



Woodcroft Community League

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NEWSLETTER WINTER 2012

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MESSAGE FROM YOUR COMMUNITY LEAGUE BOARD

We bid a fond farewell to our friends and long-term renter, The **Alberta St. George of England Society**. We have made many fine friends through our association with them over the years. We will miss them and we want to wish them the best of luck and many happy times in their new location.

We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our new long-term renters starting January 1st, The **Edmonton Musical Theatre Society**. Be sure to watch our website for more information about what this society brings to our community.

It was good to see so many community members come out to the annual BBQ in September. And this year's **Family Halloween Party** was even better than last year's – so many great costumes! Check out the website under the "Past Event" page for photos.

Christmas is fast approaching and we will once again be getting together to "**Deck the Hall**" in its Christmas finery. This and the "**Gingerbread House Decorating**" are always fun events that gets folks into the spirit of the season. Back by popular demand will be our **Family New Year's Eve party**. Be sure to get you tickets early for this fun event.

We hope to have the **skating rink** ready in early December. This is a very expensive operation to maintain, but we consider it worthwhile if it brings out members of the community as well as their friends and families to enjoy the fresh air and exercise. We have a very committed team that takes pride in the quality of our ice rink and nothing makes them happier than to see skaters out enjoying their handiwork. Skating is free to anyone with a community league membership and two dollars/person for non-members. Watch for notices announcing the opening date.

Your board and volunteers have been hard at work preparing the documentation necessary to apply for the grants needed to proceed with **hall repairs, upgrades and renovations**.

We have also been actively representing your interests as plans proceed for the **development of Coronation Park**. Any modifications to this district park have a significant impact on our community in particular, and we have convinced city council to include Woodcroft representatives on the stakeholders' committee. Thanks again for completing our surveys as this has given us the direction we needed to more effectively represent you.

NEW YEARS EVE FAMILY PARTY

Get Your Tickets Soon!! Join your neighbors and friends in a family friendly New Years Eve Party. The meal is sure to be terrific, casual fun with crafts and games after dinner, with fireworks (on the big screen) at 8:30pm. There will be a cash bar. Pricing is as follows:

Early Bird – Tickets purchased before December 19th :

Adult = \$18.00 per person

Child = \$8.00 per person (ages 6-12)

Family = \$45.00 (includes 2 adults and all children)

**please note that the early bird prices are for Woodcroft Community League members only as the Woodcroft Community League is subsidizing the difference. Non Community Members are welcome but they will need to pay the regular price, even if they purchase tickets early.

Regular Price – Tickets purchased December 19th and later:

Adult = \$20.00 per person

Child = \$10.00 per person (ages 6-12)

Family = \$50.00 (includes 2 adults and all children)

**For tickets please contact Arlene Huhn at 780-481-4420
(please leave your telephone number) or email at ahuhn@telusplanet.net**



WINTER SNOW SHACK

Dates: January 2 - 4, 2013
Time 12:00 PM - 4 :00 PM
Location: Woodcroft Rink Shack
Ages: 6-13 (Children under 6 must be with an adult)

Come join us for a winter adaptation of our popular summer green shack program. This free, drop in program lets children come and go during the day and participate in a variety of games, crafts and activities, including snow shoeing, snow fort building, and snow painting! No registration required - just drop in.



SKATING LESSONS

Woodcroft Community League will be offering skating lessons in the New Year. There is a basic learn to skate program as well as another to help young skaters who already have the basics to further develop their skills. We will have an official Skate Canada CanSkate instructor and a figure skating/power skating instructor offering the lessons (please note, this will not be an official Skate Canada sanctioned CanSkate program). All lessons are to take place at Woodcroft Community Hall – outdoor ice rink.

This promises to be a fun filled class.

Dates: Mondays & Wednesdays starting January 7 – February 13

Age Group	Time	Duration	Non-Community League Members	Community League Members <i>(while limited spaces last)</i>
3-4 year olds	3:30 - 4:00 PM	30 minutes	\$40.00	\$20.00
5-8 year olds	4:00 - 4:45 PM	45 minutes	\$50.00	\$25.00
9 years old and up	4:45 - 5:30 PM	45 minutes	\$50.00	\$25.00

We are considering a weekend program as well, but it would only be 1 lesson a week. Please contact **Arlene at 780-481-4420** (please leave a message) or ahuhn@telusplanet.net to register, if you have questions or if you are interested in the weekend program.

**If the weather is colder than -20, lessons will be cancelled and made up (if the weather holds out).



ARE YOU A SENIOR THAT FINDS IT CHALLENGING TO CLEAR SNOW FROM YOUR WALKS?

Sage has initiated a community based snow removal program.

Snow Busters is a program through which community leagues, groups or clubs provide seniors living in their neighborhood with affordable snow removal.

If you need help with snow removal or are interested in becoming a Snow Buster in your community, please contact **Sage Home Services at (780) 701-9007**

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STAY IN THE KNOW ABOUT SNOW!

You can find out when the City calls a bus route parking ban in several ways. Media announcements will be made, information will be on the City of Edmonton website, and postings will be made via the City of Edmonton's Facebook page and Twitter account. You can also sign up for free, confidential email notification by visiting www.edmonton.ca/winterroadsand clicking on 'Subscribe to Roadway Alerts.'

