



Woodcroft Community League

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NEWSLETTER WINTER 2013

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MESSAGE FROM YOUR COMMUNITY LEAGUE BOARD



We Wish You and Yours All the Best of the Season and a Happy New Year.

There have been a number of changes to your community league board and committees. We would like to extend a big thank-you to those who have served on our board and we extend a warm welcome to those who have become new members or who have taken on new roles. Our team consists of a diverse group of individuals who bring valuable knowledge, experience and energy to the board. If you would like to be more involved in your community we continue to look for volunteers.

We would like to extend a huge thank-you to all of the volunteers who worked the casino. We appreciate the extra time you took out of your busy schedules to put in the hours necessary to secure our lottery funding. Funds from this casino will amount to an estimated \$78,000 over two years. Sounds like a lot of money? It is by far the best return we can get in exchange for our volunteer hours. Funds from our last lottery contributed to the completion of our new playground. Funds from this latest lottery are much needed as we are about to take on major hall up-grades and renovations.

What Next?

- The lottery funds combined with provincial and city grants and our renovation reserve funds will make up \$554,000 of the estimated \$750,000 needed to complete all of the identified up-grades required.
- Our first priority will be a new roof, followed by other exteriors such as new windows, siding, and repairs required to ensure the building is accessible, weather proofed and energy efficient.
- Since there will be a budget shortfall, we will have to determine which interior renovations/upgrades are a priority and do the work in stages as funds become available in future years. Many of the initial interior upgrades may not be visible as they could include electrical and plumbing, those important things behind the walls.

WHY VOLUNTEER?

We could not deliver our events/programs without our volunteers and we want to show our appreciation in a tangible way. To do this, we are introducing a Volunteer Credit Program. Earned volunteer credits can be applied against the cost of our community events/programs/hall rentals. Come out and join our team of volunteers and ask about our credit program. In addition to earning credits, you can: Meet and share work and fun with neighbours, build connections in the community for you and your family, contribute to the success of your community, help create a safe place for children to congregate and socialize. **Call Arlene at (780) 481-4420 to get started.**



WOODCROFT OUTDOOR RINKS

The rinks will be opening Wednesday, December 18th (weather permitting). Shack hours will be: **Monday – Friday 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM Saturday & Sunday Noon – 9:00 PM**

Exceptions:

Should the temperature fall below -20 or be warm enough to melt the ice surfaces, the rink shack will be closed. However, the rink lights will remain on between 5:00 PM and 9:00 PM for those willing to brave the cold temperatures.

Cost: Free for community league members presenting valid skate tags or their league membership cards to the rink shack attendant. Non-league members will be asked to pay the attendant \$2.00 per person.

- For rink issues or availability, or
- To donate used helmets contact Roger. Ph: (780) 983-1128 email: major_graphite@shaw.ca
- For Community League Memberships call Mark at (780) 497-7728



DOGS ON PARKLAND

We invest a significant portion of our annual budget preparing our skating rinks and our rink team works hard to maintain high quality ice surfaces throughout the season. Now that we are preparing the ice rink surfaces, we ask that dog owners refrain from using the rink areas to exercise their dogs. Your cooperation is much appreciated.

RESIDENTIAL INFILL IN MATURE NEIGHBOURHOODS

You have probably noticed that residential infill development is already occurring in locations throughout the city including Woodcroft and surrounding communities. The City of Edmonton would like to hear about your experience(s) with infill. How has it impacted or influenced you? Go to: (http://www.engagededmonton.ca/portals/150/forum_home?active_forum_id=436&active_issue_id=1496&phase=Open) for additional information and follow the link to provide your feedback. You will be required to sign in and provide a password to access the site. **The deadline for involvement is January 12, 2014.** Please take the time to pass on your feedback.



SKATING, PIZZA AND A MOVIE

Sats., Jan. 25th and Feb. 22nd.

Weather permitting, skating will be from 3PM – 5PM. Pizza will be served starting at 5:15PM followed by a movie at 6:00PM. To register contact Shayna by phoning: (780) 471-0073 or emailing: bowlings@gmail.com **We are also looking for helpers for these events. Please advise if you are available.**

ZUMBA CLASSES

Sats., Jan. 11th – April 12th, 9:15-10:15AM

(No classes Feb 15th, March 29th, April 5th)

Cost \$95.00 To register contact Arlene by phoning: (780)481-4420 or emailing: ahuhn@telusplanet.net

You can also contact Arlene if you are interested in **YOGA** classes at Woodcroft.



HONOURABLE HEATHER KLIMCHUK MLA, EDMONTON-GLENORA MINISTER OF CULTURE



Wishing Everyone a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!

Keep up to date with Heather Klimchuk



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Edmonton, AB T5N 1S5

Phone: 780-455-7979

edmonton.glenora@assembly.ab.ca



SNOW BUSTERS

If you are a senior citizen requiring assistance with snow shoveling this winter, please contact Patricia at (780) 454-8680.



WINTER SNOW SHACK

Dec. 30 – Jan 3 Noon - 4 PM at the 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 winter activities. No registration required.



FAMILY NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

The community league invites you to join friends and neighbours at a pot-luck dinner on New Year's Eve. There will be no ticket charge, however, you must bring a dish for people to share. The categories you can choose from are appetizer; salad; main dish; dessert. You must know what is in the dish in the case of food allergies.

