



Woodcroft Community League Quarterly Newsletter Spring 2010

Promoting a safe & active neighbourhood
www.woodcroftcl.org

FREE EASTER EGG HUNT & MORE

April 3, 2010 9:30 am – 12:30 pm
Woodcroft Hall

Come join us for a morning of Easter fun. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt, craft activities and snacks. The Easter Bunny will need to know how many eggs to leave, so be sure to confirm your attendance by adding your name to the sign-up sheet at the hall or contact Linda Thiessen 780-452-4460.

WOODCROFT COMMUNITY LEAGUE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

The Board meets every 3rd Thursday of every month from 7-9pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and check out what is happening in our community. The next meeting starts on March 18. Join us for the April 15 and May 20 meetings too!



WOODCROFT MOMS' GROUP

Every Wednesday 10:00 am – noon

Come and join local moms and other caregivers for fun filled activities, a cup of tea and a good chat. The hall provides plenty of room to run and plenty of toys to share. If anyone would like to contribute to the toy collection, please drop off your donation while checking out this active group.

President's Message

We had an awesome turnout for our first Movie Night in Woodcroft and so because of the great response, our Social Committee is going to be scheduling more of them. Other programs that have been well attended are Sportball, Friday night skating parties and the Olympic Spirit Program. Our Moms' Group also is being well received by our residents. Keep an eye out for information about the Easter Egg Hunt and other social activities in this newsletter.

As you may have heard through the media, Woodcroft has been chosen as one of 6 communities that will pilot a lower residential speed limit from May to October this year. Seventy one percent of the residents of Woodcroft stated that they favoured a lower residential speed limit in our 2008 Quality of Life Survey conducted by Banister Research. Hopefully the lower residential speed limit will reduce the increasing number of speeding vehicles using our community as a short cut. Many other neighbourhoods in Edmonton are suffering from the same issue and so it is hoped that lowering the speed limit will encourage hasty drivers to stay on the arterials, making our communities safer for pedestrians. Many cities are either considering or choosing a 40 km/hr residential speed limit – Montreal, Ottawa and Calgary that I know of. The research is getting out there: if a pedestrian is hit by a vehicle travelling 50 km/hr they have a 100% chance of death. If they are hit at 40 km/hr they have a 30% chance of death; at 30 km/hr they have a 100% chance of survival. Please keep these facts in mind when you choose to go over the new residential speed limit.

Many parents and community members turned out to attend the meeting on the potential closure of St. Mark School on Feb. 9th. It is with great relief that I learned that the Catholic School Trustees are giving St. Mark a one year reprieve from closure so that they can work with the parents and the community to find ways of attracting more children to attend St. Mark. I must take this opportunity to thank Reg Appleyard, Executive Director of the Brentwood Homes for making a new policy that gives priority to families with young children. Our Ward 2 Trustee Becky Kallal told me that many of the new students attending St. Pius X Elementary School this year come from the Brentwood Homes. Because of the higher enrolment in St. Pius, the Trustees see that this could bode well for St. Mark's enrolment. Now with the 29 unit walk up about to be built for single parent families, there is even more hope for our local schools. If you would like to help on the committee to rejuvenate St. Mark, call me at 454-8680 and I will put you in touch with the organizer.

Patricia Grell

SAVE THE DATE!

Keep Sat. May 29th open for our Community Safety Fair being held at the community hall 13915-115 Ave. There will be a bike rodeo, fire trucks, police cars and hopefully even Air One available for the kids to check out. Watch our website @ www.woodcroftcl.org for all the details.



EPS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER ON-LINE !!

Access all law enforcement related activities through our Edmonton Police Service Community Newsletter. It's on-line and easy to use. To subscribe to your EPS Community Newsletter follow these directions;

1. Log on to www.edmontonpolice.ca;
2. Select the "Community Policing" tab located at the top of the page;
3. Select "In your Community" (located on left side of page);
4. Select "West Division" (located on left side of page);
5. Scroll down to the bottom and select "West Division – District A2";
6. Scroll down to the EPS Community Newsletter heading and select "Subscribe". Follow the directions.

