

Woodcroft Community League
Established in 1957
Celebrating 50 years of community spirit!

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President's Message

Patricia Grell, President WCL, patnlarry@ocii.com, 454-8680

There are some of you that received our December newsletter in its new format and some of you who did not. **To those of you that are receiving the newsletter for the first time in this format, welcome!** Our publisher, Calder Publications assures me that there are always glitches with Canada Post when initiating one of his newsletters in a new community. Hopefully this time round all of our residents –those living in apartments, condos and single family dwellings -- will receive a copy.

It is a momentous time in the history of Woodcroft. **We are on the brink of having our local elementary school closed permanently.** The Community League has been working with the Sustain Woodcroft Parent Committee, the Traffic Concerns Committee and the Playground Committee to create a **report about Woodcroft Community and Woodcroft Elementary to convince the school trustees to keep Woodcroft school open.** You can read the report at our web site at www.woodcroftcl.org.

We are in need of all your support in keeping it open. Please phone the Edmonton Public School Trustees listed below to let them know what you think about this situation. The Public School Trustee for Ward C where we are located is Sue Huff. Sue Huff has been a great advocate for keeping schools open. Please contact as many trustees as possible to let them know that the closing of our school will have a great impact upon our community's well being especially that of our children. The Woodcroft Community League has been diligently working with Walkable Edmonton to make our community a more walkable community in order to improve the health and well being of all our residents. Closing our local elementary school goes contrary to this goal since buses will now be required to transport our children to Dovercourt and other nearby communities rather than allowing them to walk to school giving them much needed exercise. **Please consider phoning or writing a letter to each of the trustees to express your views. Their contact information is as follows:**

Mailing Address: Centre for Education, One Kingsway, Edmonton, Alberta, T5H 4G9

[Ward A](#)
[Bev Esslinger](#)
429-8135

[Ward B](#)
[Ken Shipka](#)
429-8016

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429-8087

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[Gerry Gibeault](#)
429-8082

The **attributes and special programs** listed below reveal the **high standard of education that students who attend Woodcroft enjoy**. The school encourages our children not only to excel academically but to be good citizens and good stewards of the earth.

SPECIAL ATTRIBUTES OF WOODCROFT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

- Woodcroft Elementary School is designated as a Balanced Literacy School. Teachers from grades 1-6 must complete 2 years of intensive training in order to teach the Balanced Literacy approach. This Language Arts approach balances working with words, reading and writing skills.
- The Instructional Focus of the Woodcroft Elementary School is writing.
- On June 21, 2002 Woodcroft Elementary School was awarded an Earth School designation from the SEEDS Canada Foundation. This program encourages students to be environmentally responsible and to take personal action at school and with their families. Classes undertake projects to communicate about or to enhance the environment. Classes then log their project results and report them to SEEDS. By keeping records of their achievements, schools gradually work toward 100 projects to become recognized as environmental Green Schools. Woodcroft Elementary School, completed 1,000 projects to achieve SEEDS' highest designation to become an Earth School. There are 246 Earth Schools in Canada.
- Offers French as a Second Language this year for grades 4 and 5. Next year for all division 2.

- Offers regular ½ day Kindergarten program with no combined class. Children are provided with a solid foundation for entering grade one.
- Entire school has a Home Reading program. Each class has monthly goals set for students to achieve.
- Recognition of Academics in the four core subjects after each reporting period. We have an assembly and children are presented certificates for hours in Math, Language Arts, Science and Social Studies.
- Offers before and after school care
- Offers Behaviour Learning Assisted Classes (BLA) for children with a variety of behavioural issues. The classes and recess times for these children are separate from the rest of the school however, because of the effectiveness of the teaching program these children are eventually able to be integrated into regular classes.
- Woodcroft Elementary School offers a Character Education program that awards students' acts of kindness at monthly assemblies. Students are awarded a Citizen of the Month certificate.
- For many years Woodcroft Elementary School students have sponsored endangered animals through the Central Rockies Wolf Project. This year the students are sponsoring a swift fox.
- There is a Leadership Team made up of students from grade six who take an active role in many aspects within the school e.g. they do daily announcements over the PA system, they plan special days such as teddy bear day and pajama day.
- Participation in the annual Terry Fox Run for past 4 years, raising \$650 in 2007.
- Positive Attitude Tickets (P.A.T.s) – which are a Woodcroft Elementary School invention -- are given to students who are observed them doing various positive actions throughout the school day. Every Friday 2 names are drawn out of the weekly collection of P.A.T.s and a prize awarded to the students.
- For the past 2 years the school has been raising money for the Stollery Children's Hospital. The last drive raised \$350.00.
- Woodcroft Elementary Schools partners with many volunteers from the community including parents, residents, former students and Ross Sheppard High School students.