Please confirm your attendance prior to December 28 by contacting Arlene by phone (780-481-4420) or e-mail (ahuhn@telusplanet.net) She will require the following information:

- contact information (name, phone # or e-mail address)
- how many adults and children you will be bringing
- what dish you will be bringing

The league will provide a cash bar as well as activities for the children. And fire works on the big screen will take place around 8:30pm.

Doors will open at 5:00 PM.

We look forward to sharing a fun social evening with you and your family.



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WANNABEE ON THE STAGE?

Here is your chance!

If you sing, dance, juggle, act, whistle like a bird etc., you can join in the **WOODCROFT COMEDY NIGHT March 29th, 2014.**

If you would like to participate and help to entertain your community and friends, but are not sure how or what you could do, come to a rehearsal/meeting on **Sunday, January 5, 2014, 1:30 pm** at the Woodcroft Community Hall. Anyone is welcome to join in the fun, including children over 5.



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 Evening classes Start Monday, January 6, 2014
13535-122 Ave. (Kirk United Church)

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 780-970-3650 or email jazzercise.christine@gmail.com

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SKATING LESSONS, Sunday, January 5th – March 2nd (no lessons on February 1st)

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 three different instructors to assist us with the program this year. One is an official Skate Canada CanSkate instructor (please note, this will not be an official Skate Canada program); a kindergarten teacher who will help with the younger children; and to help with the older children, someone who has both a figure skating and hockey background. All lessons are to take place at Woodcroft Community Hall – outdoor ice rink. This promises to be a fun filled class.

Ages: 3-4 Years old	Times: 1:30 – 2:00 PM	Non-League Members: \$40	League Members: \$20 **
5-8 years old	2:15 – 3:00 PM	\$50	\$25 **
9 year & up incl. adults	1:30 – 2:15 PM	\$50	\$25 **

**limited number of spaces available at discounted rate, please register early.

Please contact **Cindy at 780-488-6943 (please leave a message)** or email at cindy@optiongroup.ca to register or if you have questions. If the weather is colder than -20, lessons will be cancelled and made up (if the weather holds out).



PARENTS' & TOTS' GROUP.

Wednesdays (10:00 AM to Noon),
Woodcroft Hall January 8 to May 14th,
2014
For information call: Amanda at
(780) 802-2056.



WOODCROFT COMMUNITY BOOK CLUB

will reconvene in the new year starting Tuesday, January 14, 2014 (1:30 – 3:30 PM) at the Woodcroft Hall. There is no cost, but you must be a community league member. Please contact Marlo at (780)454-0947 for more details.

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WOODCROFT COMMUNITY PLAYSCHOOL

Early Bird registration for Woodcroft residents and alumni is open from **February 10-14, 2014. (Returning students have priority registration**

February 3-7) On February 19th, registration is open to the general public. Woodcroft Community Playschool is a fully licensed, nonprofit 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



SOCCER REGISTRATION

The community of North Glenora has once again extended an invitation to Woodcroft to participate in their soccer program. Outdoor Community Soccer Registration for Woodcroft/North Glenora will take place in mid-February. We will be accepting registrations for U4-U18. If you would like to be put on the list to be informed of soccer news and the local outdoor registration date, please email ngclsoccer@gmail.com or phone (780)250-2516. Hope to see you in February!

**Be sure to have your Woodcroft Community League membership card with you when you register your children.



FREE COMMUNITY SWIM

Peter Hemmingway Swimming Pool:

- Sept 2013 – Aug 2014 Public Swim Times (except during competitions and swim meets)
- Saturday evenings (6:30 – 8:30 PM) and Sunday afternoons (2:00 – 4:30 PM)

Commonwealth Recreation Centre

- September 2013 – June 2014
- Saturday evenings (5:00 – 7:00 PM) (Community Swim Time)

Your active Woodcroft Community League Membership card is required for admission. To make sure you have your new memberships, contact Mark at (780) 497-7728.

DISTRICT A2 COMMUNITY POLICING/COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

(For non-urgent criminal activity in the community):

In an effort to address the unique needs of district residents and stakeholders, team members are specifically dedicated to the geographic area encompassing the district. To report non-urgent criminal activity in the community contact your District A2 team, by phone: **780-426-8090**, or e-mail: **Ken.Mah@edmontonpolice.ca**

We had an opportunity to meet with Sergeant Ken Mah, to discuss some of the petty crimes occurring within our community. Sergeant Mah has asked that crimes not requiring an immediate response from the police be reported to him. His team will monitor reported activities to determine whether there are patterns/trends of concern which require specialized attention by his team.

COMMUNITY LEAGUE CONTACTS:

- Hall Bookings: Maureen & Lorraine
(780) 454-1568
- Secretary: Arlene Huhn
(780) 481-4420
- Vice-President: Linda Thiessen
(780) 452 - 4460
- Social Committee Chair: Cindy Stewart
(780) 488-6943
- Memberships: Mark Tofsrud
(780) 497-7728

Note: Brentwood Homes will pay the membership fees for any of their residents wishing to join the Community League. Make application, and pick up your Membership card and skate tags at the rental office.



SHOPPING CARTS

It is not uncommon for people to remove shopping carts from the Westmount Mall property. Unfortunately, they are not always returned. If you find an abandoned cart on your street, you can have it removed by calling the appropriate number below:

- Safeway (780-451-1860),
- Home Depot (780-732-9225, Ext. 453),
- Walmart (780-453-5801)



OASIS ALATEEN MEETINGS

Saturdays (10:00 - 11:00AM) at

St Andrew Meeting House,
11107 129 St, Edmonton, AB

The Oasis Alateen meetings are for kids age 10 and up that have been affected by someone else's drinking.