



# WELCOME TO THE WINDSOR PARK PRESS

SPRING 2024

## NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Living in Windsor Park has many advantages - proximity to the UofA and hospital are both RIGHT up there for many of us. With the addition of the family owned and run **Off Campus** and (soon to open) **Square One Coffee** on the corner of 87th Ave & 117St, things are definitely looking up in terms of walkable options for grabbing a cuppa & convo with neighbours. And... did someone say 'Spraypad'? Yes, they did! Read on!

If you have a story to share in the next issue of The Press (Summer), we'd love to hear from you!

*Kyrstie Green*

## SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY ...

1. Join your community league
2. Be informed of and provide input on local issues
3. Attend/ help at a community event
4. Share your WP stories and memories with us
5. Donate to the Windsor Park Community League Building Fund

## A TIDBIT OF WINDSOR PARK HISTORY

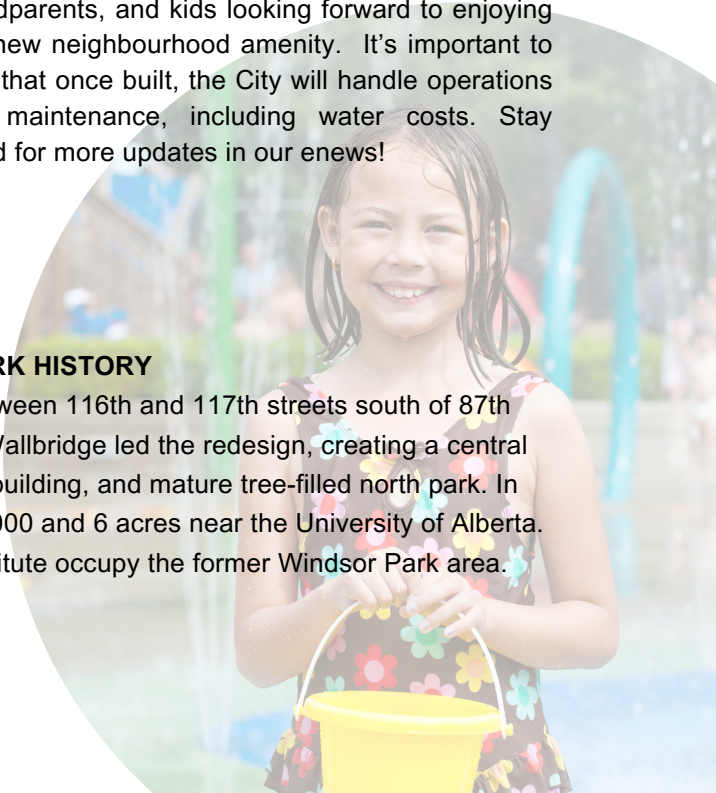
In 1948, Windsor Park was re-subdivided, with the area between 116th and 117th streets south of 87th Avenue designated for multi-family housing. Architect Jean Wallbridge led the redesign, creating a central park that includes a school, playground, community league building, and mature tree-filled north park. In 1952, the City swapped 9 acres of Windsor Park land for \$15,000 and 6 acres near the University of Alberta. Today, Braithewaite Park and part of the Cross Cancer Institute occupy the former Windsor Park area.

## Exciting News for Windsor Park Playground

Thanks to a provincial grant received in December, the long-awaited spray pad in our playground is moving forward.

At a recent Special Meeting on February 20, enthusiastic neighbourhood residents overwhelmingly voted in favour of the Special Resolution, allowing the league to proceed with the project. The project, located between the playground, the gazebo, and the 119th St fence, is now ready to go to tender. The design will include spray elements, non-slip rocks, benches, and landscaping. Community members will have the chance to preview the design once the bids are in.

Construction is anticipated to start this summer, hopefully in June, with eager parents, grandparents, and kids looking forward to enjoying this new neighbourhood amenity. It's important to note that once built, the City will handle operations and maintenance, including water costs. Stay tuned for more updates in our enews!



**The Windsor Park Press** is a quarterly community newsletter covering news, events, programs, schools, businesses, and residents within the Windsor Park area.

