

WINDSOR PARK COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



Quarterly Newsletter – Fall 2021 Edition



Windsor Park pole-walking group heading out on a beautiful day.

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WINDSOR PARK COMMUNITY LEAGUE PRESIDENT'S PAGE BY SCOTT MEADOWS

I was delighted to learn that the hard work of Windsor Park's volunteer gardening team was recognized by the City's Partners in Parks program. (Please see the article in this newsletter.) The city provides basic gardening services like lawnmowing in our parks, but many WP residents may not know that neighbourhood volunteers put in a huge amount of work to keep flowers blooming and beds free of weeds. Thanks to all who have pulled a weed or two in our parks. And everyone please offer a word of thanks to volunteers whose names are listed in the article for their dedication and sweat.

Elections to the WPCL Executive will coincide with the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held in late October or early November. I encourage everyone to consider serving in the Executive. A Member-at-Large position is currently vacant which can be filled by vote of the Executive right away. The Member-at-Large can then stand for re-election at the AGM. Other Executive positions include President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership Director and Member-at-Large. Many people ask "what are the responsibilities" of each position. I can, of course, provide a description of each position, so please do ask me if you are interested. In practice, these volunteer positions are what the incumbent makes of them. If you are seeking to make a positive impact on your neighbours and community, please consider serving on the WPCL Executive.

Sometime people will tell me that they would like to volunteer, but don't want an ongoing commitment, or maybe they just don't like to attend meetings. There are plenty of other ways to contribute. If you have an idea and can become the champion of your idea, the Executive is eager to support you. We can usually find necessary funds from our own budget or from grants. And we're always looking for people to organize a one-and-done social event.

Speaking of social events, the Executive had been hoping to return to a full social calendar in the fall, including the Annual Picnic & BBQ and events for Halloween and Christmas. The current Covid-19 situation remains uncertain so planning is on hold. Like everyone, I hope we can return to normal soon. The best way to stay in touch is to subscribe to our email news. Contact me at wpclpresident@gmail.com to be added to the list. We'll continue to get the word out via quarterly newsletter and the WPCL road sign, and online via Nextdoor.

Also, related to social events and neighbouring, I'd like to acknowledge the good work and many successes of the Abundant Communities Edmonton (ACE) team in Windsor Park. Block Connectors continue to find innovative ways to socially engage their neighbours, usually outdoors and prudently distanced. A few blocks are without Block Connectors. (See the article later in this newsletter.) Please contact Penny Tucker (life.dance@telus.net) if your block is without a connector and you're interested, or if you'd like to learn more about this important initiative. During all the frustrations of the past year, the ACE team continues to bring neighbours together which benefits us all.

WPCL EXECUTIVE and VOLUNTEER NEEDS

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Next Deadline: May 14, 2020

Advertising Rates:

- Windsor Park residents can post short ads for free

- Business Rates:

\$15	\$30	\$60
¼ page	½ page	Full page

New Volunteers Always Appreciated! Please contact Scott Meadows at wpclpresident@gmail.com.

Note: If you are new to the community, or know of any new Windsor Park residents, please contact wpclpresident@gmail.com so we can extend a community welcome!

WIRELESS PASSWORD for the park is the building address repeated twice **1184011840**

AN EYE ON CITY HALL, BY ELAINE SOLEZ, WPCL CIVICS DIRECTOR

Windsor Terrace Update

The City has issued the Development Permit for the building that will rise above the hole in the ground at 87th Ave and 118 St. We can expect to see construction at the site in the fall and throughout 2022. We also expect a new name for the building because the approved DC2 zone does not refer to Windsor Terrace.

When reviewing the application the league learned the building will have 139 units (it was approved for a maximum of 160), of which 3 will be 3-bedroom units (the minimum approved) and only one is a studio apartment (it was approved for a maximum of 10%). The rest are a mix of one and 2-bedroom units. There is retail/commercial space at ground level along 87th Ave and on the corner at 118 St.

