

# Windsor Park Community **Newsletter**



September 2010

### Message from the President...

#### Looking for a Few Good Men and Women

Our membership drive is up and running, and a handful of the 55 blocks in the neighbourhood are not yet covered by a volunteer canvasser. Canvassers visit the 10 or so homes on their assigned block, offering residents the opportunity to take new or renewed membership in the community league. This is a great way for those with limited time to spare to support their league. If interested, please contact me at the coordinates below and I'll pass your information on to our membership coordinator, Janet Millar.

We are also looking for more people to help out with social events. Gabriella Makar, Linda Toal and Jannine Otto did an absolutely brilliant job of the Summer Sizzler. Thank you all so very much! Unfortunately, Linda and Jannine have both had to withdraw due to other commitments. If you would like to join Gabriella in planning future events, please let me know.

Finally, we are still looking for a volunteer, or a group of volunteers, to manage and maintain the rink this winter. Once again, please contact me if you're interested.

#### **AGM** Report

My thanks to everyone who attended our AGM on September 24<sup>th</sup>. More than 65 residents came out to discuss community issues and enjoy a gettogether.

The main topic of conversation was the park redevelopment concept plan and, specifically, the inclusion and

placement of a sledding hill within the south park area. Though the concept plans were accepted unamended, the CL executive and the park redevelopment committee will continue to work with affected residents, the school and the City to reduce the visual impact of the proposed hill. After accepting the concept plans, the AGM voted to release \$250,000 of CL funds for the park redevelopment. I greatly appreciated the fact that Windsor Park residents were able to discuss a difficult issue in such a calm, rational and respectful manner, with all participants making efforts to understand others' points of view.

Though the park redevelopment will take a fair amount of our currently available funds, we will still be in strong financial shape, with roughly \$40,000 remaining in the general account.

The current executive was acclaimed to carry on in 2010/2011. Business completed, we then had a marvellous time with a wine and cheese social. It was a real pleasure meeting many newto-me residents and renewing acquaintance with long-time AGM attendees. In the age-old tradition, bottles of wine were emptied and cheese and desserts justly enjoyed.

#### **GSB Cooling Unit Noise**

The University has commenced engineering studies on potentially including the General Services Building's servers within the North Campus central cooling system. This would not result in the elimination of the offending cooling unit, but would mean that it would run only during peak load periods, rather than the present 24/7. I am not sure of timelines but am glad the University has

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http://www.altadel.com/windsorparkcommleague/

agreed to take steps to reduce the noise nuisance significantly.

If you have concerns or comments on these or other issues, please feel free to contact me at 780.433.1270 or jbcollier@shaw.ca.

---John Collier, Windsor Park Community League President

#### NEIGHBOURHOOD ENGAGEMENT "PEOPLE ARE THE ANSWER"

http://crimemapping.edmontonpolice.ca/



#### Advice from the Police

There have been a number of auto break-ins and thefts in the Windsor Park and Belgravia areas.

Please do not leave anything valuable in your car regardless of how well it's hidden!

Never leave a garage door opener in a vehicle parked outside. If you have an attached garage, possession of the opener gives an easy way into your house.

Report all break-ins, thefts and vandalism to the police. They can't take action on unreported crime!

# Discounts at City Recreation Facilities

Use your Community League Membership card to get fit with discounts at the City Recreation Centers. With your league membership you can receive 20% discount on ann-al passes or a 15% discount on multi admission passes at City of Edmonton's Recreation facilities. Check out the 2010 Community League Wellness Program Rate Sheet for Changes to prices and the accessibility to pools.

#### **Run Wild for Wildlife**

October 23rd, 2010 @ 11:00 am (warm-up; 10:30am) Hawrelak Park

Do you have afun critter costume and just can't wait until Halloween? Then grab your running or walking shoes, wild disguise and join the Wildlife Rehabilitation Society of Edmonton at Hawrelak Park on October 23rd at 11am for the 11th Annual "Run Wild for Wildlife". This family event supports Edmonton's only wildlife shelter, and all the proceeds go towards animal care programs.

Register, donate and start collecting pledges today! Register online at runningroom.com Teams, families or individuals welcome Fantastic prizes for our runners and walkers--Fun snacks for all. MC this year is EZ Rock's Ron Clark All pledges of \$20 or more are eligible for a tax receipt and all proceeds go to WRSE's animal care programs!

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#### Windsor Park Sunday Afternoon Tea

November 7th, 2-4 p.m.

Have you lived in the Windsor Park neighborhood for many years? Have you seen changes in the park over the years of being a resident?

Are you aware of a community league initiative to redevelop the playground and park?