Published by WPCL, it is distributed to all single dwelling homes in the Windsor Park community and available in local businesses, organizations, and online at [www.windsor-park.ca](http://www.windsor-park.ca).

We welcome content submissions from our community and residents. Whether it's an article, good news story, well wishes, or celebrations you'd like us to highlight, please contact: [thepress@windsor-park.ca](mailto:thepress@windsor-park.ca).

### **What is a Community League?**

A Community League is a local democratic institution formed to organize ordinary citizens, businesses, schools, religious groups and other stakeholders in a neighbourhood to participate in decisions that affect them. We are an independent, volunteer run not-for-profit organization that:

- Is open to anyone in the neighbourhood
- Holds League board elections in the neighbourhood
- Brings people together to talk about matters that affect them
- Champions local place-making and public projects
- Lobbies local and provincial governments on behalf of the neighbourhood
- Provides social and recreation programs to the community

WPCL executive board meetings are held every 3rd Tuesday of the month (other than July, Aug and Dec) and our AGM is held in Oct.

This quarterly newsletter is published within Treaty 6 Territory and the Métis homelands and Métis Nation of Alberta Region 4. We acknowledge this land as the traditional territories of many First Nations such as the Nêhiyaw (Cree), Denesuliné (Dené), Nakota Sioux (Stoney), Anishinaabe (Saulteaux) and Niitsitapi (Blackfoot).

### **THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

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Windsor Park Community League thrives on the dedication of volunteers like you. Your support, whether for a single afternoon or the long-term, makes a meaningful difference in our community. **We warmly welcome you to join us in our endeavours.**

**We're always looking for people to help at our special events and regular programs.**

**Interested? Get in touch!**

Contact: [info@windsor-park.ca](mailto:info@windsor-park.ca)

### **VOLUNTEER SHOUTOUT**

This month's BIG shout out to our trusty team of RINK VOLUNTEERS who are doing an incredible job of keeping the ice 'skate-ready' this winter. **THANK YOU!!**

# JOIN THE LEAGUE

## *Simplified Membership Access for Windsor Park Residents*

Windsor Park residents, including seniors and those who prefer traditional methods, now have an easier way to join or renew their community league memberships. Thanks to the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues' new citywide system, signing up is straightforward! Visit: [efcl.org/membership](http://efcl.org/membership) purchase, select Windsor Park from the list, choose your membership type, and follow the prompts. With automatic renewal reminders, staying engaged has never been simpler. **While seniors enjoy complimentary memberships, annual registration ensures everyone remains active in our community.** Explore family-friendly events, fun and engaging adult social gatherings each month, fostering lasting connections.

For those who prefer in-person assistance, Marilyn Gaa, our Membership Director, provides traditional membership materials at community events. Contact her at [mgaa@windsor-park.ca](mailto:mgaa@windsor-park.ca) or 780-432-7660 for assistance or alternative registration options.

*Join us in shaping our community's future with hassle-free membership access!*

# \$ RENT OUR HALL \$

*The perfect venue for your next family or office gathering.*

Looking for a space to hold your next family birthday celebration, meeting or office get-together? **Consider supporting your community and hosting your event at Windsor Park Community Hall!** If you are looking for a home for your **regular meeting or class**, the WP Community Hall could be the perfect venue.

Hall Rental Costs	Non resident		Windsor Park Resident	
	Weekdays	Weekends	Weekdays	Weekends
Half Day	\$125	\$200	\$75	\$100
Full Day	\$200	\$400	\$100	\$200
Damage Deposit	\$300	\$400	\$200	\$300

Visit [windsor-park.ca](http://windsor-park.ca) for more information or contact [hallrental@windsor-park.ca](mailto:hallrental@windsor-park.ca) to book your next function.