Park Planning and News

- Park News: City staff have been busy maintaining and improving the park this summer, along with our Partners in Park volunteers (see the article about their wonderful work elsewhere in this newsletter). Benches and tables were repaired and stained. Shrubs were trimmed, mulch was added to the rose garden, and the playground equipment was tested for safety. Work is underway to replace the deteriorating wooden bollards at the west entrance to the park (119th St and 89th Ave). Dead and broken tree branches will be removed this fall.
- Spray Pad: Over the summer the committee applied for 2 major grants (one provincial, the other federal) to make up for the funding shortfall, and confirmed the types of spray elements: in ground spray, arches, and overhead spray. No water cannon or dumping buckets. In the coming months, the committee will be selecting spray elements and launching a fundraising campaign within the community for "extras" as well as waiting to hear about the grants.
- North Park enhancements: the north park committee met in July to discuss the implications of heritage status on the park plan and the planned enhancements. Work is getting under way on the project proposal and components of the business case. Further community engagement will be held on any changes to the park plan and on options for the new path and the labyrinth.

Eye on City Hall

- Engagement on District Plans: As a result of community input, City staff held a number of online information sessions on district plans in June and City Council's Urban Planning Committee directed City staff to propose ways to incorporate more public and stakeholder engagement into preparing plans for each area of the City consistent with the new City Plan. Councillor Henderson and the mayor indicated strong support for additional engagement. The committee considered a number of options at its August 24 meeting and approved providing additional opportunities for public and stakeholder input within the existing scope of the project. We can expect to see engagement opportunities on draft district plans early in 2022. Windsor Park is in the Scona District.
- A Step Forward for a new Rec Centre near Strathcona High School: At the review of the City's Supplementary Budget in June, City Council approved design funding for a new compact recreation centre at Rollie Miles District Park that will replace Scona Pool, the City's oldest operating indoor

pool. Once the design is complete City Council can consider allocating construction funding in future Capital Plans. Our thanks to Councillors Henderson and Walters and to Mayor Iveson for their continued support of this project over many years.

Update on the Ring Houses

The Ring House Coalition, which includes some Windsor Park residents, continues to engage with the University and the province on preserving the remaining four Ring Houses. The Coalition held a workshop at the end of May to discuss options then proposed a plan to redevelop the northwest corner of campus to include commercial space and market residential housing (including seniors' housing) that would provide revenue to repair, restore and repurpose the Ring Houses.

The plan has been submitted to the University President in the spirit of helping the U of A find a win-win solution. He has responded indicating that the Ring Houses will not be demolished while the Coalition's proposal is being considered, and the Coalition will receive an official reply. The proposal is online at: https://edmontonheritage.ca/wp-content/uploads/Reimagine-the-Ring-Houses-Proposal_June-23-2021.pdf or key in "reimagine ring houses" in a search engine.

Elsewhere in the newsletter is an article written by Lorene Turner, a Windsor Park resident and retired Professor of Education. It includes some early history of the Ring Houses and Windsor Park as well as some of her recollections of the Child Study Centre that was located in Ring House 3 for many years. She was associated with the Child Study Centre in Ring House 3 for 30 years.

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THE RING HOUSES: IMPORTANT PART OF UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA'S HISTORY

In March 2021 the Edmonton & District Historical Society stated “The University is in a tough spot these days (financially)...as history minded citizens, we are always haunted by the knowledge that you don't get a second chance to save a heritage building.”

Heritage buildings evoke special memories that connect people to the past. They become focal points that tell the stories of the people, places and things that shaped our province, providing a deeper understanding of how we grew from a sparsely settled prairie landscape to a vibrant community of the twenty first century.

Without public consultation, in April, 2021 the University of Alberta announced it planned to demolish the remaining four Ring Houses which had played an important role in the successful establishment of the university in the early 1900s. These Ring Houses connect Albertans to the exciting early days when our province had just been formed and we were promised the first University.

The history of Windsor Park and the University of Alberta have been closely linked over the past century. Located on the southern side of the North Saskatchewan River, they evolved from a forested area with a few farms, into two thriving communities.

In 1905 Alberta became a province with Alexander Rutherford as Premier. Under his leadership the Universities Act was passed in 1906 to establish the University of Alberta as a publicly supported, non-denominational University open to both women and men. The following year River Lot 5 was purchased and Founding President Henry Marshall Tory, from McGill, set out to recruit ‘the best staff possible’, attracting 4 professors from the prestigious Universities of Harvard, McGill, Columbia and Berkley.

