

# WINDSOR PARK COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



December 2014

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*Community Meetings – Everyone is welcome to attend! Please note – no meeting in December. Next meeting is January 20, 2015 at 7pm at the Windsor Park Hall*

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## UPDATE FROM THE EXECUTIVE

### THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone who attended the BBQ and Technology talk in September, as well as the AGM in October. A BIG thank you to those individuals who volunteered their time and helped at the events. In particular, we would like to thank Marnie Watts, Keith Miller, Susan Neufeld, and Erin Thompson.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Please join us for the WPCL sponsored events including Christmas Crafting for Kids, the Christmas Carol Sing Party, and a Winter Skate. More information on these events are listed in the newsletter. See pages 11 and 16.

### HAVE CHILDREN 5 OR YOUNGER? INTERESTED IN ATTENDING A PLAYGROUP?

We are currently organizing a playgroup for children under 5 years old. It will likely be held at the hall starting in late January. If you have ideas as to what this should look like, or want to attend, please contact Chelsey at [chelseycabaj@gmail.com](mailto:chelseycabaj@gmail.com).

### CALLING ALL BABYSITTERS AND THOSE INTERESTED IN FINDING A BABYSITTER

Are you 16 or older, and interested in babysitting in Windsor Park? Are you a parent desperately seeking a babysitter like the ad you see in the newsletter? We are considering either putting together a list of local babysitters, or putting on a social event where you can meet potential babysitters, or both. If you are a potential babysitter, someone who wants to find a babysitter, or even more rare – a person who wants to share the contact information of their babysitter, contact Chelsey at [chelseycabaj@gmail.com](mailto:chelseycabaj@gmail.com).

### INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

Are you interested in helping with an event? Even if you only have an hour to spare here and there – WE WANT YOU! Please contact Chelsey at [chelseycabaj@gmail.com](mailto:chelseycabaj@gmail.com) if you want to volunteer. In particular, we are looking for a few volunteers to help oversee kids making their crafts at the Christmas Crafting for Kids (December 13 from 1-4). We are also looking for people to help man the refreshments January 17 from 1-4pm at the Winter Skate and again in late January/February. We are looking for judges for a snowman/sculpture contest – details to follow.

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## UPDATE WINDSOR PARK REDEVELOPMENT

17 November 2014

One of the last elements of the park redevelopment initiated in 2010 is installation of public artwork in Windsor Park. After community consultation via a variety of means in 2010, public artwork was identified as desirable by the community. A designated art space was planned by the landscape architect within the playground, and adjacent to sitting area and picnic shelter. In 2011 a call for proposals was put out to the community and the bronze cast sculpture "Piece by Piece" by local Windsor Park resident and figurative sculptor Michele Mitchell was chosen by the committee.

While it was felt to be high priority, commission of the sculpture was delayed pending funding and completion of the main elements of the parklands (playground equipment, landscaping). With the support of the Windsor Park community league, the sculpture has finally been commissioned with an anticipated installation date sometime in 2015.

Funds for the sculpture will come from a variety of sources including fundraising from the Imagine a Place campaign, the Community Spirit Program, Community Facility Enhancement Grant and a City of Edmonton Neighborhood Park Development Program grant.

Artist Michele Mitchell's vision of the project is described here:

*"The community of Windsor Park derives its history and heritage from its close connection with the University of Alberta. Learning and teaching have been its life blood. The sculpture is an allegory of creativity and knowledge, starting with children, found here, and their impact across the world."*

*"Piece by Piece" is designed to engage children, parents and teachers in a dialogue about growing up and building the world of tomorrow – how doing things right can affect many people across the world because everything is interconnected. Through this interactive play of imagination children may come to know from a young age that they will be part of the world at large. We have chosen to show the globe as a huge puzzle with children placing the missing pieces. We feel children will be drawn towards the sculpture and be easily engaged in dialogue because they can relate to the figures in the sculpture.*

*The overall composition of the piece is of major importance as well as the body language and facial expressions. We have shown one boy helping his friend reach the top of the globe and hand another piece to the girl below. This shows team effort and how the world is built 'piece by piece'. It brings a message to the children that they always need to help each other and be part of a team. "*

The sculpture will be approximately 4 feet in diameter, cast in bronze. The Edmonton Art's Council has been consulted regarding maintenance and preservation of the artwork. We are sure this will be a well loved addition to Windsor Park, inspiring to children, teachers and members of the community alike.