Information on residential street clearing will be available through the City of Edmonton's website via our new interactive map. By visiting www.edmonton.ca/winterroadsand clicking on 'Residential Snow Plowing Schedule,' you can select the Snow Clearing Map tool and enter your address. The system will then give you an exact date that work will start on in your area.

For those without computer access, the same information about parking bans and residential street maintenance can be accessed by calling 3-1-1. You can also advise 3-1-1 about specific issues of concern related to winter road maintenance and that information will be forwarded to the appropriate department.



WOODCROFT COMMUNITY SWIM UPDATE

Woodcroft residents attempting to take advantage of our free community swim times at the Peter Hemmingway Pool may have experienced some problems gaining admission. The following process has now been implemented to ensure that our residents will have easy access to the pool during the public swim times on Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons:

- Initial registration at the pool will be required. It is advisable that all of the family members included under your community league membership visit the pool's cashier at the same time. The cashier will issue a picture ID Recreation Centre Pass for each family member. Once the pass(es) has (have) been issued, you will no longer be required to show you Community League Membership Card.
- Your passes will be valid from September 1, 2012 to August 31, 2013.

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SHOPPING CARTS

It is not uncommon for people to remove shopping carts from the Westmount Mall property.

While we can appreciate that it may be necessary for some residents to bring their purchases home in a shopping cart, we do not appreciate empty carts being left to block driveways and sidewalks. These abandoned carts create an obstruction, hazard, inconvenience and are an eyesore.

We ask that residents using carts to transport their purchases ensure that the carts are kept off public areas and are returned to the appropriate store as soon as possible. If you find an abandoned cart on your street, you can have it removed by calling the appropriate number below:

Westmount Safeway (780) 451 -1860
Westmount Home Depot (780) 732 - 9225 Ext. 453



WOODCROFT COMMUNITY PLAYSCHOOL

Early Bird registration for Woodcroft residents is open from February 11- 15, 2013.

On February 18th, registration is open to the general public.

Woodcroft Community Playschool is a fully licensed, non-profit playschool. This parent operated preschool program is offered from September to May for children 3-4 years of age.

Our Philosophy is that children learn best through play-based activities. We aim to provide a supportive and positive environment that stimulates curiosity, creativity, imagination and independence.

For more information call Kelley at 780 -717-7241



BOOK CLUB

The Woodcroft Community has a Book Club. Beginning January 8, 2013 we will meet at the Woodcroft Community Hall. Come join us for a fun afternoon. Everyone is welcome.

Dates: January 8th, February 12, March 12 and April 9th.

Time: 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Location: Woodcroft Community Hall

Cost: No Cost

Contact: Marlo (780) 454 - 0947

Book Club List:

January 2013	The Hare with the Amber Eyes	
	Edmund De Wall	
February 2013	The Stranger's Child	Alan Hollinghurst
March 2013	Daughter's-in-Law	Joanne Tollope
April 2013	The Begger's Opera	Peggy Blair

WOODCROFT COMMUNITY LEAGUE MEMBERSHIPS

For questions regarding your membership or to purchase a membership contact our Coordinator **Mark Tofsrud** at 780-497-7728.

Visit our website at www.woodcroftcl.org for more information about the Woodcroft Community Newsletter or send your inquiries to wclnews@woodcroftcl.org.

WOODCROFT COMMUNITY LEAGUE HALL RATES

Note: We are currently only renting to residents of the Woodcroft Community.

As shown below, residents holding an active Woodcroft Community League membership are eligible for a reduced rental rate.

Damage Deposit for all Rentals: \$400

Rates: Sunday to Friday

Number of Hours	Community League Members	Non-Community League Members
Full Day Rental (8 hours or more)	\$200	\$240
1/2 Day Rental (4 hours)	\$100	\$120
Hourly Rental (less than 4 hours)	\$25/hour	\$30/hour

Rates: Saturday

Number of Hours	Community League Members	Non-Community League Members
Full Day Rental (8 hours or more)	\$300	\$350
1/2 Day Rental (4 hours)	\$150	\$175
Hourly Rental (less than 4 hours)	\$45/hour	\$50/hour



THE WOODCROFT SINGERS

Do you like to sing in the shower, when you're working or even join in with the radio or CD's? If so this is for you!

From mid-January to mid-May (with breaks for Family Day and Easter Monday) this new group will meet for fun evenings of song.

The group will be led by Musical Director/ Accompanist, Randy Mueller. Randy has been directing singers, choirs, and musical theatre productions for almost thirty years. He has played with the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra, Tommy Banks and professional, semi-professional and amateur singers and he disperses his talents with fun and laughter.

Why don't you come along and try it out? **NO AUDITIONS NECESSARY!**

MUST BE a member or associate member of the Woodcroft Community League

DATES: Monday evenings starting January 7, 2013

TIMES: 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM

COST: \$40/Semester (2 semester commencing January and September)

LOCATION: Woodcroft Community Hall,
13915 – 115 Avenue

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