

Windsor Park News *March*²⁰⁰³

The Community Newsletter

LET THE ALBERTA GOVERNMENT HEAR YOUR VOICE ON SCHOOL FUNDING

CHILDREN & PARENTS CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE

Windsor Park School, along with every other public school in Edmonton, has a funding crisis. The Alberta Government directed the Edmonton Public School Board to give a 14 percent salary increase to teachers, unfortunately it did not provide 14 percent additional funding to the School Board to actually pay those salaries. So, the School Board has indicated staff cuts may be necessary to meet the shortfall. For children and parents caught in the crossfire, that means larger class sizes and program cuts.

Many parents try their best to support their school with fund raising efforts but the irony is that these funds, by law, can not be used on salaries and other necessities. It's a frustrating situation that everyone is talking about. Unfortunately, unless parents, grandparents, friends and neighbours actually contact the Government directly, their voice and their opinions are not heard.

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WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Don't know what to say or how to say it? A drop-in "Letter Writing Evening" has been organized for Tuesday, March 11, 2003 at the Windsor Park Community League building between 3:30pm and 9:00 pm. There will be information to help write letters and refreshments served.

Other concerned parents from the school councils in the Riverview Area met and decided to form a coalition to help parents advocate more effectively for our Public School system. If you are interested in helping or following this work by email please contact Melanie Shapiro at mjes@shaw.ca or phone 435-0565.

You may also wish to **sign** the Haley Grundy **petition** (Tel 435-0565 for your nearest location) or forward your letter to the newspapers or local radio stations.

Phone, Fax or Email MLA, Kevin Taft

and copy him on your correspondence to the Premier:

Dr Kevin Taft, MLA for Edmonton - Riverview

Edmonton Riverview Constituency Office

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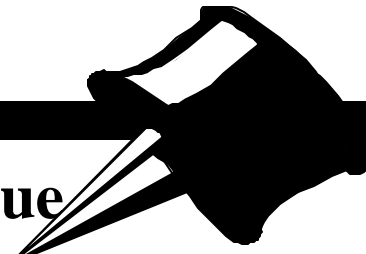
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UNIVERSITY CONSTRUCTION BEGINS

Construction will begin immediately on the addition to Windsor Car Park. To accommodate materials and heavy machinery, a temporary snow road will be built behind the Faculty Club coming off Saskatchewan Drive and leading to the interior of the campus where additional work also begins on the new Engineering buildings. For a more detailed construction schedule, please see the WPCL website.

Community League



Roster

President	Edo Nyland	8954 Windsor Rd. edo@phys.ualberta.ca	433-2211
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	Keith Goulden		
Building Rental	Sheri Samuels	--	433-3741
Building Maintenance	Roger Toogood	--	439-5255
Casino	Ed Holmes	11902 - 89 Ave.	432-0600
Central Area Council	Elaine Solez	8711 Sask. Dr.	431-0292
Community Relations	John Wilson		
Eye on Future/Planning	Elaine Solez	8711 Sask. Dr.	431-0292
Garden Club/Parks	Marilyn Gaa	9318 Edinboro Rd	432-7660
Lost & Found	Sheri Samuels	--	433-3741
Member at Large	Brian Silzer	9211 - 118 St.	434-5208
	Peter Schnurr	9210 - 117 St	433-3354
	Jim Stock		439-0964
Membership	Sarah Nyland	8954 Windsor Rd.	433-2211
	Robert Gariepy	--	433-7238
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Parking Program	Liz Miller	9247-117 St.	431-1585
Rink Maintenance	Joe Miller	9247-117 St.	431-1585
Soccer	David Alton	9207 - 117 St.	438-1009
Social	Marilyn Gaa	9318 Edinboro Rd	432-7660
	Ronnene Anderson	8738 - 117 St.	433-8632
Telephone	Willa Woods	8424 - 117 St.	433-8397
Transportation	Peter Wooding	8606 Sask. Dr.	439-8816

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Newsletter deadline for submissions are the **3rd Friday** of the month.

Please forward your submission by e-mail or on disk



NEXT COMMUNITY LEAGUE MEETING

Windsor Park Community League Executive meets the **3rd Tuesday of the month @ 7:30 pm** in the Community Centre.