For questions or concerns, please feel free to contact

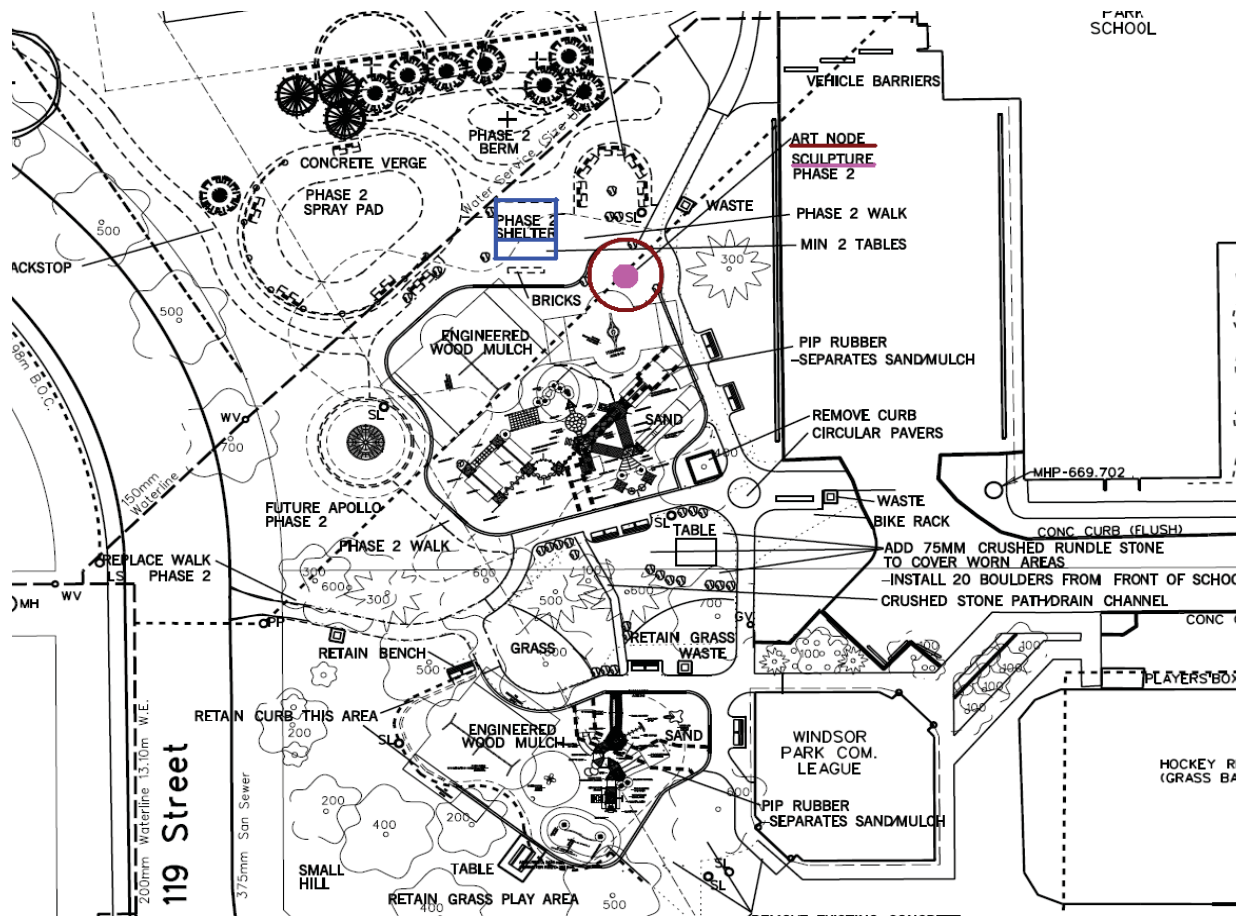
Isabelle Vonder Muhll at 780-430-9066.

**Please note – the image to the right is a wax model of the sculpture. The real sculpture will be approximately 4 feet high and made of bronze.**

**See the following page for a map of where the sculpture will be located.**







## WE WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT NATURALIZATION

Naturalization is an alternative landscape management technique. Natural processes of growth and change are less restricted and the landscape is allowed to become more natural by planting trees and shrubs that are found naturally in Alberta.

