



Woodcroft Community League Newsletter Spring 2009

Promoting a safe & active neighbourhood
www.woodcroftcl.org

Special Community
Meeting
May 2nd, 10am - noon

Constable Trish Gagne will be speaking about crime trends in our community as well as the city at large.

There will also be discussion and a vote on proposed new bylaws.

Childcare will be provided & refreshments will be served.

President's Message Spring Newsletter, 2009

Woodcroft community is alive and well with many volunteers helping out on various committees. As I write this, the Playground Committee is preparing the first of several fundraisers to help fund the new playground being built in the Spring of 2010. If you missed attending our fundraiser you can make a tax-deductible contribution by dropping off a cheque at the hall made out to the Woodcroft Community League.

Our Traffic Concerns Committee has secured a meeting with the Manager of Traffic Operations for May 21 to discuss traffic calming initiatives to be implemented in our upcoming Community Rehabilitation in 2011/2012. A Community Rehabilitation is a project which involves replacing all the sewer pipes, sidewalks, roads, street lights and other infrastructure crumbling from 50 years of use. It is a great opportunity to look at how we can make our community more walkable and friendly to those on foot, bicycle and in strollers. All residents are invited to this meeting – find more details about the meeting in this newsletter. The Traffic Concerns Committee will also soon be working on a pilot project with the Office of Traffic Safety, the Edmonton Police Service and Traffic Operations to reduce the speed of vehicles flowing through our community.

I had an opportunity to attend the Open House of the Languages Centre at the Woodcroft School on Feb. 11. If you missed this opportunity, you are welcome to visit the school any time during the day between 8:15 am and 4:30 pm. Simply ring the door-bell and a staff person will meet you and give you a tour. You can also contact Janice Aubry, Supervisor of the Institute for Innovation in Second Language Education at 498-8777 to arrange a time to visit the school. Some of the partners that make up the new Languages Centre are: Alliance Francaise, the Confucius Institute (Mandarin), the Goethe Institute (German) and the Cervantes Institute (Spanish). There will be cultural and language programs open to the general public and the gym will become available for our community's use under the Joint Use Agreement. As soon as the groups are settled in the building and they have a full time janitor, our community will be able to access the gym for community programs such as drop in sports programs for adults as well as children.

Sincerely,

Patricia Grell, President

Free Winter Family Festival
Saturday, March 21, 2009
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Woodcroft Hall, 13915 115 Ave.

This is a festival for the whole family which includes snowshoeing, sleigh rides (1-3 pm), face and snow painting and many more cool winter activities. Bring a dollar for a hot chocolate and hotdog and meet some new friends in our neighbourhood!

For more information about this event call 442-4848. If the weather is -20 C or colder with the wind-chill the event will be cancelled.

Coronation SCHOOL



in North Glenora

10925 139 Street – Edmonton Ph: 780-455-2008

Website: <http://coronation.epsb.ca>

Principal: Roma Paul Trustee: Sue Huff Superintendent: Edgar Schmidt

Learning through Inquiry

To register your child
or for
further information
contact the principal
at 780-455-2008.

Coronation offers:

- International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme* (IBPYP) Kindergarten to Grade 6;
- emphasis on academics, student leadership, and global citizenship;
- French instruction starting in Kindergarten;
- promotion of an active lifestyle through a quality physical education program; and
- on-site before and after school care

* *Candidate status*



Youth Dance

Sat. March 28 Evening

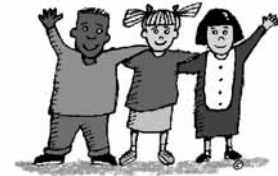
Go to www.ocii.com/~stgeorge/
for more information

Walking Club

Join Perry for a walk!

Tuesdays @ 2pm. Leaving from
Woodcroft hall playground.

Call Perry Rydman for more info,
780-455-7947



Interested in playschool?

Contact Woodcroft Community Playschool
regarding registration for the 2009/2010 year
for the 3 and 4 year old program.

Contact Suzanne @780-457-1227

or visit our website:

<http://woodcroftcommunityplayschool.com>
for information.

We are certainly flexible about times that parents
can pick up the registration forms. For those with
computers, the form is available online and for those
without, Suzanne, our registrar certainly doesn't
mind dropping them off at your home.