The Windsor Park Redevelopment Committee is pleased to invite all older adults (formerly known as seniors) to a Sunday afternoon tea on November 7th, 2-4 p.m. We will be sharing information about the public consultation that been held so far about the park and displaying conceptual drawings for the park's redevelopment. Some proposed changes to the park, including a walking trail and other features to encourage active living at all ages are of interest to older adults. This is an opportunity to give your feedback and ideas to the committee. Please RVSP to Isabelle Vonder Muhll at 780-430-9066 (evenings only). We look forward to meeting you!

#### http://windsorparkplayspace.ca



## **Community League Executive**



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## Windsor Park School is having a BOOK FAIR Wednesday, November 24th, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Thursday, November 19th, 9:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

CBC Radio's *Radio Active* and Global TV's *First News book* **guru Laurie Greenwood** will select and supply an extensive collection of books for all ages, including the latest award-winning adult fiction.



Laurie Greenwood will be giving a BOOK TALK on Thursday at 9 a.m. for parents and the community in the WPS Gym. Everyone is welcome! Laurie will also be here both days to offer advice about all the best books to buy!

Please consider purchasing a book to **donate to the WPS Library** in your child's name or in your family's name.

Profits from all books sold go towards purchasing books for our Library. Get your holiday shopping done early!

8720 - 118 Street Edmonton

# Blessing of the Animals Service Sunday October 3rd 2pm

at the small off leash park along Saskatchewan Drive, in Belgravic overlooking the stables and Fox Dr.

hosted by

St. George's Anglican Church

bring your dogs, cats, horses, guinea pigs lizards, and parrots

for a short service where we will <sup>give thanks for creation</sup> bless the animals <u>and get</u> to know our neighbours.

in the event of serious rain we will hold the event at St. George's 11737 87th Av

#### SAVE THIS COUPON

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#### PIANO LESSON WITH ANITA GREENWAYS B.MUS.

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#### ST.GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH BOOKS AND BAKING BONANZA (and more!)

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# Community League Membership

The Windsor Park Community League invites you to join in!

Your community league membership is important for many reasons. The WPCL provides programs, facilities and resources for community residents, including a preschool program, youth soccer, social events for all ages, playgrounds, a skating rink and the community hall. The community league also provides a voice for residents in City of Edmonton planning and community service matters and consultations with the University of Alberta and other organizations.

#### Hallowe'en Smiles

Q. What is a Mummie's favorite type of music? *A. Wrap!!!!!*Q. Why do demons and ghouls hang out together? *A. Because demons are a ghouls best friend*!
Q. Where does a ghost go on Saturday night? *A. Anywhere where he can boo-gie.*Q. Why did the ghost go into the bar? *A. For the Boos.*

The WPCL conducts its membership drive each fall, with volunteers visiting door-to-door. The annual membership fee is \$25 per household, whether your family consists of one or many. All senior (65 yrs+) members of our community can become honorary members at no cost.

If your block canvasser doesn't catch you at home, you can still support your community league by becoming a new or renewing member for the year:

For more information. contact Janet Millar, at 780-433-1270 or ilmillar@shaw.ca.

Memberships can also be purchased on-line, through the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues store, at www.efcl.org.

Q. Why did the game warden arrest the ghost? A. He didn't have a haunting license.
Q. Where does Count Dracula usually eat his lunch? *A. At the casketeria.*Q. What happens when a ghost gets lost in the fog? *A. He is mist.*Q. What tops off a ghost's ice cream sundae? *A. Whipped scream.*



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Special 2010 offer for Windsor Park community members from the Northern River Karate School (a non-profit association):

One month of free classes (Yoga classes included!) Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays in the Belgravia Community Hall

(11540-73 Avenue) Get Fit, Feel Great! free Karate uniform on full enrollment for more information contact Ken at kenanjen@shaw.ca or 780 707 3693 www.ThreeBattles.com

#### Next Community League Meeting

The WPCL executive meets on the third Tuesday of every month excepting July, August and September. The meetings take place at the hall at 7 p.m. and are open to all.

#### **Notice to Advertisers**

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 at very competitive rates: *Full page: \$60, Half: \$30.00, Quarter: \$15.00* 

The deadline for copy is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month before publication.

To place an ad please contact Jean 433 7472 Jean\_frost@yahoo.com.

# Looking for help with CPP, OAS & GIS?

The first Seniors' Clinic will be held on October 13th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Ritchie Community Hall (7727 – 98 Street).

Linda Duncan, MP for Edmonton Strathcona, is organizing Seniors' Clinics on CPP, OAS, GIS and disability benefits on a monthly basis at seniors' centres and community halls throughout the constituency. If you wish to request a clinic at your centre, contact her office so we can arrange for a caseworker from Linda's office and a Service Canada professional to come and provide information and assistance on federal matters. You can reach Linda's office at 780-495-8404.

#### 6th Annual Reflex Manufacturing Empty Bowls for WIN House

The Edmonton Women's Shelter could not do what it does for women and children in need without the great support from the communities in and around Edmonton. For this, we thank you.

