



# Woodcroft Community League Newsletter

Summer 2021

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## Message from the Community League Board of Directors

Finally the nicer weather is here, it allows us all to get out of our house more often and enjoy our community outdoors. As we do not know what this summer will look like in Edmonton due to COVID-19, we want to share some of the great outdoor spaces we have right in our own community. All of these spaces can be walked, wheeled or cycled to. Get out and enjoy the following:

- playground and spray deck at the community centre
- playground at Woodcroft School/Language Centre
- small pocket park has a swing but some nice shaded green space for a picnic
- Coronation Park has many paths and the newly renovated Planetarium. Did you know that the building is the central focal point of Coronation Park, and it represents the crown jewel in the Queen's sceptre. Aerial photos of the area show how the park's pathways form an outline of a sceptre
- Coronation Park also has sheltered picnic sites that can be booked through the City of Edmonton as well as some picnic sites with fire pits that are not covered and do not have to be booked. Head over some day or evening and have a picnic
- the Community Centre rink turns into a beach volleyball site from Spring - Fall (check out the children and youth program in the newsletter)
- 6 baseball diamonds (teams book through the City but are often empty to play a family game)

- cricket pitch (interesting to watch)
- soccer fields (take a ball out and kick it around with your family)
- tennis courts near the Peter Hemingway Fitness and Leisure, no need to book
- outdoor basketball courts at St. Mark School and Woodcroft School/Language Centre
- LOTS of green space to bring a blanket or chair and read a book or visit
- lots of sidewalks to walk or wheel around in the neighbourhood
- And you can also access the river valley by walking, wheeling or cycling down Groat Road (use sidewalk to keep safe)

We want to remind everyone when driving in our community to please drive slow and watch for children and adults crossing the roads.

We would like to thank community member Melissa Penney for her Backyards Birding presentation on how to create bird habitats in our own Woodcroft backyards. We would also like to thank community member Madison Clarke for running the beading classes. It was fun to virtually join with other community members and try a new activity together. Our upcoming virtual programs can be found in the newsletter and on social media.

Our Board of Directors wishes you a safe and fun spring and summer! ✨

## Get Connected!

The Woodcroft Community League is here to support you, our community members. There are a number of ways to connect with us and with what is happening in and around the neighbourhood:

- Facebook: Woodcroft Community League - Edmonton, AB
- Twitter: @WoodcroftCL
- Instagram: woodcroftcommunityleague
- Website: www.woodcroftcl.org



Photo: Rory Lee

## Woodcroft Public Library Update

While library branch buildings are temporarily closed to the public there are still services available! The Woodcroft Branch phone number is 780-496-1830. Hours are Monday to Wednesday, Friday and Saturday: 10 AM – 6 PM, Thursday 10-9 PM and Sunday 1-5 PM. Call or come by for the most current information in case of changing restrictions.

You can:

- **Register for a library card online.** Learn more at [www.epl.ca/borrowing-guide](http://www.epl.ca/borrowing-guide). If this service does not work for you, please contact us.
- **Library Takeout is our outdoor contactless pickup service** which allows you to borrow books or other items without having to come into a branch. Place holds online to request items, or call us and we'll assist you.
- **Personal Picks Packs** – if you don't have a specific item in mind, give us a brief description of what you're looking for and we'll select some items that match your interests and we will make them available for pick up through Library Takeout. Call the Woodcroft Branch to request, or go online at [www.epl.ca/PersonalPicksPack](http://www.epl.ca/PersonalPicksPack) to fill out an online form.
- **EPL2You Home Service** - If you can't make it to an EPL branch for over three months, we'll bring our collection to you. We will deliver materials directly to you monthly, or arrange to have a family member pick up. For more information, call Lindsey at 780-720-4315.
- **Virtual Classes and Events** – you can participate in educational and entertaining online events, book clubs, language learning, baby and toddler classes. Go to [www.epl.ca/events](http://www.epl.ca/events) or call the library for more information. You can also visit our YouTube page for pre-recorded activities.
- **Access to online streaming and downloadable resources** like movies, music, books, audiobooks and learning platforms by logging in with a library card and going to: [www.epl.ca/resources](http://www.epl.ca/resources).

