

Windsor Park Community Newsletter

December 2008



Message from the President...

Let It Snow, Let It Snow

While there is no snow on the ground as I write, it is starting to get cold. I usually ride my motorcycle until the snow falls, but I may not make it this year. My last ride had my heated vest warming my upper half while my lower half slowly solidified. Now I know what the expression "half-baked" really means.

When the snow does arrive, it's important to help your neighbours by keeping your walks free of ice and snow. If some of your neighbours aren't as active as they used to be, why not help out by clearing their walks, too? If you feel that you might need some help with your walks, the Society of Seniors Caring about Seniors (780.465.0311), the Lifestyle Helping Hands Seniors' Association (780.450.2113), and the Seniors Association of Greater Edmonton (780.423.5510) can all link seniors with snow-shovellers who charge reasonable rates.

The City of Edmonton requires that sidewalks be cleared within 48 hours after the snow stops falling. Should a snowbound sidewalk bar your way, you can call the City at 780.496.3100 to register a complaint.

Christmas Carol Sing

Please join us for the annual Windsor Park Christmas Carol Sing on Sunday afternoon, December 21, from 2 to 4 PM. Local musicians provide the accompaniment to your favourite carols under the direction of Lillian Upright. Jennie Frost will regale us with a tale from her repertoire. Hot chocolate, yummy snacks and good company will make for a real holiday treat.

The musicians meet at 1 PM to practice and all are welcome to participate. Contact Sarah Nyland (780.433.2211) if you would like to play.

Neighbourhood Speeding

I am getting a few reports of cars speeding on 117 St. I am not sure how big the problem is and would appreciate your help. Please contact me at the coordinates below with your, opinions, experiences and ideas on this issue.

Updates on Local Problems

After long and at times exasperating discussions with the City and the landowner, the derelict house on 117 St. is finally slated for demolition. The job should be completed before the end of the year.

The drug-friendly house problem that I reported on last time has also seen some progress, with the homeowners agreeing that the time has come for action. The Edmonton Police Service has worked closely with the neighbouring residents and the owners to bring this about, my thanks to all.

Calling All Internet-sters

Are you using the wireless network at the playground? Did you even know there was wireless Internet access at the playground? We are running the network on a one-year, trial basis. The super-secret password is 1184011840, which is the hall address repeated twice. I need to hear from you on whether we should make the network permanent.

Please feel free to contact me with your concerns.
jbcollier@shaw.ca
780.433.1270

---John Collier, Windsor Park
Community League President

Community League Executive



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ELECTRONIC VERSION OF NEWSLETTER

If you wish an electronic copy of the newsletter, please email me and I will send you a copy: jean_frost@yahoo.com

Smiles

What do snowmen eat for supper?

Icebergers.

What do you call Santa's helpers?

Subordinate Clauses

Why is it so cold at Christmas?

Because it is Decembrrrrr.

Why did the gingerbread man go to the doctor?

Because he was feeling crummy.

Which reindeer has bad manners?

Rudeolph

Christmas is a time when people get Santamental.

4% to Renewal Our Mature Neighbourhoods?

What can we do to keep our mature neighbourhoods from falling further behind on sidewalk and street renewal? The answers we are giving neighbourhoods are: "Sorry, we don't have the money. We may get to you in 50 years!" Not good enough! Right now we have infrastructure that needs major investment over many years to keep up our neighbourhoods and not fall even further behind.


Putting things off, as we have been doing for a couple of decades, only makes things worse. A needed patch job can quickly become very big and costly when left undone. Unpredictable support from federal and provincial government, the need for costly upgrades to old storm drain systems, and escalating construction costs all put heavy pressure on already limited funds for infrastructure needs.

As one of Canada's fastest growing cities, Edmonton gains 10,000 new

residents a year. This remarkable population growth increases demand for new infrastructure and new neighbourhoods. Alberta's hot economy keeps increasing construction costs dramatically. What costs \$20 million one year will cost \$60 million a few years later.

Council is discussing some multi-year plans to address this funding shortage for Neighbourhood Renewal of Infrastructure. One plan is to increase property tax 4% per year for the next ten years, and then 1% from 2019 to 2029. The money raised would go into a special fund only used for neighbourhood renewal. Using our current estimates for cost escalation, within 30 years we could commit to bring all neighbourhoods up to an acceptable level. My question to you is - Is this worth it? I need you to let me know what you think.

Ben Henderson
Councillor, Ward 4
Ben.henderson@edmonton.ca

	<p>Ice on Whyte Festival – January 15-25, 2009</p> <p>The 6th Annual Ice on Whyte Festival features artists from around the globe who come to carve at the park located at 85 Avenue and 104 Street. The sculpting competition will take place from January 15th to 17th. Sculptures will be judged on Saturday, January 17 at noon. The sculptures will remain on site with a variety of festival activities continuing until January 25th, 2009. The site is open from 2-10 p.m. each weekday, 10 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. weekends and from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on January 25. There is a \$2.00 entry fee or a \$15.00 unlimited pass for a family of four. Tickets may be purchased from the Old Strathcona Business Association or at the Old Strathcona Foundation booth at the market.</p> <p>The Ice on Whyte Festival is a community event hosted by the Old Strathcona Business Association in partnership with local business and corporate sponsors.</p> <p>In addition to the ice sculpting competition, the festival includes: sculptures created by local artists; entertainment in the Van Houtte Café, the L'il Chippers sculpting workshops for school age children; a giant slide; a castle and maze. For more information go to www.iceonwhyte.ca/. Come out and enjoy our winter City!</p>
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Ladies, are you in need of relaxation?