Given the isolated location, it soon became clear that not only was campus housing needed for students, but also for staff and their families. Starting in 1910 four new houses were built on the North-West corner of Lot 5, with 6 more being added over the next few years completing a circle; hence the term “Ring Houses” which is affectionately used to present day.

At this same time, Windsor Park was declared a new subdivision in 1910 and glowingly described in the Edmonton Bulletin as “one of the best arranged sub-divisions yet added to the city’s surveyed sections.” By following of the contour of the river to determine streets and lot shape with a central circular portion designated for park development, this provided a pleasant departure from the traditional “checker-board” style found in most Edmonton neighborhoods.

By 1930, the U of A’s “Ring House Neighborhood” had ten homes and Windsor Park had nine, with most of the Windsor Park area remaining undeveloped until the 1940s and 1950s.

Meanwhile, on campus the first of the original 4 staff houses was built for President Tory and became Ring House #1. This significantly important structure is the oldest President’s home still existing on a Canadian campus. Throughout the early years at the University, this and the other nine ring houses were home for four other presidents and many well-known senior staff such as Maury Van Vliet, Muir Edwards, CS Burgess, to name a few.

As neighboring communities grew up around campus there was less need for on-campus staff housing, so these buildings were repurposed in a variety of ways providing ‘homes’ for the U of A

Press, the U of A Museums, Collections, and Art Gallery, *Faculty of Education Child Study Centre, Graduate Student Offices, Mel Hurtig's Canadian Encyclopedia project, and many more.

While 1970 saw six of the Ring Houses demolished to provide space to build the Windsor Park Car Park, the four original homes remaining serve as valuable icons of the early years at the University of Alberta.

In the early 1900's Premier Rutherford and President Tory had a vision for higher education being accessible to all. By the 1960's the University population was rapidly expanding with record numbers of students seeking higher education, new staff being recruited to teach and new buildings to accommodate this spiraling growth.

In 1969 however, a new, much younger student body was about to begin their educational journey at the U of A.* Here is the story of what happened at Ring House 3.

The 1960's were a significant time in the education of young children in Alberta. Alberta was the only province in Canada without kindergartens as part of their education offerings, and politicians were not enthused about changing this. Often heard statements included "Well, I'm a successful citizen and I never went to kindergarten." "Just let them play at home!" Others claimed "It might be a good idea but we don't have teachers who know what to do with 5 years olds."

The Faculty of Education was in the business of preparing teachers and in 1966 brought in two early childhood specialists; one from Berekley, California, and one from England. As a graduate student, I worked with these professors to plan an Early Childhood program with a Demonstration Kindergarten that could be used in conjunction with teachers preparing to work with young children.

Joining the Department of Elementary Education in 1968, I worked with Dr. Cutler to turn Ring House 3 into an age-appropriate learning environment for young children which opened in January 1969. Throughout my 30 year career at the U of A, I continued my involvement with the Child Study Centre as Director, advocate for the Kindergarten/Child Study Centre, and Professor in Early Childhood Education, working with undergraduate students as well as establishing highly respected Masters and PhD programs which attracted students from around the world.

Ring House 3 turned out to be an ideal setting for children moving from home into an organized learning environment for the first time, allowing them to feel safe as they gained confidence in exploring ideas, asking questions, making mistakes, creating works of art, valuing the richness of diversity while feeling secure and valued.

Families were delighted to see their children so engaged and happy in learning and over the years many of those first attendees enrolled their children, so they too could have this unique experience. In the forty years of operation, over 2000 families valued Ring House 3 as the ideal place to begin their child's educational journey.

During this time, university students electing to work with young children, observed and worked with staff at the Child Study Centre to gain first-hand experience in providing child-centered, play-based learning. In the words of one; "I believe spending time here set a tone for every student studying to become an early childhood teacher. It allowed me to grow strong enough to stand up for what I believed was important and shaped my work with children and their families.

Based on research and best practice this program became a lighthouse for school districts and teachers opening kindergarten programs. Once the Provincial Government established Early Childhood Services in 1973, teachers across the province visited the Child Study Centre and took courses to enable them to meet the learning needs of these youngsters that were now part of our education system.