Recognizing your community's significant role in enhancing the quality of life for many Edmonton citizens, the Edmonton Women's Shelter is seeking your generous support for this year's 6th Annual Reflex Manufacturing Empty Bowls for WIN House.

This unique two-part fundraiser includes a morning of pottery at the beginning of October to craft bowls at the Edmonton Potters' Guild, followed by a luncheon and silent auction on October 26th, 2010. The second event will once again be held at The Sutton Place Hotel from 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. There will be a silent auction, fantastic luncheon, and entertainment. \$25/ticket or \$240/full table of 10.

#### My Love of Landscape

#### Jeff Allen Art Gallery Strathcona Place Senior Centre 10831 University Ave

Oct. 5th, to Oct. 29th, 2010 Reception Oct. 6th, 2010 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Seasoned artist and instructor Jean Roth describes herself as an impressionist. However, in this exhibit you will see a variety of techniques which she has used over many years. Jean's expert use of brush strokes and colour produces exquisite pieces of work reminiscent of the "Group of Seven" and "Emily Carr". Ninety percent of Jean's landscapes were done "en plein air" over a period of several years when she travelled mainly throughout Alberta and British Columbia. Come and meet the artist on reception night or visit the gallery at your leisure.

Best viewing hours for general public: 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. & 3:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Centre is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Call 780-433- 5807

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#### Alberta Skies

Written for the October 2010 issue(s) of community newsletters in Western Canada. Full-resolution images available on request.

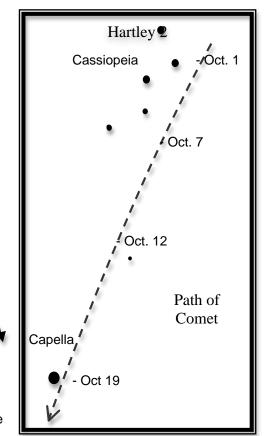
# A Close Pass With A Comet

Comet Hartley 2 is tearing across our night sky this month, passing within 18 million kilometers of our little planet. Though it does not exactly constitute a collision risk, the pass is unusually close for a comet, and provides an excellent chance for easy evening viewing. Hartley 2 will be visible with binoculars through October, and especially easy to find during the first week of the month, when the moon is new and the comet travels close to a familiar constellation.



A comet is a glob of ice, rock, and dust sized somewhere between the sizes of a city block and the metropolitan area of Vancouver. When it nears the sun, solar effects blast material away from the comet's nucleus creating tails. (Photo courtesy of NASA.)

To see this deep space visitor you will need little more than a pair of binoculars, some warm clothes, and a touch of childlike enthusiasm. Any clear evening in October, look directly Northeast, high in the sky, for the sideways "W" which outlines the throne of immodest gueen Cassiopeia. (Much of the Greek



Mythology behind the popular Percy Jackson books is played out in this part of the starscape.) Below and slightly to the left of Cassiopeia, you will also see the very bright star, Capella. With these two signposts in the sky, and a map like the one here, you can determine where to seek out the fuzzy apparition which is Hartley 2.

Fuzzy is the operative word. Against the backdrop of sharp, bright stars, Hartley 2 stands out as a smudge of dusty light. You cannot miss it if you know where to look. Once you have spotted the comet, check again in a day or two. The real fun comes with seeing how quickly it moves against the backdrop of stars.

Hartley heads out into the void again in November, but not before a detailed examination by the EPOXI spacecraft (aka Deep Impact). Accelerated by a "gravity assist" slingshot maneuver with Earth this summer, that craft is now closing in on our fuzzy friend. The EPOXI mission promises to deliver some interesting comet insights by the winter holidays.

For more information....

• An excellent article on the comet in Space & Telescope Magazine:

skyandtelescope.com/observing/home/102632669.html

• An excellent star map from that article: <u>media.skyandtelescope.com/images/CometHartley2-</u> <u>bw.jpg</u>

More information on NASA's EPOXI missions: <u>nasa.gov/mission\_pages/epoxi</u>

• The Percy Jackson series can be found in your library's non-fiction section under Riordan. Skip the movie and read the books.

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# Municipal Elections Monday, October 18th

# Windsor Park is in the following voting areas: Civic Councillor Ward 8 Public School Ward F Separate School Ward 75

#### Ward 8: Candidate Forum

Wednesday October 13th, 2010 McNally Composite High school 8404 105 Avenue 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.



### **Mayor Forum**

Thursday October 14th Eastglen School Theatre 11430 68 Street 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

# Monday October 18th Poll

Windsor Park Elementary School 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday October 18

### **Advance Polls**

Ward 8 only: Saturday October 9th and October 16th Bonnie Doon Community League 9240 93 Street 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### **All Wards**

City Hall October 4th to October 16th Monday to Friday: 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information http://www.edmonton.ca/city\_government/edmonton-elections.aspx

## Voting is both a privilege and a responsibility.