Beginning in the spring of 2014, a number of areas in Edmonton have been identified for naturalization and will no longer be a part of the City's regular mowing cycle. Most of these areas are along arterial and collector roadways. There are also some areas adjacent to parks and residents that are under consideration.

Over the next 2-3 years a city wide Master Naturalization Plan will be developed. There is an opportunity for citizens to have meaningful input into the creation of this plan. For more information about naturalization in the city, please visit [www.edmonton.ca/naturalization](http://www.edmonton.ca/naturalization).

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## THE FACULTY CLUB PRESENTS TRIVIA NIGHT!

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## MASTER COMPOSTER RECYCLER NEWS

Yes, you can keep composting during the winter! Although the rate of decomposition slows as temperatures drop, the process will continue. You can help your compost by minimizing heat loss (locating your bin in a sunny spot), keeping the pile moist (adding snow or water), and providing wind shelter. Once your bin is full, keep kitchen scraps in a lined container outside during the winter – when temperatures warm up, and composting speed increases, add to your bin, along with leaves you have saved from raking. Composting kitchen waste will significantly reduce the amount of household waste put out for pick-up, and you can use the finished product on your garden or lawn. Please see [Edmonton.ca/compost](http://Edmonton.ca/compost) for more information.

As the holiday season approaches, keep in mind that the Reuse Centre accepts (and provides) seasonal items such as Christmas cards, decorations, and craft items. I am looking for neighbours interested in joining me at a monthly session at the Reuse Centre, when donated items are sorted by volunteers before going out on the shelves. Groups of at least 4 are required, so please let me know if you (and a friend) might like to give this a try!

Applications for the 2015 Master Composter Recycler Program are now being accepted. It would be wonderful to have another Windsor Park MCR. The course is really interesting, enjoyable, and useful. Details and application information can be found at [www.edmonton.ca](http://www.edmonton.ca) in the section *For Residents*. Once there, go to Composting and Grasscycling, where there is a volunteer section. A short video about the program, along with more detailed information can be found there.

If you have any questions about the program, or are interested in volunteering as a sorter, please contact Liz Miller at [ewmiller@shaw.ca](mailto:ewmiller@shaw.ca) or 780-431-1585. Best wishes for an ecofriendly December and New Year!

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## TRIVIA QUESTIONS

(answers on page 11)

1. Name the player who scored the winning goal in the final game of the 1972 Canada-Soviet Union hockey series?
2. Which English author donated £1 million to the campaign against Scottish independence in 2014?
3. In which town was Leonardo Da Vinci born?
4. Who is seated next to Martin Luther King Jr.'s left?



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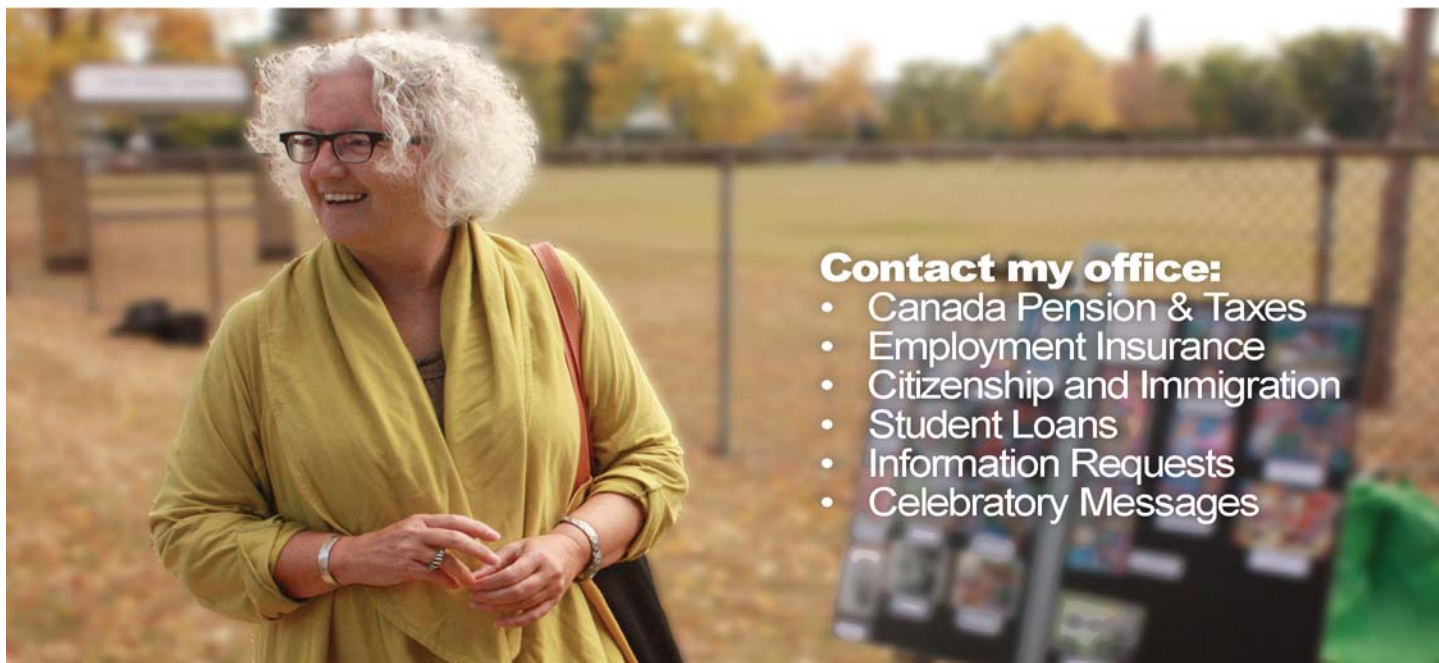
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## A GREAT CITY IS AN OPEN CITY

