

# Windsor Park Community Newsletter



February 2011

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## Message from the President...

### *LDS Institute Expansion Update*

We have had a grand old time dealing with the demolition contractor and illegal parking issues since the last newsletter. The contractor knocked down a phone line, missing a power line by mere inches in the process, severed a water line and some signage may have gone astray.

The now empty lots were instantly, and illegally, filled with parked vehicles. Many emails and phone calls galvanized the City into ticketing and towing and, thankfully, the LDS Church into installing fencing.

My thanks to the affected residents for keeping me abreast of all the ongoing shenanigans and for their patience while we stoked the fires necessary to motivate the City's enforcement arms.

We had a very good session with LDS Church representatives at January's executive meeting. They presented detailed plans for the properties and graciously received our comments. I am pleased to report that they are currently giving serious consideration to a counter-proposal from the executive.

If you would like updates on this, or any other issue, sooner than the next newsletter, please contact me at the coordinates below and I will add you to my email list.

### *ETS Route 313 Update*

We met with an Edmonton Transit representative at November's executive meeting and the news was not good. Route 313 is almost right at the bottom of the utilization list, and that is why service was reduced last fall. If we want the service to return to the previous level, the community will need to lobby our politicians for action: Ben Henderson (Ben.Henderson@edmonton.ca) and Mayor Stephen Mandel (stephen.mandel@edmonton.ca).

### *Park Redevelopment Update*

I am pleased to report that the City was able alter the site plans so that we will still have two soccer fields and an eight-foot high sledding hill next to the basketball courts. I am grateful to the City, the members of the park redevelopment committee and the residents along 119<sup>th</sup> St. for their work and patience on this issue.

The Park Redevelopment Committee will hold an open house to present the completed concept plan to the community, school and other users on Friday, March 18. Come on out and celebrate our new park! Additional details inside.

### *Summer Playground Program*

Our summer playground program will be taking a one-year hiatus while the new playground is constructed.

### *Social Update*

Many thanks to social coordinator Gabriella Maddalena-Makar, story-teller Jennie Frost, band-leader Lillian Upright and all her talented volunteer musicians for a wonderful Christmas Carol Sing -- a great time of singing, story telling and visiting was had by all.

Gabriella finds herself too busy to be as active as she would like in the social position. I would be very grateful if one or two other people could volunteer to help with the coordination of social events. Contact Gabriella or myself for more information.

### *Rink Update*

Heartfelt thanks, too, to Bob Koch for heading up the maintenance of our ice rink. He has organized crews of residents to clear and flood the rink. Their work is much appreciated by us all!

### *Membership Update*

And, finally, thanks to the large team of volunteers who fanned out across the community and knocked on their neighbours' doors during our fall membership drive: 252 households have thus far become WPCL members for 2010-11. If you've been missed, memberships are available on-line through [efcl.org](http://efcl.org) or by contacting membership coordinator Janet Millar at [jlmillar@shaw.ca](mailto:jlmillar@shaw.ca) or 780-433-1270.

Please feel free to contact me on these or any other issues or concerns. I can be reached at 780.433.1270 or [jbcollier@shaw.ca](mailto:jbcollier@shaw.ca).

---John Collier, Windsor Park Community League President



### **Computer Tutor Needed**

We would like to become more computer literate. We enjoy solitaire but would like to enjoy other skills. We are willing to pay for lessons.

George and Isabelle Stout  
780 433 3030

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## **Windsor Park is Invited to Winter Fest**

Saturday, February 5, 2011

McKernan Community  
League Rink and Shack  
11341 – 78 Avenue,  
Edmonton

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Snowshoeing, Snow-  
Painting, Free Skating,  
Maple Taffy, Bannock,  
Roasting Marshmallows,  
Free Hot Beverages  
Family, Games, Music and  
Lots of Fun

Collecting for "Coats for Kids."

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Q: Where do you find chili beans?

A: At the North Pole.

Q: What do you call a train loaded with  
toffee?

A: A chew chew train.



# WINDSOR PARK BOTTLE DRIVE Saturday March 5



Proceeds for this official, community league-sanctioned bottle drive will go to the efforts of Friends of Scona Pool\* to raise funds for amenities for the newly renovated multi-purpose room (formerly the party room). Improved lighting, entrance and audio-visual equipment are among the enhancements planned for the space.