## Babysitting Course

Want to make some extra money? Woodcroft Community League will be running a one day, outdoor, socially distanced babysitting course on Saturday, June 5th from 9 AM to 4:30 PM. You will learn all the basics of being a good babysitter. This class is for ages 12 and up.

**Date:** Saturday, June 5th

**Time:** 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

**Location:** Woodcroft Community Hall, 13915 115 Ave NW, Edmonton

**Cost:** \$30

**To register** contact Victoria at [cindy.stewart@woodcroftcl.org](mailto:cindy.stewart@woodcroftcl.org). Limited spots available, if interested register early! Course pending weather and COVID-19 restrictions.

*\*Victoria has taught first aid at St. John's Ambulance and is a medical first responder.*

## Waste Management Workshop

The City of Edmonton's waste system is getting a makeover this spring. Join Woodcroft resident and volunteer with the City of Edmonton's Master Composter Recycler program, Christie Hutchinson, for an informative online session on composting.

### Organics Carts & Composting Basics

Residential food scraps carts will begin rolling into Woodcroft this spring/summer. Find out what to expect and how to use the carts effectively. Plus, learn the basics of setting up a home compost system — either indoor or outdoor — for the benefit of your garden and houseplants. Need help troubleshooting an existing compost system? Ask your questions in the Q&A at the end of the session.

**Date:** Saturday, June 5th

**Time:** 10:00 – 11:30 AM

**Where:** Online | **Cost:** Free

**To register** for this session contact Jessica at [Jessica.mcminn@woodcroftcl.org](mailto:Jessica.mcminn@woodcroftcl.org) or through our website or social media accounts.

*\*When you register, please submit any questions you have so that Christie can address them on the day of the presentation. There will also be time for extra questions.*

**Did you know?** Christie documents her own household waste-reduction efforts on her Instagram profile [@unless.yeg](https://www.instagram.com/unless.yeg). From waste free swaps to worm composting, follow along for tips and ideas about reducing, reusing, recycling and more!



## City of Edmonton Big Bin Events

The Big Bin Event allows you to dispose of a variety of materials free of charge. Ten weekend events will be held in various locations throughout the City. Sadly we won't have one in our community this year but there are a couple locations not too far away.

Materials accepted include: couches, chairs, mattresses, and other household furniture items too large for curbside pickup, fridges, freezers, washers, dryers, and other large household appliances, computers, televisions and other household electronics, tires, scrap metal, yard waste, branches

**NOT ACCEPTED:** Commercial waste and household hazardous waste. Visit our local Eco Station located at 11440 143 Street for free disposal of these materials.

Learn more about the Big Bin Event and waste reduction in our City at [edmonton.ca](http://edmonton.ca)

**Local dates and locations:**

**Callingwood:** June 5–6

**Castle Downs:** June 12–13 & August 28–29

## Woodcroft Geocaching!

Adventure? Geocache? Prizes? If any of those things sound interesting then we have the perfect event for you! Starting June 15th we will be releasing coordinates to 10 QR codes around the community. Go on your own, take your family, gather a small group of friends (following COVID-19 restrictions). Each time you find a location and scan the code, you will be entered to win prizes like a gift card to Bliss Bakery\*. You will have from June 15<sup>th</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> to find all 10 QR codes or as many as you can. Find the coordinates, scan the code, be entered to win prizes!

Watch social media and the Woodcroft website to get the coordinates as soon as they are available.

**Questions?** Contact Victoria at [cindy.stewart@woodcroftcl.org](mailto:cindy.stewart@woodcroftcl.org)

*\*Prizes are for Woodcroft residents only.*

## Summer Green Shack for Kids!

Get active and join in on games, sport, crafts, music, drama and special events! A complete list of activities and special events are posted on the side of the Green Shack each week. If there is a game or activity that peaks your child's interest that you would like to have included in the programming, just ask the Program Leader.

**Date:** Monday to Friday, July 2 to August 22

**Time:** Not yet announced. Likely 10:30 AM-1:30 PM or 2:30 PM – 5:30pm. Watch our social media accounts for confirmation of times.