Councillor Ben Henderson (2014)

To improve the way we as a city go about developing and renewing our neighbourhoods, City Council has launched a special initiative to improve public engagement, community collaboration and citizen participation. The Open City Initiative is a three year initiative (2014-2017) at the end of which we hope to have a procedure in place that improves public consultation by enhancing openness, transparency, and accountability. Over the next three years the initiative will review best practices from around world, consult with Edmontonians and other stakeholders, and work to build capacity.

Strong public engagement and consultation is crucial to the success of city government meeting the needs of Edmontonians. Public engagement at its best sees City Administration working with residents, community leagues, local businesses, non-profits and stakeholders to develop effective and meaningful solutions for the problems we face in our city. What we want to avoid is public engagement that can feel like an exercise in marketing, rather than true engagement. Policy may appear to be developed in a vacuum, and public meetings at times feel like the place where residents are informed about what has already been decided, rather than consulted about what citizens would like.

The first part of the City's initiative is to start the conversation about public engagement. This conversation is facilitated by nine workshops at various locations around Edmonton during the month of November, as well as meetings, surveys, and an on-line discussion guide. The purpose of the discussion guide is to help citizens become aware of issues and discuss what we've learned about public engagement around the City.

The goal of the Open City Initiative is to ensure that The City of Edmonton and its citizens are innovative, inclusive and engaged. A great city is an open city.

You can learn more about the Open City Initiative and register for the workshops at [www.edmonton.ca/openengagement](http://www.edmonton.ca/openengagement)

Feel free to contact me at [ben.henderson@edmonton.ca](mailto:ben.henderson@edmonton.ca), call me at 780 496 8146, or follow me on Twitter, @ben\_hen.

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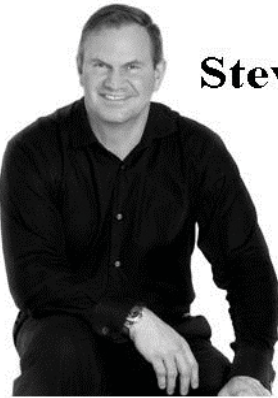
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### December 6 - A Messy Church

A children-centered activity in honor of St. Nicholas from 4-6 pm, which includes a light supper.

Phone: 780-439-1470 for more details.

### December 21

\* 10 am – Children's Christmas Pageant. Jasper the donkey will be making a guest appearance at this service.

\* 7 pm – Please join us for a special service of music and readings. A reception will follow the service.

### December 24

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### December 25

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## WPCL EVENTS

### Christmas Crafting for Kids

Saturday December 13 from 1-4 pm at the Windsor Park Community Hall

There will be several crafting stations set up geared to kids of all ages. Kids – join us and make a mini cookie house, cards, and ornaments, or decorate cookies.

Snacks will be provided. Join us for as little or long as you like.

If you are able to volunteer, please contact Chelsey at [chelseycabaj@gmail.com](mailto:chelseycabaj@gmail.com)

We will be accepting winter clothing for Coats for Kids and Families at this event.

