



Woodcroft Community League

Fall 2017 Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

See inside for more information
and to register

Sept. 30 - Pub Night

Oct. 14 - Community Fall Dance

Oct. 21- Beer Tasting

Oct. 22 - Kids Yoga Begins

Oct. 23. - Annual General Meeting

Nov. 4 - Kids Paint Class

Nov. 4 - Adult Paint Class

Nov. 25 - Deck the Hall, Movie &
Pizza

Dec. 2 - Woodcroft Singers Fall
Show

Dec. 3 - Gingerbread House
Decorating



BACK TO SCHOOL

Our neighborhood children are back in school! Many kids will be walking or biking to and from school or bus stops. Please keep a careful eye out while driving through the neighborhood and keep our kids safe!

MESSAGE FROM YOUR COMMUNITY LEAGUE

We hope everyone had a fantastic summer. The beach volleyball courts are in! It is exciting to see our “rink” area being used during the summer months and we hope that beach volleyball will be enjoyed by many. We have partnered with the Edmonton Sport and Social Club (ESSC) to help get the volleyball courts. As with all new partnerships, there are always growing pains. One we noticed immediately is the amount of traffic parking on the street. ESSC is working hard and will work hard next year to ensure that the players park in the parking lot. ESSC is open to hearing our community concerns so if you have any, please do not hesitate to be in touch with any of your Woodcroft Community League Board members and we can get the message to them. Next spring and summer, Woodcroft Community hopes to have our own team playing at the site.

With fall approaching, kids will be heading back to school. Please drive carefully in our neighbourhood to help protect our children.

Woodcroft Community League hosted a couple of successful programs over the summer including our Welcome to Summer BBQ, where cotton candy was flying and children were chasing it and our second annual Beer Garden, which brought out lots of neighbors and great music! Please check out our newsletter for exciting programs that will be in our community in the next 4 months.

We wanted to remind community members that you are invited to all Board meetings and you can find the dates and times on our website. We will be having our AGM on Monday, October 23, 2017 at 7pm. The meeting usually lasts approximately 30 minutes. Please drop in and enjoy a beverage on us and get to know what is happening with your community league.

COMMUNITY LEAGUE DAY!

Saturday, September 16, 11:00am - 2:00pm

Woodcroft Community Centre (Hall)

Cost: Free!

Come out to the Community League, meet neighbors & make new friends. Telus World of Science will be there again!

This is also the perfect time to come down and get your annual Community League membership!

Free BBQ lunch at Noon. See you there!

PARENTS' & TOTS' GROUP

Wednesday mornings, 9:15am - 11:15am

Woodcroft Community Centre

Drop-in Group

Looking to get out of the house with the kids, but not sure where to go? Interested in meeting other parents in the community? Come down to the Woodcroft Community Centre for our neighborhood Parent and Tot group! This group will resume on Wednesday, September 6. Hope to see you there!

The Parent & Tot group is also looking for donations of children's riding toys and baby toys. If you are able to volunteer as a backup for Sarah or have donations for the group, please contact Sarah at 780-964-4321.

WOODCROFT SINGERS

Beginning September 11th, Mondays, 7:30 - 9:30pm

Do you enjoy singing? Join us for lots of music, laughs and fun with new friends. Everyone is welcome from the young to the young-at-heart! No audition required.

We meet every Monday from 7:30 - 9:30pm at the Woodcroft Community Centre.

For more information and to register contact Marilyn at jwoolley@telusplanet.net.

We look forward to having you join us!

WOODCROFT COMMUNITY BOOK CLUB

The Woodcroft Community Book Club will reconvene Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at the Woodcroft Community Centre. Come join us for a fun afternoon. Everyone is welcome!

Date: 2nd Tuesday of each month

Time: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Location: Woodcroft Community Centre

Cost: No Cost, however you must be a community league member.

Contact Marlo at (780) 454-0947 for details and to obtain the necessary Woodcroft Community League Membership if you have not already purchased one by September.



WOODCROFT PUB NIGHT

September 30, 2017 7pm-Midnight

Woodcroft Community Centre

Summer has ended, kids are back to school, life is getting back into a routine. What better time to come down to the community league and enjoy a drink with your neighbors!

Have a drink, play some games and meet new friends! We look forward to seeing you there!