SUSTAIN WOODCROFT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SURVEY RESULTS

The complete results can be found at our web site at www.woodcroftcl.org however, if you do not have access to the web, here they are in brief:

Out of 142 respondents, 30% wanted the school to have a Science designation, 28% wanted a Sports Alternative Program and 22% wanted a Language Program with a majority wanting that language to be French. 83% wanted a sports-oriented before and after school care program and 92% wanted a playschool to be situated at the school. 28 parents out of the 142 respondents that had 33 preschool children stated that they were committed to sending their children to Woodcroft Elementary School when their children reached kindergarten age. A majority of respondents who have their children enrolled in the school stated that the reason they like the school was because of the excellent teaching staff and the small classes.

WIN OILERS TICKETS!!

Woodcroft is both an older and newer community. We have people who have lived in this community for over 50 years and some who have only lived here for a year. Due to the diverse community we have, we need to find out what **YOU** want in **YOUR** community and what **YOU** want changed. **OUR** playground is deteriorating and we need to build a new one, what should it look like? There is a lot of traffic cutting through **OUR** neighbourhood, should we try to change this? What events do you want to have in **YOUR** community? **LOOK FOR THE COMMUNITY NEEDS SURVEYS IN YOUR MAIL BOX SOON OR YOU CAN COMPLETE THEM ONLINE STARTING FEBRUARY 15th AT (www.woodcroftcl.org and follow the links).** Both the playground and traffic safety surveys must be returned by March 15th to be entered in a draw for Oilers tickets and other prizes. If you do not receive a copy of these surveys in your mailbox by the end of February, please contact Arlene at 481-4420.

EASTER EGG HUNT:

The Woodcroft Community League is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt for the community on March 22nd starting at 10:00 am and running until noon at the Woodcroft Community Hall. The Easter Egg Hunt will be for children aged 1-11 but bring the whole family as there will be hot chocolate and coffee in the hall and activities outdoors for everyone. We will be selling raffle tickets for prizes at the event with the money going to the Playground Fund. To ensure we have enough eggs for everyone, please RSVP how many of you in your family will be taking part. Call Arlene at 481-4420 or email her ahuhn@telusplanet.net.

GOOD NEIGHBOUR CARDS: LOOKING OUT FOR EACH OTHER

These cards are now available to give to your neighbours and friends in Woodcroft to express your gratitude for all the things they do to help make our community such a wonderful place to live. The cards can be used to thank your neighbour who shovels your walk, or a resident that brought you food when you were sick, for a volunteer who helps at the school or community league. Cards can be picked up in the mailboxes at the following Community League Board Members' homes:

Patricia Grell, President, 11568-139 St.

Eden Tourangeau, Vice President, 13519- 116 B Ave.

Arlene Huhn, Playground Committee Chair, 11520-141 St.

HOW TO REPORT A CRIME THAT IS NOT IN PROGRESS

Constable Trish Gagne has advised Woodcroft community to send information regarding any crimes not in progress to Zenon Martynkiw our Neighbourhood Watch representative who will then contact Trish Gagne who will prepare a report. She believes this system, will by pass much unnecessary bureaucracy and get faster police

attention to our community. Zenon can be reached at 453-1090 or woodcroftwatch@gmail.com.