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.**

The playground fundraiser that was held on
February 19th was a great success. That
evening we raised just over **\$6000.00**. Thank
you to everyone who donated to help make
our playground and spray deck great!



Winter getting you down and need a laugh?

Attend the Wildlife Rehabilitation
Society of Edmonton's 3rd Annual
Wild Night of Comedy
at the Comic Strip (WEM)
on **April 9 /09.**

Tickets are only \$25 and proceeds go to
Edmonton's only wildlife shelter!
Tickets are going fast, so please contact Dana @
780-439-5964 to reserve
your tickets **before April 6th**
(*must be over 18 to attend.*)

MUSIC LESSONS GUITAR AND VOICE LESSONS

Learn to play OR sing music you love.
Easy courses to cover skills needed to play or
sing in a dynamic way.

All ages, all styles, all levels...Guitar - chords,
strums, notes, picking, tab, etc. etc. many
helpful tips of all kinds, fun and comprehen-
sive Voice - good breathing, articulation,
expression and stage performance techniques.

Royal Conservatory Method if desired. Sing
in a professional and dynamic way to make
the most of your voice! Be better today with
special tips and tricks. ENJOY music in an
enhanced way in short order!

BASS Guitar lessons also available - learn all
the methods you need to fit into a band and
play today's modern music..teacher with 20
yrs. experience and has paid his dues on the
road...fun and easy, reasonable rates!

Call now to book a time: **722-0986**



Sing! Dance! Play!

Fun physical activity
for the whole family!

At the Woodcroft Community Hall,
Thursday mornings, starting March 12.

Salsa Tots: 9:45 - 10:30 AM
Salsa Babies: 10:45 - 11:30 AM

Please call 780-701-4942 or visit
jadoredance.com to register.



www.salsababies.com

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 Latin Dance Classes

8 Thursdays, March 12 – April 30, 2009, 7-8 pm at Woodcroft Hall 13915-115 Ave.

Cost: Children \$20, Adults \$30 and Families of 4 people \$90

Come learn the Merengue, Cumbia, Salsa, and Bachata dances. An experienced teacher with a background in Peruvian Folk Dance will lead classes for singles as well as families of all ages.

For more information and registration contact Megan Jones at megan.jones@gmail.com

Phone Number **780-908-3454**

Childcare Wanted

Seeking part-time child care for a 1 year old starting June 2009.

Please contact Mo for more information: **780.455.1891**

DO YOU LIKE FRESH VEGGIES???

ARE ANY RESIDENTS INTERESTED IN STARTING A COMMUNITY GARDEN? WE ARE LOOKING INTO GETTING A SPACE IN WOODCROFT FOR COMMUNITY GARDENING.

DO YOU HAVE YARD SPACE TO SHARE WITH A NEIGHBOR FOR GARDENING? CONTACT AUTUMN AT AMARONUİK@YAHOO.CA OR 780-637-6900 FOR MORE INFO.

Interested in cleaning your home 90% chemical free?



Ready to learn about the Norwex concept? Enjoy the satisfaction of knowing you are doing your part to preserve the environment for future generations. Book your presentation today, treat yourself & enjoy the generous rewards of being a Norwex host/hostess.

Excellent business opportunity for Moms who want to work from home and spend more time with their families.

E-mail Dawn at cketchum@shaw.ca to book your in home presentation today!



The Woodcroft Mom's Group

will be meeting at the hall on the 3rd Wednesday of every month, 10:00 am.

March 18

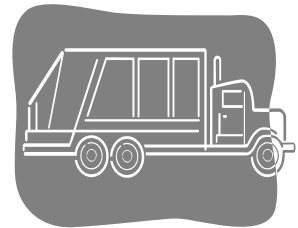
April 15

May 13

June 17

Come meet other parents & children from the community.

Big Bin Event June 20-21, 2009 Woodcroft hall



Drop off your large household items that can't be set out for regular collection.

Attention Community Members

The groomed trails in Coronation Park are set up for cross-country skiers. Please do not walk on these trails. Thank you.

Front Yards in Bloom

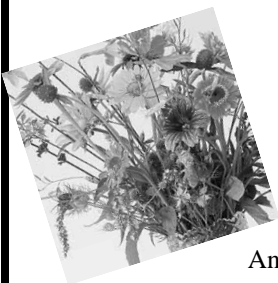
Front Yards in Bloom is a program to recognize attractive gardens that contribute to a more beautiful city, sponsored by the Edmonton Horticultural Society, Canada Post, and the City of Edmonton.

