



Woodcroft Community League Newsletter Fall 2008

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Woodcroft Annual General Meeting
Saturday, October 18
10:00am-noon @Woodcroft Hall
13915-115 Ave.

Come out to the AGM to learn more about what is happening in our community and see how you can contribute to making Woodcroft such a great place to live! Coffee & refreshments will be served & child care will be provided by the City of Edmonton. We will be holding elections to our Board and presenting the results of the Quality of Life Survey. We will be preparing some actions we want our Councillors to take given the results from the survey. Please attend to give your input.



Woodcroft Community League Memberships

This year instead of selling memberships door to door, we are asking our residents to contact Nina Pronchuk our Membership Coordinator directly to purchase memberships or complete the form on the back of this newsletter and drop it off at her address. Nina can be reached at 239-5090. Membership forms can also be found on our website www.woodcroftcl.org

GOT NEWS?

Please contact Autumn @ 780-637-6900 or amaronuik@yahoo.com if you have any new ideas or announcements for the newsletter.

Our first new feature is...

Fish-heads & Flowers...

Flowers to the community league volunteers for all the hard work in our community.

Fish-heads to litterbugs.

Woodcroft School Update

Cindy Skolski of Edmonton Public Schools District Services has provided the following information on the use of Woodcroft School: The Institute for Innovation in Second Languages Education will temporarily occupy a portion of Woodcroft School. This means that approximately 18 consultants and support staff will be working out of the facility. The Institute for Innovation in Second Languages Education consultants provide leadership in the best practices for teachers of second language education. In the fall, the District will review the future use of Woodcroft School and will meet with the community. If you have any questions regarding this information you can contact Cindy Skolski at phone: (780) 429-8339, Fax: (780) 425-0323 or E-mail: cindy.skolski@epsb.ca

Woodcroft Community League Contact List 2008

President	Patricia Grell	454-8680
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Member at Large	Gail Taylor	454-5375
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Membership Coordinator	Nina Pronchuk	239-5090
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Traffic Concerns Committee	Carol/Bob Watson	454-7662
Cards/Welcoming Committee	Marlo Miles	454-0947
Hall Bookings	Cindy Stewart	488-6943
Community Constable	Trish Gagne	426-8043, ext 2
Alberta St. George Society Liaison	David MacDonald	468-6651
Playschool Liaison	Roxanne Wilson	451-8665
Community Recreation Coordinator	Una Bryce	496-1911
Community Social Worker	Lou Kinkartz	496-2811

Surveys, Surveys, Surveys

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we would like to thank all of the community members who completed our surveys this year. We did have two surveys go through our community, one for the community as a whole with some focus on the playground and the second on the traffic issues that Woodcroft faces. As a Board of Directors we are trying to address the issues that are important to our community members. We only know what is important to our community by receiving your feedback. Again, thank you to all of you who completed the surveys. Over the next couple of years, our focus will be on what the members of Woodcroft Community has told us are the issues for them.

City of Edmonton Animal Control Bylaws Require the Following:

- All City parks require owners to walk their dogs ON LEASH.
- Some parks are off limits to dogs.
- Dogs are prohibited at all times from school grounds, sport fields, playgrounds and golf courses.
- Excessive waste is offensive, smelly and may be a health issue.
- Pick up after your dog on public and private property.
- Carry a plastic bag - pick up and deposit poop in the garbage.
- Fine for "not picking up" and "excessive defecation on private property" is \$100.

Please note:
No dogs are allowed off leash at the Woodcroft Hall playground or the Woodcroft Elementary School sport fields.
Please use the off leash area on 142 St. and 115 Ave.

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contact me if you are interested and I will happily send you a current catalogue.

Woodcroft Traffic Concerns Committee Report September, 2008

This summer the Traffic Concerns Committee distributed Quality of Life surveys to determine what were the concerns of greatest interest to Woodcroft residents. We were able to receive a grant of \$4,000 from the Alberta Traffic Safety Fund to conduct a survey to determine if traffic speeds and volume were of great concern for our residents or were there other issues such as crime, the Woodcroft school closure that were more pressing for residents. We hired Bannister Research Inc. to prepare the survey instrument and tally the scores. Our Traffic Committee distributed the surveys by bulk mail, through our Community League internet site and door to door.

