



Save the dates:

May 29 ~ Arts & Heritage Grant Info Session RSVP@efcl.org

May 31 ~ Next Gen Social Event Strathcona

June 4 ~ Solar and Energy Savings Program Info Session

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EFCL Launches Solar and Energy Savings Program

The EFCL is pleased to announce that its "Solar and Energy Savings Program" is now available to its member community leagues.

Partnering with Edmonton's top energy consultants and the City of Edmonton, the EFCL has worked out a fantastic funding opportunity that will help Leagues take significant strides in the development of renewable energy, reduction of operating costs, and greater engagement of the growing green minds in the community.

Consultants are contracted, funding and grant opportunities have been approved, prices and details have been set. Not only will the Leagues receive the solar panels and necessary hardware, but the information they receive as part of their energy audit will be invaluable to their long term operations. In addition, Leagues will be provided with an electronic monitor that will detail the energy that is being produced and double as a community bulletin board. Due to relationship our leagues have with the City of Edmonton, participating leagues will also be able to take advantage of provincial funding available for retrofits through the *Municipal Climate Change Action Centre (MCCAC)*.

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Edmonton Community Challenge Returns

Interested in winning thousands of dollars for your community league by playing in fun challenge events with your family and friends? Your first opportunity is this Saturday, May 26 at [Edmonton City Chase!](#)

All you have to do is stop by the [Edmonton Community Challenge](#) table at Churchill Square and sign up and you'll earn points to help your Community League win the cash prize at the end of July! Supported by [Edmonton Next Gen](#) and the [Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues](#).



Attend the Arts & Heritage Grant Info

Leagues interested in learning more about this opportunity are welcome to attend an information session at **7 pm, Monday, June 4, at the EFCL Office, 7103 – 105 Street** – please RSVP@efcl.org

Funding for the program, from both the EFCL and City of Edmonton, will facilitate the participation of **seven community leagues**. For an investment of **\$6,000**, each league will receive the following:

- A five panel 1.2 KW Solar Package, installation, engineering, permits, and 25 year product warranty, bulk purchased for the best prices on the market. One year warranty for installation.
- An electronic message board and Solar PV Monitoring System. Three year hardware support for system components. Software support will be the responsibility of the League (EFCL can make a couple recommendations). Where WIFI is not yet present, WIFI consultation and hardware will be included.
- Consultation and project management from Edmonton's top solar and retrofit experts – C>Returns, the Alberta Solar Energy Society, Howell – Mayhew Engineering.
- An energy audit and return of investment assessment. This will help the league develop a long term plan for improved energy efficiency and reduced energy costs.
- Immediate application for retrofit funding available through the new provincial TAME – Take Action to Manage Energy Buildings Initiative.
- e launch of their solar project. This is an opportunity to attract a whole new set of members and volunteers that are intrigued by this forward thinking initiative.
- Reduction of energy costs and carbon footprint.
- Pride in doing your part to move our world toward renewable resources.

Session

**7 pm, Tuesday, May 29
at Newton Community
League, 5520-121 Ave
RSVP@efcl.org**

Once again the Arts & Heritage Councils are offering Leagues a grant of up to \$20,000 to commission an artistic project that reflects the history or character of the neighborhood. This could be a work of art, such as a painting, sculpture or mural, or a live performance or a workshop. The host league or leagues will be asked to once again cover one third of the cost. [Read more . . .](#)



Above, all ages chat at the West Meadowlark event on May 3

**Come One Come All to
the Next Gen Social on
May 31**

The next event is to be held at: **Strathcona Hall 10139 - 87 Avenue, on Thursday May 31st from 7-9PM.** [RSVP on facebook](#) or by emailing michael.janz@efcl.org. Everyone is invited for music, drinks, eats, and brainstorming ways to engage more young adults in community leagues [Read more about the first event. . .](#)

How to qualify:

Attend the **information session on June 4, 2012 at 7 pm, at EFCL Offices, 7103 – 105 Street** – please RSVP@efcl.org and pick up your registration package. If you cannot attend please read required information online.

Submit your completed application (available at the info session and will be posted online) with a deposit cheque of \$6,000.

Application deadline: **4:30 p.m. July 3, 2012**. If we have more than seven leagues submitting an application we will hold a lottery on July 4. If we have less than seven leagues interested, we will keep the program open until the spots are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Once leagues have been selected their hall will be reviewed to ensure that it is a suitable location. Cheques will be returned to any league that has a hall that does not qualify.

Leagues are encouraged to check with their insurance company to be certain that their new equipment is covered.

More details will be posted online regularly so check the [“Solar and Energy Savings Program” web page](#) or watch our news. You are also invited to attend the media launch on May 31, 10:30 a.m. at EFCL offices, 7103 - 105 Street. Councillor Linda Sloan will be in attendance to help announce this great partnership with the City of Edmonton.



Above, the Fruits of Sherbrooke - their project won them the neighbourhood achievement award

Good Neighbour Awards

Warm the Heart

An enjoyable evening at City Hall on May 15th as award recipients, their nominators, and hosts of the award got together to celebrate this year's Good Neighbours Award winners. Many of the recipients had Community League Volunteerism on the nomination.

Winners were:

- The Hawkswell Family from Aldergrove
- Emil and Olga Laskiwiski from Rosslyn
- The Winfield Family
- Dave Ball from Bannerman
- Rose Storrier
- Lori Bosworth
- Leona Corey
- Rashmi Mandhane from McKernan
- Shauna Nichols from Twin Brooks
- Name withheld, but from Duggan
- Wayne Baldwin
- Tony and Stella McPhee
- Neighbourhood Achievement Award: Fruits of Sherbrooke

[Read more about the winners](#)

Planning Matters



Crafting City Regulations

You are invited to a **Meeting with the Arts Community to Review Proposed Bylaw Changes, Monday, 7 pm June 4, 2012** at the EFCL Office, 7103 – 105 Street. Help craft city regulations which would increase venues for artists in your neighbourhood without negatively impacting your neighbourhood with a proliferation of bars, nightclubs, pawn shops and problematic home businesses. For more information go to http://www.edmonton.ca/city_government/urban_planning_and_design/arts-related-uses.aspx.



Neighbourhood Design Group Tours Neighbourhoods for INPUT

Interested in hosting a tour of your new neighbourhood? Want to join the tour of several new neighbourhoods? EFCL's new neighbourhood design group would like to hear first hand from residents in new neighbourhoods what they like and perhaps do not like about the design of their neighbourhood. This knowledge will help us make recommendations to the City's New Neighbourhood Design Team. And it would be fun! To get involved please contact Bev.Zubot@efcl.org or 437-2913. [More info on the City of Edmonton site](#)

Educational Opportunities

[Vitalize 2012 Nonprofit Social Network Benchmark Report \(US\)](#)
[Volunteer Management: An Introductory Course](#)
[Legacy Leadership The Dynamics of Social Innovation](#)
More on ecvo.ca

Resources

[League Resource Guide](#)
[Free Frosters at your event this summer](#)
[RE/MAX Event Stuff](#)
[New Horizons for Seniors funding](#)

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