

# Windsor Park Community Newsletter



June 2011

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## Message from the President... Return of the Summer Sizzler!

Thanks to the hard work of our social director Gabriella Makar, Windsor Park's Summer Sizzler will take place on Saturday June 11, from 4 until 8 pm. Good music, great food, face painting and more bouncing are all coming our way. Come on out, enjoy yourself and meet your neighbours. Check the back page for more details.

## Park Fundraising and Legacy Drive

Thanks to your remarkable generosity, our fundraising campaign is off to a great start, with the current total being just over \$17,000 as I write. Thank you so very much. Every dollar we raise is extremely important, as it will be used to generate matching funds from other sources. Please read the park redevelopment update inside.

## Spike in Crime?

I am sorry to report that, along with welcome warmer weather, the spring may have brought an unwelcome spike in crime in our area. I have been hearing from residents about break-ins to vehicles and, on at least one occasion, to a home. There are also reports of aggressive bottle pickers searching backyards and even checking to see if doors are locked. I have witnessed remarkably casually dressed cyclists cruising our streets while scanning every vehicle and yard.

Please do not get too alarmed. The Edmonton Police Service has had only three incidents officially reported in our community during April and May. Windsor Park is still considered a very quiet neighbourhood by the police. Regardless, we want to keep it that way, so please take reasonable precautions. Do not leave valuables in your vehicles. Lock your vehicle and house doors.

Put out your recyclables only on the morning of a scheduled pick-up day. Report ANY suspicious activity to the police (780-423-4567). Remember, these are largely crimes of opportunity – if there is no opportunity, there will be no crime.

Finally, and most importantly, inform the police of all incidents. Yes, it is a hassle to have to go and file a report, however, it is important to do so, as the police allocate resources based on the information they receive from these reports.

You can track local crime incidents at:  
<http://crimemapping.edmontonpolice.ca/#>

## WP Infrastructure Overhaul

The City will be rebuilding our roads, sidewalks, etc., over a two year period starting in 2012. An Open House will be held in the Maple Leaf Room at Lister Hall on Tuesday, June 7, from 5 to 8 pm, to provide information on the reconstruction plans. Presentations will be shown on the hour at 5, 6 and 7 pm.

This may also provide an opportunity to have other capitol investments made in our neighbourhood at the same time. An example would be a possible formalizing of the unofficial path that runs through the park along the 89 Avenue between 119 and 118 streets. Please come out to the June 7 Open House and bring your own suggestions for improving your area of Windsor Park. This really is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

## University Avenue

University Avenue is reduced to one lane in each direction from 114 Street to just west of the entrance to the Cross Cancer Hospital. It will remain this way through the summer as the intersection of University Avenue and 115 Street is reconfigured as the main entrance to the new Edmonton

Clinic. There will be major delays in our area during the morning and afternoon rush hours. I expect that a good deal of the displaced traffic uses 87 Avenue. This will have a large impact on our neighbourhood!

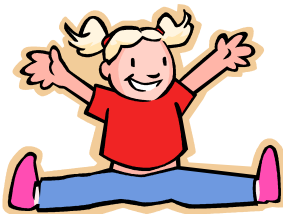
Please feel free to contact me with any concerns or comments you might have. I can be reached at 780-433-1270 or [jbcollier@shaw.ca](mailto:jbcollier@shaw.ca)  
**John Collier**

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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 439-0919.

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## Gregor and James' Lawn Cutting Service



We are 14-year old twins who live in Windsor Park and we have been cutting neighbors' lawns for the last three summers. We have our

own lawn care equipment and can tend to properties north of 87<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

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## EDMONTON TRIATHLON WORLD CUP Sunday June 10, 2011



Following a break of four years, the International Triathlon Union has asked Edmonton to again host a series of World Cup races. The first of five annual events will be held on Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Board of the Edmonton Triathlon Academy is extremely grateful to the residents of Windsor Park for their past support of these international events. We are again seeking your cooperation in eliminating parking on the portion of Saskatchewan Drive overlooking Hawrelak Park, as the cycling portion of the triathlon events will involve that road.

The Pan American Junior Championship will be the first event of the day and will commence at 7 a.m. Age category races will occupy the balance of the morning, while the two World Cup races, involving some of the world's top female and male competitors chasing Olympic qualification points for the London Olympic Games, will take place in the afternoon.

Olympic Gold Medal winner in Sydney Simon Whitfield and #1 female triathlete in the world Paula Findlay of Edmonton will be competing in their respective World Cup races.

On behalf of the Board of Edmonton Triathlon Academy, we look forward to seeing you in Hawrelak Park and to the continuation of your cooperation with our event. Should you wish to check on any details, please feel free to call me at 780-455-8208.