CRIME STATISTICS FOR DECEMBER 2007

- 10 - Collisions (Property Damage or Injury)
- 2 - Break and Enter (house/apt)
- 2 - Break and Enter (Commercial)
- 3 - Theft of Motor vehicle
- 3 - Theft from Motor Vehicle

Woodcroft Community seems to have experienced a few theft from autos and theft of autos during the month of December. Please remember to take valuables out of your vehicle and use a “club” to deter would be thieves. The most common vehicle stolen is Ford and Dodge Trucks as well as Honda cars.

Please remember to report all crimes to police – please follow directions on “how to report a crime not in progress” above. We cannot help you or address your concerns if we don’t know about the incident. Be observant in your neighborhood and report suspicious activity.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW COMMUNITY CONSTABLE TRISH GAGNE:

1. Ensure your home exterior is well lit at night.
2. If away from your home, have a neighbour or friend clear your walk and remove excess mail and flyers.
3. If you don’t know your neighbours, get to know them. They can be very valuable security for your home!!
4. Consider using a timer for lights, t.v. and radio or intermittently leave lights on in different rooms, even during the day.
5. Record all serial numbers for electronics and perhaps engrave your driver’s license number on them for further Identification.
6. Photograph or videotape your valuables for insurance purposes.
7. Notify your alarm company when you will be away and have updated keyholder information.

West Division Community Liaison
Sgt. Duane HUNTER
Cst. Tricia GAGNE, (780) 426-8043

EDMONTON POLICE SERVICE TOWN HALL MEETING

With Chief Mike Boyd
Monday, February 7, 2008, 7:00 pm
Royal Alberta Museum

All residents are welcome to attend this event the focus of which will be crime issues in the West End of the city.

CROSS- COUNTRY SKI TRAILS NOW IN CORONATION PARK

Cross-country ski trails for both skating and classical style skiing are now groomed in Coronation Park for all residents to use free of charge. This is a pilot project to see if there is enough interest to sustain these trails annually. **We must show that we are**

using them or the City will not groom them again for us next year. You can begin the 2.5 km ski trail at the South West corner of the parking lot of the Woodcroft Hall at 13915-115 Ave.

WOODCROFT COMMUNITY LEAGUE OUTDOOR RINK NEWS

The rink is now open for daytime and evening skating and shinny hockey. Because we have been unable to find a responsible older adult to attend the rink shack, we have been unable to open it. Our thanks goes out though to Gerry Morse, Michael Morse and Aaron Preteau for at least keeping the ice clean and watered.

We have a modern, regulation size skating facility available for teams/groups/parties to rent for \$80/hour. Included in the ice rental is access to our heated rink shack complete with bathrooms, change room, and hockey nets. For more information and to book the ice contact Gerry Morse at 453-2863.

THE ST. GEORGE/WOODCROFT WALKING CLUBS

The Woodcroft Walking Club meets every Wednesday at 3:00 pm at the Woodcroft Hall and does a loop through Coronation Park. Everyone is welcome! Call Perry Rydman at 455-7947 to confirm especially in bad weather.

The St. George Walking Group meets every Wednesday at 10 am and we walk for approx. 1.5 hours in the river valley. If you are joining us for the first time, please call 454-7581 or email at saparr@shaw.ca for the current week's meeting point. Because of winter conditions, we may change at the last minute. We look forward to having you join us!

THE WOODCROFT ST. GEORGE BOOK CLUB

The book club meets the second Tuesday of every month from 1:30 – 3:30 pm at the Woodcroft Hall. Everyone is welcome but contact the coordinator Jacky Polowy at 459-4600 to confirm each month. Upcoming gatherings and books are:

February 12	My Sister's Keeper by Jodi Picoult
March 11	Freakonomics A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything by Steven D. Levitt and Stephan J. Dubner
April 8	No I Don't Want to Join a Book Club by Virginia Ironside
May 13	Angels and Demons by Dan Brown
June 10	Edwina Mountbatten by Janet Morgan

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE ALBERTA ST. GEORGE SOCIETY

Go to www.ocii.com/~stgeorge/ The Alberta St. George Society is making Woodcroft Hall its home for now (and if all works out, for a longer period of time). All community members are welcome to attend their activities and join in their fun! They are a great, welcoming group of people with a wry sense of humour!

