



# Woodcroft Community League

## Summer 2017 Newsletter

PROMOTING A SAFE AND ACTIVE COMMUNITY

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### BIG BIN EVENT!

**June 10-11 (9am – 5pm) at the Woodcroft Community Centre 13915 – 115 Ave**

City residents will be able to drop off items that can't be set out for regular waste collection, free of charge.

#### Accepted Materials:

- Couches, chairs, mattresses and other household furniture items too large for curbside pick up.
- Fridges, freezers, washer, dryers and other large household appliances (will be recycled).
- Computers, televisions and other household electronics (will be recycled).

#### Non-Accepted Materials:

- Commercial Waste
- Hazardous Household Waste – please take to the ECO station. They will be accepted at no cost.

#### Reusable Items:

- Items that are in good condition that can be donated for reuse. Please visit the online Reuse Directory or drop off accepted items at the Reuse Centre.

The full list of big bin dates and locations can be found at [https://www.edmonton.ca/programs\\_services/documents/PDF/2017\\_Big\\_Bin\\_Events\\_Schedule.pdf](https://www.edmonton.ca/programs_services/documents/PDF/2017_Big_Bin_Events_Schedule.pdf)

### MESSAGE FROM YOUR COMMUNITY LEAGUE

It took awhile for spring to get here but it looks like it has arrived, with summer coming soon. A reminder that nice weather brings children out to the playgrounds, riding their bikes, using the sidewalks and crossing the roads. Please drive slow and use extra caution to ensure that our children stay safe.

We are hoping that by the time you receive your newsletter that our Beach Volleyball courts will be under construction. Our goal is to have Beach Volleyball in the community by the summer but if not, the fall for sure. We will still have a skating rink in the winter.

We have heard some concerns from residents about homeless people in the park and in our parking lot at the community centre. We all know that Alberta has not been as strong economically as we have in the past and this does have an affect on homelessness. The City of Edmonton and their partners are working together to connect people experiencing homelessness to supports and housing.

#### Who do you call?

- **311 City of Edmonton Services** - For any concerns city wide for homelessness on public land and discarded needles.
- **211 24/7 Crisis Diversion** – Non-emergency support for shelter, intoxication and mental health.
- **780-860-6146 Boyle Street Community Services Street Outreach** – Connects with those living rough outside.
- **911** – For someone in serious distress or in cases of an emergency

#### How can you help?

- Advocate for more affordable and accessible housing.
- Donate money or volunteer at social service agencies that provide food, shelter or supports for people in need.
- Connect with Capital City Cleanup (311) and learn about safe needle disposal and garbage/graffiti cleanup.

Have a safe and fun summer and we hope to see you out at our events.

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### SPRAY PARK AND PLAYGROUND

The spray park will be operating from May 19th – September 19th. The timers will allow water access from 9am – 9pm. As we have done in past years, we will also have a porta potty onsite for everyone to use. Enjoy our park!

## SUMMER GREEN SHACK PROGRAM

In partnership with the City of Edmonton, Woodcroft Community League will be hosting a Summer Green Shack. The Green Shack will be at the Woodcroft Community Centre (just find the Green Shack) and will run from **July 4th – August 24th, Monday – Friday, 2:30 – 6pm**. This program is targeted for children ages 6-12 but younger children accompanied by a parent are welcome to attend. If you and your family have not tried the Green Shack we encourage you to try it out. Come and join in for games, crafts, sports, outdoor cooking and more! Green Shack program is free.

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## NEIGHBOURHOOD SUMMER DAY CAMPS

Partnering with the City of Edmonton, Woodcroft Community League will host two summer camps this year. Both camps are held at Woodcroft Community Centre (hall) at 13915 – 115 Avenue. To register call 311; online at [ereg.edmonton.ca](http://ereg.edmonton.ca); in person at any City of Edmonton Recreation and Leisure Centre. The camps are:

**Rock Star – July 10-14 from 9-4pm. Ages 8-12.** Course code is **596675. Cost is \$129.** Spend a week rocking out at our Rock Start Camp. Air bands, dance routines, costume design, as well as magazine and album cover design will all be part of the fun. Finish the week off by showcasing your band and design to your family and friends!

**All Sports – July 31 – August 4 from 9-4pm. Ages 7-10.** Course code is **596680. Cost is \$151.** Grab your sneakers for an exciting week filled with all of your favorite sports! Test your skills and be prepared to learn some new ones as you play awesome cooperative games like soccer, ultimate Frisbee and more. Finish the week off with an exciting local field trip!

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## WOODCROFT COMMUNITY PLAYSCHOOL

Are you looking for an excellent play school for next year? Check out The Woodcroft Community Playschool located upstairs in our hall. The playschool is a fully licensed, non-profit, parent operated preschool program offered from September – May, for children 3 & 4 years of age. There are spots available for next year. For more information call Lisa at 780-905-0480 or check out the website at <http://www.woodcroftplayschool.com/>

## WELCOME TO SUMMER COMMUNITY BBQ

**Saturday, June 3rd from 11am - 2pm**  
**Outside near the Playground.**

Please join the Woodcroft Community League in celebrating the upcoming summer season! This will be a family fun event and the Woodcroft Community League will be providing hot dogs, drinks, cotton candy and more. Don't miss this opportunity for neighbours to come together to meet friends, welcome newcomers and to kick off the summer season!

