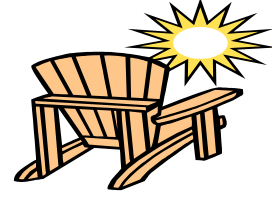




Windsor Park Community Newsletter



June 2006

Message from the President...

Council Considers Future of Edmonton's Trolley Bus Service

Did you know that Edmonton is the only city in North America with trolley bus service that is not renewing its fleet? While Vancouver is expanding its trolley bus system and has 228 low-floor trolley buses on order, Edmonton is again looking at eliminating its trolley buses.

Operating quietly and producing no street level emissions, trolley buses are community-friendly, and tend to have a higher ridership than diesel buses. And, when all environmental and cost considerations are weighed, their use of electricity and the greater efficiency of their motors make a compelling case for trolleys.

The Windsor Park Community League has written City Council supporting the continuation of Edmonton's trolley bus system. You can let City Council know your own opinion, by calling the Citizen Action Centre at 496-8200. More information on this issue is available from <http://trolleycoalition.org/> and <http://www.bettertransit.ab.ca/>

Quick News & Thanks

➤ Our March casino brought in a little over \$82,000, which will be used to help fund future community league activities. Thanks again to all the volunteers!

➤ The application to redevelop the old strip mall is now officially stale-dated.

➤ The West High Speed Transit Study is ongoing. Open houses are currently planned for the fall. The City's consultant has not yet reported on whether an LRT line can be built next to the Cross Cancer Institute.

➤ Spring has arrived and, along with it, quite a few development permits for new houses and renovations. A big thank you to our planning committee for reviewing all the plans and variance notices.

➤ The Play School bottle drive raised just over \$1200. Thanks to the playschool parents for their hard work, and, thanks to all of you for saving up your returnables.

➤ As the rink ice melts, the grass greens up. Thanks to Joe Miller for maintaining our rink over the winter and to Russ Makar for organizing soccer.

➤ After a few years' absence, the summer picnic is back, scheduled for Saturday, June 24. Thanks are due to Melita Allan, our new social coordinator.

➤ And, a big hand all around to all the coaches, editors, workers, organizers, cleaners, gardeners, litter collectors and others who work to make this a wonderful community.

Thoughts, complaints, questions? Call me at 433-1270 or email me at jbcollier@shaw.ca.

---John Collier, Windsor Park
Community League President



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Please send changes to Jean.

6TH Annual Alberta Diabetes Foundation

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Saturday June 10th

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Joining us is Sandra McCallum, an ultra marathoner and an Edmonton athlete. Sandy McCallum has become the first woman in the Western Hemisphere to race 1,000 miles through the hostile Sahara Desert! She marked this major milestone at the base of the ancient pyramids in Cairo, Egypt. This was the finish of another 150 mile ultra marathon that saw her place first in her age group! She placed 6th among women, and finished 30th overall among 100 competitors.

Start time: Saturday June 10th, 2006 at 8:30am. Pledges must also be turned in at this time.

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Call to Action: Trolley Buses under Threat

Councillor Kim Krushell has announced that she intends to bring a motion before City Council in May to scrap Edmonton's trolley bus system rather than purchase new low floor trolley buses. If this is approved, the trolley buses would be replaced by diesel buses.

Edmonton's trolley system was recently valued at \$73 million (2002 Asset Assessment). It spans 140 kms and serves 46 communities in the city core. It would cost taxpayers \$13-15 million to tear the system down, plus additional costs for streetscape modification. This would be a significant capital loss to the citizens of Edmonton.

Unlike diesel buses, trolley buses release no harmful exhausts into our streets, and are quiet in operation. As we all know, oil prices are rising quickly

and experts foresee continued price increases. Many cities with large diesel bus fleets have had to cut transit service or raise fares to balance their budgets in recent months. Scrapping a system that doesn't depend on oil at this time is not prudent. Locally produced electricity offers greater price stability.

New trolley buses are available in Canada. They have low floors to offer easy access for disabled people, they are very reliable and can even travel away from the wires in emergencies or during construction. While they cost more than diesel buses, they last longer and have lower maintenance costs.

All other cities in North America with trolley systems either have or are getting new trolleys. Getting rid of the trolley system in Edmonton would be a big mistake. To voice your concerns, please contact your city councillor.

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Smart Money Management Tips for Single Parents

For a single parent, it is often difficult to stretch dollars from one pay cheque to the next, let alone save for rainy days or special purchases. There are 116,520 single parent families in Alberta, earning an average household income of \$32,765. Many are solely responsible for their household expenses and either work full-time or juggle two or more jobs to help make ends meet.