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Humidifiers and Vaporizers

In winter the air is colder and dryer than in summer. Decreased humidity can cause dry and itchy skin, ear aches, sore throats, stuffy noses, or may worsen allergies. Adding more moisture to the air with a vaporizer or humidifier can limit these problems. If you have a cold, a sore throat or a cough, having a humidifier or vaporizer in the room may make you feel more comfortable. Humidifiers and vaporizers, however, cannot cure a cold or the flu. Excessive

humidity may also cause health problems. Too much water in the air can promote the growth of fungi, bacteria and molds in the home. It is a good idea to buy a humidity monitor (hygrometer) along with a humidifier or vaporizer to make sure the humidity is not higher than 30-50%.

Humidifiers and vaporizers are equally effective in increasing humidity. Humidifiers produce a cool mist and vaporizers produce steam by boiling water. Choosing between the two devices is often based on cleaning requirements and operating procedures. Volatile oils such as camphor, menthol, methyl salicylate and peppermint can be dispersed with vaporizers. Although not proven, these scented oils are thought to decrease cough and stuffy nose. These oils cannot be used with humidifiers. Although cleaning is important with both devices, it may be more important for humidifiers. If a humidifier is not cleaned regularly, bacteria and mold can grow inside the device and may be released in the mist. This may worsen allergies and cause coughing, difficulty breathing, headache, problems sleeping and eye irritation. Since vaporizers heat the water, there is a risk of burns. They should be used cautiously if there are children in the household.



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WINDSOR PARK SCHOOL REGISTRATION

The Windsor Park School is now accepting registrations for the Kindergarten program for children aged 5 years prior to March 1, 2004.

First priority is given to Windsor Park residents, but it is important to register early.

If you know of any school aged children in the community or if you are considering enrolling your child at Windsor Park School, please contact Principal Wendy Spratt at 433-3924 for more information.



NURSERY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

The Windsor Park Cooperative Nursery School is located in our Community League Building and offers a 3 Year Old program Tuesday and Thursday mornings and a 4 Year Old program Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

First priority is given to Windsor Park residents with pre-school children turning **ages 3 or 4 by March 1, 2004.**

For more information or to register your child, contact John Collier at 433-1270 or jbcollier@shaw.ca.

Registration forms can also be obtained at the Community League Building or on the WPCL website

<http://www.ualberta.ca/~edo/websiteWPCL/league.html>

COMMUNITY NOTES

KARATE LESSONS

University Area

Youth beginner karate Saturday mornings, \$17.50/mo and adult beginner karate classes

Tuesday and Friday evenings, \$25.00/month.

James Freeman: 433-3807 or freejame@telus.net.

MOM'S MORNING MOVIES

See first run movies at South Edmonton Common. Starts 10:00 am the first Tuesday of every month.

The environment is feeding, sleeping, walking, rocking, changing, baby & mom friendly. The volume of the movie is adjusted accordingly. \$8.50 per adult.

SAVE YOUR RECYCLABLES

The Windsor Park Nursery School will be holding a fundraising Bottle Drive. Watch for their flyer at the end of March. Call John at 433-1270 for pick up.

NEED A MATH TUTOR?

Math tutoring for junior high and high school students by experienced math teacher.

Contact Mrs. Sabac at msabac@shaw.ca or call 437-2517.



SOCCER

REGISTRATION WINDSOR/GARNEAU

Saturday, March 8, 2003

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Registration for the 2003 outdoor season will take place on Saturday, March 8th from 10 AM to 1PM at the Windsor Park Community League Hall.

Registration is first come first serve. Space may be limited on some teams. Every effort will be made to place players on Windsor/Garneau teams; however players and teams may be amalgamated with teams from other communities if a full team cannot be formed or more than a full team is registered.

The Youth Outdoor Season begins (weather permitting), the last week of April, and continues through to the end of June. Teams finishing first in their Division advance to EMSA City Finals the last weekend of June. The Southwest Edmonton Minor Soccer Association (SWEMSA) holds a Fall Round the first 3 weeks of September, that culminates in a Fall Championship Tournament the 3rd or 4th weekend of September.