At an Anniversary Celebration in 1995, hundreds of alumni; families, teachers and staff, came and spent the day at Ring House 3. There was much reminiscing on their experiences there and how it had impacted their lives. One spoke of how days spent in building structures in the block centre had led to their career as an architect, another credited how five-year-old debates had led to a career as a lawyer; another spoke of becoming a social worker after experiencing how diversity had been valued and celebrated. Parents shared how their children explored new ideas and became excited about life-long learning. Educators spoke of how their teaching had been impacted as they planned learning experiences based on their student's interests.

Ring House 3 continued as a Child Study Centre until 2010 and holds a long history for many as that “**special place**” at The University of Alberta that launched them into an exciting world of life-long learning.

In Windsor Park we are fortunate to live by such a vibrant, special place that has played an important role in shaping knowledge, people and practises in so many different fields. Let us keep some of the early historic buildings to remind us of how it all began, as well as being impressed by what it has grown to be as we move into a new century.

*Lorene Everett Turner, Professor Emeriti
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HOUSE CLEANING

Young entrepreneur Lyxa, has started her own cleaning business at 20 years old - saving her earnings for university. She has been highly recommended by several Windsor Park families - Lyxa Cleaning at 587 568-5636
or <https://ca.nextdoor.com/pages/lyxa-ihumure-edmonton-ab/recommendations/>

Congratulations Windsor Park!

Windsor Park's Blanc Double de Coubert rose bed was selected as August's "Shrub Bed of the Month" by the City's Partner-in-Parks (PIP) program! "Shrub Bed of the Month" is a city-wide award: this year there were almost 70 Partner-in-Parks locations throughout Edmonton. 2021 was Windsor Park's first year of affiliation with PIP.

Here's a clip from the article that appeared in the PIP newsletter, The Leaflet:

"This month's featured shrub bed comes from the hard-working Partners at Windsor Park! Having recently been made into a Historic Park, the rose beds at Windsor Park look wonderful, and showcase how the effort of a few dedicated Partners can really add beauty to the city!"

In addition to a photo of our *Blanc Double de Coubert* rose bed, the article included a photograph of the bed of daylilies in the Sunken Garden. According to the horticulturalists at the St. Albert Botanical Garden, *"the orange Hemerocallis fulva was known as the 'ditch lily' and can be found growing in many older neighbourhoods. The plant was freely shared when reliable plants were needed and 50 years later, they are still in their same locations."* They are also known as *Tiger Daylilies* and *Tawny Daylilies*.

PIP is currently accepting names on its *Volunteer Registration Waitlist*. If you might be interested in helping tend our beautiful historic park next season, use the following link to add your name to the *Volunteer Registration Waitlist* and you'll receive PIP updates and registration reminders in late May/early June 2022.

https://www.edmonton.ca/programs_services/landscaping_gardening/partner-in-parks

If you have questions or would like more information, please email Patsy Leake, who facilitates our participation in the PIP program (patricia.leake@gmail.com)



Photo ONE: 2021 Park Gardeners

Our 2021 Park Gardeners include *Maryanne Doherty, Steve Chihrin* and (pictured, left to right) *Patsy Leake, Carla Spinola, Linda Jamieson, Lucy Bleackley, Elaine Morrison, and Liz Miller.*

Photo TWO: Our *Blanc Double de Coubert* rose bed

Photo THREE: Our Tiger Daylily bed

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Although we are not set up for online ordering, I have been happy to bring items from my store to Windsor Park neighbours. Some people have been happy for me to make selections; others have specific requests. I usually bring the items with a receipt with subsequent payment by e-transfer, but I can also call you from the store for a credit card number which is not retained by the store. Cash works too. It's best to work via email, but phone calls are also fine. Contact me if this service would be helpful to you.

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NOW IS THE TIME TO PROTECT YOUR HOME FROM FLOODING!

Weather in Edmonton is unpredictable and summer storms can creep up on us very quickly. If you live in a neighbourhood that has experienced flooding or you have had your basement back up, then you know how quickly it can happen.

One way to protect your home from a sewer back up is to have a backwater valve installed. This valve is installed on the private sewer pipe and can be done from inside or outside of your home. The valve is designed to close if water moves back up the sewer pipe from the public sewer line preventing the water from entering your basement. It's a small investment that can make a big impact in your home.

