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### Advantages of Being a Member:

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- 20% discount off annual passes and 15% discount off multi admission passes to City of Edmonton sports and fitness facilities.
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TO BECOME A MEMBER CALL BILL YOUPELL @ 455—0045  
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 WOODCROFT COMMUNITY LEAGUE

### Woodcroft Sign

To have your special event advertised contact:  
 Shirley Hiemstra @ 452 - 9964



# Woodcroft Community League Newsletter November 2006

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Daytime Walking Club, Fri. Nov. 17,  
 1-2 pm, hall**

**Walkabout, Sat. Nov. 25, 10:30 am—  
 11:30 am, beginning at hall**

**Tri-Community Transportation Meet-  
 ing, Thurs. Nov. 30, 7-9 pm, hall**

Message from the President, Patricia Grell

We had a very good turn out for our Annual General Meeting October 25, 2006 with 30 people in attendance. There was much gratitude expressed to the previous executive for all their hard work in keeping the hall open at a critical time when revenues were very low and closing the hall seemed the only option. Somehow the executive managed to rally the community and the hall remained opened. The previous executive also must be thanked for all their hard work in taking down the old rink and setting up the new one.

We have a state of the art recreational facility thanks to them. A new executive was elected which is listed on the inside of this newsletter.

In other news, **there will be another Tri-Community Transportation meeting which will be held on Thursday, November 30 from 7-9 pm at Woodcroft Community Hall, 13915-115 Ave.** All residents are encouraged to attend this important meeting as it is a follow up to the May 15th transportation meeting where we expressed are many concerns over the changes taking place in our community in regards to transportation. Concerns ranged from the increasing traffic noise from 142 St. to the increasing numbers of buses and cut-through traffic passing through our community. It was decided at this meeting that the City would conduct another traffic survey to assess the numbers, speed and type of vehicles passing through our community. This survey was completed in September and the results will be shared at the Nov. 30th meeting.

**On November 25, 10:30 am beginning at the Woodcroft Hall, there will be a “walkabout” hosted by Ian Hosler of Walkable Edmonton** to look at the specific concerns around making Woodcroft more inviting for walking. We will look at the need for wheelchair accessible curb cuts — where they are needed and how many; we will consider the lighting for visibility and safety at night; we will assess the noise of traffic both from within and from without Woodcroft; and any other concerns that residents may have. Our Transportation Committee will be out in full force for the walkabout but all residents are welcome to attend and make suggestions for improvement.

Speaking of walking, **Woodcroft is attempting to start a free daytime, weekly walking club. This club will be begin with an information session at the Woodcroft Hall on Friday, November 17 from 1-2 pm.** A fitness instructor from the Running Room/Walking Room has been invited to speak on the benefits of walking as a fitness routine. At this meeting the group that has gathered will also meet to discuss the best time, date and place to meet for the walks. We may ask Westmount Mall if we could use their facility in inclement weather and poor walking conditions. For more information contact Perry Rydman at 455-7947.

<p><b><u>Westmount Community Police Station</u></b>  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><b><u>City of Edmonton Photo Radar</u></b>  Carol at 421—2811</p> <p><b><u>Community Social Worker</u></b>  Rosemarie Solomon 496-4859</p>
<p><b><u>Bylaws</u></b> 496-5161  <b><u>ETS</u></b> 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><b><u>Community Recreation Coordinator</u></b>  Una Bryce 496-1911</p> <p><b><u>EPCOR</u></b> To report street light outages call 412-4500 or go to www.epcor.ca</p>
<p><b>Woodcroft Community League Executive 2006 – 2007</b></p> <p><b><u>President</u></b> Patricia Grell 454 - 8680  <b><u>Past President</u></b> Duane Sharp 453-2050  <b><u>Vice President</u></b> Pat Fencott 488-6148  <b><u>Secretary</u></b> Daria Maluta 455-6140  <b><u>Treasurer</u></b> Stephen Pacarynuk 488-4748  <b><u>Social Programs</u></b> Heather Mackay 451-8240  <b><u>Neighbourhood Watch</u></b> Zenon Martynkiw  <b><u>Telephone</u></b> Dora Anderson 453 – 2604  <b><u>Newsletter/Publicity</u></b> Amy Roy 637 - 8847  <b><u>Memberships</u></b> Bill Youell, 455 - 0045  <b><u>Hall Rentals</u></b> Vacant  <b><u>Soccer</u></b> Duane Sharp 453-2050  <b><u>Playschool Liaison</u></b> Shannon Litke 474 – 3196  <b><u>Woodcroft Sign</u></b> Shirley 452—9964  <b><u>Neighbourhood Watch</u></b> Zennon Martynkiw 453 1090</p>	<p><b><u>Laurie Hawn, Member of Parliament Edmonton Centre</u></b>  Room 400, Justice Bldg.  Ottawa, Ont., K1A 0A6  Tel. (613) 992-4524/hawnl@parl.gc.ca</p> <p><b><u>Constituency Office</u></b>  11156-142 St.  Edmonton, AB, T5M 4G5  Tel. 442-1888/hawnl1@parl.gc.ca</p> <p><b><u>Councillor Kim Krushell</u></b>  496-8136, kim.krushell@edmonton.ca  <b><u>Councillor Ron Hayter</u></b>  496-8128, ron.hayter@edmonton.ca  <b><u>Office of the Mayor</u></b>  496-8100  <b><u>Citizen Action Centre</u></b>  496-8211</p>