Community League membership is required to participate

Team	Year of Birth	Game Times
Under 6 (mixed only)	1997 or 1998	Mon (practice) Wed (game) 6:15pm
Under 8 (mixed only)	1995 or 1996	Tues/Thurs 6:15pm
Under 10 (mixed or girls)	1993 or 1994	Mon/Wed 6:15pm
Under 12 (mixed or girls)	1991 or 1992	Tues/Thurs 6:15 pm
Under 14 (mixed or girls)	1989 or 1990	Mon/Wed 7:30 pm
Under 16 (mixed or girls)	1987 or 1988	Tues/Sun 7:30 pm
Under 18 (mixed or girls)	1985 or 1986	Thurs/Sun 7:30 pm

--- Youth referees needed ---
(training provided, good pay)

--- Coaches and volunteers needed! ---

For more information on soccer in South West Edmonton go to www.SWEMSA.com

For more information contact the soccer coordinator, David Alton at 438-1009, email davidalt@telusplanet.net

CHANGE OF DATE

U of A Sector Planning Meeting

The University of Alberta Community Information Meeting dealing with 'Sector Planning' initially scheduled for Thursday, March 6 has been changed to MONDAY, APRIL 28, 7 to 9 pm, in Room 1-003 ETLC (Engineering Teaching and Learning Complex).

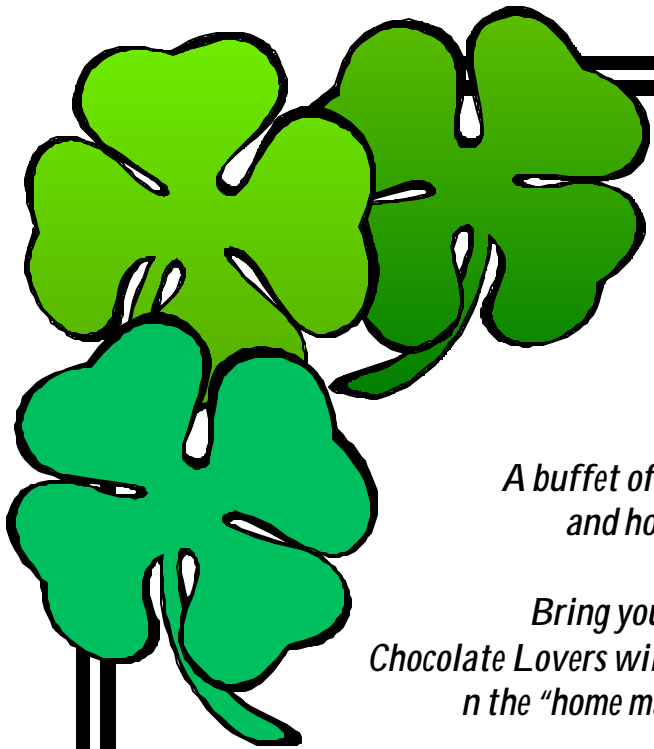
KEEPING UP OUR MATURE NEIGHBOURHOODS

by Michael Phair

I watch the heart of Edmonton with great interest, as mature established neighbourhoods become dotted with newer portions. Vacant lots and railway yards become new houses; run-down derelicts become new homes for new families. These changes don't happen all by themselves. This takes intensive, creative effort by many in the community to bring new initiatives and some very welcome results.

While it is easy to notice the drama of newer parts of Edmonton taking shape, the established neighbourhoods still need attention. Recently the City's Transportation and Public Works Committee, of which I am a member, discussed the "**Conditions of Sidewalks in Local Communities.**" Windsor Park and some other community leagues provided some really excellent input. We are seeking creative strategies to increase sidewalk and infrastructure renewal, especially in mature neighbourhoods like **Windsor Park**. It is a challenge for cities to keep up with the infrastructure needs of older areas while also servicing new suburbs. Safety needs, general maintenance, replacement of curbs, gutters, and street lighting all need to continue to be addressed. What are the best ways for the City and neighbourhoods to find funding for these important ongoing needs? Council has initiated a **20-Year Plan** and will be discussing that at the Transportation & Public Works Committee when it is completed. It is scheduled to come to our **June 10 meeting, at 9:30 AM.**

Please remember that these are *public meetings*, and you are welcome to attend them at City Hall. You can phone me at 496-8146, or email me at michael.phair@edmonton.ca with any concerns.



Your Windsor Park Community League Presents

"A Chocolate Fast"

Saturday, March 15th

7:30 pm at the WPCL Building

A buffet of chocolates, chocolate fondue, ice cream, and home made specialties will be offered.

Bring your favourite chocolate dessert to share. Chocolate Lovers will vote with their forks and prizes will be awarded in the "home made", "most unusual", and other categories.

There will also be a short program of entertaining facts about the production and enjoyment of quality chocolates. A guest expert has been invited.

Come and enjoy this free evening of indulgence and neighbourly conversation. Bring something to share (or not) and a contribution for the Food Bank.



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