Homes built in Edmonton before 1989 may not have a backwater valve on their private sewer line. At the time, it was not required by the building code to put one in. However, EPCOR has a subsidy program for homeowners who want to install a backwater valve and protect their basement.

The program offers \$800 to Edmonton homeowners and there are three things you need to do in order to access the subsidy.

1. Call the EPCOR Flood Prevention Team at 780-944-7777 to arrange for a backwater valve pre-approval consultation. After the consultation, the advisor will let you know if you are approved for the program. If you are, the installation of the backwater valve can proceed.
2. Contact a professional plumber to arrange for the installation of the backwater valve.
3. Submit the backwater valve subsidy application to EPCOR within six months of the consultation. You will be required to show proof of the installation and payment for the backwater valve. We will also require a copy/photo of the City of Edmonton Acceptable green sticker that includes the permit number for the installation.

Take action today to protect your basement and belongings. Call us at 780-944-7777 to book an appointment. You can access more information about the backwater valve subsidy on our website at epcor.com/floodprevention.



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THEFT IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

It was reported that a catalytic converter was stolen from a motorhome parked in front of a house on University Avenue in mid-July. The residents were prepping for a camping trip when it was stolen.

Please be on the lookout!

WINDSOR PARK POLE WALKING

You may notice Windsor Park residents walking about using poles. Walking is great exercise but using poles engages more of the upper body. It has been stated that walking with poles uses up to 80% of the body's muscles.

The Windsor Park Pole Walking group is now in its third year. The group has been walking in the warm months, May-September. However, this year with Covid-19 in our midst, the group has kept walking into the winter season.

There have been some adjustments. Rather than walking in the evenings, the group has moved to walking in the afternoons (Monday and Thursdays). With the arrival of ice and snow, attention is paid to footwear and clothing choices. The group is also drifting farther afield. Rather than just walking in Windsor Park, the group is exploring the river valley and other neighbourhoods. Most of the walkers now use masks. Social distancing is encouraged. Recent restrictions of no more than ten in a group outside will have the walkers dividing into smaller groups.

Spending more time out of doors this winter seems to be the norm. It is more Covid friendly but also the benefits of being in the sun have been noted. The Windsor Park Pole Walkers are benefiting by being physically active and also socially engaged.

For more information on the Windsor Park Pole Walking group, contact me.

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FANTASTIC TREES AND WHERE TO FIND THEM

A look at eleven of the many remarkable species that populate our campuses.

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Unlike in J.K. Rowling’s wizarding world, there are no Bowtruckles or Whomping Willows at the U of A — but we *do* have a collection of trees that Newt Scamander could be proud of. More than 80 species of trees and tall shrubs call North Campus home. Some are native, but many species hail from around the globe. Most we walk by every day, and all deserve a closer look.

Use the map below to find these special specimens around campus... and who knows? You might spot a Niffler nestling under those mugo pines.

Here are just some of the U of A’s fantastic trees, and where to find them:

1) **Amur Cork Tree**

Touch the bark next time you walk by — it *feels* like cork. This small tree is native to eastern Asia. Its shiny dark green leaves are aromatic and used in traditional Chinese medicine.

2) **Mugo Pine**

This low, creeping pine is native to high elevation sites in central Europe. In its native habitat, the pine’s low stature keeps it beneath the snow and protects the tree from harsh winter winds and blowing snow.

3) **Eastern White Cedar**

This slow-growing and long-lived species is found throughout eastern Canada. Some individual trees can reach 1000 years old. It is most abundant in wet areas, and our dry conditions in Edmonton make it difficult to maintain.

4) **Common Sea Buckthorn**

Native to Europe and the Middle East, this tall shrub has narrow leaves and is tolerant of dry and sandy sites. Its twigs are armed with long thorns, and the female plants grow orange berries.

5) **Butternut**

This tree belongs to the walnut genus. It bears fruit with a fleshy husk covering an edible nut — a delicacy among Edmonton’s squirrels. However, its branch tips often die during cold Edmonton winters.

6) **Scots Pine**

Native to northern Europe and Asia, this pine has distinctive orange bark. Given their broad range, Scots pines vary greatly in form — the genetic types on campus have long branches and irregular stems.

