



# Windsor Park Community Newsletter



April 2006

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## Message from the President

I would like to thank everyone who volunteered for our recent casino. It takes thirty-five or so people to fill all the positions, and we were lucky that only two people ended up doing more than one shift. It would be a bit of a stretch to say it was fun, but I certainly enjoyed working, talking and joking with you all. I would also like to thank our casino advisors and the staff of the casino itself. They were friendly and helpful while training us and particularly patient when we lost a little of our mental acuity as the hour grew late.

While we are thanking people, I would like to point out how important individual residents are to the smooth running of our community league. It takes many dedicated people to make things happen. Everything from organizing and coaching soccer, making ice, clearing snow and collecting memberships, to minding the hall rentals, reviewing development applications and paying the bills, is done by community members. So please accept my and Windsor Park's thanks for a job well done.

As the old saying goes, a job well done leads to more work. So, now I want to ask all readers to get down to some very important work: helping the community league decide the best uses for our time and resources. A recent example of a good idea brought to us is our new accessible swing in the playground. A resident approached the executive with the need for a swing their

child could safely use. The child had outgrown the tot swing and could not use a traditional, sling-type swing. We were able to buy a proper accessible swing and the City was glad to put it up. I can tell you that I got more "job satisfaction" out of a single picture of that child enjoying the new swing than from a year's worth of committee work!

So, what ideas do *you* have to benefit our community? Bring them to us – we'll be glad to have a look.

Just a brief update on **West High Speed Transit**: the City has woken up to the fact that it may not be possible to run the LRT line next to the Cross Cancer Hospital. We do not know for sure, yet, as the City is having some trouble finding a qualified consultant. However, the City has again entered into negotiations with the Province and the University regarding running WLRT to the South Campus Station. This will generate other issues, such as potentially worsening the mess that is the 114 Street and University Avenue intersection, but at least all options appear now to be open to proper investigation.

Please feel free to send any comments or complaints my way. You can reach me by phone, 433-1270, or email [jbcollier@shaw.ca](mailto:jbcollier@shaw.ca). Sometimes emails will not readily flow both ways, so please include your phone number in any email, in case I have trouble replying.

---John Collier

## Mini Phone List

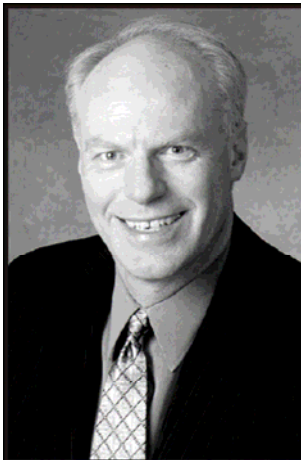
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**Spring Fling!**  
**Saturday April 18**  
**4:30 to 6:30**  
**Location to be**  
**announced**

The Lister Hall Students' Association and Windsor Park Community League are pleased to present a Spring Carnival for the families of the neighbourhood! Featuring a day of fun and games, we hope to see you.

Stephanie Leaf, VP Public Relations  
 Lister Hall Students' Association, 492 8867



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## Edmonton Police Community Liaison

To Windsor Park Community,

My name is Alex Thomas and I am a Constable with the Edmonton Police Service, South Division. I am currently tasked as the Community Liaison for your area for EPS. As such, I send this letter to you to inform you of my position and offer you my contact information.

In September 2005 a program called *Report A Drug House* was initiated in the South side. The program focuses on possible drug houses or suites within complexes and terminating the operation at these locations through anonymous tips. This initiative would not be successful without your help and I feel this is a great relationship between the Edmonton Police Service and the community.

I believe developing connections between police and community stake holders such as yourself is vitally important in ensuring your concerns are addressed. Please feel free to contact me directly and discuss any outstanding issues or concerns.

*Alex Thomas*

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(Cell) 984-3479  
E-Mail:  
alex.thomas@police.edmonton.ab.ca

## Creating a Safer Community

The Edmonton Police Service South Division has launched a new program to combat the increasing number of drug-related crimes committed in south side neighbourhoods.

This program enables residents to easily report neglected homes in their area that may be responsible for fostering criminal behaviour.