**PROFILE OF THE EXECUTIVE**

In this new segment of the newsletter we will introduce you to a member of the executive. With a lot of new faces on the executive, it will be good that we get to know one another! The first person to be featured is Patricia Grell, new president of the Woodcroft Community League.

Patricia Grell moved to Woodcroft from Devon in June 2005 with her husband Larry Richard and 2 children William 4 and Thomas 7. Patricia has a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and a Master of Divinity and worked as a Program Coordinator prior to starting her family. She and her family moved to Woodcroft because of it's proximity to so many amenities thus allowing them to walk and cycle to parks, children's school, Peter Hemingway Rec Centre and shopping. She has a particular interest in making Woodcroft more conducive to walking and cy-



**WOODCROFT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL UPDATE**

Woodcroft Elementary School has been identified for a sustainability review within the next 3 years. This review on the part of the Edmonton Public School Board is part of a larger ten-year facilities review (2007-2016) of many schools within the city of Edmonton. The school board is finding that there is more space in the local schools than is needed and we don't have enough funding to operate and maintain all the space we have. Enrolment is declining in the areas with the most school space and many of the schools are in need of significant renovation. The schools currently under review are Coronation, High Park, Lendrum, Mill Creek/Ritchie, Montrose, Mount Pleasant, Mount Royal, and Newton. There are 5 benchmarks that the school board uses to determine the sustainability of a school. They are: 1. School Enrolment—there needs to be at least 140 students enrolled for an elementary school. Currently Woodcroft has 89 students enrolled. 2. Population—there needs to be more than 280 EPSB elementary students residing in the school attendance area or more than 140 EPSB elementary students residing in the school attendance area and attending the school. 3. Student Space and Cost—the amount of money per pupil the school receives must be at least 50% of what is required to fund the custodial, maintenance and utility expenses. Currently Woodcroft sits at 35%. Or the provincial utilization rate must be greater than 50%. This rate is calculated by using a formula that includes the number students currently attending the school and the square footage of the school. Woodcroft's utilization rate is 42%. 4. Facility Information and Cost—the school facility audit score, as defined by the provincial standards is rated at less than 700 points or the district's capital inspection rates the school as acceptable to excellent. 5. Location and Accessibility—there are less than 3 Edmonton Public schools where student learning space is available within a 1.6 km radius.

All the schools identified for the sustainability review could result in one or more of the following examples of outcomes: relocation of one or more programs in or out of a school; adjusting grade configuration by moving grades in or out of a school; re-designating attendance areas or alternative program boundaries; creating multi-campus sites by combining individual schools; program change; adjustment of enrolment limits; school or program closure; status quo. It should be noted that the movement of 3 or more consecutive grades entirely is considered a school closure according to the School Act.

In their 10 year Facilities Plan Report, the EPSB states that "given the national and provincial aging trend, and the higher growth rate of municipalities outside of the City of Edmonton and the district's boundaries, it is likely that the overall district enrolment numbers will continue to experience slight overall decline for the next ten years. While most of the district's schools are located in the city's older, more established areas, growth in the district's student population is anticipated to occur primarily in newer suburban neighbourhoods. Only about one-third of the district's schools are in newer areas where a large and growing number of students live... Edmonton Public Schools is a district of choice and, as such, its students have the ability to choose which schools and programs best suit their needs and interests. Currently, 51 per cent of the district's elementary students attend a school other than the one to which they have been designated. Among the district's junior high and senior high school students, 56 per cent and 50 per cent, respectively, choose to attend schools outside their designated area. The implications for Edmonton Public Schools however is that the ongoing provision of choice impacts directly on the geographic requirements for school facilities within the district and on how capital investment in schools is distributed throughout the city. Students attending schools other than the one to which they have been designated increases demands on private and public transportation (as an alternative to walking to school)."

