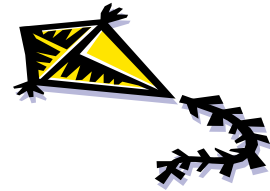


# Windsor Park Community Newsletter



April 2008

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## Message from the President...

### Old Shopping Center Rezoning Update

By the time you read this, Bylaw 14711 will have been passed by City Council. This will rezone the old shopping center on 87<sup>th</sup> Avenue from CNC to DC2 zoning, to allow the construction of a four-storey, 38-unit condominium. We have been working on this proposal since 2003, and it has involved two different developers, two different community league presidents, three public meetings, dozens of meetings with Planning and Development, scores of committee meetings and innumerable emails, letters, phone calls and street conversations.

Are we happy with the result? While I think it is the best we could achieve considering the changing development climate in Edmonton, we all regret the loss of neighbourhood commercial space. In letters and presentations to Council, we have emphasized the importance of neighbourhood commercial spaces, such as doctors' offices and cafes, to any vibrant community. We have flatly stated that we expect any redevelopment on the old Esso site to include a significant commercial component.

The members of our Planning Committee, and other key parties, are to be thanked and commended for their years of hard work on the many permutations of the development plans and the DC2 bylaw. I would like to single out three people for special mention.

The first is Brian Kropf, the community planner for the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues, who has been invaluable in helping us with all the details in the bylaw. The second is Guy Woo, who has represented the developer to the community, and helped facilitate straightforward, open and positive communications. The third is Elaine Solez, who has worked tirelessly for the last five years to ensure that the building would have as little negative effect as possible on the surrounding community. Job well done to everyone involved, and a special thanks to those three.

### Casino News

A big thank you to all who helped out at our casino on March 17 and 18, with special thanks to the parents from the Windsor Park Pre-School who volunteered en masse. The casino was a little quiet so there was plenty of time to socialize and catch up on backlogged reading. Ed Holmes took great care of us, making sure we were all properly fed and watered. After many years of outstanding service, Ed is stepping down as our casino coordinator so, if I may borrow a phrase from Gilbert and Sullivan, "Then give three cheers, and one cheer more, for the hardy Casino Organizer!" If you would like to be similarly adored, admired and feted in song, please feel free to volunteer to take over Ed's position.

### **Outdoor Soccer Season**

Outdoor soccer season is upon us once again. Soon, our soccer fields will resound again with happy cheers of encouragement and yells of delight as games unfold. Unfortunately, there may also be some inappropriate things said and yelled, as well.

The problem of parents yelling at referees continues to grow in Edmonton, and with it, the problem of finding referees willing to take the abuse. Under NO circumstances will this be tolerated in Windsor Park. Any offending parent will be asked to leave and take their child with them. If you have a problem with the refereeing, please either keep it to yourself, or, if you must speak, speak to your child's coach. Please also consider volunteering to referee the games yourself. Your community needs more referees, and your help will be appreciated.

We have also had occasional problems with parents going beyond constructive criticism with our coaches and soccer coordinator. I suggest that those who have not volunteered should do their utmost to respect and support the decisions of those who have – all of us who enjoy the soccer program rely on these efforts, and goodwill on all sides will help ensure the program can continue to run smoothly.

Please feel free to contact me with your concerns, questions and complaints. I can be reached by phone, 433-1270, or email, [jbcollier@shaw.ca](mailto:jbcollier@shaw.ca).  
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*---John Collier, Windsor Park  
Community League President*

### **Seniors Driving Centre**

Seniors Driving Centre of Edmonton transports seniors to their medical appointments, shopping, banking, etc. If you can spare just a few hours a week/ Mondays-Fridays during the day and have your own vehicle, we would love to hear from you, gas costs are subsidized. This is a great way to support the seniors in our community and many are eagerly waiting drivers.

Call Seniors Driving Centre at 732-1221 or visit

[www.seniorsdriving.org](http://www.seniorsdriving.org)

### **YYMCA Youth Exchanges Canada Program**

Youth between 12-17 years can participate in a group reciprocal home stay exchange program. Exchanges last a minimum of 5 days. This program provides the opportunity to see another part of the country and to learn first hand about local history, geography and culture.

For more information call 1-877-639-9987  
Or visit:

[www.ymcatoronto.org/youthexchanges](http://www.ymcatoronto.org/youthexchanges)

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### **Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues**

#### **57th Annual City-Wide Talent Show**

**April 10, 11 and 13, 2008**

**Stanley Milner Library Theatre**

Why do potatoes make good  
detectives?  
Because they keep their eyes peeled.

What do you get if you divide the  
circumference  
of a pumpkin by its diameter?  
Pumpkin pi.

# City Farm Edmonton



Who are we looking for?

You! (We welcome families and singles of all ages)



How can you get involved?

Join us at 3830-195 Avenue NORTHEAST for the following programs or call us at 488-2500 to book your group:

<b>May 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Lets Get Dirty Drop In Day 10- 4pm	<b>July 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup></b>	Open Gate
<b>June 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Build a hen house!	<b>August 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup></b>	Open Gate
<b>June 24<sup>th</sup></b>	'Life as a chicken'	<b>August 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup></b>	Farmopolis Summer Camp II
<b>July 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup></b>	Farmopolis Summer Camp - Children experience farming as an animated summer camp. For registration please visit the City of Edmonton website at <a href="http://www.edmonton.ca">www.edmonton.ca</a>	<b>August 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup></b>	Open Gate
		<b>August 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup></b>	Open Gate
<b>July 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Drop In Open Gate Days	<b>September 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Harvest Festival - Come celebrate the 2006 planting season with us! Harvesting, cooking taste testing and more!

