

Become a Woodcroft Community League Member

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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:NUMBER OF SKATING TAGS: _____ (FOR FREE SKATING)

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.
- 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
- Free skating at all outdoor community rinks in Edmonton (non-members \$2.00)
- Eligibility for community sports programs

TO BECOME A MEMBER CALL BILL YOUPELL @ 455 - 0045
 or mail this form to the Woodcroft Community Hall at 13915 – 115 Ave. T5M 4B6
 PLEASE MAKE ALL CHEQUES PAYABLE TO
 WOODCROFT COMMUNITY LEAGUE

Membership has its benefits!

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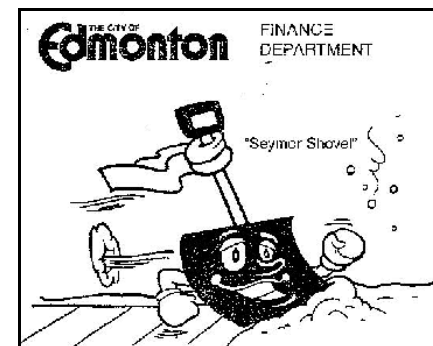
IMPORTANT DATES

Everyone is welcome to attend and participate at the following events at the
Woodcroft Community Hall (13915-115 Avenue)

- **Chinese New Year Activities**
 Sunday, February 18, 2007 from 12-2 p.m.
- **NEW! Community League Meetings**
Now on the 3rd Wednesday of every month!
 Wednesday, February 21, 2007 at 7 p.m.
- **Walking Club**
 Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 1:30 p.m.
- **Traffic Concerns Meeting**
 Thursday, February 22, 2007 at 7 p.m.
- **Kids Connect**
 Sunday Afternoons, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.
- **Outdoor Skating Rink**
 Check schedule in middle of newsletter

Profile of Woodcroft Treasurer

Steve Pacarynuk was born and raised in Kelowna, B.C. He has lived in Edmonton since 1985 and in Woodcroft since 1997. He has been a systems analyst for over 20 years and now runs his own business providing computer systems support to small companies and individuals. He likes living in Woodcroft because of it's central location and mature trees. He lives with his wife Heather Mackay and their 3 daughters. His son Jordan, is grown and now lives on his own. Steve works on the Woodcroft Executive because he knows that they only way to keep the community league going is for people to step forward and take their turn.



Thank you! Last month's blizzard was handled very well in our community. Thank you to all residents who took up their shovels and cleared the sidewalks in a timely manner!

Remember: Property owners are required to remove all snow and ice from the City sidewalk adjoining their property. The snow and ice must be removed within forty-eight (48) hours after the snow fall. **"Seymour Shovel"** says, "If you do not clear the sidewalks adjoining your residential property, you may be subject to a \$85 fine."

Message from the President, Patricia Grell

Read details about how over the past month we have:

- Developed children friendly programs in our community...
- Continued to welcome all residents to the community rink
- Managed the hall by establishing some group rules...
- Worked toward getting revenue from bingos...
- Tackled transportation issues to make our community safer...
- Looked at creating a community cross-country ski trail in Coronation Park...

The Woodcroft Community League Executive has been working very hard over the past month on behalf of our community. As you read in the past newsletter we had a very successful Winter Festival on January 4th which we have booked again for January 2008 during our children's winter break from school. Heather Mackay, who heads up our Family Programs Committee, has been meeting with Una Bryce, our Community Recreation Coordinator, to design programs for children and families throughout the year. **The next activity is the Chinese New Year Celebration scheduled for Sunday, February 18, 2007 from 12-2 p.m.**

The rink is being well utilized by all age groups across our community. **Thank you Gerry and Karen Morse, Michael Morse and Aaron Preteau.** You have been working hard on our behalf to make this a successful and fun winter skating season.