**Brian Hetherington**, Edmonton Triathlon Academy, Chair, Public and Government Affairs.

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### What's New at Scona Pool?

We are pleased with our new spring swim schedule that runs April 2nd to June 30th, 2011. The current schedule includes extended lane swim hours on Monday (6:00-8:30pm), Wednesday (6:30-8:30pm), and Friday (6:00-7:00pm) evenings, and continues to offer over 100 hours of public access time a week.



Scona Pool is excited to offer new programming which includes \$11 drop-in yoga classes over the lunch hour from 11:30am-12:30pm on Mondays and Fridays. However, don't forget about our drop-in aquasize classes offered Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 11:00am-12:00pm, and Sundays from 12:00-1:00pm & 1:00-2:00pm.

Just a reminder that Scona Pool also offers Public Swim times Monday through Friday from 8:30am-4:30pm, Saturday from 1:00-3:00pm & 7:00-8:30pm, and Sunday from 2:00-6:00pm.

For full schedule details please visit us online at: [www.sconapool.com](http://www.sconapool.com) or call us at 780- 496-8756.

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

## Blossoms

**Jeff Allen Art Gallery**  
Strathcona Place Seniors Centre  
10831 University Ave

### Creative Age Festival

June 1 2011 to June 29, 2011  
Reception June 8, 2011 6:30 to 8:30 PM

The Creative Age Festival Art Exhibit is work produced by seniors who have "creatively aged". These artists from all areas of Edmonton want to share the skills and talents that they developed in their senior years. We invite everyone to view this amazing exhibit. Come celebrate the contributions of seniors to the world of art and join these energetic people on reception night. Everyone is welcome.

### Natural Elements

July 5 2011 to July 28 2011  
Reception July 13, 2011 6:30 to 8:30 PM

Liz Andrusiak has put together a mixed media exhibit of diversified subject matter ranging from realistic to abstract. Her watercolours and collages of landscapes, flowers and buildings are vibrant with colour and her brush strokes are bold and strong. Come, view and enjoy the works of this local artist. Everyone is welcome on reception night.

**Best viewing hours 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM and 3:00 – 4:00 PM**

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

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### New

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A presentation will be shown at 5:00, 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. and City of Edmonton staff will be on hand to answer your questions and receive your comments.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, all the information and an online questionnaire to gather your input will be available at [www.edmonton.ca/BuildingWindsorPark](http://www.edmonton.ca/BuildingWindsorPark). Call 311 for more information.



## Lister Hall's Rezfest

September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Another academic year has passed in Lister Hall and the arrival of spring has brought with it a few changes within our residence. With only a small student population currently living in residence for the Spring and Summer academic terms, the majority of current residents are a combination of Conferencing and hotel guests staying for varying amounts of time. At this time, the Lister Hall Students' Association has begun to focus on preparations for the upcoming school year and another busy year for students in residence!

One important focus of the Lister Hall Students' Association this summer is the planning and preparation of our annual charity concert event, Rezfest. Each year, the Lister Hall Students' Association hosts a large outdoor concert and barbeque in our "front yard" between the residence towers. This event usually kicks off the year for students and will take place this fall on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Traditionally, all proceeds have gone to the Cross Cancer Institute and in the last 3 years our event has raised close to \$30,000! The LHSA takes pride in hosting such a successful event and we hope to raise even more money for the neighboring Cross Cancer Institute this September!

As this concert is an outdoor event for 1,300 students, it's important to note that the level of noise will be greater than usual in the Windsor Park area between 6 p.m. and 12 a.m. on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. In the past, we've been very appreciative of the understanding we've received from the Windsor Park Community League and we look forward to working with the WPCL in making this year's event as successful and un-intrusive to the community around us as possible. In the past couple years, we have also aimed to direct the stage east so that minimal noise reaches the surrounding residential area and will be continuing this measure again this year.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Rezfest or Lister Hall in general, please feel free to contact Michael McPhillips at 780-492-8867 or by email at [mcphilli@ualberta.ca](mailto:mcphilli@ualberta.ca).

If any concerns arise at the time of the event on September 17<sup>th</sup>, you can reach Michael at 780-667-8813.

Thank you for your time and have a safe and enjoyable summer!

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## Smiles

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### Park redevelopment update

Thank you to everyone who attended the park redevelopment open house in March. We received overwhelmingly positive feedback on the concept plans—it was wonderful to have such good energy around a community project. We are also pleased that \$17,000 has been raised to date through the generous donations of the Windsor Park community, including a \$5,000 donation from the Windsor Park School Council.

#### City funding update

As a committee, we continued meeting to further refine the park plans and determine timelines. Representatives from the City of Edmonton attend our meetings and have been extremely helpful in focusing our key decision points and working on budgets.