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## LEST WE FORGET...



**A REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE WILL BE HELD AT ST. ANDREW'S CENTRE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11 BEGINNING AT 10:30 AM IN THE AUDITORIUM. ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME**

## New Mom's Network

**For moms with babies from birth to 6 months**

Every Tuesday, 1:30—3:30 pm  
Woodcroft Public Health Centre  
13221-115 Ave.

Bring your baby, meet other moms. Community Health Nurse, guest speakers, videos, discussions. Connect with your local community!

8 sessions for \$40.00  
**Register by calling 413-7980**

### What a difference a year makes: A Message from Laurie Hawn, MP

What a difference a year makes. In little under a year, Canada's New Government has kept its promises and has been getting results for Canadians. This fall, Canada's New Government took action on two important files for all Canadians: criminal justice reform and the environment.


For years, many Edmontonians have watched as our criminal justice system failed us. Violent and repeat offenders were often let out on our streets, often to re-offend. As part of our commitment to tackle crime, our New Government has tabled legislation that will impose stricter conditions on repeat offenders to keep such criminals from offending again and again.

The proposed legislation will put the onus on offenders convicted of a third violent or sexual offence to prove that they should not be declared dangerous offenders. Those who fail to do so will be subject to an indeterminate jail sentence, with no eligibility for parole for seven years. Coupled with other measures on conditional sentencing, street racing, and gun crimes, these measures will make all Canadians safer.


Work on the environment has also begun this session after years and years of neglect. Air quality has worsened under the previous government, and as a result, Canadians' health has suffered. Canada's New Government is different. It will tackle this problem head-on and deliver real, measurable solutions to improve air quality and address climate change.

Ours is a new approach for better results. It will move industry away from voluntary compliance to strict enforcement and replace the current patchwork system with clear and comprehensive standards. By establishing comprehensive standards, backed by regulated targets and measurable outcomes, we will improve air quality so that fewer Canadians suffer from the effects of air pollution.


On the two issues of the environment and criminal justice reform, Canada's New Government is taking measurable and real steps to make Canadians healthier and safer. I am proud of our progress to date and hope for even more results in the future. On a side note, I would also like to invite all constituents to our Christmas Open House on December 20<sup>th</sup>, and our Winter Townhall on January 9<sup>th</sup> (see our advertisement or website at [www.lauriehawn.com](http://www.lauriehawn.com), for more details).



**LAURIE  
HAWN, MP**  
Edmonton Centre  
*Standing up for you in Ottawa!*



*Merry Christmas  
and Happy Holidays  
to the Woodcroft  
Community ...*



**Christmas Open House**  
Where: Laurie's Office, 11156-142nd Street  
When: Wednesday, Dec. 20th, Noon - 4pm  
*Come & enjoy the holidays with Laurie and Staff!*

11156 - 142<sup>nd</sup> St. Phone: 442-1888  
Edmonton AB T5M 4G5 Fax: 442-1891  
[www.lauriehawn.ca](http://www.lauriehawn.ca) [HawnL1@parl.gc.ca](mailto:HawnL1@parl.gc.ca)

**Woodcroft Community League  
Hall Rentals**  
TBA

Members: \$350.00/8 hours  
Non-Members: \$400.00/8 hours

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**Next Woodcroft Community  
League Meeting**

**Tuesday  
November 21, 2006  
7:30 pm**

**Woodcroft Community Hall  
13915—115 Ave.**

**Everyone welcome!**

We are a member of the  
Edmonton Federation of Community  
Leagues

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T6E 4G8  
Phone: 437—2913  
Fax: 437—4710

Email: efcl@telusplanet.net  
Web: www.efcl.org

**Report on Crime**

The following are statistics for some of the criminal offences that took place in Woodcroft in the month of October.



Type of Offence	Number of Offences
Theft of vehicle	3
Theft from vehicle	4
Break and Enter, House	4
Break and Enter, Garage	2
Theft under \$5,000	6
Weapons complaints	2
Family Disputes	1
Mischief Under \$50	3