7) **Ginkgo**

Native to China, this “living fossil” may be more related to conifer trees than broad leaf species. The female trees produce edible fruit, and the species has few pests and diseases and is tolerant of pollution.

8) **Lodgepole Pine**

The lodgepole is Alberta’s provincial tree. The cones usually remain closed, awaiting a fire to melt the resin holding the cone scales shut. Lodgepoles usually have a straight narrow stem — hence their use as tipi poles — though many of the pines on campus are actually lodgepole and jack pine hybrid.

9) Sugar Maple

Canada's national tree is native to eastern North America, including the Maritime provinces. Sugar maples are tapped to make syrup, and the wood is uniform and valuable. The leaves turn deep yellow or red in autumn.

10) Dahurian Birch (Asian Black Birch)

Native to northern Korea, Japan, and China, this birch grows well on gravelly soils. It is grown for its distinctive bark that rolls off in sheets. There are only two on campus.

11) Siberian Larch

This larch is widespread in Asia. It has thick bark and soft foliage with needles that turn yellow in October — part of the iconic Green and Gold allure of campus in the fall.

Note: To view images of the eleven species of trees and for a map of where they are located on campus, see <https://www.ualberta.ca/the-quad/2019/07/fantastic-trees-and-where-to-find-them.html>

IN MEMORY OF BETTY LILGE

Edinboro Park is graced with a new Colorado spruce tree this spring in memory of Elizabeth (Betty) Anne Lilge. Betty moved to Edmonton when she was completing high school. She attended the University of Alberta then taught school until she married Walter (Ewald) Lilge. In 1949 Betty and Walter moved into their new home on Edinboro Road. Their home was known for the profusion of geraniums. Betty lived to be over 105 years. She was a stylish woman, intelligent, cheerful woman and a great bridge player. Betty was active in the Windsor Park Community League. We hope this tree will live and flourish as long as Betty did.





Alberta Health Services EMS would like to remind parents and students of some basic safety tips as the school year begins again this fall. Pedestrians and motorists both have an important role to play – road safety is a shared responsibility.

Motorists

- Distracted driving carries a \$300 fine and 3 demerit points in Alberta. Avoid the use of mobile devices or engaging in any other behavior that diverts your attention away from driving;
- Give right-of-way to pedestrians who have activated overhead crossing lights, or who are waiting to cross from a street corner;
- Other than parked cars, it is illegal to pass another vehicle in a school or playground zone during posted hours.

Around school buses

- Flashing amber lights mean a bus is slowing down to stop – motorists should do likewise;
- No matter which direction you are coming from, STOP when approaching a school bus with activated flashing red lights – unless the bus is on the opposite side of a divided highway from you;
- Driver courtesy goes a long way. By simply being alert and cautious when approaching a school bus, you are contributing to school bus safety.

Pedestrians

- Cross only at marked crosswalks, or street corners that have clear visibility from all directions;
- Make eye contact with all drivers before crossing the street, and keep distractions to a minimum;
- When activating overhead crossing lights, pause before stepping off the curb to ensure motorists in both directions have come to a complete stop;
- Stay within the crosswalk lines;
- Obey pedestrian lights at intersections. Cross the street only when you see the 'walk' sign and only when all cars have come to a complete stop;
- If you are with young children or pets, hold your child's hand firmly and keep a solid grip on leashes when crossing;
- Remember: children learn by observing. By demonstrating safe crossing habits, you can reduce the chances of your child being involved in a preventable auto/pedestrian collision.

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Newly designed and planted Windsor Park was highlighted by the Edmonton Journal, on September 7, 1956, under the headline **PARKS ADD BEAUTY**. *"The colors of summer flowers, planted by the city parks department in parks . . . add a beautifying trim to Edmonton . . . the galaxy of blooms in Windsor Park."* Taken 65 years ago and looking south and west from Windsor Road, the image captures Windsor Park's neat brick wall and concrete steps. The crisply delineated formal flower beds in the Sunken Garden are surrounded by informally landscaped beds of tiny shrubs and trees. The elm saplings in the foreground have matured into the colonnade of magnificent elms that borders our park today.