We have learned from the City that the Neighbourhood Park Development Program (NPDP) fund to which we have applied for the \$250,000 matching grant is oversubscribed this year. As a result, city council will be voting on a motion in June to provide \$1 million in additional funding to this program. We are hopeful that the motion will pass and have advocated to Councillor Ben Henderson to support the motion. Councillor Henderson came to our March open house to look at the concept plan and hear about our community engagement work.

#### Building the park over time

Our mandate in engaging the community to share their ideas and identify priorities for the park was to dream about what the ideal park would look like:

- School children talked about what creates community and what they enjoy playing with and then drew their ideal play space.
- Teachers took children on fieldtrips to recently developed/redeveloped parks to observe play patterns on newer equipment and provided on-going feedback on the concept plans
- Families gathered to walk around each part of the park and discuss how it is

currently used, how it could be used better and what the space is best suited for.

- Residents completed a survey to hone in on what kind of environment they want to see in their neighbourhood and what would draw them to the park space.
- Open houses provided opportunity for people to gather and discuss their ideas and opinions.

All this feedback was recorded; common themes were identified; and this is what was used to create the concept plan that was presented at the March Open House.

Dreaming is a wonderful way to bring community together and it has given us a terrific plan for our park space. To accommodate the ideas that had wide spread community support, and to do it in a financially responsible way, we will need to build and fundraise for the park redevelopment in phases.

Assuming that we are successful with the NPDP grant, the first phase will be built this summer and will include the tot and junior playgrounds and the underground infrastructure of the spray deck/water play. Depending on the overall construction costs, the shelter may also be built this year.

The second phase, which we hope will be constructed in summer 2012, will include the toboggan hill, north park path, spray deck, additional trees, seating walls and boulders.

#### Moving ahead

We are hopeful that we will receive NPDP funding this year and are going ahead with the construction drawings and construction tendering process. This will ensure we are fully prepared to move ahead once the grant is approved.

In the meantime, the Committee is exploring other funding options including applying for other relevant grants such as a tire recycling grant (for the pour in place rubber for a portion of the playground) and an Arts Council grant. If you know of any other funding opportunities, please let us know.

We are also continuing to fundraise within the Windsor Park community. *We encourage every family in Windsor Park to contribute.* A park redevelopment fundraising table will be set up at the Summer Sizzler on Saturday, June 11

and members of the Park Redevelopment Committee will be available to hear your comments and respond to your questions. Donations are tax deductible. Donations can also be dropped off to John Collier at jbcollier@shaw.ca. Please make cheques payable to the Windsor Park Community League.

Thank you to everyone who has been involved with the park redevelopment. We appreciate your feedback and support and have enjoyed dreaming about the potential for our park. We will send out an email to those on the park redevelopment distribution list to let you know how the vote in City Council goes!

If you would like to be placed on this distribution list, please email Salima Bandali at sbandali@me.com or John Collier at jbcollier@shaw.ca

If you have any questions about the park redevelopment please contact:  
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- Shelter contribution \$10,000

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## Kick, Shoot, GOAL!!!!

Soccer Season is now in full swing and it is great to see our kids running and enjoying the 'Beautiful Game'.

We have seven teams representing Windsor Park Garneau in four age categories: 2 U6, 3 U8, 1 U10 and 1 U14 and I would like to recognize the following parents who have generously agreed to guide the skills development and game management: Sita Gourishankar, James Milke, Craig Butler, Grant Gillies, Eric Van Walsum, Frances Fenrich, Chris Grapel, Timur Ozelsel, Dee Johnson, Stephen Toal and Spencer Proctor. Your commitment is greatly appreciated and reflected in the joy – and some tears – seen on the fields weekly.

While the season will officially end for all age groups on June 23<sup>rd</sup> we are looking into just having an in-house wrap-up game day the following week – the last week of school - for everyone including parents vs. kids games. We will also be contacting each team to arrange for team photos and will have them ready for the wrap-up.



The U6 teams will be making a move to the North Park – just North of the school – for their 6:15pm Monday and Wednesday game days in June. Please stop by and cheer on our youngsters if you have a chance.

Finally, as part of the overall park redevelopment, we will be changing the orientation of our two fields to accommodate the new sledding hill and playground. This will give us an opportunity to get some new sod on the ground and as well make allowances for a standardized U8 and U10 playing pitch for next year.

Thanks as well to Wendy Wismer and Justin Ezekowitz for their assistance with equipment and field lining. We are very lucky as a community to have such supportive parents and community league executive who have provided me with amazing support for the soccer program this year.

See you at the wrap-up.

Joseph Lee Son, Soccer Coordinator  
780-988-2951 or [jleeson@web.ca](mailto:jleeson@web.ca)

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# Summer Sizzler

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Windsor Park Community League's Annual Barbeque

Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011

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