COMMUNITY FALL DANCE

October 28, 6:30pm - Midnight

Woodcroft Community Centre

Cost: \$10/person (16+), 15 and under are free

Cash bar

Join us for an evening of ghosts, goblins and a howling good time on Saturday, October 28th. This family Halloween Fall Dance is sure to be spook-tacular with live music by the sensational Juke Box Leigh and his band. Prizes for best costumes will be awarded! A light evening lunch will be served.

Must register in advance by contacting Cindy at cindy@stewartltd.ca or Arlene at 99ahuhn@gmail.com or 780-481-4420. Doors open at 6:30pm.

Let us know if you want to help out.



BEER TASTING

Saturday October 21, 7-10pm

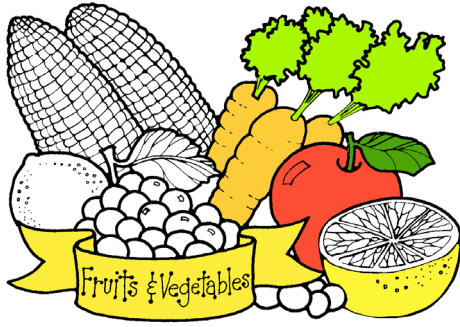
Woodcroft Community Centre

Cost: \$20 for Community League Members / \$25 for non-members

We're excited to have Shane from Beer Geeks Anonymous back with us again this year! We're excited to taste what he has in store for us this fall as he leads us through a fun, social evening of craft beer tasting and food! It's our own little Oktoberfest!

*There will be a cash bar at the end of the tasting portion of the event.





FRUIT RESCUE REGISTRY

Do you have extra fruits and veggies from your trees or gardens that you don't know what to do with???

Our friendly neighborhood fruit matchmaker, Kelly, is happy to help! Send Kelly an email and let her know that you either have fruits and/or veggies you are willing to part with or that you are looking to rescue. Kelly will then add you to her fruit rescue registry and connect individuals depending on their interest and items available! Contact Kelly at kellypurdy@shaw.ca.

KIDS YOGA

Sunday October 22- November 26 (6 Weeks)

Discover, play and connect through yoga! Here kids ages 3 and up are given the opportunity to imagine, experiment and explore the movement of their bodies through a wide range of sensory experiences including cooperative games, partner work, acrobatics, dancing, uplifting music, breathing exercises, mindfulness, relaxation, and of course - stretching. A nurturing class atmosphere allows students to make meaningful connections to one's self and others in a non-judgmental and non-competitive way.

Children ages 3-5 will be at 10:00 AM- 10:45 AM

Children ages 6 + will be from 11 AM- 12:00 PM

Cost is \$60 for non community league members and \$45 for community league members. **Please pre register before October 15, 2017 by contacting Jessica at 780.902.7612 or email j.mcminn@hotmail.com.**

WOODCROFT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Monday, October 23rd at 7:00pm
Woodcroft Community Centre

Do you want to know what's happening in the neighborhood? Would you like to meet the members of your community league board? Join us for our AGM. We'll even buy you a drink! *

*1 free beverage per person who attends. Cash bar open after the meeting.

WOODCROFT ADULT PAINT CLASS

Saturday, November 4, 7:30pm - 9:30pm

Woodcroft Community Centre

Cost: \$35 per person

Come and create a painting you can take home! Instruction is broken down by steps, but allows for your own splash of style! All you need is a smile and to let go of the rules, absolutely no painting experience needed! Invite your neighbors, family and friends and let's paint the night away, enjoy the cash bar and some refreshments!

Cost is \$35 per person which includes instruction from an artist, all your painting material, canvas and refreshments.

Please pre-register before September 19 by contacting Jessica at 780.902.7612 or email j.mcminn@hotmail.com.

This class sold out last time and there are only 25 seats available, so register early to reserve your spot! *Painting TBA

WOODCROFT KIDS PAINT CLASS

Saturday, November 4, 5pm - 6:30pm

Woodcroft Community Centre

Cost: \$20 per child

Your child will get to create and take home a painting of their own! Instruction is broken down by steps, but allows for your child's own splash of style! All they need is a smile and and to let go of the rules, absolutely no painting experience needed! Invite your neighbors, family and friends and let's paint! This event is ideal for painters aged 5 and up.

Cost is \$20 per child which includes instruction from an artist, all their painting material, canvas and refreshments.