Call 426 8229 and describe the address of the residence, your neighbourhood, the activity surrounding the premises and what you suspect is occurring. Leave your name and number so police can contact you. **All information received will remain confidential.** The address will be checked by a police officer.

### What to look for in your community

- Increase in Traffic—vehicles and people coming and going at unusual times
- Unusual strong odours
- Decline in the appearance of the home's exterior and landscaping
- Residences with blacked out windows
- Unusual amounts of garbage
- Residents who set their garbage in neighbouring collection areas
- Unfriendly residents who appear secretive about their activities
- Residents who do not appear to regularly attend/leave for work but drive expensive vehicles

[www.police.edmonton.ab.ca](http://www.police.edmonton.ab.ca)



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## A Few Smiles

When a clock is hungry, it goes back four seconds.  
The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.  
You feel stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.

# Street Festival

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Grand Prix Edmonton Presents *Champ Car Night*

thursday, July 20, 2006

1:30pm - 9:30pm \* Street Party

4:00pm - 5:00pm \* Driver's Autograph Session

A Street Party... Festival of Events to include attractions for the whole family to enjoy:

Rock Climbing, RC Track, Interactive Inflatables, Pit Stop Challenge, Race & Show Cars, Official Champ Car Vehicles, Merchandise, Food/Drink, Live Entertainment Stage, Driver Appearances/Autographs & the Edmonton Miss Grand Prix.

Admission is FREE!

LOCATION: Old Strathcona



Get involved and help keep Edmonton litter-free by becoming a Block Captain in your neighbourhood.

- Residents and businesses are being asked to adopt-a-block of space and keep it tidy for 16 weeks starting May 1 and ending August 20th.
- Captains will receive a cleanup kit delivered to their homes with everything they need to get started. (Please note: Forms need to be signed by interested residents and businesses before a kit can be delivered.)
- Captains can adopt the block where they live (entire block, or partial block), where their business or home resides, a neighbourhood park or school ground – any block of space they think needs sprucing up.
- More information and registration forms can be accessed at [www.edmonton.ca/capitalcitycleanup](http://www.edmonton.ca/capitalcitycleanup)
- All volunteers will be recognized at the end of the program at a 'Block Party' in Sir Winston Churchill Square hosted by Edmonton City Council in early September. Details will be emailed or mailed to each volunteer in August.

## Pesticide-Free Edmonton

Dear Neighbours,

At the moment our yards are covered with snow, but in the next couple of months we will be seeing our lawns greening up and another tell tale sign of spring, the little yellow signs peppering our roadways and boulevards. These signs are caution signs marking areas that have been sprayed with herbicides. Even the grassy area right outside the Cross Cancer Clinic on 117St is periodically covered with these warning markers.

I'm sure many of you are aware that many Canadian municipalities and the entire province of Quebec have now implemented bylaws phasing out the use of herbicides for cosmetic purposes on public lands (visit [www.stopcancer.org](http://www.stopcancer.org) for details), and I'm hoping that our City will follow suit.

Many doctors and other health experts, including Edmonton pediatrician Dr. Henry Pabst are raising the alarm about the increased rates of asthma, and of lymphomas, and other cancers, especially in children, and they're linking them to herbicide and pesticide exposure. Children are at greater risk of exposure because of their small body mass, rapidly growing tissues, their tendency to roll/crawl on grass with exposed skin and inability to recognize signs that indicate spraying. As a parent and a concerned citizen, I believe these chemicals are putting us at risk; they're on our sports fields, school grounds, public spaces and our boulevards, and are also contaminating our drinking water.

In 2001, the right of municipalities to forbid the use of chemical pesticides on public and private properties was established by the Supreme Court of Canada. Our community has an opportunity to be proactive by immediately choosing to have our parks

and school grounds exempt from spraying.

Concerned citizens who live close to a green space can petition the city to add that space to its list of No Spray Zones. This can be achieved by contacting Gary Chan, the Vegetation Management Specialist at the City of Edmonton. He can be reached at 944 5414, or emailed at [Garychan@edmonton.ca](mailto:Garychan@edmonton.ca).