Items being collected are:

- \*Men's, women's, and children's winter coats
- \*All sizes – toques, mittens, scarves, snow pants and winter boots
- \*Adult's insulated work wear (clothing and boots)

### Winter Skate

Saturday January 17, 2015 from 1-4 pm at the WPCL Hall and Rink.

Join us at the WPCL hall and rink to skate. If you don't skate, join us to visit with neighbours. We will be serving hot chocolate and cookies.

## GREAT NEWS!

Tammy McLash and her family wish to thank everyone in Windsor Park for their tremendous support. So many generous, thoughtful and selfless people have reached out to help Tammy and her family in their time of need, and each and every gesture and kindness is very much appreciated.

Tammy will undergo her transplant in December and is very much looking forward to a full recovery in 2015. Tammy won't know any information about her stem cell donor (age, sex, nationality, etc.) for at least two years. Although Tammy's matching donor was found, she is asking that everyone please continue to register as potential stem cell donors as we can save more lives and please continue donating blood, as blood products are absolutely crucial to the fight against cancer!

## GUESTHOUSE UPDATE

Hi Everyone,

Join us to create a Halloween-themed miniature garden. We'll have a gathering of creepy looking plants and Halloween accessories. The operators of the guesthouse at 8319 – 120 Street have purchased another property in Edmonton and are in the process of having it rezoned. To the best of our knowledge, the new property is not in Windsor Park. The City of Edmonton has issued a municipal enforcement order against the continued operation of the 8319 property as a lodging house. This order will take effect in mid-December. The enforcement officer had a meeting with the guesthouse parents to ensure they understood exactly what is, and what is not, permitted. Any further violations after mid-December will make them subject to significant, and on-going, fines. Thank you for your patience as this matter made its way through the system.

Regards,  
John Collier

## AND THE WINNER IS ....

The WPCL held a draw for everyone who renewed or signed up for their membership by October 31<sup>st</sup>. The winners of the draw (and Telus World of Science IMAX passes) were Bill Kemp and Heather King. Congratulations! And thank you for renewing your membership.

The WPCL is having two more prize draws for everyone who signs up to get their community league memberships.

For all those who sign up by November 30, 2014 you will be entered to win a \$130 gift certificate to the Telus World of Science, which we are told is enough for admission of a family to the new Indiana Jones exhibit. On December 31<sup>st</sup>, we will also be drawing for family passes to City of Edmonton attractions including Fort Edmonton Park, Muttart, Edmonton Zoo, and Recreation Centers.

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### Trivia Answers:

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| 2. JK Rowling     | 4. Marlon Brando |



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Creating a winterscape is easy. Use your imagination to build sculptures with snow and ice, add colorful ornaments or a bird feeder to your trees, and even use plant materials with different colors and textures to create a winter garden. Adding garden lights or leaving your

winter lights up all season long can also be a great way to add colour and light to your winterscape.

Did you know you can nominate winterscapes for an award? Take photos of your favourites and submit them through our website January 12 to February 22, 2015 for a chance to be entered into a Weekly Prize Draw and to win some cool prizes. You can nominate your own or a neighbour's winterscape in one of three categories:

- Winter Yard
- Winter Art
- Winter Play

Visit our website for nominations information, winterscaping ideas, our 2014 photo gallery, and contest details.

[www.edmonton.ca/winterscapes](http://www.edmonton.ca/winterscapes). Questions? Email [front.yards@edmonton.ca](mailto:front.yards@edmonton.ca)

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\* No 7pm mass on Dec. 28



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## MESSAGE FROM WINDSOR PARK SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Well it is certainly hard to believe that the Christmas season will soon be here. We have been busy at school building out literacy skills with a very exciting Folk and Fairytale Week under the direction of storyteller Renee Englot. We also had Spyder Yardley-Jones as our artist in residence. Under his leadership our students created spooky creatures for our Haunted House Gallery. It was an absolute delight to see what the students came up with. Engaging our students and celebrating their success as a community is critical to the work we do at Windsor Park.

This month we look forward to building our library resources with our annual book fair held on November 26-27. Our book fair is done in conjunction with Audrey's Book Store

If you would like to see the talents of our students we invite you to our annual Christmas Concert on December 11 at 1 pm. We always love to have our community members at our school events.