Front Yards in Bloom aims to:

- promote beautiful front yards to improve the image of the community
- recognize the efforts of others
- make Edmonton a more beautiful city through community involvement.

One address in Woodcroft was nominated in 2006 & 2007. Let's try for more in 2009. Anyone can nominate a lovely yard in the neighbourhood; just email frontyards@edmonton.ca.

For more information, and to see photos of the 2008 finalists, visit www.edmonton.ca/eib.





Aurora Charter School has now been in the community of Sherbrooke for a full year, and we are very happy to have completed our major renovation of the building. You probably noticed all of the work being done over the last year. We still lease the school from the Edmonton Public School Board, and the Shumka Dancers still occupy a few rooms for their practices. We have come a long way in the last year, and now offer a full service Kindergarten to Grade 9 public charter school in your community.

Highlights of the Renovation Project at Aurora School...

- the roof and all of the windows were replaced
- most of the doors were replaced
- the entire school was given a new stucco exterior finish
- all of the flooring and lockers were replaced and the interior was completely repainted
- all classrooms and washrooms were renovated and a new library was established
- new boilers and a new heating system were installed
- a new 24-hour indoor/outdoor video surveillance system was installed

Did you know that Aurora Charter School...

- is a 100% publicly funded school?
- has a dedicated staff of fully certified teachers?
- offers classes from Kindergarten to Grade 9?
- has several Sherbrooke and surrounding area families in attendance this year?
- guarantees small class sizes, and a safe and caring environment?
- has a 12-year history of superior student achievement results?
- provides an academic environment for average students, including a school uniform?

We are taking registrations now for September 2009 in all grades. If you would like to stop by the school for a visit, we would love to see you. For more information, come to the school at 12245-131 Street, give us a call at 780-454-1855, or visit our website at www.auroraschool.com.

**A GREAT EDUCATION FOR YOUR CHILDREN
IS CLOSER THAN YOU THINK!**

Ian Gray, Principal

Neighborhood Crime Statistics Report – Woodcroft, as at Jan 2009

# Victims	Current Year	Prior Year to Date	Variance	% Increase /Decrease
Violence Indicator				
Assault	3	4	-1	-25.0%
Sexual Assaults	1	3	-2	-66.7%
Total Victims of Violence	4	7	-3	-42.9%
# Violations				
Property Indicator				
Break & Enter	7	3	4	133.3%
Theft from Vehicle	3	5	-2	-40.0%
Theft of Vehicle	1	3	-2	-66.7%
Total Violations for Property	11	11	0	0.0%

You can now access your Communities Crime Stats on line!!

Log on to www.edmontonpolice.ca

REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

CALL THE EPS COMPLAINT LINE AT 423-4567

ATTEND THE SPECIAL MEETING MAY 2ND FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO REDUCE CRIME IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

What is the Alberta St. George of England Society?

Woodcroft Community League has formed a partnership with the Alberta St. George of England Society. They are renting the Woodcroft Hall (13915-115 Ave.) on an ongoing basis so that they can host various programs and functions that promote English culture in Edmonton. Even though this is their mission, they have assured me that everyone from our community is welcome to attend their functions.

I have personally attended their Wine Festival, New Year's Eve party and their Pantomime for two years now and have always felt welcome and had a very good time! Some of the activities they host at our hall also include ballroom dancing, a book club, an out-reach group that makes food for the disadvantaged, a choir, English Country dancing, art classes, and special social events including movie nights, dances and so on. Many of their activities are free. On Sat. March 28 in the evening for example, they are hosting a dance for young people at our hall. There will be a live band, refreshments and so on.

For more information about the Society and their upcoming activities in March go to their web site at: www.ocii.com/~stgeorge/ or phone David MacDonald their President at 468-6651. The rent that the Alberta St. George of England Society (and the Woodcroft Playschool) pay us is helping cover the costs of running our hall, offsetting the cost of electricity, heat, water and maintenance. We are still able to use our hall for our own programs and at the same time participate in the programs provided by these long-term renters. It is a win-win situation! Woodcroft residents, I encourage you to take the plunge and take part in some of the activities being held at our hall. The Alberta St. George of England Society is not an exclusive society – they are a warm and welcoming group of people interested in simply sharing with you a pint and a good laugh! I hope that you will take me up on my invitation!

