



Windsor Park Community Newsletter

October 2003

From the President

First I want to thank Guy Woo for taking on, temporarily, editing and production of our newsletter. He is our treasurer and good treasurers must be treasured, not burnt out. A nomination or volunteer for the position of newsletter editor is very urgently required. Please get in touch with Guy directly.

The Windsor Park Community League Annual General Meeting is scheduled this year for November 7. If we had had it on our traditional last Friday in October we would have been competing with the ghosties, goblins, and ghoulies of Halloween. Please make it a point to come and even better to pitch in on the executive. The membership canvassers are out in force. Windsor Park has always had a good community league membership and particularly this year it is important that the executive be again able to point to membership statistics to demonstrate that we truly represent the community. Be kind to your canvasser when he or she calls.

The main issue that presently faces the community is VOCO Development's proposal to build a 6 storey condominium on the shopping center site just east of the old Esso Service Station Site. You can find details on the community league web site, but I want to use this space to focus the discussion a little.

In two meetings the community has very clearly stated that they unanimously oppose any kind of rezoning. The

condominium project cannot go ahead if rezoning is refused. The unanimity is very helpful in presenting the case, but there are implications to this position. It is currently conventional wisdom that neighborhood commercial projects cannot make money. This comes not only from VOCO, but also from others with whom I've discussed the issue. "Everyone hops in their car and runs to the big box stores." Whether or not it accurately reflects our neighborhood, that view is prevalent in City Planning and on city council.

It follows that in order to carry the Windsor Park argument successfully we need good evidence that the site is not like others and that there are uses that fit into the community and that stand a reasonable chance of being profitable. Send your input on this subject to [John Wilson](#) directly please.

Even if we do find uses for the site, we need to find a developer willing to work for a modest, not an exorbitant profit. In Edmonton that may not be easy.

Since Mr. Wu has indicated to me that he is going ahead with the rezoning application, members of the community might usefully do a few things. Now as the opportunity presents itself, but certainly as soon as the VOCO application is filed:

1. If you know someone who lives in or near University Place in Garneau, another of VOCO's developments, ask them about their experience with VOCO.

2. Please explain to all councilors, not just Phair and Batty, why the community opposes this application. Such communication should be direct, not filtered through the community league or related organizations. Person to person, or snail mail has more impact than e-mail, but e-mail will not be ignored.

3. Be prepared to be present at a council hearing on the rezoning.

Councilors are very aware of voters who take the trouble to come to meetings.

4. Come up with creative uses for the site if it remains zoned as CNC or similar

We are building the counter case for when the matter reaches City Council. I don't intend to make that public until the time comes.

Edo Nyland

Community League Roster

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

WPCL CASINO

December 15 & 16, 2003
Monday & Tuesday
West Edmonton Mall
Palace Casino

Dear Residents of Windsor Park:

Our community has been awarded a casino for the above dates. The casino is our major fundraiser and comes around every two years. The funds are used for building maintenance and improvements, program supports for sports and play school, rink building and maintenance. As well we designate funds from each casino to be given to charitable organizations such as The Inner City Food Bank. We take suggestions for charities at the AGM.

I would hope that you would consider giving a helping hand to the community. As it is near Christmas this is a way to contribute to a local charity. If you have worked a casino before you know it can be a chance to renew community friendships. Newcomers will find it a good way to meet neighbors and talk community politics and stories.

Please fill out the Volunteer Forms attached to the end of this newsletter. Hoping you can find some spare time to help out. If you have any questions, please call me.

Ed Holmes
Casino Chairperson
11902 -89 Avenue
432-0600.

PHARMACY CORNER

Pharmacist: Peter Mack

Windsor Park Guardian
Prescription Center
Phone: 433-6636
Fax: 439-3761

Staying Sharp as a Whistle

Having trouble remembering where your keys are, or the name of the person you just met? To a certain point, that's natural and nothing to worry about; we all gradually lose brain cells. But the older we get, the more likely these changes can affect memory. In fact, for every one Alzheimer's patient, it is estimated that eight seniors have memory loss severe enough to harm their quality of life.

Here are some steps you can take to keep your memory sharp with the passage of time:

- exercise regularly, as this improves blood and oxygen flow to the brain
- eat plenty of fruits and vegetables, which are rich in antioxidants that nourish brain cells
- quit smoking, which causes blood vessel constriction and can reduce blood flow to the brain
- drink plenty of water to prevent dehydration, which can lead to tiredness and interfere with concentration
- reduce stress and get a good night's sleep
- read or try a new hobby; the brain is like a muscle and remains strong when you exercise it

The use of certain medications, poor vision and/or hearing, vitamin deficiencies, diabetes and depression can all contribute to memory problems. Talk to your doctor or pharmacist to determine if one of these factors could be impairing your memory.