Please pre-register before September 19 by contacting Jessica at 780.902.7612 or email j.mcminn@hotmail.com.

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DECK THE HALL, MOVIE & PIZZA

Saturday, November 25, 4:30pm - 9:00pm

Woodcroft Community Centre
Cost: Free! But registration required

Get into the Christmas spirit by decorating the Woodcroft Hall Christmas Tree. Take a break for pizza and then enjoy watching a holiday inspired movie. Bring your children and enjoy the fun!

Contact Linda at (780) 452-4460 to register.
Volunteers needed! Please advise Linda if you can assist.

WOODCROFT SINGERS FALL SHOW

Saturday, December 2nd at 7:30pm

Woodcroft Community Centre

Come out and enjoy the singing of our local group. The Fall show will be held December 2nd. Doors will open at 7pm with the show beginning at 7:30pm.

The event is free but donation do help offset program costs and allow us to enjoy these entertaining shows.



GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING

Sunday, December 3, 2pm-4pm
Woodcroft Community Centre

Cost: Free! But registration required

Spend an afternoon decorating a gingerbread house with your children. This event fills up fast each year, so register early to avoid disappointment! Note: 1 house per family.

Contact Linda at (780) 452-4460 by Thursday, November 30 to register.

Volunteers needed! Please advise Linda if you can assist.

COMMUNITY DEMOGRAPHICS AND ZONING

Would you like to know more about the demographics of our neighbourhood or see what re-zoning applications have been made? You can find the information at https://www.edmonton.ca/residential_neighbourhoods/neighbourhoods/woodcroft.aspx

DOGS IN THE RINK

Due to our new beach volleyball courts, please note that dogs will not be allowed to play in the rink area. If you have used the rink in the past, we ask you to find an alternate location for your dog to run and play. Thanks!

STAY CONNECTED!

Just a reminder that you can stay connected to what's happening in our neighborhood and around the city by joining our Facebook page and by signing up for email updates. If you'd like to get reminders about what's happening in the neighborhood, send an email to woodcroftcommunity@outlook.com. Find us on Facebook at [WoodcroftCommunityLeague](https://www.facebook.com/WoodcroftCommunityLeague).



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Our constituency team is here to help residents with provincial government departments, programs and services.

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Fier de servir les résidents d'Edmonton-Centre




EDMONTON SPORT & SOCIAL CLUB - BEACH VOLLEYBALL

The Edmonton Sport and Social Club (ESSC) was established in 2004 and has been providing adults with the best co-ed, multi sport experience ever since. They have grown to host over 4,400 teams across 15 different sports each year, serving over 78,000 Edmontonians in leagues, tournaments, and events for adults.

The ESSC is always looking for ways to offer Edmonton more; they are constantly adding new sports, new formats, and new facilities to their line-up. When the ESSC expanded the Lendrum Community Beach Courts to include the interior rink, their Beach Volleyball program quickly expanded from 250 to 330 teams per year. They were anxious to keep growing and to try and offer more Beach Volleyball across Edmonton; that's where they found their home at Woodcroft. The Woodcroft Community was the ESSC's #1 choice after looking at over 40 different community league rinks in Edmonton. This new 'Northside' facility will allow the ESSC to expand their Beach Volleyball program and offer players more options when registering.

This Fall 2017 season, the ESSC will be running Beach Volleyball leagues on Tuesday evenings at the new Woodcroft Community Beach Courts in an Intermediate 4's division. Games will begin on September 12th and run until October 3rd. More offerings at Woodcroft will become available when regular programming begins again in the Spring 2018 season.

To find out more information about the ESSC or to register today, visit www.EdmontonSportsClub.com. The registration deadline for outdoor sports is on Wednesday, August 30th and for indoor sports is on Wednesday, September 6th.



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EDMONTON PUBLIC LIBRARY - WOODCROFT BRANCH

Library programs: Something for everyone!

Planning entertaining and educational activities for your family for the fall? Look no further than the Edmonton Public Library, Woodcroft Branch, located right across from the Westmount Mall! We have so many fantastic FREE programs for all ages, and most are drop-in, so no registration is required. To learn more, come in to the branch, call us at 780-496-1830 or to our website at www.epl.ca.