The Federation of Eagles which has been using our hall for their meetings in exchange for working a portion of our bingos, have chosen to vacate the hall. Now that the Eagles are no longer assisting our community with the Castledowns bingos, **we are in need of more bingo workers from the community to work our scheduled bingos.** If you are interested in coordinating the bingos or working some shifts, please call Heather at 451-8240. ***If we do not get enough volunteers for the bingos, we will have to cancel them and rely solely on our rental income to fund the maintenance, utilities, cleaning, and wages of our facility manager.***

We continue to tackle transportation issues to make our community safer and I encourage you to read a brief summary in the middle of the newsletter.

Another program our executive is working on for the future is providing a cross country ski track in Coronation Park. It is possible this will not materialize until next winter. If you are interested in helping out with this project, please call me at 454-8680 or email me at patnlarry@ocii.com.

When you volunteer you give part of yourself—your time, energy, skills, and feelings.
You give to your family, and friends, to your neighbours, to your community.



Crystal and Dr. Minato
prove their ready to serve with a smile!

Westmount Village Dental Health Centre

Westmount Village Dental Health Centre welcomes **2 new members** to our team: Crystal is a Registered Dental Assistant Level II who grew up in Wabasca. Dr. Minato graduated from UBC and grew up in 100 Mile House, B.C. New patients are always welcome.

We offer a wide range of services in a friendly environment. Come in for a free consultation.

13322-114 Avenue
Phone 453-1212

Enjoy the Outdoors on Skates !

Woodcroft Community League Outdoor Skating Rink

Now in full operation!

Monday - Friday	4 to 6 p.m. Public Skate 6 to 9 p.m. Shiny Hockey
Saturday	1 to 4 p.m. Public Skate 4 to 8 p.m. Shiny Hockey
Sunday	1 to 3 p.m. Public Skate 3 to 6 p.m. Shiny Hockey

Please keep in mind for the safety of all users there will be absolutely no hockey sticks on the rink during public skate and all children under 18 years of age are required to wear helmets.

Volunteer Vacancies - You can take part! Our community can't operate without YOU!

Block Parent Coordinator - Woodcroft Community

Vacancy to be filled immediately

Soccer Programs Coordinator - Woodcroft Community

Vacancy to be filled immediately

For more information visit www.edmontonwestsoccer.com

Vice President - Woodcroft Community League Executive

Vacancy to be filled immediately

These positions are rewarding 1 year terms and will provide great learning opportunities and a chance to work toward changes in the community. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Patricia Grell at 454-8680.

Coyote Safe Precautions

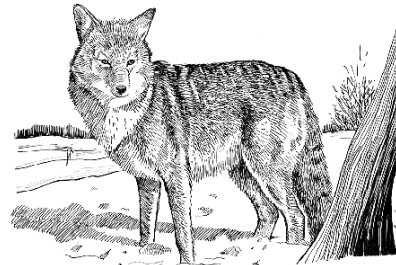
Are coyotes dangerous?

- Coyotes that live in wilderness habitats have a natural fear of humans and are quite shy. Habituated coyotes, those living in an urban environment act more bold, and may become defensive or even attack if they are protecting their food or a den.
- Coyotes tend to stay clear of humans until they learn that people are a source for food. This is called a habituated coyote.
- **Do not** feed coyotes
- **Do not** make food sources accessible. This includes garbage, pet food and fallen fruit from trees.
- **Do not** walk your dog in an off leash area that is frequented by coyotes.
- **Do not** leave pets unattended outside.

What should I do if I encounter a coyote?

Make the coyote unwelcome. Aversive conditioning, making coyotes uncomfortable around humans, will change the coyote's behaviour towards people.

- Make yourself appear large by waving your arms overhead.
- Throw rocks or sticks or other objects to scare the coyote away.
- Carry a whistle and blow it to startle the animal.
- Carry dog spray in areas frequented by coyotes.
- Shout in a deep voice and maintain eye contact.
- **Do not** run away. This may trigger a natural predator/prey instinct and might encourage the coyote to chase you.
- If a coyote continues to approach, back away slowly and move toward buildings or human activity.