Members of the Strathcona High School Swim Team will be picking up returnable containers on **Saturday morning, March 5**. Please place your bags of bottles (including well-rinsed milk jugs and cartons) on your doorstep **by 8:00 a.m. and attach this notice** to the front of one of the bags.



If you do not have any bottles and do not wish to be disturbed, you can attach this page to your mailbox with an **X** drawn through it.

If you have any questions, please call Sheri at 433-3741.

\*Friends of Scona Pool is a committee of Central Area Council of Community Leagues. The Friends group consists of representatives of community league and pool user groups, such as the Strathcona High School Swim Team, and interested community members. Windsor Park Community League is a member of Central Area Council.

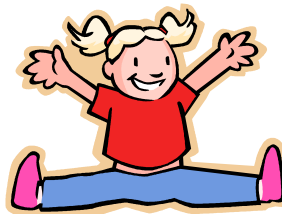
Scona pool was on the brink of closure in 2009 and was given a one-year reprieve by City Council while the fate of the pool was under review by City administrators in 2010. Efforts of Friends of Scona Pool, as well as impressive and sustained increases in the number of pool users last year, were instrumental in City Council's decision in November 2010 to put the pool back into the City's base budget starting in 2011.



## 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 439-0919.

## Community League Executive



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## 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? *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. March 18, 2011 is the next deadline.

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

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## Snow Angels

### Your Neighbourhood Needs You

Shovelling snow can be difficult, especially for seniors or people with disabilities.

Icy, snowy sidewalks are hazardous for everyone – sometimes even dangerous. This winter, do your part. Shovel snow for a neighbour who needs help.

### Helped by a Snow Angel?

Want to say thanks and help them get their wings?

If you have had snow shovelled by a good neighbour, nominate them for Mayor's recognition and a chance to win great prizes.

For Details:

Visit [www.edmonton.ca/snowangels](http://www.edmonton.ca/snowangels)

Or call 311

# Linda Duncan

MP, Edmonton-Strathcona

## Working for our community

### Contact my office:

- employment insurance
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- Canada pension & taxes
- student loans
- information requests
- celebratory messages



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## Keeping Scona Pool Open

I am pleased Council was able to approve continued funding to keep Scona Pool open for the foreseeable future. This local pool and its variety of programs and wide user base keystones of this healthy, engaged and active community. I recognize the importance of smaller community facilities to help make a more cohesive community. We need to strengthen ties to schools and businesses in residential areas to create stronger, more attractive, complete and diverse communities.

With unprecedented numbers of school closures in the mature neighbourhoods of recent years, pressure toward community fragmentation builds. Keeping Scona Pool open provides a counterbalance to that negative pressure. Scona Pool's continued operation, as an historic neighbourhood facility with roots going back many years, helps provide community stability. As a local community facility, it will doubtless feel friendlier to some patrons.

Our new municipal development plan, "The Way We Grow" indicates a need to reduce urban sprawl and make better use of existing infrastructure, public facilities and services in our mature neighbourhoods. We need to take great care managing change in our older neighbourhoods. I see keeping Scona Pool open for business as one part of that. We need to find more opportunities such as this to protect and rebuild the heart of our older communities. You can always contact me at [ben.henderson@edmonton.ca](mailto:ben.henderson@edmonton.ca) or by phone at 780-496-8146.

Ben Henderson, Councillor Ward 8

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# February Is Heart Month

Do you know the signs and symptoms of a heart attack and what to do if someone experiences these? Knowing can make the difference between life and death.

Recognizing and responding immediately to the warning signs of a potential heart attack can significantly improve survival and recovery.

**February is Heart Month** - take the time to be heart safe and learn how you can reduce your risk.

## What to do when seconds count

- Call 9-1-1 immediately. Early treatment can greatly reduce heart damage and make the difference of life and death.
- Treatment starts the moment EMS arrives. Paramedics can provide oxygen, start an intravenous and perform an electrocardiogram (ECG).
- Paramedics can also administer important medications in the early minutes of a heart attack to lessen heart damage.
- During transport, EMS will also share information with the hospital so definitive treatment can begin immediately on arrival.
- Take a CPR/AED (automated external defibrillator) course. Training is widely available from many reputable organizations. It's easy, inexpensive, and only takes a few hours.

