



Windsor Park Community Newsletter

June 2009



Message from the President...

So, do you think it's too early for my annual "please shovel your sidewalk" message? I have searched high and low, but just can't find the community hall's outside thermostat. Here's to this missive, written on a cold May evening, finding you basking, at last, under a warm sun.

Summer Picnic

On that note, the WPCL summer picnic will be held on June 13 and is combined with the wrap-up of the children's outdoor soccer season. Last year's party was a smashing success, and this year's promises to be even better, with face painting, bouncy castles and other such delights featured from noon to 3 pm, and food served until 5 pm. Please find further details within.

Thank You!

We would like to thank Melita Allan as she steps down from a great term of service as our social director. Over the past few years, Melita has organized numerous events for Windsor Park: everything from sleigh rides and BBQs to a wine and chocolate tasting. She has been an enthusiastic promoter of highly enjoyable gatherings, and a pleasure to work with. We will miss Melita at the executive meetings, but look forward to continuing to see her and all the Allans at social events to come.

Melita's departure means the social director's position is vacant. If you like organizing parties but wish someone else would foot the bill, then you're our (wo)man. The role involves organizing two to four seasonal events each year, such as a sleigh ride, carol sing, summer BBQ, etc. Nothing is set in stone, and each social director has

brought their own flavour to the position. Please contact me if you are interested in this opportunity to have fun while bringing your neighbours together.

League Memberships

Just in time to help parents who are preparing to register kids for next hockey season, league memberships are now available online through the Edmonton Federation of Community League's website (<http://www.efcl.org/>). Click on "League Directory" to find Windsor Park's section. Memberships will also be available at the Summer BBQ. Not to worry, we will still be having our famous fall membership drive, as well.

Playground Redevelopment

Our playground is no longer brand new and we are having increasing problems with children getting slivers while using the large climbing structure. It is time to start planning for its replacement. We need 6 to 12 Windsor Park residents to form a Playground Redevelopment Committee to investigate our options, make recommendations to the community, and see the chosen plan through to completion. Please contact me if you would like help shape our children's future play areas.

Did you know that the WPCL has wireless internet at the hall/playground? The super-secret access code is the hall's address repeated twice (1184011840). It has been a year now and we would like to hear your views. Have you used it? Will you use it? Would you rather we didn't have it? Let me know what you think.

Please feel free to contact me with your concerns and comments by phone (780-433-1270) or email (jbcollier@shaw.ca).

---John Collier

Community League Executive



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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR WINDSOR PARK LITTER PATROL

Hurrah!!

It's springtime at last!! Budding trees, the fragrance of blossoms in the air, beautiful skies, warm days and -- oh! -- alleyways full of strewn garbage!

As some of your neighbourhood "litter picker-uppers" and as a part of the Capital City Clean-Up Campaign, we request that everyone (renters as well

as homeowners) *please* make sure that all food-related garbage is placed in a garbage can with a tight-fitting lid, rather than just placing it outside in plastic bags.

This will prevent neighbourhood pets and wild animals from tearing the bags open and scattering the contents.

Please help make our volunteer efforts less time-consuming and our neighbourhood more appealing by storing your trash properly.

Need To Care for Yourself?

We offer therapy for individuals, couples, and families. Therapy is an active process, like a journey of self exploration. There are many reasons people try therapy: stress management, help for anxiety attacks and depression, addictions, personal and spiritual growth.

In addition Mady offers therapy using art. The art process helps you to find safe ways to gain insight into anxiety-provoking material, look at the issues from a new perspective and to find creative solutions to problems.

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Call Jackson Mooney (780) 242-6064

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Windsor Park After School Care Summer Program

Join us for a fun filled summer of crazy themes, games, crafts and field trips.

Summer Program runs from July 2nd-
September 1st. Register on weekly or
monthly basis.

\$150/wk or \$500/month.

Registration starts June 1st.

To register or more information call
Ruth or Aida at 780-439-1456

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Annual Windsor Park Summer BBQ and Soccer Party!!!

Saturday, June 13, 2009

Location: Windsor Park Community League (11840 – 87 Ave.)