THE EDMONTON JOURNAL, FRIDAY, SEPT. 7, 1956

Bashaw Man Escapes Storm

BASHAW — Two local sportsmen, Gene Bell and Bob Whittenton, had a harrowing experience during a storm while fishing at Buffalo Lake recently.

The weather became very rough after they reached their destination near the J. Herdt farm in the Lake Herdt district, south of here. They decided to fish in terms as long as the water was rough and Mr. Whittenton stayed on shore while his companion set out in a motor boat.

Away from shore the motor faded and sail-like winds swept the craft and Mr. Bell into the middle of the lake. Quick action by Mr. Bell averted a possible serious mishap as he filled the auxiliary gas tank with water and used it, along with the regular motor, to steady the boat and slow its drifting.

He set about repairing the motor and after dismantling it, found that a part of a fishing line had become entangled in the drive shaft. With a pocket knife, his only tool, he made the repairs.

In the meantime, a farmer, noting the boat in distress, called the RCMP and Const. D. Pringle set out to give assistance. However, Mr. Bell got the motor going and reached shore just as the officer arrived with rescue equipment.

"It's A Tight Squeeze" But All Pupils Are In

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Although there is a shortage of junior high school teachers, a total of 363 new teachers were appointed this year to provide for needed additions to staff and to replace about 160 lost through retirement or who have moved away.

Of this year's total public school enrollment, 26,912 are in elementary schools, 7,548 in junior high school classes and 4,289 in senior high school.

Elementary schools accounted for about half of the increased public school enrollment this year, although figures bear out the school board's estimate of ever-increasing population in the junior and senior high schools.

Of the 2,983 increase in total enrollment, 1,571 is in elementary classes, 793 in junior high and 600 in senior high.

The city's biggest school still is Victoria Composite High with a total enrollment of close to 1,000.

The lack of rooms with an ever-increasing number of pupils is nothing new for the Edward Park School, one of the city's fastest-growing schools and at the moment, the elementary junior high school with the largest number of pupils.

When the present building was first constructed in 1949 it had eight rooms. In 1951, it was increased to 13 rooms and the following year the 12 rooms were pressed to the limit to handle 13 classes.

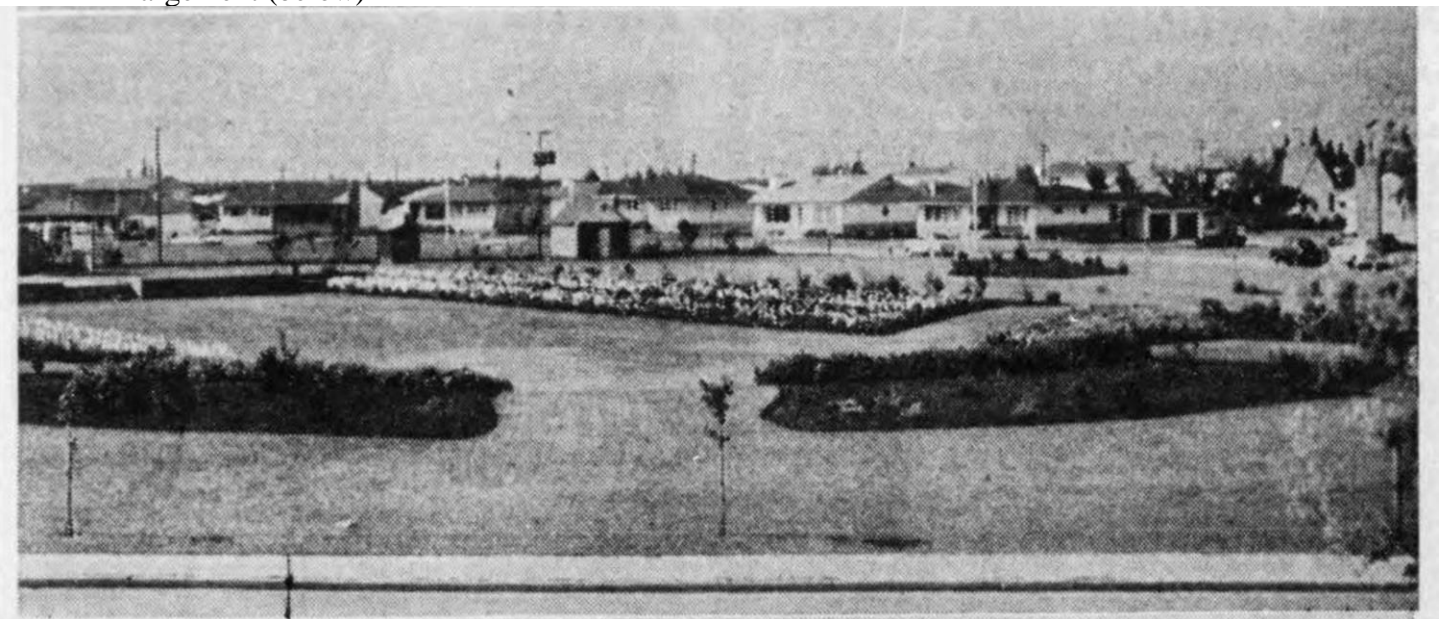
A 10-room addition was built the following year and two portable classrooms were added for the 1954-55 year. Four new sections were added this year as the number of classes taught jumped from 28 to 34.