These Newsletters should be updated quarterly but will be updated sooner if there is important information that needs to be sent out to you. In addition to the newsletter, there is also an "Alert" section. This will allow us to get information related to crimes in your area more efficiently and keep you up to date as things happen. Please remember to report all crimes to police. WE cannot help you or address your concerns if we don't know about the incident. Be observant in your neighborhood and report suspicious activity.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Cst. Tricia GAGNE
West Division District 2
Community Liaison
(780) 426-8090

WOODCROFT COMMUNITY PLAYSCHOOL

If you didn't get you application in during the annual Woodcroft Resident Early Bird Registration, it's not too late to apply for your spot! Our fully-licensed, non-profit playschool is parent operated and is offered from September to May for children 3-4 years.

For more information, please call 780-452-9964

FREE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT IN WOODCROFT



Saturday, April 24, 2010, 6:00 pm
Woodcroft Hall 13915-115 Ave

Come in your pajamas and join the fun! Bring your favourite blanket and enjoy free popcorn, juice and entertainment with your entire family. The movie starts at 6:15pm. If you have any questions, contact Cindy @780-488-6943

Mary MacDonald



**Federal Liberal Candidate
for Edmonton Centre**

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FREE GRANT MACEWAN SWIM

Every Sunday from 2-5pm

All Woodcroft residents with a current 2009-2010 Community League Membership are invited to swim at the Grant MacEwan pool located at 10700-104 Ave every Sunday.

Contact Mark Tofsrud @ 780-497-7728 for your new membership.





Institute for Innovation in Second Language Education

A Taste of Spain... in your own home!

Host a Spanish teacher while they attend professional classes at
The Languages Centre at Woodcroft.

When: For 4 weeks this July (exact dates to be confirmed)

Itinerary: Teachers attend classes during the week

Evenings and weekends are spent with host families

Friendly host families:

- ✓ use English as the everyday language of the home
- ✓ provide a clean home, healthy meals and a private bedroom
- ✓ live within walking distance or a 30 minute bus ride to classes

Other details:

- Potential host families fill out an application form and provide references
- Teachers have bus passes and their own spending money for outings
- Lunches are provided on class days
- Families receive a modest honorarium of \$150 per week
- Edmonton Public Schools are responsible for teachers throughout the stay

Interested in knowing more?

Contact Michelle at michelle.de.abreu@epsb.ca
780.429.8231 (day) 780.929.2814 (evening)



¡Gracias!





Seniors Outreach
Network Society

We are a Registered Charitable organization that provides services to seniors including:

- In-home visits, Information, Referral and Advocacy, Social Support and Activities
- Transportation assistance to Doctors Appointments and for grocery shopping
- Monthly low-cost meal for clients

We are looking for additional Board Members to join our team.

As a Board Member, you will collaborate to govern our organization and to achieve the goals set out in our Vision and Mission Statements.

For more information call Fran Matthews on (780) 451-4589

Seniors Outreach Network Society

104, 11427 – 132 Street

Edmonton, AB T5M 1G2

Tel: (780) 451-4589

Fax: (780) 944-2566

Email: outreach@shaw.ca

COMMONWEALTH LAWN BOWLING – OPEN HOUSE

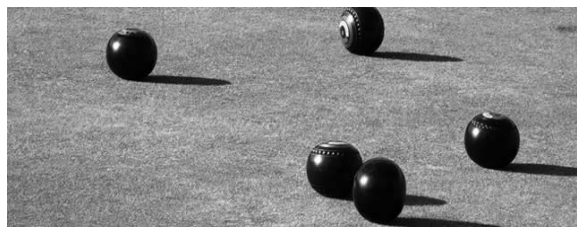
ALL AGES WELCOME
MAY 15 AND 16, 2010 1 – 4 PM

11420 – 139 Street, ph. 780-455-9737
(north of Telus World of Science in Coronation Park)

**Demonstrations and trials – bring your family, bring a friend,
come out and try a new sport**

*Complimentary refreshments
will be served*

Bowling Equipment is provided



COMMONWEALTH LAWN BOWLING – OPEN HOUSE



You are invited to an **Open House on Saturday & Sunday May 15 & 16, 2010, 1 – 4 PM**, at the Commonwealth Lawn Bowling Greens. People of all ages are welcome to come out and try this fun sport – equipment will be provided (flat soled shoes are required). There will be demonstrations, instruction and refreshments provided.

Commonwealth Lawn Bowling Greens were established for the Commonwealth Games in 1978. It is the newest lawn bowling facility in Edmonton boasting four world class lawn bowling greens, a completely appointed club house with a bar and catering services, and beautifully landscaped grounds. The club is nestled in scenic surroundings located in Coronation Park, just north of the Telus World of Science. The address is 11420 – 139 Street.