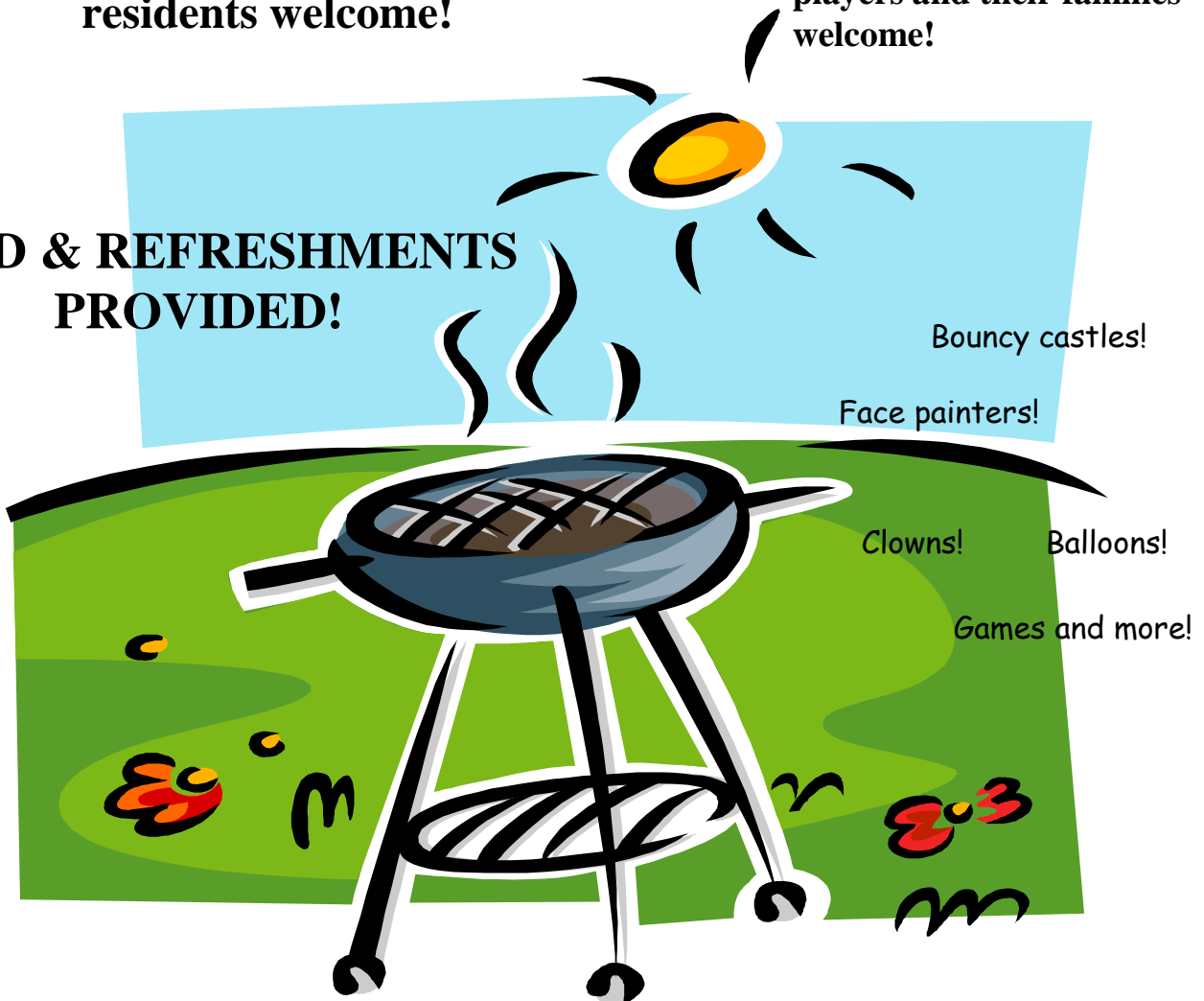
12 PM – 5 PM

Kids Activities 12 PM – 3 PM, Food 12 PM – 5 PM

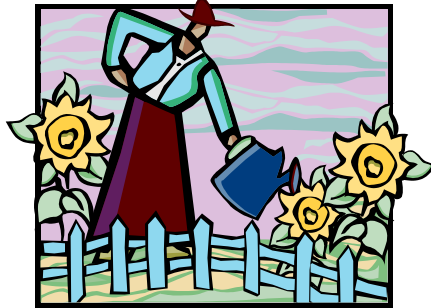
All Windsor Park residents welcome!