The collection and compilation of the survey data is complete. Bannister Research has finished their first draft of the report. The Traffic Concerns Committee has reviewed the first draft and has asked Bannister Research to clarify some details and to run some additional queries in the database. We anticipate that the project will be completed within the next month. The final report will be presented at the AGM on October 18 and posted on the Woodcroft Community League website.

Collective Kitchen

If you have a limited income and are finding the price of food is making it difficult for you to buy nutritious food for your family, join our community's Collective Kitchen. We meet twice a month to cook healthy meals and to develop a circle of support for one another.

For more information
phone 483-7785

Hall Rentals

The hall is available for rent to Woodcroft residents only. You are a resident of Woodcroft if you live between 118 Ave. and 114 Ave. and 142 St. and Groat Road. If you purchase a Community League membership you can get \$50 off of an 8-hour rental. To rent the hall, contact Cindy Stewart at 488-6943.

Woodcroft Community Newsletter Advertising Rates

For Profit Organizations:

Business card: \$25.00
¼ page: \$50.00
½ page: \$100.00
full page: \$175.00

Non-profit Organizations:

Business card: \$15.00
¼ page: \$25.00
½ page: \$50.00
full page: \$75.00

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Contact Autumn at amaronuk@yahoo.com or 780-637-6900.

Playground Report

As most of you know, the Woodcroft Community League playground, which is located just north of the Woodcroft Hall needs to be replaced as it no longer meets City of Edmonton standards. We have been slated to have the replacement done in the spring of 2010. Before that can happen we need a few things to happen and we need your help in doing so. Firstly, we need to design a playground that fits the needs of our community. We will be working on this and keeping you up to date as you will be invited to view the draft design and make comments on it. Secondly, we need to raise money to help cover the costs. We need your help in doing this and we will be asking for your help in the next year and a half. If you have any questions regarding the playground development, please contact Arlene Huhn at 780-481-4420.

President's Message Fall 2008

This August we had a very successful BBQ coordinated by Gail Taylor. Thank you Gail for all your hard work! Gail was helped by Arlene Huhn, Patrick Hallonquist, Ruth and Zenon Martynkiw, Larry Richard, Nina Pronchuk, Mirna and myself. Thank you to all those who helped clean up and any others I have neglected to mention. Although the BBQ was successful in so many ways, it was an eye opener for our Board to realize how few volunteers we have looking after the affairs of our community. We have a skeleton crew of volunteers taking care of everything from our finances to our annual BBQ. ***We need more volunteers!*** I appeal to you to join our league and share a few hours a month to help make our community vibrant and safe.

A recent national survey showed that 5% of the people do 67% of the volunteering in a community yet another recent survey revealed that the average Canadian adult watches 4 hours of television per day. I can assure you that the level of satisfaction you will receive from working with a vibrant group of people from your neighbourhood will be much higher than from watching another episode of Wipe Out! Please consider how you can help your community stay vibrant. It will make a great difference to your quality of life as well as that of your neighbours. To express your interest in volunteering please contact me at 454-8680 or get a membership card from Nina Pronchuk our Membership Coordinator at 239-5090 and indicate on the form that you wish to get involved. As well, please attend our Annual General Meeting on Saturday, October 18, 2008 to express your interest in getting involved in the League.

Elsewhere in this newsletter there is a list of all the services that your Board is providing for you. It is an amazing list – Woodcroft truly is a great place to live thanks to its volunteers!

Sincerely,
Patricia Grell,
President

List of Alberta St. George of England Society Activities and Events

All activities take place at the Woodcroft hall

For additional information about the activities listed below go to:

www.ocii.com/~stgeorge/

Pub Night, Sat. Oct. 18, 2008, 8:00 pm

Beer sampling, pub food and sing-along. Tickets in advance by Oct. 15 (no tickets at door), \$15/person
Contact Debbie Harpin for more information at 456-2961.

Outreach Programme, 12:30 pm on Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 22

All members of the Woodcroft community are welcome to join members of the Alberta St. George Society of England to make sandwiches for the Mustard Seed Church. This is a great way to meet neighbours and make new friends. Contact Jill (780) 458-1182 for more information.

