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Neighbourhood Engagement Workshop

Do you have an idea, project or vision for your community? The Neighbourhood Engagement Strategy is an opportunity to connect to and engage with people in your neighbourhood. This would be a great chance to work together towards achieving a common goal.

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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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Ten Years of Flying Eagle

2014 is the 10th year that the City has been offering the Flying Eagle program in coordination with our Green Shack playground program. To celebrate this success, a book was created with Saddle Creek Publishing (author/artist Caylie Gnyra). A huge 'thank you' to everyone who has been involved in the program and the creation/editing of the book.

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Park Development Workshop

Is your group planning a new playground or adding amenities to a park in your area?

Join us on **April 30th** at the City of Edmonton's **2014 NPDP Workshop** in the neighbourhood of Sherbrooke.

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Root for Trees

Edmonton needs more trees! We want you to help us plant more trees to double the size of our urban forest.



Root for Trees is an enhanced tree planting initiative which intends to increase tree planting within the city through continued partnerships with corporations, individual residents and community groups. The annual target of this initiative is to plant an additional 16,000 trees annually on public and private land.

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A Week With Flying Eagle



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

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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.

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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.



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Front Yards in Bloom: Get your Community Group Involved

Spring is here! That means Front Yards in Bloom will be coming soon, and we would love to see your community group represented. Is your community group interested in participating? It's easy and fun and best of all, you get to connect with your neighbours and friends.

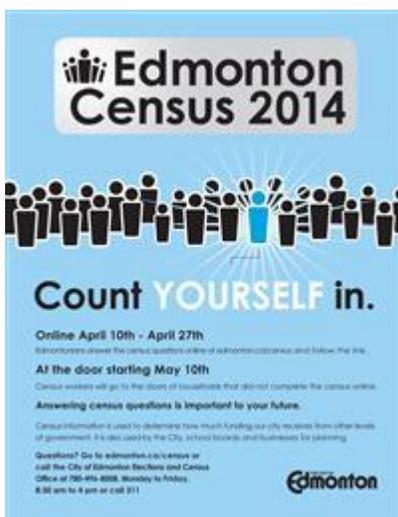


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Municipal Census 2014

Count Yourself in Online April 10 - April 27, 2014

Edmonton will be conducting a Municipal Census this spring. For the first time, Edmontonians will have the option of completing the census questionnaire online. Door-to-door collection of census information will begin May 10, 2014.



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City of Edmonton Youth Council's Social Media Contest #engageyeg

We at the City of Edmonton Youth Council are launching a Social Media Contest called **#engageyeg** on Wednesday



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](#)

Important Dates to Remember

March 31st - April 4th - Spring Break

April 1st - National Hippopotamus Day (just kidding, April Fool's Day)

April 5th - Fun at Work Day

April 18th - Good Friday

April 20th - Earth Day

April 21st - Easter Monday

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

[Events Calendar](#)

Seasonal

March 12th at 3 PM. This contest aims to get youth involved in their City and showcasing what activities youth are participating in, and what they are proud of.

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Age Friendly Edmonton's new Community Innovation Fund



These one time only grants of up to \$5000/ projects are available for approximately four age friendly community projects this year. The projects should be inclusive, community-based and support the need of seniors. Where possible seniors should be involved with the planning and implementation of the projects. Matching contribution of funding or in-kind support is required.

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Walk Edmonton - Help us find our way

The City of Edmonton is looking for your input! As part of the "Walk Edmonton" project the City is interested in learning the best way to help people find their way around Edmonton as they walk, cycle or use transit.



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Edmonton Youth Justice Committee Society (EYJCS) - Seeking Partnerships



We would welcome the opportunity to form a Community Service Placement partnership with your agency.

Community Service Placements is an area where we need the most diverse representatives of our communities to providing youth an opportunity to make amends as well as grow and become a community member.

Reminders



The Spring Clean Up involves the coordinated efforts of several city departments working on separate parts of the cleanup.

Remember that the Spring Clean Up may be interrupted by inclement weather.