# Community Matters

## JOIN PARTNERS IN PARK

### Greening Windsor Park Together

Love gardening and meeting neighbours? Join **Partners In Park (PIP)** volunteers at North Park, north of Windsor Park School. For three years, residents have enhanced routine maintenance, making it a recognized historic resource. PIP volunteers gather May to September for weeding, watering, mulching, and more. For more information contact:

partnersinparks@edmonton.ca

or connect with Windsor Park PIP volunteers:

Patsy: patricia.leake@gmail.com

Carla: spinola@shaw.ca

*PIP beautifies local green spaces, offering community service, gardening skills, and safe, active participation. Join us in nurturing our community's green heart!*

## COFFEE WITH MICHAEL JANZ

On 24th Feb, our League Vice President met with Cllr Janz to talk about issues related to parking, traffic, sustainability, development and other community concerns from neighbours in the Windsor Park neighbourhood. Important points covered included parking and traffic challenges near the UofA campus, the city's growth and sustainable transportation goals, issues around green building standards and climate change policies being restricted by provincial regulations, the Hawrelak steps, mosquito control and homelessness in our City. For the full interview go to [www.windsor-park.ca](http://www.windsor-park.ca).

## LOOKING FOR A GREAT WAY TO MAKE YOUR BUSINESS KNOWN LOCALLY?

PLACE YOUR ADVERT IN YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Ads can be submitted to: [newsletter@windsor-park.ca](mailto:newsletter@windsor-park.ca). Rates per issue.

### File Types & Resolution

We accept ads in PDF, JPG, PNG and TIF formats – min 200 dpi at 100% (full-size). 50% discount for WPCL members

CARD SIZE	1/4 PAGE	1/2 PAGE
8.5 x 6cm	8.5cm x 12cm	18cm x 12cm
\$50	\$80	\$100

## THE NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOUR

If you simply want to find work mowing someone's lawn, babysitting or selling your crafts for a bit of extra cash, **The Next Door Neighbour** section of the Windsor Park Press is for you. As long as you are a Windsor Park community league member, you can have a 30(ish) word ad FOR FREE. Contact [thepress@windsor-park.ca](mailto:thepress@windsor-park.ca) to submit your ad to be included in the next edition of the Press.

## FOR SALE

*Beautiful, mid-century modern style sofa, barely used (1yr old). Canadian Brand: Kavuus. Model: Lucia. Color: Ivory (or light grey-ish). Hardwood construction, sag-free springs. 3 comfortable luxury-grade foam seat cushions, upgraded with non-toxic latex fill. Seat & back cushions removable. Dim: 84"W x 35"D (seating 24") x 28"H. Paid \$4,350 incl. shipping. Price: \$2,100 Contact: [life.dance@telus.net](mailto:life.dance@telus.net) or 780-970-8418*

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## Civics, Planning and Park Progress

City Council's Urban Planning Committee (UPC) deliberated over revised district policies and plans, sparking community concern regarding the removal of clear boundaries on nodes and corridors. This move potentially allows for boundary expansions and rezoning implications, prompting residents to engage with City Council and express their apprehensions.

The District Planning Team is diligently revising planning documents based on fall feedback, slated for presentation at a Public Hearing in May. Proposed amendments to the Zoning Bylaw have been circulated for review, prompting Windsor Park Community League to scrutinize the changes to ensure they align with neighbourhood interests and values.

The league pledges to inform residents of any amendments that could impact the community negatively. These proposed amendments are scheduled to be considered at the April 22 City Council public hearing.

Simultaneously, progress continues on the **North Park Enhancements Project**, aiming to rejuvenate the park's features and historical elements. The project includes repairing the retaining wall, introducing a labyrinth, native flowering plants, enhancing accessibility, and upgrading amenities.

Preliminary cost estimates have been formulated, and funding sources identified, in accordance with the City's Neighbourhood Park Development Program (NPDP) process. The league, in collaboration with the City, is advancing Part 2 of the Business Case, which is currently under review by relevant city departments.

Upon approval, the league will proceed with applying for **Municipal Historic Resource Designation** for the park, with the project anticipated to go to tender in 2025. Additionally, the labeling of unique mature trees in the park, completed in 2022, complements the park's heritage restoration efforts.

The project aligns with heritage restoration funding initiatives, underscoring the commitment to preserving historical and natural assets within the community.