Windsor/Garneau soccer players and their families welcome!

FOOD & REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED!



Bring a lawn chair and share in some fun with your friends and neighbours!



We're looking for lovely landscapes in Windsor Park!

For the first time, the city's Front Yards in Bloom program is asking community leagues to join in the search for beautiful front yards. If you've been admiring one of your Windsor Park neighbour's front or side yard, you can nominate that home's address using the form on this page. A volunteer group from the Windsor Park Community League will deliver yard signs, congratulatory letters and brochures to each nominated address. It will then select the top two yards in the neighbourhood. These two front yards will be finalists for the city-wide Front Yards in Bloom program next year. Windsor Park contact: Ronnene Anderson, 433-8632

Front Yards In Bloom

Windsor Park
Nomination Form

Do you know a lovely local landscape? Support neighbourhood beauty by nominating a front yard.

Nominator's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Nominated Address

Postal Code

1)	_____	_____
2)	_____	_____
3)	_____	_____

Nomination deadline:
July 4th, 2009

Submit nominations to:
 email front.yards@edmonton.ca
 fax Attn: S. Lore FYIB
 780-944-3300
 mail Front Yards in Bloom
 #203, 9828-104 Avenue
 Edmonton, Alberta T5J 0J8

Partners:



2009 Heritage Amphitheatre Schedule

Date	Event	Time of Day
Tuesday, June 2	McNally High School - Awards	Evening
Friday, June 5	Leduc High School – Concert	Evening
Saturday, June 6	Tae Kwon Do Alliance of Alberta	Day
Sunday, June 7	Juvenile Diabetes – Walk for a Cure	Morning
Tuesday, June 9	Vernon Barford Music - Concert	Evening
Wednesday, June 10	Laurier Heights School – Concert	Evening
Thursday, June 11	Ross Sheppard High School – Awards	Evening
Sunday, June 14	Ball Hockey League – Awards / BBQ	Day
Saturday, June 20 to Sunday, July 26	River City Shakespeare Festival	Nightly & Weekend Matinees & Evening Performances
August 1-3	Heritage Festival	All Day
Friday, August 7	Private Wedding	Evening
Saturday, August 8	Private Wedding	Day
Friday, August 14 & Saturday, August 15	2 nd Annual Alexander Keith's Celtic Festival	All Day
Friday, August 21 – Sunday, August 23	Edmonton's Labatt Blues Festival	All Day
Saturday, August 29	Private Wedding	Day
Saturday, August 29	One Voice – Concert / Fundraiser	Evening
Tuesday, September 1	University of Alberta – Pep Rally	Evening
Friday, September 4 -- Monday, September 7	Edmonton Symphony Orchestra – Symphony under the Sky	All Day
Friday, September 11	Edmonton Institute of Religion – Dance	Evening
Friday, September 18	Private Wedding	Day
Saturday, September 19	Private Wedding	Day
Sunday, September 20	Private Wedding	Day
Sunday, September 27	Santa's Anonymous Toy Run	Day

Councillor Jane Batty



***Wishing you a
safe and happy
summer!***

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Summer at

My Favourite Park

Windsor Park

*By the playground and community building
11840 – 87 Avenue*

**Monday to Friday 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
June 29 - August 20**

Sponsored by:



Windsor Park Community League

Join the Community Garden in Windsor Park

A community garden is growing at 8432 117St, and everyone is welcome to join in. All levels of experience are welcome to help out in both the planning stages and the actual gardening. Please

contact us if you are interested!
Our website is
<http://letsgetdirtygarden.blogspot.com>
Our email is
letsgetdirty.garden@gmail.com
Our phone contact is
Kalea at 780-708-0121



Outdoor Reading Room!

McIntyre Park
104 Street & 83 Avenue
by Strathcona Library

Books for EVERYONE'S Interest!
All Ages
Children's Programming Too!

Monday – Thursday: 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Friday: 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

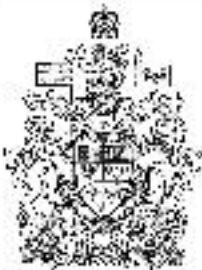
July 2 - August 11, 2009



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Citizen's Panel – Amazing Work!

