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Be Part of the EFCL TEAM

SEEKING BOARD TRAINING DIRECTOR

Living Local! Happy New Year Community League Folks



Be Part of the EFCL TEAM

We are recruiting a BOARD TRAINING DIRECTOR

We are looking for a full time person to develop and help implement a comprehensive training program for community league board members. This would include workshops and seminars on specific topics, an educational conference this fall and updates to the community league resource guide, the federation's planning consultation handbook and other educational materials. [More info online in the News . . .](#)



MEMBERSHIP SUPPLY ORDER DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 10!

Login with your efcl.org CL Admin to order online! Download orderform – [excel](#) / [pdf](#)

Center Spread Coverage in the Examiner for your League Winter Event

To raise the profile of Community Leagues, EFCL is booking a center spread in the examiner. We will promote the enjoyment of the many fine events Leagues have to offer this winter and outdoor rinks. We are in desperate need of Event Listings to give this promotion a little bit of festivity ~

Register your rink opening times and your winter events of any kind (not just rink events).

Visit our [RINKS page](#) to see what's up so far!

Get More Kids on the Ice with the Help of Sport Central

We have seen a number of leagues start a successful Skate Loaner Program at their rinks and it has definitely improved the usage. Essentially, a skate storage area is created where skates are stored by size. Kids come and sign out the skates. That simple.

Getting skates is easy. Our partner association, Sport Central www.sportcentral.org, has a few options for you. They have enough skates now to outfit 6 to 10 leagues with 30 pairs of varied sizes of skates and if available hockey equipment. They have a few dates where they can bring a mobile van to your League Event and collect donations and outfit kids with equipment. And finally, with a League referral (samples below), Leagues can send children to get their own skates to keep and trade in when they outgrow them.

Be sure not to miss this opportunity to help kids get skates and if you know of anyone with extra skates be sure to tell them where to donate them!

Equipment Drop Off Locations: [Equipment Drop Off List](#)

How to make a referral (Letter to Associations): [Introduction Letter](#)

Equipment Request Forms Available as:

PDF: [Sample Request Form](#)

Excel: [Sample Request Form](#)

Word: [Sample Request Form](#)

A couple of management tips:

- Leagues could write the names of the frequent attenders on the skates or lend them out for the whole season
- Leagues could give the skates away to frequent attenders
- For kids whose parents can't afford community memberships you can have them work off their rental by organizing the skates
- Keep a can of odor eater spray on hand!

WATCH FOR WINTER EVENTS WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT

Want a sculpture for your league grounds?

EFCL is in the process of finalizing our winter events workshop but the lineup is looking good with expert snow sculptors, and City of Edmonton Events Facilitators. Get your winter event kit and at the same time learn how to host your own snow sculpting event. Watch the news and pray for snow!

Do you have a pile of snow near your hall? Let us know info@efcl.org

Interested in expanding your Sports Resume?

Join the GYM USER COMMITTEE

This is an open invitation to the members of Community Leagues:

The City of Edmonton's Gymnasium User Committee is seeking an individual to represent **Community Leagues** on the Gymnasium Standards of Play Committee.

The purpose of the Standards of Play Committee is to review gymnasium usage by activity on an annual basis, and to adjust the standards of play to match the usage by sport/activity, allowing for explainable shortfalls.

We are looking for representatives who have a broad knowledge of their sport/activity, and in the case of sport reps, an understanding of Canadian Sport for Life and the Long Term Athlete Development Model would be an asset.

There will be up to 3 meetings in 2012, and committee members will stand for a one year term.

If you are interested in the **Community Leagues** position, please send me your name, organization name, and contact information by **January 10th, 2012**. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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Planning Matters

Are you passionate about winter and have ideas on how to make Edmonton a great Winter

City? Contact Bev.Zubot@efcl.org NOW to attend a WinterCity Symposium or share your ideas.

Retrofitting Suburbia: Urban Design Solutions for Redesigning Suburbs

M.A.D.E. in Edmonton is proud to sponsor Retrofitting Suburbia: Urban Design Solutions for Redesigning Suburbs

Thursday, January 26, 2012 Public Lecture: 7:00pm - location TBD, Reception to follow (Free) Can vacant big boxes, dead malls, dying commercial strips, out of date edge cities and aging office parks and garden apartment complexes be turned into more sustainable places?

This event will be preceded by a workshop: 1:00 – 4:00 pm, (\$75) A hands-on session where students will learn practical strategies for redeveloping underperforming properties. Students will explore case studies and discuss public-private partnerships, retrofitting for an aging population, obstacles and opportunities for suburban retrofits, and other topics.

