

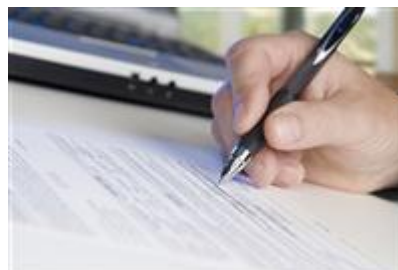
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Community League Operating Grant - Deadline June 30, 2014



The Community League Operating Grant provides funding assistance to community leagues in the City of Edmonton to help offset expenses incurred from providing programs and events, services and facilities to community residents.

Important Changes to 2014 Community League Operating Grant

The new deadline is Monday June 30, 2014.

Applications will be accepted between March 3 and June 30, 2014. Community Leagues submitting their applications after this deadline may not receive funding for 2014.

(Photo: <http://cms.leica-geosystems.us/wp/psg/files/2014/01/grant-application.jpg>) >> [Click Here for the Application and Additional Information](#)

What is The Park Bench?

Each month you will find information from the Neighbourhood, Parks and Community Recreation Branch for a variety of **recreational programs and events, parks/green space initiatives, and social services** available across the City of Edmonton. In addition, you will find district specific information for NE (including Downtown), NW, SE and SW areas of the City at the bottom of each newsletter.

Subscribe Now!

The Park Bench is available in all four areas of the City. You can subscribe to the most appropriate version for you or your organization. You can also subscribe to more than one.

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What is Responsible Pet Ownership?

Responsible pet owners not only look after their pet's health and wellness, they also make sure their pet is a positive addition to the community.

>> [Click Here for More Details and Link to Learn Even More](#)



Community Training Opportunities

Do you want to add fun activities to your outdoor special event?

Take advantage of this free, unique Community Volunteer training opportunity!

Learn how to lead outdoor activities for your next community event.

>> [Click Here for Registration Information](#)

Free Skateboarding Workshops

The City of Edmonton is offering free skateboarding workshops throughout the summer.

>> [Click Here for a Calendar of Events](#)

Contact Us!

Neighbourhoods, Parks and Community Recreation Locations Across Edmonton

Northeast & Downtown
Kennedale Site
12830 58 St NW
780-442-4972

Northwest
Parks and Community Services (PACS)
780-442-4848

Jasper Place
780-442-4974

Southeast & Southwest
Mill Creek Site
221 Bonnie Doon Shopping Centre
8300 82 Ave NW
780-442-4846

Mill Woods Site
#110 - 6203 28 Ave NW
780-442-4847

Parks Southeast Maintenance Yard
9120 37 Ave NW
780-496-1476

Assessment & Short Term Counselling

To speak privately with a professional social worker, please call 780-496-4777 Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 12:00pm and 1:00 to 4:30pm

[Click for More Information](#)



City of Edmonton Assessment & Short Term Counselling offers groups to support the women in our City. These groups include: Making Connections, Financial Literacy Success and Women's Drop-In Groups.

[Click Here for More Information](#)

Connecting to Play Conference

Various local organizations are hosting an Out of School Time Conference entitled "Connecting to Play" on Saturday, June 14, 2014. It focuses on informative and practical sessions to inspire and build capacity for your summer programming

>> [Click Here for More Information](#)



FEST at the Creative Age Festival

The Creative Age Edmonton Committee is pleased to announce FEST, The Festival of Edmonton Seniors Theatre taking place from June 5-8, 2014 at the Timm's Centre on the University of Alberta Campus.



>> [Click Here for More Information](#)

New Anti-Spam Law Coming Soon

It's time for community groups to start preparing for Canada's New Anti-Spam Law. **The Park Bench** will be sending out an additional email this month to all subscribers seeking your consent to continue sending our newsletter to you.



>> [Click Here for More Information](#)

Big Bin Events

Spring Cleaning is in full swing! The City of Edmonton is hosting Big Bin Events for household items that can't be set out for regular waste collection. Twelve weekend events will be held in various locations throughout the City.



>> [Click Here for More Information and Locations](#)

Did You Know?



Make new friends, learn new skills and have a blast at City of Edmonton daycamps! There are daycamps to suit anyone from age 3 ½ to 17.

Explore the river valley, try a new sport, discover your creative side or experience life as a pioneer.

[Click Here to See the Guides](#)

Important Dates to Remember

June 2-8 - Alberta's Seniors' Week

June 15 - Fathers' Day

June 18 - International Picnic Day

June 24 - St. John the Baptist Day

June 30 - Final day to submit your Community League Operating Grant application

Don't forget to check out the Edmonton Events calendar for the latest information on activities happening around the City of Edmonton.

[Events Calendar](#)

Don't Forget to Nominate Those Great Front Yards!

There's still time to get involved with Front Yards in Bloom. This program is all about recognizing neighbours' efforts to beautify their communities. Consider nominating their yards for a Front Yards in Bloom Award today!



>> [Click Here for More Information](#)

What is Naturalization?

Naturalization is an alternative landscape management technique. Natural processes of growth and change are less restricted and the landscape is allowed to become more natural by planting trees and shrubs that are found naturally in Alberta.