**For more information please contact us; at 488-2500 or [info@city-farm.org](mailto:info@city-farm.org). Map and directions; available online ~ [www.city-farm.org](http://www.city-farm.org)**

Note: Dates may change without notice. Please see web site for current program schedule. Bring your own lunch.

What do you call a grumpy cow?  
Moo-dy

What do you call a stolen yam?  
A hot potato.

What vegetable can tie your stomach  
in knots?  
String beans.

## Community League Executive



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# FOOD & U DAY

*A Century of Success*

June 13 and 14<sup>th</sup>

## We are celebrating 100 years of Agriculture and Food Research!

You will see, hear and touch

- ⊗ Tunnel of Time – Companion Animals
  - ⊗ Moo and U
- ⊗ Poultry – Healthy Food and More
  - ⊗ Plants  U
  - ⊗ Animal Forensics
  - ⊗ Heifer in Your Tank
- ⊗ Squeal! (Baby pigs are cute)

**And** we will answer the question *'Which came first the chicken or the egg?'*

Bring your *100 Mile Picnic Basket* \* and join us

*Your neighbours on the 'Farm'*

Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences  
Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental  
Sciences

*\*Instructions coming soon to your mail box*

## The Community League Role

Many of you may have been following the story of the role of the community league. Below are letters by John Collier to the Edmonton Journal and Elaine Solez to the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues (EFCL) and City Council.

John Collier

As a community league president, I was surprised to hear that some Councillors are trying to stop us from engaging in community advocacy and consultations. As a matter of fact the evening of the story breaking found me at a City community consultation meeting with one of the complaining Councillors. This particular meeting was on west high speed transit and the process has involved meetings virtually every month and started in February of 2005. I report back to my community through executive meetings and the community newsletter. The feedback I receive I report back to the City and has resulted in significant alterations to the City's plans. This is just one of many meetings I attend on behalf of my community.

Imagine my chagrin on finding that certain Councilors feel my time would have been better spent organizing soccer games – which, I am happy to say, is ably handled by other hard working community volunteers. The irony is that these City organized meetings have had me missing my son's own soccer games. I even missed the first goal he ever scored! Would I have rather been at my son's game? Absolutely!

I feel community involvement is important for making Edmonton a better place to live for my children, you, your children and me. I don't begrudge missing an occasional soccer game; and, it doesn't really bother me that some Councilors don't seem to appreciate my efforts. However statements like these will discourage others from getting involved in their community, their city: Edmonton. You and I will be the poorer for it.

Elaine Solez

I was astonished by the views of some members of City Council presented in the Journal article.

To state the obvious, if I recall correctly, Edmonton's zoning bylaw requires community leagues to be notified whenever a development in their community has a variance, thereby providing an opportunity to agree or object and, more importantly, to work with the developer on making changes that will make the development more acceptable to the community. The bylaw also requires developers of DC2 applications to work with the community league affected by their project and to present information in their development application about their consultation with the community and how community concerns have been addressed.

If the league and the developer do not come to an agreement, community leagues have every right to present their objections to City Council through the public hearing process. This is part of the democratic process.

EFCL's planning resource provides excellent advice to help communities deal with developments. EFCL makes presentations to Council on city-wide issues, not particular developments, unless they have city-wide impact. In those instances the presentations are to provide suggestions to Council, such as speeding up SLRT construction to service Century Park to ease traffic congestion in south Edmonton.

The Journal article indicates some members of City Council may have forgotten the content of its own bylaws as well as the purpose of community leagues and EFCL.

## Backyard Composting & Grasscycling

Learn the principles of composting and how to use compost in your yard or garden. Tour the Backyard Composting Education Centre and explore a variety of composting methods.

<b>Course #</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Fee</b>
271494	Wednesday, April 9	7 - 9 p.m.	\$10
271495	Wednesday, April 16	7 - 9 p.m.	\$10
271496	Wednesday, April 23	7 - 9 p.m.	\$10
271499	Wednesday, April 30	7 - 9 p.m.	\$10
	Saturday, June 14	1:30 - 3:30 p.m.	\$10
	Saturday, July 12	1:30 - 3:30 p.m.	\$10

Compost bins and aerators are available to residents of Edmonton at the subsidised rates of \$30 and \$10. Composting workshops are held at the [John Janzen Nature Centre](#). Call 496-2925 or visit [www.edmonton.ca/ereg](http://www.edmonton.ca/ereg) to register.

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## 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.

For more information, call 429 3356.

## There is NO Bottle Drive this Spring.

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**For Sale:**  
Two vintage wooden grade-school desks, each with built in chair, \$35 each.  
Phone Michele at 439-9339.

## Next Community League Meeting

The WPCL executive meets 7 PM at the hall on the third Tuesday of every month (barring December, July and August). The next meetings are scheduled for April 15, May 20 and June 17. All are welcome to attend

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## 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.

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Payment is required prior to the monthly production deadline of every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday. Cheques can be sent directly to the League treasurer, Guy Woo.

To place an ad please contact  
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