FREE SWIM AT GRANT MACEWAN

All current members of the Woodcroft Community League are welcome to join us for our free league swim at Grant MacEwan pool on Sundays from 2:00 – 5:00 pm. Simply show your 2006-2007 membership card.

WELCOMING COMMITTEE

The Woodcroft Welcoming Committee would like to extend a great big congratulations to Lee and Autumn of our community who welcomed their first child in January.

Our condolences to Violet Larson who recently suffered the loss of her husband Lee. The Larson's have been long time residents of our community.

If you have a neighbour or know of a resident that is new to our community, who has had a new baby or has suffered a recent loss, please contact Marlo Miles at 454-0947 and she will make sure that a card is sent on behalf of our community. If Marlo learns of new residents in Woodcroft, she encloses a complementary community league membership with her welcoming card.

HORIZON DAY HOMES IN THE COMMUNITY OF WOODCROFT: "QUALITY CARE IN A COZY HOME"

Horizon Day Homes is In Association with Child Development Day Homes
Register at 444-2288

Care Provider: Erin Dawson, Certified Early Childhood Education, Level 2, 633-9858
Now accepting children ages 3 – 6 only.

BENEFITS OF BEING A MEMBER OF THE WOODCROFT COMMUNITY LEAGUE

To become a member, contact Nina Pronchuk at 239-5090

- Free family swim at Grant MacEwan Center for Sport and Wellness (10700-104 Ave) every Sunday from 2:00-5:00 p.m.
- 20% discount off annual passes and 15% discount off multi admission passes to City of Edmonton sports and fitness facilities.
- 10% discount off of Telus World of Science yearly memberships (does not apply to renewals)
- Free skating at all outdoor community rinks in Edmonton (non-members \$2.00)
- Eligibility for community sports programs, playschool registration
- 10% off the adult daily rate @Commonwealth Lawn Bowling Club in Coronation Park

CITY OF EDMONTON NEWS: MONTHLY MINDERS

The City of Edmonton News can be found in their Monthly Minders which are posted on our community league website at www.woodcroftcl.org.

REQUIRED: WOODCROFT COMMUNITY HALL MAINTENANCE VOLUNTEER

The Woodcroft Community League is looking for a handy person (male or female) who could take care of smaller maintenance tasks around the hall. Examples of jobs that need to be done are getting extra keys cut, changing light bulbs, ensuring that the hall is clean and if not calling our janitor. Currently, the President is looking after this and it is becoming too much for her to handle especially since she is expecting a new baby at the end of March. If you care about your community and appreciate having the hall for our activities, we need you to assist with these small maintenance jobs. It is not too time consuming and does not require a lot of heavy work. Come join a vibrant group of Woodcroft volunteers! Please contact Patricia at 454-8680 if you are interested.

MEADOWCROFT SENIOR'S RESIDENCE: CLEAN, SECURE AND FRIENDLY

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(Just north of Westmount Mall)

Age: 65 +

Units: 308 Bachelor (418 sq.ft)

112 One Bedroom (520 sq. ft.)

Utilities included with rent

Parking, meal option, housekeeping and linen service at additional cost.

No pets permitted.

Services: beauty shop, medical supervision (R.N., regular hours) weekly physician visit, denture clinic, Rx delivery, foot care, massage therapy and Home Care services.

Activities: Exercise class, shuffleboard, cards, pool tables

Features: Restaurant, hair salon, guest room for visitors, security entrance system, balconies, exercise room, laundry, across from Westmount Mall.

See for yourself the difference Meadowcroft will make!

For more information or a personalized tour, please call 454 – 5505

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Large 2 and 3 Bedroom

Townhomes

13535 – 115 Ave. Edmonton, AB

Our reasonable rents include heat, water and parking

Parks within community

Excellent bus service

Close to all amenities

On – site professional management

Sorry, no pets

For more information or to view, please call 454 – 8311

Nina Pronchuk



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Call me today with all your real
estate questions!**

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