Ellen Dunham-Jones, award-winning architect and professor at the Georgia Institute of Technology, will present urban design strategies and policies for re-inhabiting, redeveloping, and greening underperforming suburban-style properties based on the over eighty successful built examples documented in her and June Williamson's 2009 book, Retrofitting Suburbia: Urban Design Solutions for Redesigning Suburbs.

>> [Please click here for more information](#)

[Managing Interpersonal Workshop Series](#)

The Mediation & Restorative Justice Centre three-part practical and interactive workshop series is designed to provide participants with the knowledge, tools and hands-on experience we all need to communicate more effectively in interpersonal relationships both at home and at work. [Read more online](#)

Citizens Police Academy Now Recruiting

The Edmonton Police Service is accepting applications for the upcoming class of Citizens Police Academy.

Citizens Police Academy is an exclusive opportunity offered to community stakeholders within the city of Edmonton that provides an overview of the Edmonton Police Service, an understanding of the current priorities and initiatives taking place at the Divisional level and an opportunity work alongside the EPS on developing and implementing crime prevention strategies. Class 19 will target West Division communities and will be held at the Quality Inn West Harvest on Tuesdays, starting March 20, through June 12 from 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm.

Community league members who are tasked with addressing crime prevention would greatly benefit from the course. For more information contact: citizenspoliceacademy@edmontonpolice.ca or [viewing the informational link at http://www.edmontonpolice.ca/JoinEPS/CitizensPoliceAcademy.aspx](#).

Older Headlines

[Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design \(CPTED\)](#)

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) is a widely accepted set of crime prevention principles. The CPTED premise is that the proper design and effective use of the physical environment can reduce the perception of fear and incidence of crime. This leads to an improvement in the quality of life

[Green Lights for EFCL Budget Requests of the City](#)

EFCL had two rather large increases to the request we put forward annually for Leagues and both of them were approved on Friday December 9 at 4:50pm..

[Living Local Arts & Heritage Neighbourhood Grants Project Announces Grant Recipients](#)

The selection jury for Living Local Arts & Heritage Neighbourhood Grants Project met and reviewed applications on Wednesday, November 30th. The winners are . . .

[Children and Keepers: All neighbourhoods should have them](#)

Want more children and long-term residents in your neighbourhood? The EFCL has a tool for you to use when advocating for more quality multi-family housing.

See [EFCL's Recommendations for Child/Family-Friendly Multi-Unit Housing](#).

[Sneaking in Behind Budget Hype: Reduced Parking Requirements for Seniors Housing](#)

Reduced Parking Requirements for Seniors Housing and other supportive housing projects is being considered by the

City.

[Rink Maintenance is Fun for Friends in Grandview Heights](#)

Grandview Heights Rink ignites true community spirit among rink volunteers . . . "I just love coming down here with my buddies," said Chatwin. "You just call them up and they're all here within minutes and everyone wants to skate." Read more to see the full story.

[WINTER EVENT & RINK MAP LAUNCHED](#)

EFCL is helping Edmonton outdoor enthusiasts find where they can have winter fun

Find 116 Community Rinks, Learn to Skate programs, Winter Carnivals, Pancake Breakfasts, and Christmas parties

Download our Latest Newsletter - [Efcl.org / News / EFCL Newsletters](http://efcl.org/News/EFCL%20Newsletters)

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Showcase ~ League Winter Events ~ Covered Rinks ~ Socan ~ 100th Anniversary Project ~ EFCL RGM highlights ~ Surplus Schools ~ Multiplex Rec Centers Planning ~ TOD ~ family housing ~ City Grant News ~ Online Hall Rental applications

Great Pictures & More

League activities:

Getting to Know Knottwood 'Rise and Shine' Community Engagement Open House:

Date: Saturday, January 21st 2012

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Venue: Knottwood Community Hall (basement entrance), 445 Knottwood Road West, next to Satoo School.

A FREE hot and cold brunch buffet will be available from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Come along and find out what we have learned about our community through the Getting to Know Knottwood Project.

FREE skating, crafts and activities from 11:00 a.m. Please call Shireen Mears, 780 468-2274 or email engage@knottwood.org for more information. Although this event is drop-in, RSVPs will be greatly appreciated!

Vegetarian Potluck and Special Speaker in Pleasantview

Bring a dish to share and learn about the benefits of hemp and flax seeds for healthy bodies and minds. Come at 5pm for the potluck or 6:30pm for just the speaker.

Where: Pleasantview Community Hall, 10860- 57 Ave

When: Sunday, January 29th

Send your events to Communications@efcl.org and cc: Nancy.Rempel@efcl.org

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