The **Edmonton Citizen's Panel** recently invited me for a brief look at the work they are doing. I was very impressed with what I saw: such a wide range of people coming from all stations of society, not just the usual suspects talking to each other as sometimes happens. This group was to be as broadly reflective of the public as possible. They started with very different expectations and experiences and diametrically opposed points of view. Their job was to come to agreement about what values need to be reflected in city spending. The question posed was how to make the kind of city that Edmontonians expect and to pay for or "**How We Spend Our Money Reflects Our Values**".

Over six weekends this 53 person group worked diligently to agree to conclusions. Many members were very doubtful they could agree with the other people on such personally held beliefs. For instance, how are we, as a city, going to reach our goals? How do we need to change in order to get there?

And they did come to some conclusions, several which are important components of a workable medium sized city that is socially and economically viable. It is interesting that "cutting taxes" was not considered one of the goals. The report is now being written and I am excitedly waiting to see what the focus will be. Such vital topics as transportation, community safety, community living, and planning issues are all mentioned in some way.

Watch the City's website for the final report. Go to www.edmonton.ca and enter "citizen panel" in the search box. As well as a very good exercise in citizen democracy in Edmonton, I expect the report to make a real contribution to our thinking. Stay tuned!

Ben Henderson
Councillor, Ward 4

Hello from the LHSA!

The Lister Hall Students Association will be hosting its annual 'Rez-fest' charity concert on Saturday September 13 from roughly 6 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Last year we donated \$10,000 from this concert alone, and over \$30,000 from other fund raisers. Your tolerance of the noise would be greatly appreciated. Thanks and enjoy the summer!



THE EDMONTON **CHAMBER MUSIC** SOCIETY

2009

Summer Solstice Festival JUNE 18 – 21

Thursday, June 18, 8 pm
Context is *Everything*

Friday, June 19, 8 pm
Invitation to the Dance

Saturday, June 20, 8 pm
The Resisting Spirit

Sunday, June 21, 2 pm
Summer Passion

Pre-concert lectures Friday, Saturday, and Sunday,
45 minutes before performance

All concerts at Convocation Hall, Arts Building,
University of Alberta campus

FESTIVAL PASSES: \$50 \$40 \$30 SINGLE
PERFORMANCE TICKETS: \$20 \$15 \$10
Tickets: Tix on the Square: 780-420-1757 The
Gramophone: 780-428-2356, at the door
www.edmontonchambermusic.org



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Use the right can

Oversize garbage cans increase the risk of injury to waste collectors and are no longer being collected.

Waste Management Bylaw 13777 states that garbage cans must be 100 litres or less in volume and must have fixed non-swivel handles.

Household waste may also be set out in securely tied garbage bags without a container.

For more information visit
www.edmonton.ca/waste
or call 311



YES

No

Steps to Renovate Your Home with Geothermal:

It's the time of year when the nostalgia of warm summer days motivates Edmontonians into a frenzy of spring cleaning, and homeowners start bubbling with endless renovation ideas. New to this year's home-reno plans, however, is the support of numerous Government grants, rebates and tax credits to inspire the poignant environmental consciousness seeping into every renovation decision.

Green renovations are more affordable, innovative and popular than ever. Everyone is looking for the latest and greatest in Green technologies, but more often than not have no idea where to start. So let's consider one that will have the most profound effect on your daily life: Geothermal heating, cooling and hot water for your home.

The concept behind Geothermal is that you are turning your land into a free geothermal energy source that is replenished daily by the sun. An appropriately designed loop field picks up the temperature of the earth and uses a heat pump to concentrate and distribute the energy throughout your existing or new home – cooling you down on those hot summer days and keeping you warm on those cold winter nights. Geothermal is up to 450% efficient and provides a safer, more comfortable living environment, as there is no open flame and no risk of carbon monoxide poisoning. Your natural gas bill is completely eliminated.

The most exciting news for this environmentally friendly investment is the number of rebates popping up both Federally and Provincially. The Canadian Government has increased the ecoEnergy Retrofit Grant for Geothermal by 25% to \$4,375, which can be combined with the \$1350 Renovation Tax Credit and the new Alberta Energy Efficiency Rebate of \$600 to bring the total to \$6,325. There is no time like the present to renovate with a Geothermal system.