The Windsor Park Parking Program

The Windsor Park Parking Program reminds all residents that your new UA4 residential parking permits, and Visitor Passes for 2003-2004, should have been mailed to you. The old permits and passes expire as of September 30, 2003. Please pay careful attention to the conditions of use of Visitor Parking passes. They are NOT to be used for student or staff parking while attending University. Such abuse of the passes may result in loss of not only the current year's pass, but next year's as well. Please remind all members of your household that these passes are only to be used by visitors to your residence.

The City of Edmonton has been very helpful in enforcing residential parking restrictions during the first few weeks of University. If you witness a parking violation (such as parking without a permit or pass), call the Police Non-emergency complaint line at 423-4567, and ask to speak to Bylaw in order to have a Parking Patrol bylaw officer dispatched.

Complaints have been received about back alley congestion due to vehicles parking along fences and behind garages, etc. If the vehicle is encroaching on the alley proper, bylaw may be called for assessment re ticketing. Please be considerate of your neighbours before agreeing to alley parking arrangements. Residents must have a business license in order to rent

parking spaces, and this is unlikely to be granted in this residential area. Other neighbourhoods, near the Commonwealth Stadium, have had success in stopping this practice, and it may be time for Windsor Park to tackle this issue more aggressively.

Comments or questions about the Parking Program may be directed to Liz Miller @431-1585.

For the Southside Scene:

Whyte Avenue Adult Outreach Worker

The Old Strathcona Area Council of Communities (OSACC) has hired an Adult Outreach Worker to connect with the itinerant people along Whyte Avenue including Garneau Park. The purpose is ultimately to assist individuals in accessing the resources they require. The long term desired outcome is a greater sense of safety and understanding in the community, business and residential; as well as stability and improved quality of life for street people, some of whom are homeless.

Terry Kettleison is the Adult Outreach Worker. She can be contacted by pager, 419-4895 or e-mail at osaccoutreach@hotmail.com. If you have areas of concern please contact her. Although the schedule may adjust slightly depending on circumstances, Terry plans to be on Whyte Avenue from noon to 6:00 p.m. Her role is not a policing role but a facilitator role. If you have enforcement concerns, e.g. drunk and disorderly behaviour or there is a crime in progress please contact Edmonton Police Service Old Scona

Community Station at 496-8565 or Dispatch at 423-4567.

If you would like to get involved in a discussion group around developing personal tools to handle being approached by panhandlers please contact Diane Dunn at 944-5406 or e-mail: Diane.Dunn@edmonton.ca.

Block Parent

Are you a parent of small children, meeting others at the playground ,playschool, daycare, or early elementary school grades? Would you like to help out the Block Parent program here in Windsor Park? A new Area Coordinator is needed. This volunteer position is a good way to meet new families in the neighborhood. The current Area Coordinator is available to help familiarize you with the position, which requires very little time commitment. For more information, contact Liz Miller @ 431-1585.

Windsor Park Community League Annual Fall Membership Drive

Please welcome your WPCL volunteer canvasser when she or he comes to your door this fall!
Isn't it wonderful that Windsor Park has 55 volunteer canvassers who are willing to put in the time & effort to canvas each home? We have several new canvassers this fall & many who have canvassed before. If the canvasser does not find you at home & leaves a call-back note please respond to save her/him time & effort.

If you can give canvassing time next fall please let me know as the more people involved means that the work is shared more equally. Usually you can canvas your home block.

Robert Gariepy & I wish to thank everyone for the high level of interest & enthusiasm which helps Windsor Park be a strong, vibrant & informed neighbourhood.

Sarah Nyland

Pottery Sale

Saturday November 22, 2003
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Featuring 9 potters
Refreshments
Door prize

At Windsor Park Community Centre
11840 – 87 Avenue

Annual General Meeting

will be at the Community League Hall, beginning at 7:30, Friday, November 7th.

After a business meeting, election of 2003 – 2004 officers, and guest speakers, wine and cheese, will be served for a fine social evening. All Windsor Park residents are invited. The Membership Committee will be ready to accept memberships to the Community League.

This is a free event. Please bring a donation for the Food Bank.

NEXT COMMUNITY LEAGUE MEETING

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Newsletter deadline for Submissions are the **3rd Friday of the month**. Please forward your submission by e-mail to guywoo@shaw.ca or deliver the material on disk to Guy Woo.

Lost and Found

If you have lost or found any items in or around the community hall, please contact Sheri @ 433-3741 with a description. Items will be held for 6 months and if not claimed will be donated to a worthy cause Current Items Found: one watch; adult sweater and adult hat



HALLOWEEN DROP-IN PARTY

Friday, October 31st, From 6:00 to 9:00 PM.

The Windsor Park Community League Hall will be the best place in town to warm up, make a comfort stop, and visit with neighbours, while munching on old fashioned Halloween goodies. Home made treats, warm cider, popcorn, will be served by the "Witches of Windsor Park" in the lobby. Games and prizes will be in the activity room. All ages are

welcome, if in costume with spirit of Halloween fun.