Jazz Night

Sat. Nov. 8, Doors open 6:00 pm, supper 7:00 pm, dancing 8:00 pm
\$25/ticket

English Country Dancing

Every Thursday starting Sept. 18 – Dec. 18, 2:30 pm. Contact Rita Martin for more information (780) 475-8498

Georgian Book Club, 1:30 – 3:30 pm on dates listed below

October 14 Persepolis by Marjane Satrapi
November 10 The Perfect Summer by Juliet Nicolson
December 8 Poetry of Choice
January 13 A Handful of Dust by Evelyn Waugh
New members are always welcome! Contact Jacky Polowy at (780) 459-4600

Choir, Tuesday evenings 7:30 – 9:30 pm

Beginning Sept. 16, \$50 per term or purchase an Alberta St. George of England Society membership for \$35 and attend for free for the year.
Contact Vince Heron at (780) 436-8317 for more details.

Ballroom Dancing, Every Friday until Dec. 19

We extend a warm welcome to anyone who would like to come along and join us. Beginners class 7:00 – 8:00 pm
Intermediate class 8:00 – 9:30 pm
Intermediate classes are also held at Meadowcroft Seniors' Residence at 135 St. and 115 Ave. every Wednesday night 7:30 – 9:00 pm
Contact Jean and Harold Couch dance instructors at (780) 465-5171

Morris Dancers, Wednesdays, 7:30-9:30 pm

This old English style of country dancing is similar to square dancing--groups of 6-8 people dance together in various patterns.
For more information contact Tony and Barb Spencer at 481-4860.

Wine Tasting Night, Sat. Nov. 15, 6:30 pm

Come sample wines made by members of the Alberta St. George Society and enjoy pizza and a show. Cost: \$24/non members, \$20 members. Contact Ann Hender for tickets 467-4122

Bon Fire Night (Guy Fawkes Night), Wed. Nov. 5

This traditional English festival commemorates the demise of Guy Fawkes a Roman Catholic revolutionary who attempted to blow up the English Parliament in 1605.
Gates open 6:30 pm, Fire at 7:00 pm. Fireworks at 7:30 pm
\$10/vehicle, \$1/potato, \$1/hot chocolate/apple cider
Location: 142 St. and 137 Ave. at the Shriner's Temple behind Leons, next to Victoria Soccer Club

New Year's Eve Dance

Wed. Dec. 31, 2008 (adults only)
Featuring music of the 50's and 60's.
Look for more details at the Alberta St. George of England website.

What the Members of the Woodcroft Community League Board do:

- Organize workers for a casino every 18 months
- Take care of our finances
- Ensure contract with Grant MacEwan for free Sunday swims
- Ensure the rink is up and running every winter
- Take minutes at each Board meeting
- Ensure a newsletter is available quarterly
- Ensure the Green Shack summer program is made available for our children
- Organize the annual Winter Festival in January, BBQ in summer
- Ensure there are groomed cross country ski trails in Coronation Park
- Ensure that memberships are available for purchase throughout the year
- Organize soccer
- Rent the hall to our residents for their personal special events
- Ensure that a new playground will be built to replace the old playground. If not for these volunteers, the city would eventually remove the old playground and replace it with grass.
- Ensure the maintenance of the hall
- Welcome a Collective Kitchen to use our kitchen free of charge to prepare meals for low-income residents within our community.
- Ensure the Woodcroft Community Playschool has all it needs to provide a high quality preschool thus ensuring that children and families within our neighbourhood can meet and make social connections.
- Work with Walkable Edmonton and the City of Edmonton's Transportation department to find ways we can reduce the volume and speed of traffic flowing by our homes, parks and playgrounds.
- Work with our partner the Alberta St. George of England Society so that we share the cost of running the hall, leaving us more of our casino money for use towards building our playground and providing programs of interest to our community.

**COMMUNITY LEAGUE MEMBERSHIPS ARE
\$20.00 FOR FAMILIES,
\$10.00 FOR SENIORS AND SINGLE PARENT FAMILIES
SENIORS OVER 70 YEARS: FREE!**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

POSTAL CODE: _____ PHONE: _____

Children's Names:	Date Of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY)	Gender (M/F)
_____	___/___/____	_____
_____	___/___/____	_____
_____	___/___/____	_____
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Advantages of Being a Member:

- Free family swim at Grant MacEwan Center for Sport and Wellness (10700-104 Ave) every Sunday from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Show your membership card.
- 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

TO BECOME A MEMBER CALL Nina Pronchuk at 239-5090

Or drop it off at 13608-115 Ave.

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHEQUES PAYABLE TO
WOODCROFT COMMUNITY LEAGUE