 780-439-1470 for more information or to register.

A Messy Church Thanksgiving

Saturday October 4th @ 4pm.

Join us for crafts, games, kid's church and a community dinner as we give thanks together. All are welcome!

Call St. George's at 780-439-1470 for more information or to register.

Donations will be accepted for the Edmonton Food Bank.

U of A Anglican Chaplaincy

Meets at St. George's.


Crossroads

Meets on Thursday evenings in the Worship Room, which features a dinner at 6 pm, followed by a contemporary worship service. All students and ex-students are welcome (and those who are that age).

St. George's Fall Bazaar

Saturday November 22 from 9 am to 1 pm

We have an excellent selection of good books at bargain prices. We have wonderful baking and select treasures. This is our Christmas sale, so we will also have artists, Christmas ornaments and decorations, and a table of favorite Christmas foods (with samples). And when you're tired of shopping, you can sit down for a lunch of homemade soup, buns and dessert.



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Call Sharlene Millang at 780-405-6360 for more information.

World Animal Day (Sun. Oct. 5)

Edmonton Valley Zoo

A focus on animals in the Species Survival Program. Did you know the Edmonton Valley Zoo has 6 different species involved in the Species Survival Plan? Join us for our World Animal Day Celebration to learn all about these 6 amazing animals!

Regular admission.

Art Fuse (Thursdays 7 – 9 pm)

Art Stream Centre, 11434-120 St.

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Orchid Buzz Pyramid Opening (Sun. Oct. 12)

Muttart Conservatory: 12-4pm

Stop by to see the new Feature Pyramid highlighting all things orchids.

Regular admission.

Halloween Garden Workshop (Sat. Oct. 25)

Salisbury Greenhouse; Sherwood Park

Join us to create a Halloween-themed miniature garden. We'll have a gathering of creepy looking plants and Halloween accessories.

Instruction is free; \$10 booking deposit because of limited space. Contact Kim at 780-467-5743 or kim@salisburygreenhouse.com for more information.

NOVEMBER EVENTS

Farmfair International (Nov. 2-9)

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Christmas on the Square Holiday Light Up! (Sat. Nov. 15)

Sir Winston Churchill Square from 1-7pm

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Music at the Muttart (Thurs. Nov. 20)

Muttart Conservatory

This enhanced evening will feature the local Country musician Stewart McDougall.

Regular admission.

Servus Community Access Night (Thurs. Nov. 27)

Art Gallery of Alberta

Enjoy an evening, free of admission on the last Thursday of every month, at the Art Gallery of Alberta. Proudly provided by Servus Credit Union.

Prairie Bowl (Nov. 28-30)

Zeidler Hall at the Citadel Theatre: 7:30 pm to 12 am.

The dust-up of the century at the Citadel Theatre; the first annual Prairie Bowl Theatresports Tournament. Teams from Winnipeg, Calgary, Red Deer, Edmonton – who is the funniest? Can anyone survive the brute strength of Rapid Fire Theatre.

Tickets: \$12, advance at Tix on the Square.



WINDSOR PARK BOTTLE DRIVE



Mark your calendars!
Saturday, October 18, 2014

Proceeds for this official, community league-sanctioned bottle drive will go to AMP (Alberta Mentorship Program). AMP is a non-profit organization committed to providing young adults with support to develop a global consciousness and a positive sense of self through mentorship and personal connections.

Past AMP initiatives have included: organizing and running activities at high school leadership retreats and volunteering with organizations such as Habitat for Humanity and the Mustard Seed Church.

Please place your recyclables (including well-rinsed milk containers) on your doorstep no later than 9:30 a.m. and attach this notice to the front of one of the bags.

If you do not have any bottles and do not wish to be disturbed, you can attach this notice to your mailbox or front door with an X drawn through it.

If you have any questions, please call Sheri at (780)-433-3741

St. Joseph's College Chapel

Catholic Mass Schedule

(located 1 block north of 87th Ave. and 114 St)

Mon., Wed.: 12:10 pm

Tues., Thurs.: 12:30

Fri.: no mass

Sat.: 4:30 pm

Sun.: 9:30 am; 11 am; 7 pm



Windsor Park is a thriving, mature community located near the University of Alberta. The community offers an elementary school, several parks and an active community league. Windsor Park is also in close proximity to downtown and the trail systems along Saskatchewan Drive and the North Saskatchewan River.

Trivia Answers:

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| 1. Bitumen | 3. Alberta and Saskatchewan |
| 2. Public libraries | 4. Winston Churchill |