This is a free event. Please bring a donation for the Food Bank.

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David and Lisa Alton - 438 1009
(davidalt@telusplanet.net)

The Windsor Park Co-op Playschool

will once again be holding a bottle drive in the spring. Please hold onto your bottles and returnables to help support our local playschool. If your bottles and returnables are in the way before the spring then call John Collier at 433-1270 to arrange for a pick up. Thank you!

The Windsor Park Co-op Playschool offers a morning playschool program for 3 year olds, Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 4 year olds, 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 John Collier at 433-1270.

Celebrate

African Style



**Experience Anglican worship in a
West African style**

Follow by a sampling of African food

October 26, 2003, 10 a.m.
Guest Preacher: Mr. Wisdom Agorde
Featuring the Wajjo Drummers and
Dancers

St. George's Anglican Church
11733 – 87 Avenue
Phone: 439 – 1470; Email:
stgeorges@telus.net

Zoning Information

Windsor Park residents may be interested in specific information on CNC and DC-2 zoning given the motion passed in support of retaining CNC zoning for the parcel of land on 87th Avenue west of 117 St. and east of the former Esso site as well as the proposal to rezone to DC-2 for the purpose of building a 6-storey condominium.

CNC zoning permits structures 10 metres, 2.5 storeys in height. The following table presents the types of uses that can occupy CNC areas. Permitted uses, listed on the left, are the types of businesses that have a right to operate regardless of community concerns or views. These uses cannot be appealed. Discretionary uses, listed on the right, require notification of neighbours and the community league, and can be appealed if the community has concerns.

Permitted Uses	Discretionary Uses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • convenience retail stores • health services • personal services • professional, financial and office support services • specialty food services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • apartment housing above commercial • bars and neighbourhood pubs (like Windsor Grill) • child care services • commercial schools • drive-in food service • gas bars • general retail • indoor recreation • minor amusement • minor second hand stores • libraries and cultural amenities • drive-thru vehicle services • religious assemblies • residential sales • veterinary services

DC-2 zoning is for site-specific development. It is used when the development exceeds the provisions of the closest equivalent conventional zone or has unique characteristics. This zone is supposed to minimize conflicts with neighbouring properties. An application for DC zoning must include:

- an explanation justifying DC zoning
- documentation that the community was informed of the proposed development and had opportunity for input
- comments from the community
- changes to the application in response to community input and concerns.

Calling All Windsor Park School Alumni!

Windsor Park School turns 50 this year. With a staff of twelve, and around one hundred and eighty students, the Windsor Park School community is planning to celebrate the 50th Anniversary. Several activities are planned for the coming year: watch the community notice board for details.

In addition, the School Council will be undertaking a special landscaping project as a legacy for the future. If you are interested in joining the WPS Landscape Project Working Group, or would like to make sure that your name is on the alumni list, please contact Carla at 434-0656

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 to Windsor Park Residents at very competitive rates. You may advertise in single or multiple newsletter issues. Payment is required prior to the monthly production deadline. Please make your cheques payable to the Windsor Park Community League.

Send your ad via e-mail or on disk to Guy Woo
Email address: guywoo@shaw.ca

Rates:

Full page	\$60	Third	\$22.50
Half	\$30.00	Quarter	\$15.00

Casino Volunteer Worker

Dear Volunteer,

Our Windsor Park Community League casino is scheduled for:

December 15 & 16, 2003
(Monday/Tuesday) at
PALACE CASINO
West Edmonton Mall

We need approximately 40 people to help with the casino.

TO VOLUNTEER:

1. Complete the government Casino Volunteer Worker Application and sign it.
2. Complete the Information and Availability/Preference sheet below.
3. **BOTH forms MUST BE RETURNED BY:** Oct 1 / 03

To: *E S Holmes* *4320600*
11902-89 Ave.
Edmonton T6B1A3

Contact Information

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____
(street) (city) (postal code)

PHONE (day) _____ (evening) _____

Availability/Preference

Monday, Dec 15

Tuesday, Dec 16

General Manager/
Alternate Manager

10:30am-3:30am

11am-4am

DAY SHIFTS

Banker 10:30am-7pm _____
Cashier 11:30am-7:30pm _____
Chip Runner 11:30am-7pm _____

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Banker 10:30am-7:30pm _____
Cashier 11:30am-7:30pm _____
Chip Runner 11:30am-7pm _____

Evening/Night Shifts

Banker 6:30pm-3am _____
Cashier 7pm-2:30am _____
Chip Runner 7pm-2:15am _____
Count Room 9:30pm-3:00am _____

Evening/Night Shifts

Banker 7pm-3:30am _____
Cashier 7pm-2:30 am _____
Chip Runner 7pm-2:15am _____
Count Room 9:30pm-3:00am _____

Please check ALL dates and shifts you could be available and indicate if you have a specific job preference or experience. THANK YOU!