Give yourself a well deserved hour of nurturing and relaxation.

Mady Mooney is a Registered Massage Therapist and practices in the Belgravia area. Massage Therapy, Cranio-Sacral Therapy, Foot Reflexology and Reiki are offered. Clients with extended health coverage are able to use their health plan.

Art Therapy sessions are also available as part of a supervised practicum.

Call Mady at 242-6065 (Edmonton) or e-mail mamooney@telusplanet.net for your appointment or information.



Project Porchlight is looking for volunteers!

Project Porchlight is a not-for-profit, energy efficiency campaign brought to you by the Government of Alberta, EnCana Corporation, and the City of Edmonton. We're promoting energy conservation in Edmonton by handing out 132,000 free energy efficient compact fluorescent light bulbs to residents of Edmonton and we need your help. If you are interested in volunteering to deliver bulbs on your street or in your apartment/condo complex please visit our website at www.projectporchlight.com, call **780-497-0510**

or email lauren@onechange.org to speak with Lauren, one of our campaign coordinators.

Delivering only takes about two hours and is a great way to do something positive for your neighbours and the planet alike! Remember: **simple actions matter**, so if you can change a light bulb, you can make a difference.



SOUTH OF FRANCE

Experience the charm of French village life in this medieval wine grower's house down a narrow, quiet street in the Languedoc town of Montagnac.

A two-bedroom house and a one-room suite are for rent in La Maison Rouge.

For more information
www.sjevent.ca
sjevent@shaw.ca

Congratulations to David Marples

Windsor Park resident Dr. David Marples was awarded the University Cup, the highest honour the U of A bestows on a member of its academic staff. The award celebrates outstanding distinction in scholarly research, teaching and service to the University and community at large.



DO YOU WANT TO MAKE SOME EXTRA MONEY?

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA STUDENTS' UNION has job openings that may work around your busy junior high, or high school schedule.

Or

Work for a few hours while your kids are at school.

Or

Perhaps you are retired and would like some interaction with university students?

If so, please e-mail Val Stewart, University of Alberta Students' Union Personnel Manager at val.stewart@su.ualberta.ca

Or

Check out <http://www.jobkin.ca/index.htm> and view the job openings by clicking on the University of Alberta Students' Union.



Everyone is invited to
the

Windsor Park Christmas Carol Party
Sunday December 21,
2 till 4 pm



In the Community League Building

**Carol Singing, live chamber orchestra, story telling,
refreshments**

**Admission Free, Donations to the Food Bank will be
appreciated**

Volunteer musicians who would like to join the orchestra (with one hour of practice just before the concert) are most welcome and should get in touch with Sarah Nyland (433 2211)

*Garneau United Church
A congregation of faith and action
11148 84 Avenue*

Invites you to participate in our Christmas Celebrations

*Advent and Christmas Eve
Services*

*Sunday Nov. 30, 10:30 a.m. Hope
Sunday Dec. 7, 10:30 a.m. Peace
Sunday Dec. 14, 10:30 a.m. Joy
Sunday Dec. 21, 10:30 a.m. Love*

*Wednesday Dec. 24, 7:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve candle lighting
service*

*Community Carol Sing
Tuesday, Dec. 23 7:00 to 9:00
Drop in for a half hour or the whole
two hours
Enjoy hot apple cider and fruitcake*

Quiet Time Wednesdays

*11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
December 3, 10, 17, 24
Take a break from the Christmas rush
Remember the reason for Christ Mass
Quiet background music*

*Garneau is an open, inclusive and
welcoming community committed to seeking
justice and peace in God's world.*

*In living out our own faith as adults and
youth we are also committed to respecting and
honouring the faith of other people.
Church School – ages pre-school through junior
high*

*Free parking in the Impark lot
immediately east of Tim Hortons. Enter via
the lane between 84th & 85th Ave.*

*For further information, contact us at
780 - 539 - 2501 garneauuc@shaw.ca
Interim Minister The Rev. Ken DeLisle*

Season's Greetings and Best Wishes for the Holidays

Councillor Jane Batty
Ward Four

Phone - 496-8140
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Fresh air, exercise, and cash in your jeans!!

We're tired of shovelling our own snow and hope there might be a young person out there who'd be interested in helping us out. We live close to the corner of 116 St. and Edinboro Road. The only trick is that it really needs to be done right after it snows or the snow gets packed down and is much harder to clear.

Fee negotiable.

Holly Turner 780 433 1037



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.

Scona Reunion 1969 Grads

If you are one or know of grads from the 1969 class, please send me their contacts. Jean_frost@yahoo.com

Community Garden

**If you are interested in participating in a community garden located in Windsor Park please contact Chris Schafenacker 780-439-8754
chris.speaks@gmail.com**

Bike for Sale

\$100 Like new!

Child's 20" deep blue Louis Garneau "Grunge" mountain bike with suspension and 5-speed Shimano gears. Bell, kickstand, rear mud guard and owner's manual included.

Purchased new from United Cycle in May 2005 (and outgrown 2 seasons later).

Phone Patsy

780 433 8735

Community League Meeting

The Windsor Park Community League Executive meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Community League building. The meetings are open to the public and community members are welcome

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: *Full page: \$60, Half: \$30.00, Quarter: \$15.00*

The deadline for copy is the 3rd Friday of the month. To place an ad please contact
Jean 433 7472
jean_frost@yahoo.com.

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