Patricia Grell, President, Woodcroft Community League

Community Rehabilitation/Traffic Meeting

Thursday, May 21, 7:00 pm

Woodcroft is slated for its community rehabilitation in 2011/2012. New roads, sidewalks and other infrastructure will be installed during the rehab. It is a good opportunity for our community to consider forms of traffic calming which would reduce the volume and speed of traffic flowing through our community. Brice Stephenson, the Manager of Traffic Operations, City of Edmonton will be attending our regular Community League meeting on Thursday, May 21, 2009, 7:00 pm at our hall (13915-115 Ave.) to inform us of the details of this project. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Call Patricia at 454-8680 if you have any questions.



Climate Change Central

Albertans taking action

CLIMATE CHANGE CORNER

February 2009

Soak up the Savings

With laundry being a daily activity in many homes, upgrading a standard clothes washer to a high-efficiency, ENERGY STAR®-rated model can really help out in the savings department. The average family of four can save up to \$150 on utility costs, 33,000 litres of water and one tonne of greenhouse gas emissions a year.

There are many things you can do, both when purchasing and using a clothes washer, to maximize its efficiency and savings:

1. Look for an ENERGY STAR® machine. These use less energy, and according to the Office of Energy Efficiency, can save you up to \$955 over their lifetime compared to a conventional washer.
2. Opt for a front-loading model. The agitators in these have been removed, which provides for greater load capacity while using less water. Compared to traditional washers, they can save enough water to fill up three backyard swimming pools over the course of their life span.
3. Choose the right size machine for your needs and look for a model with a high Modified Energy Factor (MEF) and low Water Factor (WF). This will help reduce the amount of energy and water used by the machine.
4. Wash clothes in cold water. According to ENERGY STAR® about ninety per cent of the energy used to wash clothes comes from heating the water.
5. Wait until you have a full load. It takes almost the same amount of energy to wash half a load as it does a full one.
6. Select a high spin speed. By wringing out as much water as possible, you reduce the amount of time and energy needed for drying.
7. Use high-efficiency detergent. High-efficiency machines are designed to need less suds and regular detergent can cause them to perform inefficiently.

For more ideas and information on energy-efficiency, subscribe to our free online newsletter [enerclick](http://www.climatechangecentral.com), visit <http://www.climatechangecentral.com>, call us toll free at 1-866-609-2700, or email contact@climatechangecentral.com.

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Member at Large	Gail Taylor	454-5375
Member at Large	Evelyn Devine	454-9009
Member at Large	Chris Shaver	451-8206
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Hall Maintenance	Sandra Johanson	433-2027
Neighborhood Watch	Zenon Martynkiw	453-1090
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Membership Coordinator	Nina Pronchuk	239-5090
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Rink	Lee Giroux	819-9264
Soccer	Kim Cordeiro	452-2500
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Cards/Welcoming Committee	Marlo Miles	454-0947
Hall Bookings	Cindy Stewart	488-6943
Snow Shovelling	Joe Giroux	761-2659/819-9264
Community Constable	Trish Gagne	426-8043, ext 2
Alberta St. George Society Liaison	David MacDonald	468-6651
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Community Recreation Coordinator	Una Bryce	496-1911
Community Social Worker	Lou Kinkartz	496-2811

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Advertising Rates

For Profit Organizations **Non-profit Organizations:**
 Business card: \$25.00 Business card: \$15.00
 ¼ page: \$50.00 ¼ page: \$25.00
 ½ page: \$100.00 ½ page: \$50.00
 full page: \$175.00 full page: \$75.00

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Contact Autumn at amaronuik@yahoo.com
 or 780-637-6900 for advertising,
 announcements, ideas or feedback!

**Deadline for submissions to
 spring newsletter is May.15 /09**



Have a great Spring!

*Are you not getting your newsletter?
 Are you getting someone else's mail?
 Phone Bill Swann at Canada Post to
 register your complaint at 944-3480.*

**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.
- 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, our membership coordinator, directly at 239-5090
 Or drop it off at 13608-115 Ave.
 PLEASE MAKE ALL CHEQUES PAYABLE TO
 WOODCROFT COMMUNITY LEAGUE**