[Click Here](#)

Permits on Parkland



Planning an event or program on parkland? A permit from your CRC is required for activities such as (but not limited to):

- Large group gatherings of 50 or more people
- A church service, church picnic or wedding
- Temporary food service
- Fireworks
- Horse-drawn sleigh rides
- Commercial photography
- Gaming/raffles
- Bouncy houses
- Liquor to serve or sell
- Portable toilets
- Fires and barbecues
- Burying things on parkland
- Golfing in the park or swimming and boating

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Are you interested in being a Walk Leader? May 2-4th, 2014



The Jane's Walk festival is an annual series of free, volunteer-led urban walks that honour the urban thinker Jane Jacobs and her idea that cities can provide something for everybody only when they are created by everybody.

The walks are as varied as the people taking part, and they usually last about 90 minutes. Through the simple act of walking and talking, the festival creates space for people to connect, share, and develop ideas about where their communities and cities are at and where they are headed.

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The Abundant Community Initiative Pilot Project Update

We are excited to welcome the following neighbourhoods into The Abundant Community Initiative 2014 Pilot Project: Westmount, Lendrum, Bonnie Doon, Bannerman and Oliver!

Thank you to everyone who expressed interest in participating in this pilot project! Although we'll be focusing our efforts primarily on the pilot neighbourhoods, we invite you stay in touch as we will be sharing all materials with anyone interested in pursuing The Abundant Community Initiative with their community, and we'd love to hear how things go for you.

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District Information

National Volunteer Week April 6-12, 2014

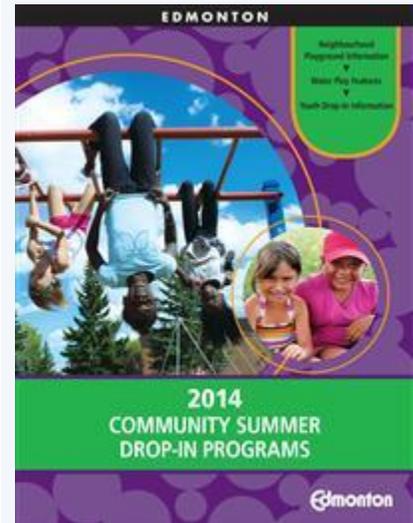
Community Services Northwest CRCs would like to say thank you to all of the volunteers in the community who continue to do outstanding work in making Edmonton a safe and great place to live. Your efforts at making a difference in our community through programming,



in a lake/pond in my community

- Putting up posters or temporary signage
- Vehicles on parkland

2014 Community Summer 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.

Summer Program Registration Starts Tuesday April 29

advocacy and other activities have not gone unnoticed.

Again this year, we have partnered with Second Cup to provide all of our Community League Executive members with a free medium cup of coffee or tea for you and a friend during National Volunteer Week. Your CRC will be bringing vouchers out to your meetings for distribution. Please enjoy this small treat and know that it represents a small token of our appreciation.

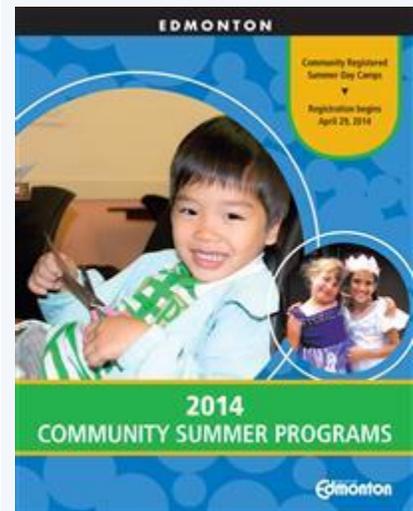
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The Community Recreation Coordinators from Community Services-Northwest would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the participating Second Cup locations once again this year. Each Second Cup is independently owned, so we would like to thank each of these locations individually.

Thank you so much for helping make this a success!

>> [Click Here for Northwest Locations offering your free coffee](#)



Your 2014 Community Summer Programs Guide will be available starting mid-April. The guide will be distributed to all elementary schools and available at your local City of Edmonton Leisures Centre. Be sure to pick up your copy and start planning for the summer!

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