Commonwealth Lawn Bowling Greens will be the site of the 2010 Canadian National Championships August 15th – 21st. Several of our members play on Team Canada, competing internationally. Many other members have competed in provincial and national competitions. These are the same bowlers who love the sport and want to share their expertise by providing coaching to new bowlers. We welcome all newcomers to our friendly and supportive facility.

Lessons for under 18's are on Monday nights. What a great way for young players to build friendships and gain new skills in an outdoor sport that they can continue to play throughout their adult life. Adult beginner lessons are offered during the day or evening. Those who work during the day can spend time outdoors in the evening or

weekends, with new friends while having fun playing and getting exercise. Lawn bowling is an active sport for health and wellness and is not just a sport for retirees, but fun for all ages.

You can play individually or as a group. In fact, we cater to groups both large and small. We supply the equipment, offer reasonable rates and flexible hours – great fun for a staff appreciation day, team building, family reunions, ladies night out, Red Hatters, men's club night, church groups, etc.



Come out for a great experience on Saturday or Sunday May 15th or 16th.

For more information, please email – info@commonwealthbowls.ca; check our website – www.commonwealthbowls.ca; or phone 780-455-9737.

REGISTRY NOW OPEN In Your Neighborhood!

- Corporate Services
- Personal Documents
- Liens & Searches
- Passport Photos
- Birth Certificates
- Marriage Licences

Abbey Road 
Registries Ltd.

13322 - 118 Ave
(St. Albert Trail Traffic Circle)
PH: 780-420-1234

HOURS

WEEKDAYS

9AM-6PM

SATURDAYS

10AM-2PM

Government of Alberta ■
Authorized Registry Agent

SPORTBALL MULTI-SPORT PROGRAM FOR AGES 2-8



Woodcroft Hall 13915-115 Ave.



9 Saturdays: April 10 - June 12, 2010 (omit May 29)

Ages 5-8 from 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm



Ages 3 1/2 to 5 from 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Ages 2 to 3 1/2 from 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm



Cost: \$126.00 + GST

Get your kids involved in this awesome program that introduces children to a variety of sports! Your child's balance, strength, coordination, timing and endurance will improve in this supervised non-competitive environment.

Registration is online @ www.Sportball.ca or by phoning Luke Lavarto @ 780-850-2511.

ALBERTA ST. GEORGE SOCIETY OF ENGLAND ACTIVITIES

All residents are invited to join many wonderful activities hosted by the St. George Society and you need not be English to attend!

Here's what's planned for this Spring:

Games Night – Test your luck and have a great time at no cost on March 13, 2010 at 7:30 pm.

British Comedy Movie Night – Join local friends for a laugh at “One Foot in the Algarve” on March 27, 2010 at 7 pm.

Curtain Call - An evening of entertainment, skits and musical numbers on May 29, 2010

Watch our website @ www.woodcroftcl.org or The St. George Society's newsletter @ www.ocii.com/~stgeorge/ for all the details.

WOODCROFT COMMUNITY LEAGUE MEMBERSHIPS

New memberships are available from our Membership Coordinator Mark Tofsrud. He can be reached @ 780-497-7728 or you can purchase online @ www.efcl.org.

Brentwood Homes residents can pick-up their membership cards at the Brentwood Office.

WOODCROFT COMMUNITY LEAGUE CONTACT LIST 2010

President	Patricia Grell	454-8680
Vice President	Ben Molnar	455-2337
Secretary	Arlene Huhn	481-4420
Treasurer	Patrick Hallonquist	481-4420
Member at Large	Wendy Smith	455-3348
Member at Large, Casino Coordinator	Gail Taylor	454-5375
Member at Large, Web Site and Announcement Board	Linda Thiessen	452-4460
Member at Large and Neighborhood Watch	Dan Ethier	993-9377
Member at Large and Membership Coordinator	Mark Tofsrud	497-7728
Member at Large	Linda Thiessen	452-4460
Member at Large and Hall Maintenance	Sandra Johanson	433-2027
Playground Committee	Arlene Huhn	481-4420
Mom's Group	Erin Dawson	633-9858
Hall Rentals	Cindy Stewart	488-6943
Walking Club	Perry Rydman	455-7947
Rink	Gerry Morse	453-2863
Soccer	Kim Cordeiro	452-2500
Traffic Concerns Committee	Carol and Bob Watson	454-7662
Cards/Welcoming Committee	Marlo Miles	454-0947
Snow Busters Program	SAGE	701-9007
Community Constable	Trish Gagne	426-8043, ext 2
Alberta St. George Society Liaison	John Slade	430-3694
Playschool Liaison	Urmela Scarlet	474-3196
Community Recreation Coordinator	Una Bryce	496-1911
Community Social Worker	Lou Kinkartz	910-5105
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Newsletter Editor	Kelley Propp	435-2705