Babies, Toddlers and preschoolers: Baby Laptime is for infants under one year old, offered Wednesday mornings and Monday afternoons. Sing, Sign, Laugh and Learn is for toddlers three years old and under. There are many sessions to choose from: We run the program Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday mornings as well as Thursday afternoons and Monday evenings. Family Storytime is fun for the whole family, offered Monday mornings. Rhymes that Bind, in partnership with the Centre for Family Literacy, is held on Friday mornings.

School-aged Children: Lego Club is offered every Saturday afternoon in September, then Minecraft Club is on every Saturday in October, and Evil Genius Makerspace program is our Saturday offering in November. Reading Buddies is a registered program where children and teens are paired for social reading on Tuesdays after school Sept. 12 to Oct. 17.

Teens and tweens: 12-17 year olds can join us for Teen Lounge for on Fridays at 4pm, as well as for a Reading Buddies volunteer opportunity weekly from Sept. 5 to Oct. 17. Find more information on epl.ca/volunteer.

Adults: Woodcroft hosts one book club, on the 4th Tuesday of the month. We also offer drop-in one-on-one help with computers, devices or other technology on Wednesday evenings, alternating with 6 weeks of registered Computer Club, for those wanting direct instruction on personal computer basics. We are also hosting Financial Pathways sessions on Basic Budgeting (Sept. 12) and Debt Smarts (Sept.19).

Newcomers: We host a conversation circle in partnership with Catholic Social Services on Monday afternoons 3-5pm and Thursday evenings 6-8pm for English Language Learners to practice informal speaking skills.



A NEIGHBOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Longtime residents of Woodcroft, Vicki and Peter, share their thoughts.

"We have lived in Woodcroft since the day we were married, a mere 37 years ago. This is the house where I grew up and the neighbourhood where I went to school. My parents bought this house while it was being built in 1954. I have seen the addition of cement sidewalks and paved roads and alleys and houses with telephones! I met my best friend here when we were 4 years old (that's a lot of years ago!). There have been a lot of changes since then! The multiple changes to Westmount Shopping Centre, the rebuilding of Woodcroft Library, additions to the Science Centre and new equipment for the playground are a few of the better changes. There were some that were not quite as welcome, such as the closing of Woodward's where I packed groceries while going to Ross Sheppard (how many people remember Woodward's Department Store?!) and Woodcroft Elementary School. Most of the original families have moved away. If you look hard enough, there are still a couple of us around. It is good to see new families with children moving here to keep Woodcroft alive. New families bring new ideas such as the block party held in June, beach volleyball, and the fire works on New Year's Eve.

Why are we still here? This is one of the most beautiful areas of the city with its tree lined boulevards, the parks, quiet streets, friendly people, and easy access to just about anywhere in Edmonton. We hope that the people living here, now, and in the future, will continue to care for and keep Woodcroft a family oriented area for future generations to enjoy as much as we have. Thanks Woodcroft!"

WINTER CROSS COUNTRY SKI GROUP

Do you like to cross country ski? Would you like to try it out? A member of our community is looking to start a Wednesday evening cross country ski group. Here's an opportunity to get outside and enjoy our Edmonton winter with others from our community!

Contact Dave if you are interested and to get more information, davekennyman@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY BABYSITTING REGISTRY

The Woodcroft Community offers a babysitting registry. If you are a babysitter who would like to be put on the list or a parent looking for a neighborhood sitter, contact our coordinator Kara. Kara will connect parents needing a sitter with sitters on our registry.

For more information about the process or to sign up, contact Kara at 780-452-3619.

EDMONTON ELECTIONS

Nomination Day: Monday September 18, 2017

Election Day: Monday October 16, 2017

Voters will elect:

1 Mayor

1 Councillor for each of the 12 City of Edmonton wards

1 Edmonton Catholic School District Trustee for each of the 7 wards

1 Edmonton Public School District Trustee for each of the 9 wards

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You can also apply online to work the election.



WINTER SNOW REMOVAL

No one is ready to think about snow yet, but it will be here before we know it! The community is reminding property owners and renters that you are responsible for clearing the sidewalks around your property within 48 hours after a snowfall.

The fine for not maintaining your walks in the winter is \$100. When you remove snow promptly after a snowfall, you play an important role in keeping our city moving safely in difficult weather. Snow and ice that remains on sidewalks is hazardous for everyone, but especially for people with limited mobility who may be severely injured from a fall on ice or snow.