Because of its particularly rapid growth and the fact that it is for the moment handling children who




PARKS ADD BEAUTY — The colors of summer flowers, planted by the city parks department in parks and street intersections, add a beautifying trim to Edmonton. About 40 of the smaller plots were planned this year for the first time while more than 60 others were made ready for the first planting next summer. Typical of the beautified street plots is the one in the top photo, on Ravine Drive in the Cnotoph Hill area. Below is the galaxy of blooms in Windsor Park, while the bottom photo is of the great flower beds and lawns at the Cnotoph, a familiar site for many years.

Enlargement (below)



**Windsor Park Abundant
Community Block Connector Map**
Updated July 19, 2021

Connector Legend for Areas:
 Vacant - - - - -
 Assigned —————



WINDSOR PARK ABUNDANT COMMUNITY BLOCK CONNECTORS (SEE MAP)

Block	Connector(s)
A	Margie Ritchie
B	Helen Lambert
C	Marilyn Steier (N/C), Jean Frost
D	Mona Rai
E	Elaine Morrison, Louanne Keenan
F	Victoria Sandhu, (seeking a buddy)
G	Janet Sperling
H	Vacant
I	Merrilyn Greig
J	Hillary Foster
K	Patricia Dolez, Mark Pepler, Ronnene Anderson
L (Bentley)	Vacant
M	Chuck Lee, Scott Meadows, Luca Vanzella, Marion Lamb
N	Rebecca Aronyk
O	Irene Hendersen
P	Sheryll Ford
Q	Lorene Turner
R	Penny Tucker (N/C), Trish Stringer, Graham Stringer, Kevin Cameron
S	Allison Russell, Michael Jacka, Kristi Williams

BLOCK E, AUG. 8/21 – ELAINE & LOUANNE HOSTED A LOVELY GARDEN GATHERING FOR THEIR BLOCK NEIGHBOURS ALONG 116 STREET



BLOCK Q, JULY 25, 2021 – LORENE INVITED NEIGHBOURS FROM 4 MONTHS TO 90 YEARS INTO HER 'ENCHANTED' GARDEN ON 120 STREET.



BLOCK S, JULY 11. 2021 – ALISON & TONY WELCOMED FOLKS TO THEIR YARD ON SASKATCHEWAN DRIVE TO VISIT AND RELAX



BLOCK J, JULY 8, 2021 – PARK PLAY TIME ON A HOT, SUNNY DAY. MANY NEW FRIENDSHIPS SPROUTED UP



BLOCK M, JULY 5, 2021 – IMPROMPTU PARK PARTY IN SOUTH WINDSOR PARK



BLOCK A, JUNE 30, 2021 – MARK & KRISTA WITH MARGIE OFFERED UP A COOL SPOT FOR NEIGHBOURS ON ONE OF THE HOTTEST SUMMER NIGHTS



BLOCK C, JUNE 24, 2021 – A BIG WELCOME PARTY FOR NEW BLOCK NEIGHBOURS ON EDINBORO ROAD



BLOCK N, JUNE 23, 2021 – ‘POP UP’ FRONT LAWN SOCIAL. OLD FRIENDS REUNITED AND NEW ONES WELCOMED