WOODCROFT COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING RATES

For Profit Organizations	Non-profit Organizations:
Business card: \$25.00	Business card: \$15.00
¼ page: \$50.00	¼ page: \$25.00
½ page: \$100.00	½ page: \$50.00
full page: \$175.00	full page: \$75.00

All ads must be type set and made ready for printing by the advertiser.

Circulation: 1,600

Deadline for submissions for the summer issue is May 18, 2010

Newsletter is published 4 times a year



Have a great Spring!



Drop this form off at 13916-115 Ave. Please make all cheques payable to the Woodcroft Community League.

COMMUNITY LEAGUE MEMBERSHIPS

\$30.00 FOR FAMILIES

\$20.00 FOR SINGLES AND SINGLE PARENT FAMILIES

SENIORS (65+) AND NEW RESIDENTS FREE!

RESIDENTS OF THE BRENTWOODS HOMES PICK UP YOUR FREE MEMBERSHIPS AT THE BRENTWOOD OFFICE (BRENTWOOD MANAGEMENT PAYS THE LEAGUE FOR EACH MEMBERSHIP GIVEN OUT)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

POSTAL CODE: _____ PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS TO RECEIVE COMMUNITY UPDATES ON CRIME,

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES _____

CHILDRENS' NAMES:

AGES:

Advantages of Being a Member:

- FREE FAMILY SWIM AT GRANT MACEWAN CENTRE (10700-104 AVE) EVERY SUNDAY 2-5PM
- 20% DISCOUNT OFF ANNUAL PASSES AND 15% OFF MULTI ADMISSION PASSES TO CITY OF EDMONTON SPORTS AND FITNESS FACILITIES
- FREE SKATING AT ALL OUTDOOR COMMUNITY RINKS IN EDMONTON (NON MEMBERS \$2)
- ELIGIBILITY FOR COMMUNITY SPORTS PROGRAMS, PLAYSCHOOL REGISTRATION
- 10% OFF THE ADULT DAILY RATE AT THE COMMONWEALTH LAWN BOWLING CLUB IN CORONATION PARK

FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR MEMBERSHIP CONTACT OUR MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR MARK TOFSRUD AT 780-497-7728

WOODCROFT COMMUNITY LEAGUE HALL RATES:

We are currently only renting to residents of Woodcroft

SUNDAY - THURSDAY

Full Day Rental: (8 hrs or more)
\$200 /\$250 w/o membership.

Half Day Rental: (4 hours)
\$100 /\$125 w/o membership

Less than 4 hours:
\$25/hr/or \$30/hr w/o membership

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

Full Day Rental: (8 hrs or more)
\$300 /\$350 w/o membership.

Half Day Rental: (4 hours)
\$150 /\$175 w/o membership

Less than 4 hours:
\$45/hr/or \$50/hr w/o membership

Hall capacity -

154 with tables and beverages
195 with unfixed tables and chairs.

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Woodcroft	<i>events at a glance</i>
Community	March – May 2010

This Happens Every Day of the Week!

<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Sunday</i>
St. George Society Choral Group 7 – 9 pm	Woodcroft Mom's Group 10 am – noon St. George Society Ballroom Dancing 7 pm	St. George Society English Dancing 2pm	Sportball – consult newsletter for timetable	Free Grant MacEwan Swim 2 - 5pm

Events This Spring in Woodcroft

<i>March</i>	<i>April</i>	<i>May</i>
March 13 7:30 pm St. George Society Games Night	April 3 9:30 – 12:30 pm Easter Egg Hunt	May 20 7 – 9 pm Woodcroft Community League Meeting
March 18 7 - 9 pm Woodcroft Community League Meeting	April 15 7 – 9 pm Woodcroft Community League Meeting	May 29 12 - 4 pm Safety Fair
March 27 7:00 pm British Comedy Movie Night	April 24 6 pm Free Family Movie Night	May 29 St. George Society Curtan Call - check our website for time table