Contacts for Woodcroft



<p><u>Westmount Community Police Station</u> 496- 8504 , 13326-114 Ave. Mon – Sat. 8:00 am – 8:00 pm Sun. 10:00 am – 6:00 pm *After hour call: 423 – 4567</p>	<p><u>City of Edmonton Photo Radar</u> Carol at 421 - 2811</p> <p><u>Community Social Worker</u> Rosemarie Solomon 496-4859</p>
<p><u>Community Recreation Coordinator</u> Una Bryce 496-1911 or Una.bryce@edmonton.ca</p> <p><u>EPCOR</u> To report street light outages call 412-4500 or go to www.epcor.ca</p> <p><u>Citizen Action Centre - 496-8211</u> Need help shoveling snow? Call 496-8200 or Westend Seniors' Activity Centre - 483-1209 or Senior Caring about Seniors - 465-0311</p>	<p><u>City of Edmonton Bylaws</u> 496-5161</p> <p><u>ETS</u> 496-5796 or email Manager Charles Stolte at charles.stolte@edmonton.ca to report a not-in-service bus/speeding bus/bus not using proper bus routes — please get the number of the bus, direction and location</p> <p><u>SIDEWALKS By-laws</u> 496-5200 Property owners are required to remove all snow and ice within 48 hours after last snowfall.</p>
<p><u>Woodcroft Community League Executive 2006 – 2007</u></p> <p><u>President</u> Patricia Grell 454 - 8680 <u>Past President</u> Duane Sharp 453-2050 <u>Vice President</u> Vacant <u>Secretary</u> Daria Maluta 455-6140 <u>Treasurer</u> Stephen Pacarynuk 488-4748 <u>Social Programs</u> Heather Mackay 451-8240 <u>Newsletter/Publicity</u> Amy Roy Gratton 637 - 8847 <u>Memberships</u> Bill Youell 455 - 0045 <u>Hall Rentals</u> John Winchar 451– 1473 <u>Soccer Coordinator</u> Vacant <u>Playschool Liaison</u> Susan Larison 452-1933 <u>Neighbourhood Watch</u> Zenon Martynkiw 453 1090</p> <p><u>Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues</u> 7103 - 105 St. Edmonton, AB T6E 4G8 Phone: 437 - 2913 Fax: 437 - 4710 Email: efcl@telusplanet.net Web: www.efcl.org</p>	<p><u>Provincial Representative, Bruce Miller</u> <u>Edmonton-Glenora MLA</u> #207, 10110-124 Street Edmonton, AB T5N 1P6 Tel. 455-7979 Fax. 455-2197 edmonton.glenora@assembly.ab.ca</p> <p><u>Member of Parliament, Laurie Hawn</u> <u>Edmonton Centre Constituency Office</u> 11156-142 St. Edmonton, AB, T5M 4G5 Tel. 442-1888 or hawnl1@parl.gc.ca</p> <p><u>Office of the Mayor, Steven Mandell</u> 496-8100</p> <p><u>Councillor Kim Krushell</u> 496-8136 or kim.krushell@edmonton.ca</p> <p><u>Councillor Ron Hayter</u> 496-8128 or ron.hayter@edmonton.ca</p>

**Woodcroft Community League
Hall Rentals**

Contact Woodcroft Hall Rentals
John Winchar @ 451-1473

**Woodcroft Community
Newsletter Advertising**

Contact Amy Roy Gratton at 637-8847
or email amy.roy@shaw.ca

Deadline for February Newsletter:
Friday, January 23, 2007

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

Page size = 7"x 8 1/2"
circulation: 910 readers

Woodcroft Street Advertising Sign

Contact Shirley Hiemstra @ 452 9964

**Woodcroft Community League
Meeting**

Every 3rd Wednesday of the month
February 21, 2007 at 7 p.m.

**Woodcroft Community Hall
13915 - 115 Avenue**

Everyone welcome!