Registration deadline is **Wednesday, May 31st**. To register, contact **Kelly** at [kellypurdy@shaw.ca](mailto:kellypurdy@shaw.ca).

Rain or shine, we hope to see you there!

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## OUTDOOR BEER GARDEN

**Friday July 21, 7- 11 pm** **Outside of the Woodcroft Community Centre**

We had fun last year, lets do it again! Join your neighbours for an Outdoor Beer Gardens on Friday July 21st. We will have drinks (cash bar), a band, games and fun! Local band, Fawltly Power, will be providing the live entertainment.

Free babysitting will be offered in the hall, please contact Jessica at 780-902-7612 or [j.mcminn@hotmail.com](mailto:j.mcminn@hotmail.com) to register. Limited spots available, please make sure to register early.

In case of rain or bad weather, this event will be moved indoors and will continue as a usual pub night. No babysitting will occur in the event this change happens.

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## SAVE THE DATE!

**2nd Tuesday of the month from 1:30-3:30 pm**

**Community League Day – September 16th, 11am – 3pm.** Once again there will be a free BBQ lunch, plenty of activities for the children, and an opportunity to pick up your 2017/2018 community league membership. Mark your calendar and we'll see you there!

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## BEER FEST!

**Saturday, September 30**

Come join your neighbors and bring along some friends. We're going to have a fun night enjoying great beer, bavarian pretzels and more!

Registration is required. Contact **Shayna** at [bowlings@gmail.com](mailto:bowlings@gmail.com)

## WHY HOST A BLOCK PARTY?

Woodcroft Community League encourages all community members to try to host a block party in your part of the neighbourhood. One of the most significant things that someone can do to help prevent crime in their neighbourhood is to get to know their neighbour. Neighbours who know one another look out for one another. When you know your neighbours, you know who and what belongs in the area.

Other reasons for hosting a block party include to increase that sense of belonging to a community; to meet neighbours on your block that might be able to lend you that needed ingredient or a tool; and to learn a little about each other and know who might need a little extra help from time to time.

Both Neighbourhood Watch and the City of Edmonton have great resources to help you get started (see links). All it takes is one person on the block willing to be the "Connector" and then ask for help. <http://enwatch.ca/block-party/> [https://www.edmonton.ca/residential\\_neighbourhoods/PDF/NeighbourhoodBlockPartyKit.pdf](https://www.edmonton.ca/residential_neighbourhoods/PDF/NeighbourhoodBlockPartyKit.pdf)

Woodcroft Community League is willing to assist with some resources, please don't hesitate to contact **Arlene at 99ahuhn@gmail.com** if you have any questions.



## 2017 FRONT YARDS IN BLOOM

Have you admired beautifully maintained front yards in the neighbourhood? Want to do something to let the gardener know you appreciate their efforts? Between May 20 and June 30 you can nominate these folks for official recognition through the Front Yards in Bloom program. Simply note the neighbour's address, log onto the following site [https://www.edmonton.ca/programs\\_services/landscaping\\_gardening/front-yards-in-bloom.aspx](https://www.edmonton.ca/programs_services/landscaping_gardening/front-yards-in-bloom.aspx) and fill in the online nomination form.

Imagine their surprise and pleasure when they find a bright yellow placard on their front lawn in July, a sure sign that someone has recognized their efforts to beautify the community. If you don't have internet access, you can also submit nominations by calling 311 after May 20th.

## FRUIT RESCUE REGISTRY

Will you have extra fruit or veggies from your trees or gardens that you don't know what to do with this year?

There may be a Woodcroft neighbor or community member that would be interested in taking these off your hands....Here's how it works...

Send your friendly neighborhood fruit matchmaker an email [kellypurdy@shaw.ca](mailto:kellypurdy@shaw.ca). Let her know that you either have fruits and/or veggies you are wanting and willing to part with OR that you are looking to rescue fruits and/or veggies. Kelly will then add you to her fruit rescue registry and connect individuals depending on interest and items available!

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## WOODCROFT BIKE CLUB

Come out and join the fun with Woodcroft's NEW bike club. For ages 7-12 (ages 7 & 8 should be experienced riders). Meet once a week at the Woodcroft Community League Centre to start the ride for the evening. The ride each week will be approximately 1 hour long, going from 7-8pm every Wednesday, starting June 7th. No cost to join the club but parents must attend the first time your child participates to sign the waiver. Helmets are a must. If you do not have a bike bell we will give you one.

We are also looking for helpers for this club who are 13 plus. If parents would like to join the ride for the evening they are welcome to do this as our leader will not be able to take a large number of children without helpers. Unfortunately, if there are no helpers it will be a first come first basis.

For more information please contact **Dave at 780-530-8575** or email [davekennyman@gmail.com](mailto:davekennyman@gmail.com)



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