Planting native trees and shrubs provide economic, environmental, and quality of life benefits.



>> [Click Here for More Information](#)

Family Nature Nights

Learn about aquatic insects, birds, urban coyotes or the habit we share with them right here in Edmonton's green spaces. Join local nature enthusiasts and deepen the connection between your family and our beautiful, complex planet.



>> [Click Here for More Information](#)

Upcoming 50+ Bike Tour

The 50+ Walterdale Bike Tour promises a leisurely and informative tour of the Walterdale area in Edmonton's beautiful river valley. Bikes and helmets are provided and the group will meet in Kinsmen Park.



>> [Click Here for Registration Information](#)

Seasonal Reminders



Street Sweeping has begun on neighbourhood streets. You can visit edmonton.ca to find out when your street will be cleaned.

[Click Here to Search Your Address](#)

Summer Program Registration Now Open!



Your 2014 Community Summer Programs Guide is available online and registration is now open. The guide was also distributed to all elementary schools and available at your local City of Edmonton Leisures Centre. You can find the guide and other City of Edmonton programs at the link below.

Needing a Low Cost alternative? Call 311 and ask to speak with your local Community Recreation Coordinator for more details.

edmonton.ca/daycamps

Walterdale Bridge - Pedestrian Trail Detour

The Trail Closures for Walterdale Bridge Construction started May 1, prior to the May 5th Walterdale Hill road closure. Pedestrian detour signage, fencing, and detour pathways are in place. Further information and trail detour map is available at: www.edmonton.ca/walterdalebridge. We apologize for the delays the closure will cause; the Walterdale Bridge team hopes to complete the work as fast as possible.



River Access Strategy Survey

This survey asks people about use of the river for recreation - like boating, and use of the water. Results from the survey will help to inform the strategy.



The survey and further information about the River Access Strategy project is available on their website.

(Photo: <http://www.rivervalley.ab.ca/news/the-mini-amazon>)

>> [Click Here for the Survey Link](#)

Leaders In Training - Get the Leading Edge!

Find out more about this exciting youth volunteer opportunity.

>> edmonton.ca/youth



2014 Community Summer Programs and Drop-In Programs Guide



The Drop-in Programs and Water Features guide will feature the locations and hours of all the great playgrounds and spray decks you can visit this summer to have fun & stay cool. This guide will be available in June.

[Click Here for the Brochure](#)

Flying Eagle



The Flying Eagle schedule is available on the COE website at www.edmonton.ca/flyingeagle.

Grizzly Bear Lodge Playground Grand Opening Celebration

You're invited to celebrate in the Grand Opening of the Grizzly Bear Lodge Playground, sponsored by Kinsmen Club of Edmonton and the City of Edmonton.

**Where: Kinsmen Park, 9100 Walterdale Hill
Walterdale Hill (adjacent to Kinsmen Sport Centre)**
Date: Wednesday, June 18, 2014
Time: 11:00 am - 4:00 pm (ribbon cutting at 1:30)

All welcome to join in the following free activities!

- new Grizzly Bear Lodge playground
- splash in Kinsmen Spray Park
- fun games & crafts provided by the City of Edmonton Green Shack leaders
- bouncy castles
- a healthy snack for each child courtesy of Moo's Healthy Food Fast

>> [Click Here for the Poster](#)



The Reuse Centre is Moving

Our current location at 10004-103A Avenue will be closed after May 31, 2014.

Our New Address is 6835-83 street



June 10-28: Accepting DONATIONS ONLY

July 2: STORE OPENING

The Reuse Centre is a fun and easy way to donate your reusable items AND save money. For more information and a list of our acceptable items, please visit

>> [Click Here for More Information](#)

Assessment and Short Term Counselling is Available

Through Assessment and Short term Counselling with the City of Edmonton, you can speak privately with a social worker to address challenges and learn about unique social and recreational opportunities in your city. This month is focused on supports available to men.



>> [Click Here for Information and an Article from Their Office](#)

Volunteer Training Opportunities

Volunteer Edmonton's roster of professional development opportunities for June includes: Writing Effective Newsletters on June 3, Grant Writing Essentials on June 5 and Understanding and Supporting Boards on June 17.



Check out their website for more information on these sessions.

(Photo: <http://www.girlscoutsofwesternohio.org/Top%20Image%20Pictures/VolunteerTraining.jpg>)

>> [Click Here for More Information](#)

25 Tips for Making Your Neighbourhood Better

The neighbourhood is the basic building block of human civilization, whether in a big city, small town or suburban community. It's also the place where you can have the most influence in making a better world. Learn 25 ways for making your neighbourhood a better place.



>> [Click Here to Learn More](#)

2014 Pest Management Programs - Public Notice



The City of Edmonton's weed and pest management programs will begin April 7 (weather depending) and will run until the end of October.

>> [Click Here for More Information](#)

District Information

Where is Your Favourite Place to Enjoy Nature?

Please submit a photo of your favourite place in the Northwest District as well as 2-3 sentences about why it is your favourite space for your chance to win a prize.



Submissions could include gardens, walking trails, park spaces, etc.

Please send your submissions to westrsvp@edmonton.ca by August 8, 2014.

*Photo of Rio Terrace Community Gardens