*Sand is provided as a courtesy during winter weather to use on your icy sidewalks and walkways and is available at the Woodcroft Community Centre. Remember to bring your own container.

SHOPPING CARTS

It is not uncommon to find abandoned carts that have not been returned to the Westmount Mall property. Simply call one of the numbers below to have the carts picked up. It's an easy way to help keep the neighbourhood looking nice!

Safeway: 780-451-1860

Home Depot: 780-732-9225 ext. 453

Walmart: 780-453-5801

CORONATION PARK

Queen Elizabeth II Planetarium - Renewal and restoration

The city is now in the construction phase of this project with more work to be done over the next year.

Queen Elizabeth II Planetarium was one of the first planetarium buildings ever built in Canada. The renewal and restoration of this building will support the preservation of this architectural icon and renew the building's identity and purpose. The planetarium project also supports the Coronation Park Master Plan by reactivating and enhancing the centre of the park. The Coronation District Park Master Plan identifies Queen Elizabeth II Planetarium as an important element in the centre of the park that is intended to provide a community gathering place. One portion of the building will become park washrooms accessible to the public during park hours. The other part of the building will be leased to TELUS World of Science Edmonton to support their public programs and events.

Royal Astronomical Society of Canada (RASC) Observatory

If you're looking for something to do in the neighborhood this fall, check out the observatory in Coronation Park. The observatory, located just southeast of Telus World of Science, is run by volunteers from the RASC and there is no charge for admission.

View the sun, moon, stars and planets through high quality telescopes. Explore the night sky with the assistance of volunteers from the RASC.

Fall Hours:

Fridays: 7-10pm

Sat/Sun: 1-4pm and 7-10pm

Hours are weather dependent:

Temperatures must be above -10 degrees Celsius (including wind chill) and skies must be clear and not cloudy.

Visitors can call the Box Office at 780-451-3344 to confirm that the RASC Observatory will be open during normal business hours or call the RASC Observatory at 780-452-9100 (ext. 2249) during the operating hours. If there is no answer, the observatory is closed.

Hours of operation may change to accommodate special astronomical events.

Aurora Project - Telus World of Science Edmonton (TWOSE)

The Aurora Project will modernize a number of the facility's exhibits ensuring that it remains on the forefront of advances in STEAM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math. The project will also see the facility expand by 20,000 sq. ft. to incorporate a new Arctic Gallery which will provoke conversations around the scientific and cultural challenges facing Canada's North. The Aurora Project will meet the needs of the growing number of TELUS World of Science Edmonton visitors by updating exhibit content, providing access to emerging technologies, and igniting dialogue around the most critical scientific issues facing our region.

More information can be found on the project at: <http://aurora.twose.ca/project-overview/>

*NOTE: TWOSE gives a 10% discount on annual memberships to Woodcroft Community League members.

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NEWSLETTER

The submission deadline for the Winter edition is November 12, 2017.

Please send all inquiries to wclnews@woodcroftcl.org or check out our website at www.woodcroftcl.org for advertising rates.

The newsletter is published 4 times per year. Priority is given first to community news and then to advertisements.



Find us on Facebook
www.facebook.com/WoodcroftCommunityLeague

Become a Woodcroft Community League Member!

(or renew your yearly membership)

Advantages:

- **A say in the future of your Community!**
- **Free family swimming** at *Peter Hemmingway Pool* Saturdays (6:30-8:30pm) and Sundays (2-4:30 pm)
- **Free skating** at all outdoor community rinks in Edmonton (\$2 for non-members)
- **10% off** annual and multi admission passes to City of Edmonton sports and fitness facilities
- **10% off yearly membership** at Telus World of Science
- **10% off** adult daily rate at Commonwealth Lawn Bowling Club in Coronation Park
- **25% off** all public courses offered at the *University of Alberta Technology Training Centre (TTC)*
- **Eligibility** for community sports programs, playschool registration
- **Discount** on hall rental

Note: only names attached to Membership are applicable to benefits associated with it.



\$30 – Families
\$20 – Singles/Single Parent Families
Free for Seniors (65+) and New Residents!
-Cash or Cheque (Cheques payable to Woodcroft Community League)
-Brentwood Homes provides memberships for their residents (pick up at the Brentwood office)

Name (all adults): _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Children (please include names): _____