**Dr. Ann Macdonald
Dr. Milana Levin**

are excited to announce the opening of
our new practice at 11037 Groat Rd.

We look forward to seeing all our
patients at our new location.

Booking appointments now.

New Patients Welcome

GROAT PLAZA
FAMILY DENTISTRY
447-9910



Woodcroft Kids Connect

**Under the supervision and guidance of an adult chil-
dren can interact and build a stronger
community through play!**

Games include:

- Capture the flag
- British bulldog
- Red rover

Age appropriate games will be led for smaller children
**Come dressed to play outside. In the case of really cold weather we will continue
games in the hall.**

Join us Sunday, February 4, 11, 18 & 25, 2007

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

and every Sunday following

**Woodcroft Community League Playground
(beside the community hall)**

No registration required

For more information call

Heather at 451-8240 or Patricia at 454-8680

Children's Programs Update by Heather MacKay

We had such great success with the Winter Carnival, but sadly, no one came to the Family Programs meeting. I have concluded that as a community, we like fun, but do not like committees. So, over the next few months family programs will be simple and primarily be provided through the City of Edmonton. However, from time to time, family programs will require volunteers for short jobs (e.g. set-up or support of a program). If you are able to help on occasion, please call Heather MacKay at 451 8240 so I can put together a volunteer roster .

I met with Una Bryce, our Community Recreation Coordinator and we put together an outline of programs the City can provide on Sunday afternoons through Kid's Connect. **For February and March these programs will be from 12-2 PM. On all other Sunday afternoons, Kid's Connect will continue meeting at the park from 1:30- 2:30 PM.** There are no age limits on the programs, but they will be most suitable for kids from 3-12 years old. Please come out and join fun!

Upcoming Activities

- **February 18th- Chinese New Year** Celebrate with games and crafts in the hall.
- **March 4th- Snow Shoe Orienteering** Learn to make your way on snow shoes!
- **March 18th- Chocolate Making** Get ready for Easter by learning to make chocolates. Eat your product or take it home when you are done!

Looking for a house in this community.

Any condition or size.
Flexible on possession date.
Call Ken @ 405-9600.



Meadowcroft Senior's Residence

Clean, Secure and Friendly

11445 – 135 St., Edmonton, AB
(Just north of Westmount Mall)

See for yourself the difference Meadowcroft will make!

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.

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

Woodcroft Walking Club Gets Active

Walking has been found to be just as beneficial as running for cardiovascular activity with less pressure put on hips and knees. Come and take advantage of this benefit by joining the Woodcroft Walking Club:

**Monday - Wednesday - Friday
at 1:30 p.m.**

**Woodcroft Community Hall
(13915-115 Avenue)**

During this cold winter season, please make sure you are properly dressed. This includes layering clothing with the outer layer acting as a shield from the wind. Appropriate footwear is also encouraged to avoid slipping on ice and packed snow. The Running Room has affordable cleats for walkers suitable for icy conditions. Maps of various routes for the walks will be made available.

All levels of participation are welcome and speed will be adjusted to meet all comfort levels. For more information contact Perry Rydman at 455-7947. Unfortunately walking will be cancelled in extreme weather conditions.



BRENTWOOD HOMES

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



Crime Numbers in our Community	
Shoplifting under \$5000	9
Property Damage—Collision	8
Theft Under \$5000	5
Mischief under \$50	4
Lost Property	3
Hit and Run—Collision	2
Theft from a Vehicle	2
Theft of Vehicle	1
Impaired Driving	1
Sexual Assault	1
Break & Enter	1
Weapons Complaint	1

Ways to reduce crime

We often think of crime as something that happens to other people. We do not expect to be affected by crime. When a crime occurs that affects us we are often unsure as to what help is available. If you are a victim of a crime, support is available to you in this community.

The only way we can effectively deal with crime is if we report it. No one does themselves any favors by not reporting crime. If there are no reports submitted, then there aren't any problems noticed and police are directed where the problems are. Officers working in our area will be able to recognize crime trends when they are reported and will develop strategies to deal with them.