There are 7 important steps to keep in mind when deciding on Geothermal and to guarantee that you will receive your government rebates:

1. Hire a qualified energy advisor to perform an energy evaluation of your home. Recommended upgrades can include alterations to insulation, windows, doors and appliances. The cost should be \$400 or less.
2. Learn about Geothermal heating, cooling, and hot water.
3. Contact a Natural Resources Canada endorsed Canadian Geo-Exchange Coalition (CGC) certified and accredited Geothermal Company to design, install, and certify your system for the ecoEnergy retrofit program.

4. A site visit by your Geothermal installer is necessary to gather additional information, review your energy audit and update you on the green possibilities in your home.
5. A geothermal system is engineered specifically for your home and therefore the installer should provide you with a comprehensive quote. Necessary information includes an explanation of why your home requires a certain heat pump or number of boreholes for the earth loops, an accurate payback analysis, and a look into how much value could be added to your property due to installation of a geothermal earth loop.
6. The retrofit of your home can be accomplished in as little as a single week, involving drilling of boreholes, switching out your old method of heating and cooling, and connecting a Geothermal Heat Pump to your existing ductwork.
7. Lastly, once you are enjoying the benefits of your Geothermal system, you will have your energy advisor perform your post-renovation evaluation and submit your application. Your cheque should arrive within 90 days of submission.

Monica Gault, Geothermal Utilities



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Windsor Park Community Hall

11840 – 87 Ave.

Edmonton

Saturday, June 6, 2009

9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

**You are invited to view the quality & artistry of the sweater samples
from the Minkha Women's Knitting Cooperative in Bolivia.**

If you choose, you can order a sweater to be custom knit for you or as a gift.

Samples will also be available for direct sale.

Scarves, Hats, Vests, Cardigans, Pullovers, Long Vests & Coats

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What is Minkha?

*In 1989, in Bolivia, staff and volunteers of Save the Children Canada brought together a group of expert knitters and founded the micro industry **Minkha**. Through their skill and hard work, the women of Minkha have made their cooperatively owned enterprise self-sufficient and continue to provide for themselves and their children.*

Save the Children – Canada volunteers continue to assist the knitters, marketing the sweaters on a non-profit basis.

For further info call: **Linda Haswell (780) 436-5732**

Bev Edwards-Sawatzky (780) 433-3206

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Your Voice in the Legislature

Calling All Gardeners for the Centennial Bench Show at Fort Edmonton Park!!

It's time to start preparing for the Edmonton Horticultural Society's (EHS) 100th Anniversary Flower & Vegetable Show to be held in the Blatchford Hangar at Fort Edmonton Park.

For **adults** the show categories include:

- Vegetables
- Fruit
- Cut Bloom
- Potted Plants
- Grains & Grasses
- Floral Design
- Merry Mix up – Classes to showcase various garden related talents

For **children** the show categories include:

- Vegetables
- Hortisculpture
- Flowers
- Child Dressed as a Flower (Sunday, Aug 30th - Judging at 11:15am - Hangar)

Entries for the competition can be dropped off to Fort Edmonton Park on Friday, August 28th from 6-9pm & Saturday, August 29th from 7am-10am. Judging will take place the morning of Saturday, August 29th.

Once the judging has been completed submissions will remain on display and visitors to Fort Edmonton Park's Annual Harvest Fair on Sunday, August 30th will be able to view and enjoy the award winning submissions of others from 10am-5pm.

During Harvest Fair, the Blatchford Hangar will be transformed into a beautiful display unlike no other with lively musical entertainment, dancers, crafting, children's activities, a centennial tea, and of course the official award ceremony with prizes at 4:00pm. It's an old-fashioned event that is sure to be a hit for all ages!

Pre-registration to compete in the bench show is required. For more information on participating and to view the show booklet, please visit the Edmonton Horticultural Society's website at: www.edmontonhort.com or contact Lorrie at (780) 451-7507 or Dale at (780) 467-8984.

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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 information, call 780 439 0910.

Next Newsletter Deadline September 18, 2009

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*
To place an ad please contact Jean 780 433 7472
jean_frost@yahoo.com