Our students continue to build their citizenship skills through participating in a variety of activities. Some of these being – We Day, sharing their Halloween candy with our friends at Boyle Street, writing letters for Santa's Anonymous, listening to speakers from Right to Play students leaders, as well as attending a Health and Wellness Symposium. It is clear that our students want to make a positive and influential difference in the lives of others.

Our annual results review highlight high academic achievement, high citizenship and ongoing improvement. Our school is full of students who strive for excellence and being the best they can be. We are very proud of what our students accomplish. This is done in close partnership with our parent community. Together we make a difference!

We wish all of our community members a happy and enjoyable holiday season!

Patti Christensen, Principal

### Alumni, students, and guests all welcome!

\* Cool Science Lecture – Thurs., Jan. 29 – 7-9 pm, Convocation Hall. Daily Planet Host, Dan Riskin, '97 BSc, shares ultra-cool stories about science and Mother Nature. Tickets \$10

\* Light Up the Night – Fri. Jan. 30 – 6:30-10 pm, Quad. Alumni lantern parade, opening ceremonies, lights, music, ice bar, and a pyro spectacle.

\* Snow Day – Sat. Jan. 31 – 1-4 pm, Quad. Games, snow ball targets, roving performers, music jams, and snow slide.

\* Snow Pants Party – Sat, Jan. 31 – 6:30-10 pm, Quad. Snow, lantern making, soundscape, light installation, ice bar, and flame spectacle.

\* Volunteer – Bundle up and head to campus for an illuminating volunteer experience.

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**Event & volunteer registration at [uab.ca/winterfest](http://uab.ca/winterfest)**





## WINDSOR PARK COMMUNITY LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP

A reminder that if you have not already done so, your WPCL membership can be purchased online through the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues at [www.efcl.org/membership](http://www.efcl.org/membership) or in person at our monthly executive meetings and events.

Online you have the option to obtain a family membership (\$25 per household) or a free seniors membership. If you qualify for a free membership, but would also like to make a donation to the WPCL, please contact Chelsey Cabaj ([chelseycabaj@gmail.com](mailto:chelseycabaj@gmail.com) or 780-887-3950) or Janet Millar ([jlmillar@shaw.ca](mailto:jlmillar@shaw.ca) or 780-433-1270).

### Why should I join?

- 1. Membership can pay for itself.** Community league members are entitled to a 10% discount on annual, multi-admission and continuous monthly passes at all City of Edmonton sports and fitness facilities.
- 2. Membership give you access to programs and events.** The WPCL maintains an excellent preschool program for 3-4 year olds. Fees at the preschool are kept low in part by the WPCL providing the hall space for the program for free. The WPCL also tries to put on numerous free social events for its members throughout the year.
- 3. Membership helps support neighborhood facilities.** The WPCL helped fund and build the playground adjacent to the elementary school. It also maintains the skating rink.
- 4. Membership can help keep you in the know.** The WPCL publishes the newsletter you are currently reading 5 times a year. It also sends out email updates to keep members informed about everything from local events to City of Edmonton projects that may affect your neighborhood.
- 5. Membership provides a voice for the community.** The WPCL provides a voice for community views of issues ranging from planning and development to neighborhood safety. When the neighborhood underwent the City of Edmonton Neighborhood Renewal process it was the WPCL who worked with the city on behalf of residents. The WPCL also tries to work with the University of Alberta, our biggest neighbor, to voice any concerns that come up from residents.

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## WINDOR PARK PRE SCHOOL



Spots still available in both the 3 and 4 year old programs (2 year olds are eligible on a case-by-case basis)

Students can start at anytime convenient for their families, not just September.

Please contact Sea Taubner at 780-437-8008 for more information.



## Babysitter wanted

We are looking for a friendly, reliable, experienced babysitter to watch our 2 children ages 7 & 9 on the occasional evening/ weekday evening.

Must be over 16 years old and live locally (WP or close by).

If you are interested please call:

Cell: 780-885-4791



Everyone is invited to the

Windsor Park Christmas Carol Party

Sunday December 21 from 2 – 4 pm in the

Community League Building



Carol Singing, Live Chamber Orchestra

Story Telling by Jennie Frost

Refreshments

Donations to the Food Bank are appreciated

Volunteer musicians who would like to join the orchestra (with one hour of practice just before the concert) are most welcome. If you are interested, please contact Sarah Nyland at 780-433-2211



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!