**If you cannot go to your community station and require police assistance at your location call:
423 4567.**

Get Experience: Get a Summer Job!

Closing date to apply is Friday, February 23, 2007

The City of Edmonton, Community Services, Neighborhood Social and Recreation Services is **currently recruiting** for Recreation Technicians I & II, and Program Specialists **for Summer 2007!**

For more information on these and other jobs:

- Visit the City of Edmonton's Employment Centre located on the main floor of City Hall or,
- Visit our website at www.edmonton.ca and follow the links from *"Quick Links" to City Jobs, Job Opportunities, Summer, and then View Postings* or,
- Call the City of Edmonton CITY TALK Dial-a-Job at 496-4000.

To apply, please complete **ONE** City of Edmonton application form or submit **ONE** resume for each position you are interested in to the Employment Centre prior to the closing date of the competition. Please include the job requisition number on your application or resume, and rank the disciplines within the position in order of preference, as well as your preferences for work locations (south, west, east, central, or river valley).

Example:

Position	Discipline in order of preference	Location in order of preference
Recreation Tech I	1. Youth	1. South
	2. Playgrounds	2. Central
	3. Registered Day camps	3. East
	4. River Valley Camps	4. West
		5. River Valley

The following is a summary of our positions. Please consult the postings for more information.

Position	Discipline	Job Number:
Recreation Technician II	Playgrounds, Registered Camps, LET, Youth, Skateboard, River Valley Camps	906195
Recreation Technician II	Inclusion Coordinator	906198
Recreation Technician I	Playgrounds, Registered Daycamps, River Valley Camps, Youth	906191
Program Specialists	Art, Drama, Dance Instructors	906200
Program Specialists	Outdoor Pursuits	906201
Program Specialists	Skateboard Park Host	906202

Important Transportation Issues in Woodcroft

With the assistance of Una Bryce, our CRC and Ian Hosler, Coordinator of Walkable Edmonton, and a handful of interested residents we concluded at our January 18 traffic meeting that we need to make a list of creative solutions to our traffic problems and present them to Kim Krushell, our City Councillor and Bruce Miller, our MLA. If you would like to be a part of this process, please email your ideas at patnlarry@ocii.com or bring your ideas to our next meeting which will be held on Thursday, February 22, 2007 at 7 pm at the hall.

Dovercourt which has only 2 entrances, has qualified for traffic calming measures in the near future due to the large number of vehicles using the main community roads as a cut through route off of St. Albert Trail. Woodcroft has 12 entrances (including alleys) that vehicles use to cut through yet we have not qualified for traffic calming measures. Having our traffic diffused through 12 entrances rather than 2 makes it difficult for us to meet the requirements for traffic calming. Ian Hosler stated at our January meeting that the City of Edmonton Transportation Department is bracing itself for an escalation of traffic problems as our area continues to boom. In regards to bus traffic, Charlie Stolte, Manager of ETS wrote in an email to Patricia Grell, President of Woodcroft on Monday, January 15 that "over the course of the next 10 months there will be a strategic ridership growth plans developed using external consultants to review the current levels of services offered and we have included consultation with community leaders and you and your executive will be included in the data gathering. I am not sure exactly when this will take place but we will be sure to let you know."

Concerns for Transportation Issues in 2007



Last month we shared some transportation statistics with you regarding traffic on 139 Street south of 116 Avenue and 115 Avenue east of 141 Street. I regret to inform you that these statistics were incorrect.

The correct information is as follows:

- **On 139 Street:**
- 183 vehicles/day are traveling at 60 + km/hr (instead of 58km/hr)
- **On 115 Avenue:**
- 300 vehicles/day are traveling at 60+ km/hr (instead of 54km/hr)

If you would like more details on the traffic report for your area of the community, please contact Patricia Grell at 454-8680 to get a copy of the complete report. Voice your opinion at the

Traffic Concerns Meeting
 Thursday, February 22, 2007
 7 pm