**Look what is happening at the  
Woodcroft Community Hall  
13915-115 Ave. Friday, November  
24, 7:30pm**



Uptown Folk Club's mandate is to promote local performers. To help accomplish this we host open stages, complete with raised platform, lighting and a fully equipped audio system with a sound technician. \*New for 2006! Your \$4.00 performers fee includes a DVD copy of your performance which will be given to you by evenings end. Open stages are usually held on the last Friday of every month during our season. Sign up is from 7:00-7:30, first come first serve. Performers are limited to 3 songs or 15 minutes (on-off stage). Performance time is from 7:30 - 10:45 with 2 short intermissions. A concession is operated with beverages and light snacks. Draws and door prizes are part of the evenings entertainment. Expect a wide variety of performers! Always entertaining. Everyone is welcome to participate as an audience member or encouraged to come up and perform. Many of Edmonton's best known folk & roots performers have started their careers on our open stage. Families, young and old, anyone with a musical persuasion, come and check us out! **Call 436-1554 or uptownfolkclub.ca**

**Bruce Miller**  
MLA, Edmonton-Glenora

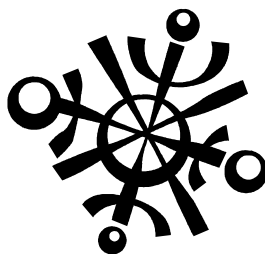


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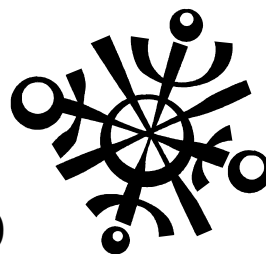
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# Coronation Family Winter Festival

13915 – 115 Ave

(Woodcroft Community League)



Attention all families! You are invited to the Coronation Family Winter Festival! Enjoy an afternoon at the park with loads of fun winter activities offered. These activities include snow painting, snowshoeing, a sleigh ride and many more cool winter activities.

**Dates:** *Thursday, Jan 4, 2007*



**When:** 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

**Who:** All Families

**Cost:** Absolutely Free!!



An outdoor special event in Coronation Park!

### Special Event Activities Include

- ✓ Bannock Making
- ✓ Snowshoeing
- ✓ Sleigh Ride
- ✓ Skating
- ✓ Face and Snow Painting



For more information about this event please call our Registration line at 496-2967. If the WEATHER is -20C or colder with the Windchill, the event will be cancelled!!



### GRANT MACEWAN POOL UPDATE

College administrators decided on October 23 to invest \$1.3 million in upgrading the facility's mechanical and electrical systems keeping the pool open for another few years. During that time the administration will monitor how the new downtown YMCA pool and the refurbished Kinsmen aquatic centre affects the attendance of the MacEwan facility. The pool costs the College \$540,000 to operate each year. The upgrade will most likely begin in about 6–7 months and will take from 9–12 months to complete. Until then **our Community League's free Sunday swim from 2-5 pm will continue.**

The pool which is officially named the "Dr. Gerry Kelly Aquatic Centre" was opened in 1993.

## Woodcroft Walking Club

Join fellow residents in forming a daytime walking club in our community. Come to a FREE introduction to walking as a fitness routine at the

**Woodcroft Community Hall  
13915-115 Ave.**

**Friday, November 17, 2006  
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm**

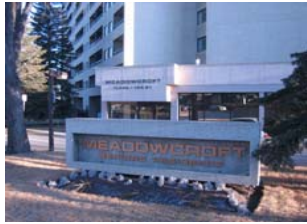
The speaker who is a fitness instructor with the Running Room/Walking Room, will discuss the benefits of Active Walking and Power Walking.

The session will include:

- Run/Walk Training
- Rewards memberships
- a **FREE** bi-monthly Running Room Magazine
- Invitation to practice-days every Wednesday & Sunday with the Running/Walking Room
- Information about the ongoing walking clinics held at Running Room locations around the city
- **Information about starting a club in our community**

*For more information contact  
Perry Rydman  
of Woodcroft Community at  
455-7947*





## *Meadowcroft Senior's Residence* *Clean, Secure and Friendly*

11445 – 135 St., Edmonton, AB  
(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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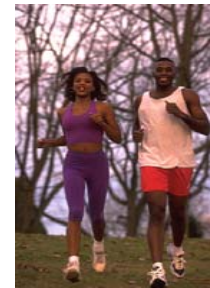
Sorry, no pets

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

## NOT IN SERVICES BUS UPDATE



ETS Manager Charles Stolte was notified recently by Patricia Grell, resident of Woodcroft, of the continued passage of not in service buses through our community. Mr. Stolte responded in an email dated October 30, 2006 that "ETS has committed to taking every available step to reduce the numbers of buses in your community to those actually in service." He mentions the steps they have taken to notify their drivers of the new initiative including posting information at the Mitchell garage, informing operators via internal communications channels and personal interviews with supervisors, and monitoring the area with ETS Inspectors. "As you are aware," he writes, "not in service buses have been using some of these roads to return to Mitchell for over 25 years, and some habits are very hard to break...In the future **should...your neighbourhood encounter not in service buses please note the date, time and bus number and e-mail me directly at charles.stolte@edmonton.ca.** I will ensure the appropriate action is taken. ETS takes your concerns seriously and is doing everything within its control to prevent these problems from reoccurring through continued information, monitoring and operator discipline (when appropriate and necessary)."