## Know the signs of a heart attack

(Any or all of these signs & symptoms may occur)

- Chest pain described as crushing, squeezing, pressure or chest heaviness;
- Pain that moves beyond the chest such as shoulder, arm, neck or jaw pain;
- Shortness of breath, sweating or nausea and vomiting.

## Reduce your risk

Heart attack risk factors include:

- Obesity
- Sedentary lifestyle
- Smoking
- High cholesterol
- Age / Gender
- Family history

Speak with your doctor about how to treat your modifiable risk factors and learn to be heart safe.



[www.albertahealthservices.ca](http://www.albertahealthservices.ca)



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## Smiles

Q: What is a vampire's sweetheart called?

A: His ghoul-friend.

Q: If your aunt ran off to get married, what would you call her?

A: Antelope.

Q: Did Adam and Eve ever have a date?

A: No, but they had an apple.

## What is Winter Light?

Winter Light is a celebration that showcases Edmonton as a beautiful and interesting winter city, taking joy in our unique sense of place, climate and environment

By pointing to the 'light' of winter in Edmonton, the festival offers a healthy, enjoyable alternative to the dark, potentially isolating aspects of Edmonton's long urban winter.

Winter Light encourages us to share winter's beauty, the fire's warmth, and our shared humanity.

Many of the events are free, so why not check out the Winterlight website at [www.winterlight.ca](http://www.winterlight.ca) to find out how you can "warm up to winter" in February.

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### Common Ground

Friday Feb 4, 6–8pm  
Saturday Feb 5, 11am–8pm  
[Giovanni Caboto Park](#)

Welcome to Common Ground, a new midwinter festival alive with light, and culture. Visit the Aboriginal Camp, be awed by the Lunar Lights, and enjoy a hearty community feast.

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### Silver Skate

Friday to Sunday,  
February 18-21, 2011  
[Hawrelak Park](#)

Silver Skate is Edmonton's largest and longest running winter festival, set in picturesque Hawrelak Park, featuring the thrill of skate races, stunning snow and fire sculpture, dazzling performances and Night Works in the Park.

### Family Day Festivities

Monday, February 21st  
12:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
[Churchill Square](#)

Round up the family for a fun-filled afternoon of free activities! A variety of downtown venues will host events for the young and the young at heart.

Visit three Family Day locations for a chance to win a \$500 RESP from ATB Financial!

More info at:  
[www.edmontondowntown.com/](http://www.edmontondowntown.com/)

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### Mill Creek Adventure Walk

Friday Feb 25 and  
Saturday Feb 26, 4–10pm  
[Mill Creek Ravine Park](#)

Following in the success of the Winter Light favourite Baba Yaga, artists Memi von Gaza and Dylan Toymaker transform a snowy walk through Mill Creek into another magical adventure.

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### Star Party

Saturday Mar 5, 4–10pm  
[Elk Island National Park](#)

Breathtaking star gazing under the beautiful winter prairie sky of Elk Island National Park. Learn about astronomy, take in presentations, stories, and light installations in this unique dark sky preserve.

WINTER LIGHT FESTIVAL OFFICE  
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EDMONTON AB. T5H 3V5  
Phone: 780.760.2229

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### Smiles

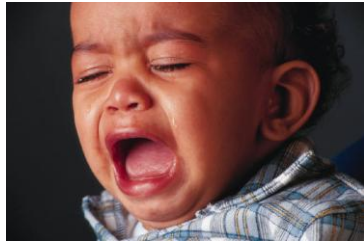
Q: What did the boy octopus say to the girl octopus?

A: Can I hold your hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand,?

Q: What did one snake say to the other snake?

A: Give me a little hug and a hiss, honey.





**Babysitting  
Course**  
**Parkallen Community  
League**  
(6510 – 111 Street)  
**Thursday March 3, 2011**  
**(Teachers Convention)**  
**9:00 am – 5:00 pm**  
For ages 11 – 17 years  
Cost: \$55

Learn what it takes to be a great babysitter! This well-rounded course covers basic childcare, first aid, safety, and introduces participants to the importance of play in a child's life.