In the coming months the **Sierra Club** and **Pesticide-free Edmonton** will be launching an information campaign about the issues around the use of herbicides for cosmetic purposes. I hope you will take the time to inform yourselves about the risks posed to ourselves, our children, our pets and our environment by these toxic chemicals, and will be ready to support this kind of proactive bylaw when it is proposed in the spring. Looking forward to a healthy spring for all,

Sincerely,  
Susan Cubitt

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## Transportation Neighbourhood Renewal

Windsor Park has been chosen by the City Transportation Department for neighbourhood renewal by the 2010. Our neighbourhood is not one chosen for 2006.

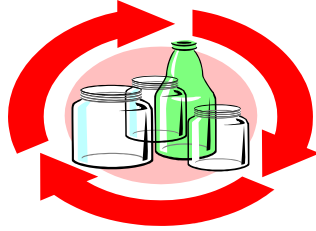
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## Thank You

Valentine's Skating Party was a success with approximately 30 people attending. Many thanks to Melita Allan for organizing the party and to Joe Miller for preparing the ice.

Edinboro Road residents applaud Lloyd Steier for clearing their walks after the huge snow storm on March 20. What a treat to be able to walk rather than wade along the sidewalks!

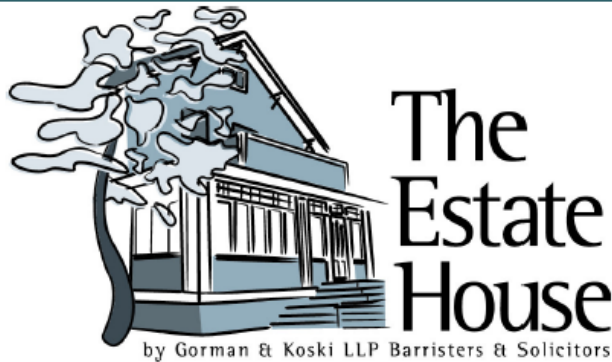


**BOTTLE DRIVE  
WINDSOR PARK NURSERY SCHOOL  
Saturday, April 29**

**Please set those bottles and cans aside and we will gratefully collect them. This is the nursery school's major fundraiser of the year, so thank you in advance for your support**

**If you need to donate early, please call**

**Kristan McLeod  
438 3022**



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**ST. GEORGE'S  
"B B B" SALE**

St. George's Anglican Church invites you to its popular "Books, Baking, and Bargains" Sale, to be held on Saturday, May 6, From 9 am to 1 pm. Choose from hundreds of quality books, delicious baking, and household treasures.

Free admission. Proceeds to be used for our refugee project.

St. George's Anglican Church is located at 11733 117 St.(close to the University of Alberta campus)



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**Rummage Sale**  
**St. John's Anglican Church**

11111 – 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Friday March 31: 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
Saturday April 1: 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

\$3 and \$10 Bargain Bags on Saturday



**Tea Lounge**

*Steeps – College Plaza*

*11116 – 82 Ave*

*988-2386*

*Free ½ hr indoor parking*

## 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.

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.

Registrations for playschool will be accepted exclusively for children of Windsor Park residents until March 31, after which time registrations will be open to anyone. Anyone wanting more information can call Kristi Williams (registrar) at 429 3356.

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## Next Community League Meeting

The Windsor Park Community League Executive will next meet on April 18 @ 7:30 p.m. in the Community League building. Community members are welcome to attend.

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## Accommodation Needed

Clean, quiet and mature 4<sup>th</sup> year Agriculture Student looking for room to rent or room and board in Windsor Park. References available. Contact Ashley at [ashannon@ualberta.ca](mailto:ashannon@ualberta.ca) or (403) 277 2008

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## Note: A Triathlon will be run in the Windsor Park area May 9, 2006

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## Notice to Advertisers

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## Newsletter Deadline

We welcome your articles & news! The deadline for newsletter submissions is **May 19**. Forward your submission by e-mail to [jean\\_frost@yahoo.com](mailto:jean_frost@yahoo.com) or deliver the material on disk to Jean Frost (433 7472)).