## ***Peter Hemingway Pool and Fitness Centre offers***

***20 % off Annual Passes and  
15% off Multi-Admission Passes  
When you present your valid Community League  
Membership Card***

This is an initiative of the **City of Edmonton Community League  
Wellness Program**

**Present your valid Community League Membership Card at any City of Edmonton  
sports and fitness facility and enjoy great admission discounts!**

**For more information, please call 944-7744 or  
visit [www.edmonton.ca/wellness](http://www.edmonton.ca/wellness).**

# Woodcroft Community News

**TRI-COMMUNITY  
TRANSPORTATION MEETING  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2006  
7:00—9:00 PM  
WOODCROFT COMMUNITY HALL  
13915-115 AVE.**



This is the follow-up meeting to the May 15th transportation meeting which will look at the results from the data collected by the Transportation Dept. in September as well as hear what the Transportation Dept. will suggest in addressing our varied transportation issues raised in May. The more residents we can get out to this meeting, the better our concerns will be heard and acted upon.

## ***WALK-ABOUT***

Saturday, November 25, 2006  
10:30 am

Beginning at the Community Hall, 13915-115 Ave.



The transportation committee of our community invites you to join them in walking around Woodcroft with Ian Hosler, Coordinator of Walkable Edmonton to identify specific issues that will make our community more walkable. Some issues we will address are the sidewalks that need immediate installation of wheel chair accessible approaches, street lighting, traffic noise from nearby arterials, safety at crosswalks, and any other issues that are identified along the way. All interested residents are welcome.

## **Woodcroft Kid's Connect**



Come and play in the park and get to know the kids in your neighbourhood. An adult will lead a variety of traditional games such as capture the flag, british bulldog, red rover. Games for pre-schoolers will also be provided.

Come dressed to play outside but we will be in the hall in very bad weather.

Every Sunday 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm  
Woodcroft Community League Playground  
(beside the community hall)  
No registration required

Inspired by the book "Child's Play" by Silken Laumann  
For more information call  
Heather at 488-4748 or Patricia at 454-8680

**FREE PUBLIC SKATING AT CORONATION ARENA  
13500-112 Ave.**

Every Saturday, Sept. 9 - Dec. 31, 2006  
3:15 pm—4:15 pm

Excluding Nov. 11, Dec. 23 & 30, 2006  
Call 496-4999, press 2 to check for changes



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## ***BUSINESS PROFILE: Tim Horton's at Westmount***

***Owner: Marie Rudkowski***

***Manager: Patti Abenojar***

***Hours of Operation: 5 am—11 pm,  
Drive Thru : 24 hours***



**Manager Patti and Owner Marie**

As many of our readers may be aware, the birth place of Tim Horton's is Hamilton, Ont. A couple from Hamilton came to Edmonton and wondered at the lack of Tim Horton's out this way so decided to open up a franchise. This couple lived across the street from Marie Rudkowski and her family and shared with them their adventures in setting up a franchise in our city. The Rudkowski's of Edmonton decided to follow in their neighbour's footsteps and applied to Tim Horton's for a franchise.

After 3 years Marie, her husband and brother-in-law were granted a franchise. In the 3 years they have been in business they now own and manage a Tim Horton's location in Terwillager, 118 Ave. and 130 St., Esso on the Run at 156 St. and 111 Ave. and finally on July 1, 2006 the location at Westmount. They have 35 - 40 staff that live mostly in our area and like all businesses in this boom time, wish they could hire more.

Running a business is hard work reports Marie, but very rewarding. She says that Tim Horton's likes to offer franchises to people who have family partnerships and people of modest means. The purpose of the first requirement is to deter franchises from dissolving —family bonds are usually stronger than those between business partners. The second requirement is for the purpose of creating a connection between the owners, their staff and their customers. A millionaire owner for example, will not likely be at the franchise keeping connected with staff or customers as one who is more directly involved.

Woodcroft Community League owes a big thank you to Marie and her staff for providing the refreshments at our Annual General Meeting on October 25, 2006. Marie has agreed to continue donating refreshments for all our league meetings in the future. If you are at Tim Horton's say hello to Marie and Manager Patti and let them know how much we appreciate their generosity and interest in our community!