The course will be taught by a qualified instructor and will include role playing, brainstorming, and hands-on exercises. Certificates will be awarded upon **successful completion** of the program.

Participants are encouraged to provide their own lunches, pens & paper.

In Partnership with the Parkallen & McKernan Community Leagues & The City of Edmonton

**FOR PROGRAM REGISTRATION:**  
**COURSE CODE:** 390163 **Phone:**  
311

**In Person:** Any City of Edmonton  
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**PURE COLOUR**  
**Jeff Allen Art Gallery**

Strathcona Place Senior Centre  
10831 University Ave.

January 28 to February 23, 2011  
Reception February 9, 2011 6:30 – 8:30 PM

The accomplished artist Elizabeth Verhagen uses intense vibrant colour in her oil paintings and collages. The hues in the skies of her landscapes are exceptional and her innovative combinations of paint and materials used in her collages have an element of intrigue. Elizabeth's portraits are expressive and powerful and her

photographs capture the intricacies and ruggedness of nature. This is artistry at its best. Everyone is Welcome.

**Best viewing hours for general public  
are 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM and 3:00 –  
3:45 PM**

Centre is open Monday through Friday,  
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
Call 780- 433- 5807



## Soccer Season is here again!



As the days gets longer and the warmth melts the mountains of snow around us, thoughts of youth soccer players running after a ball begin to percolate. While the season is not quite here as yet, there are a few things being done behind the scenes in preparation.

My name is Joseph and I am looking forward to coordinating the soccer season for Windsor Park and Garneau. Here are a couple key dates to note if you are interested in participating in youth soccer this year:

- **January 14 to February 12, 2011** - Register on-line at the SWEMSA website <http://www.swemsa.com> for your child to play. You will need your 2010-2011 community league membership number to complete the application. This process is new this year across South West Edmonton and all information around age groups, costs and playing dates are on the site.
- **February 12, 2011 @ noon to 3pm** - Register in-person at the Windsor Park community hall. You will need to bring a copy of your on-line registration and payment to complete this portion.
- **March 10, 2011** – Completion of team formation. The teams are formed using a priority of Windsor Park/Garneau, University district and finally SWEMSA as a whole to ensure everyone has an opportunity to play.
- **Early April** – contact by coaches, uniform distribution, etc.
- **Last week of April** – play begins.

As this is my first year as soccer coordinator, I am open to your suggestions and solutions to ensure a smooth season. Should you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me:

jleeson@web.ca  
or (780) 988-2951.





## The Corner Store Project Tell us about your neighbourhood

There's been a shift in Edmonton's retail landscape away from local community and neighbourhood shops. Shopping malls, mega commercial strips, and power centres with stand alone big-box format stores dominate the shopping landscape.

This shift has drawn people away from shopping in their own neighbourhood at local corner store businesses and small local shopping centres. As a result, there's been a decline in the number of neighbourhood stores and businesses, and a physical deterioration of many residential shopping sites.

The purpose of the Corner Store Project is to explore the actions the City might take to revitalize small neighborhood shopping sites in mature neighbourhoods.

The City of Edmonton wants to hear what you think about your neighbourhood shopping sites and how you use them; specifically sites that are small with 3 to 10



shops and are located within or on the edge of a residential neighbourhood. Your information will guide us as we assist small businesses, property owners and residents to improve these centres and to make them valuable parts of your local community.

**Please fill in the survey at:**  
**[www.edmonton.ca/cornerstoreproject](http://www.edmonton.ca/cornerstoreproject)**

*All participants are eligible to win a \$100 gift certificate for dinner at one of Edmonton's fine local restaurants.*

*Details provided at end of survey.*

# imagine a place

## **Park Redevelopment Open House**

**Friday, March 18, 2011**

**5 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

**Windsor Park Community Hall**

Check out the final concept plan for our park redevelopment including the spray park sledding hill and walking trail

See what playground equipment is being purchased and how it will look in the playpods

*All Windsor Park residents are invited—  
from children to seniors*

***End off your work week by connecting with friends + neighbours—pizza, juice + beer will be served!***