For a comprehensive understanding of these developments, contact Elaine, our Park Enhancement Committee Chair: [esolez@windsor-park.ca](mailto:esolez@windsor-park.ca).

### **SUPPORT WINDSOR PARK COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS**

Donate to "The Windsor Park Community League Building Fund". As a charitable organization, we can issue official donation receipts that qualify for charitable tax credits. For more information, contact: [info@windsor-park.ca](mailto:info@windsor-park.ca).

# Winter Wonders - Celebrating Community in Windsor Park

Winter brought a whirlwind of excitement to Windsor Park! From bustling fundraisers to engaging youth programs, our community was abuzz with activity. Here's a snapshot of the highlights from this season...

## **\*\*Firepit Fridays Spark Joy:\*\***

Our newest tradition, Firepit Fridays, has become a neighborhood favorite. Grab your skates and a hot drink for some spirited shinny. Suggestions for a 'tuck shop' are welcome!

## **\*\*Winterfest Debut:\*\***

January marked the debut of Winterfest in Windsor Park! From marshmallows by the firepit to Counsellor Michael Janz's surprise appearance, it was a cozy affair. Stay tuned for even bigger and better festivities next year!

## **\*\*Lunar New Year Extravaganza:\*\***

Following the success of our Diwali celebration, we ushered in the Year of the Dragon with a vibrant Lunar New Year event on Feb 18th. The turnout spoke volumes about our community's embrace of multicultural festivities.

## **\*\*EDO Talk Program Hits Home Run:\*\***

On Feb 13th, Ross Mitchell captivated a full house with his talk on "Artificial Intelligence for Precision Health." Mitchell, a trailblazer in AI and healthcare, unveiled how technologies like ChatGPT are revolutionizing medical research and patient care.

We owe the success of these programs and events to the unwavering support of our community. From grants writing to sponsorships, help at events and by simply being supportive, each contribution enriches our community fabric. Thank you for helping us create a stronger, more vibrant Windsor Park!

## **SENIORS, SPRING INTO FITNESS**

Join the Windsor Park's **Urban Pole-Walking Group** Mondays and Thursdays from 1-3 pm. or try **Zumba Gold & Strength/Balance** at the hall on Wednesdays at 1:30 pm.

No experience needed—just bring yourself and your enthusiasm.

Sheela and Bonnie will be there to guide you through. Instructors are paid by donation.  
sheela@writeonscience.com  
bonniemausten@gmail.com

## **GOT AN IDEA FOR A PROGRAM IN THE LEAGUE?**

WPCL is always looking to help our neighbours connect with others with similar interests and passions.

Got an idea for a community program?  
Be it **BRIDGE** or **KNITTING** or **BOOKS** or **LEGO** or **NERF WARS** or **DUNGEONS & DRAGONS** or **MOVIES** or **LINE DANCING** or **STAIR CLIMBING** or **CARD MAKING...**

we'd love to help you get your ideas

**UP AND RUNNING!**

Email: [info@windsor-park.ca](mailto:info@windsor-park.ca)

## Celebrating “An Early Spring” in Windsor Park Community Hall

“An Early Spring” by Wilfred Kozub is a captivating painting adorning the walls of Windsor Park Community Hall, that encapsulates the essence of nature’s beauty and the artist’s profound connection to it.

Inspired by memories of prairie towns and the graceful flight of swallows, the artist crafted a piece that speaks to the heart of those who appreciate the wonders of the natural world. In 2003, then-community league president Edo Nyland approached the artist with the idea of commissioning a significant work for the community hall. Honoured by the gesture, the artist poured their love for swallows and Mountain Ash berries into the painting, creating a subtle commentary on nature’s response to climate change. The painting became a cherished addition to the community, evoking a sense of joy and tranquility for visitors and residents alike. While the painting symbolizes the vitality of nature and the changing seasons, its significance extends beyond its artistic beauty. Recently, a Windsor Park resident shared how seeing the painting in the community hall uplifted his spirits during a mundane meeting. His connection to the painting led him to attend the artist’s art show and music release, where he found inspiration and joy in the artist’s creations.