Credit Counselling Services of Alberta offers money management advice on budget, debt and credit issues. Fran Smith, Executive Director, says, "We understand the unique challenges facing single parents. We have many ideas that can help them better manage their budgets and maximize those precious dollars."

As a starting point, Smith suggests establishing a budget using your regular income to cover rent and living expenses like groceries, clothing and transportation.

Next, look at your supplementary income and determine where it is going. If you receive child support, use this toward seasonal expenses, such as insurance or school fees. Put a portion of it aside for savings to help cover unexpected expenses, or extra-curricular activities such as sports or music lessons. GST tax benefits, Child Tax Benefit and Alberta Family Employment Tax Credit are also supplementary income and can be saved for larger expenses. You can also use this income to get ahead by prepaying utility bills or buying grocery gift certificates to help you ease the burden during "leaner" months.

Is there an opportunity for you to make extra income from home? For example, if you sew, can you make clothes or decorating items for sale? If you have strong computer skills, could you provide administrative support to another business?

Finally, look for new ways to save

money. "For some single parents, time and money are at a premium, but there may be a way to form a network that will ultimately save you both," suggests Smith. "For example, can you offer another family house cleaning services in exchange for home repairs or lawn maintenance? Have a look at your talents and interests and then use them to help you budget and save."

While a budget is an important tool for all families, it is especially important for single parents, who often experience a few more "bumps in the road." The following tips offer some practical ways to help stretch your dollar:

Choose your work wardrobe carefully. If you need outfits for work, buy clothes that don't require dry cleaning. There are many washable fabrics that look good and won't cost you extra cash to keep clean. Choose clothes in neutral colours that can be mixed and matched to extend your wardrobe.

Be a savvy shopper. Visit used sporting goods stores for kid's sports equipment. Go to consignment, thrift and discount department stores for good deals on quality clothes. Buy clothing for next year at the end of the season to get fantastic deals. For example, a t-shirt that is usually \$20 may cost as little as \$3 at an end-of-season sale.

Offer salon services in your home. Learn how to cut your kid's hair. Trade pedicures or manicures with a friend, instead of paying spa prices.

Cook up a storm on the weekend. Processed and takeout foods cost more money and don't offer as much nutrition as foods made from scratch. Take a few hours on the weekend to make a variety of casseroles or a big batch of soup that can be frozen and reheated on those busy weeknights. Consider setting up a food swap with friends where you exchange food to add some variety.

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Date: May 23, 2006

To: Anyone Removing Organic Material from the Edmonton Research Station (ERS)
University of Alberta

From: Dr. Barry Irving, APO/Manager Research Stations
Dept. of Agricultural, Food & Nutritional Science, University of Alberta

Re: Disclosure of Hazards of Handling Organic Material

Welcome to the Edmonton Research Station, University of Alberta. The purpose of this note is to advise you of the cautions you need to take when handling and using organic material obtained from ERS.

All the organic material obtained from ERS originates from a manure base from our livestock operations. We blend manure from dairy, swine, poultry, beef and sheep with woodchips and shavings to initiate our compost process. The blended organic material is then aged and turned according to generally accepted methods. Although we test the final product to satisfy our own requirements for disposal we cannot guarantee the safety of the product beyond our boundaries.

If you are taking organic material from the ERS you should be aware that it is derived from a livestock manure base and you should be prepared to handle and use it accordingly.

We are recommending that anyone taking organic material from the ERS should follow good personal hygiene practices during and after handling. At a minimum this should entail protective clothing that are washed frequently and washing your hands with a disinfectant soap immediately after handling the material. Of course, you will be ultimately responsible for the decisions you make in relation to handling and using organic material from the ERS and should structure your activities accordingly. Your own personal situation might require a higher level of personal hygiene and we leave that up to you to determine.

The organic material you are receiving is also high in nutrients and should be mixed with soil to dilute it for plant growth. Again, you will need to use your own discretion in mixing as you will reap the eventual benefits.

Thanks again for your interest in organic material from the Edmonton Research Station, University of Alberta



Come and join the fun at the *Annual Windsor Park Picnic*

Saturday, June 24, 2006

3 p.m. onwards

- **Two Parks and Rec coordinators will be on hand in and around the Community Hall from to entertain children preschool to age 12 with games, face painting and other fun activities**



- **BBQ grills will be set up. Condiments, plates cups utensils, soft drinks and coffee provided by your Community League**
- **Bring a salad, casserole, bread, dessert or what ever you like to share and your own meat to grill. Don't forget your flippers & tongs!**
- **Make a special effort to invite new neighbours to this picnic — a great opportunity to get acquainted!**

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Playschool News



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