“An Early Spring” invites viewers to appreciate the lushness of Mountain Ash berries and the graceful flight of swallows against an open sky. Yet, it also prompts reflection on the subtle changes occurring in our natural world. From the choice of Swallows to the symbolism of an early spring, the painting invites contemplation and appreciation for the wonders of nature.

As we celebrate the presence of “An Early Spring” in our community hall, let us remember the artist’s intention—to evoke a sense of wonder and connection to the world around us.

For the full interview, visit our community news online at [windsor-park.ca](http://windsor-park.ca). Let “An Early Spring” inspire us to cherish the beauty of nature and find joy in the simple moments of life.

*Wilfred has been a Windsor Park resident for over 40 years. He is a retired music teacher (High School & post secondary) and is still very active in the world of music and art. Thank you , Wilfred for taking the time to talk to the Windsor Park Press!*

### **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION for WINDSOR PARK SCHOOL**

Do you have a child who is or will be **five years of age on or before December 31, 2024**? If so, you may register them in Kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year. Registration opened on February 1, 2024 and will close on March 22, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. **Parents are encouraged to register online as soon as possible.** Learn more about the Kindergarten registration process and important dates and deadlines at [www.epsb.ca](http://www.epsb.ca).

# Celebrating a Century: Melanie Biro turns 100!

Melanie Biro, a beloved Windsor Park resident, marks her 100th birthday this year, embodying a century of cherished memories and remarkable experiences.

Born in Slovakia in 1924, Melanie's journey to Canada in 1929 epitomizes resilience and adventure. Her roots in Edmonton run deep, from her schooling at Sacred Heart and Norwood to her university days at the University of Alberta.

Windsor Park holds a special place in Melanie's heart. Her family purchased a lot in the burgeoning neighbourhood in 1949, crafting a home where she raised her own family. Melanie's career as an educator spanned over three decades, touching the lives of students across Alberta.

Her passion for teaching extended beyond classrooms into various cultural and artistic endeavours, including the Edmonton Potters Guild and the Hungarian Cultural Society. Melanie's retirement brought forth a new chapter of exploration and service. From traversing Canada's landscapes to leading students to Expo '67 in Montreal, her adventures enriched her life and those around her. Her volunteer work ranged from teaching French to seniors to promoting ESL education in Slovakia after the fall of the Iron Curtain.

Beyond her diverse hobbies and community involvement, Melanie's zest for life remains undiminished. With her iPad as a gateway to the world, she stays connected to family across continents, enriching her days with online discoveries and lively games of Yahtzee and Wordle.

As Melanie celebrates this milestone, her family invites the community to join in honouring her legacy of wisdom, kindness, and boundless curiosity.

*For the full version of Melanie's story, and more on her incredible journey, visit [www.windsor-park.ca/news](http://www.windsor-park.ca/news). Cheers to Melanie Biro, a true inspiration to Windsor Park and beyond!*

## COMMONWEALTH LAWN BOWLING CLUB - OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, May 11, 2024 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

11420-139 Street NW, Edmonton

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

**The day before Mother's Day so bring your mother to play!** Or your whole family. A sport for ages 9 to 90! Come check out this outdoor activity and lovely facility with three bowling greens, croquet green, club house, patio, & bar! Annual adult membership is \$150.00, including instruction, equipment, and games - mornings, evenings, and Sunday afternoons. Youth membership is \$50.00 for play at all the city bowling clubs. Wear comfortable clothes and heelless shoes.



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Community League**  
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### 3yr old class

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### 4 yr old class

Mondays, Wednesdays &  
Fridays 8:45am - 11:45am

## OPEN HOUSES

#1: March 13th

#2: May 8th

5:30PM - 7:00PM





*Colour me in beautifully, photograph and email to [thepress@windsor-park.ca](mailto:thepress@windsor-park.ca) before May 31st, 2024 and watch in the enews for your submission. We respect your privacy and only first names will be shared. No identifying details will be shared. Have fun!*

**Like a Laugh? Read on....**

Q: What do you call a bear caught in a spring shower?

A: A drizzly bear

Q: What do you call a well-dressed lion?

A: A dandy lion