**Location:** Woodcroft Community Playground, 13915 - 115 Ave NW, Edmonton

**Cost:** Free



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## Children & Youth Beach Volleyball Clinic

This two day beach volleyball clinic offers a fun opportunity for children and youth - both new to the sport and those with experience - to receive technical instruction and knowledge of the game. Emphasis will be on the fundamentals of volleyball, game play, participation, and most of all FUN! No previous volleyball experience is required - all are welcome. .

**Date:** Saturday July 10th & Sunday July 11th

**Time:** 10 AM-12 PM

**Age:** 9-17 years

**Location:** Woodcroft Rink (beach volleyball courts), 13915 - 115 Ave NW, Edmonton

**Cost:** \$25 (*but we never want money to be a barrier for folks. If the cost doesn't work for you, please contact us in confidence and let us know at [rebecca.rubuliak@woodcroftcl.org](mailto:rebecca.rubuliak@woodcroftcl.org)*)

**To register** fill out the registration form at <https://forms.gle/6SyKFM88FhdQPypx8> or contact Rebecca at [rebecca.rubuliak@woodcroftcl.org](mailto:rebecca.rubuliak@woodcroftcl.org). If registering more than one child/youth, please fill out a separate form for each child/youth.

*\*Pending COVID-19 public health recommendations & restrictions*

## Woodcroft's 1st Annual Disc Golf Tournament

The Woodcroft Recreation Committee is hoping to bring a Disc Golf Tournament to Coronation Park this summer. It's fun, cheap, challenging, outside and socially distanced, plus a great way to meet people, and exercise! A throwing seminar may also be included in the day. Everyone is welcome regardless of experience.

Watch our social media and the website for updates and information regarding Woodcroft's 1st Annual Disc Golf Tournament.

**For more information or to volunteer** contact Dave at [dave.kenny@woodcroftcl.org](mailto:dave.kenny@woodcroftcl.org).

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## Edmonton Police Crime Reporting Information

A reminder that there are several ways to report non-emergency crimes to the Edmonton Police Service. Reporting a non-emergency incident can take as little as 15 minutes and reports can be made in a number of ways:

- Attending a community or divisional station
- Phone: 780-423-4567
- Mobile phone: #377 from an Edmonton mobile
- Online: [www.edmontonpolice.ca/ContactEPS/ReportACrime](http://www.edmontonpolice.ca/ContactEPS/ReportACrime)
- Through the EPS mobile app

## Edmonton Foodbank Egg Carton Collection

Did you know that the Woodcroft Community has donated over 700 egg cartons to the Edmonton Foodbank? If you have any egg cartons that you would like to donate, please drop them off at 13904 - 116 Ave. There will be a recycling bin on the porch for them. If you are unable to drop them off but would still like to donate, please call or text Shayna at 780-901-0073. Note: Egg cartons must be clean and dry and only 6 or 12 count. Thank you!

## Commonwealth Lawn Bowling

Watch for Open House signs in the neighbourhood and drop in to the Commonwealth Lawn Bowling Club for a free introduction to the sport of lawn bowling (located at the Southwest corner of the Woodcroft Community League parking lot). Due to COVID-19 restrictions we are unsure of when we will begin. Watch the Woodcroft social media for updates or check the Commonwealth Lawn Bowling Club website at [www.commonwealthbowls.ca](http://www.commonwealthbowls.ca).

## Front Yards in Bloom

Front Yards in Bloom allows people to recognize their neighbours' efforts to create more beautiful communities and highlights beautiful front yards in Edmonton! You can join by nominating a yard, public space, or balcony that you admire or brings you joy. Even though we must stay physically distant from each other at this time, Front Yards in Bloom allows communities to come together and stay connected. We encourage you to safely explore your neighbourhood and acknowledge spaces that brighten your day.

To nominate a front yard, public space or balcony and for more information on the program, visit [www.frontyardsinbloom.ca](http://www.frontyardsinbloom.ca). Nominations are accepted from May 20 to June 30.

To sign up to volunteer please visit: [www.volunteermark.com/frontyardsinbloom](http://www.volunteermark.com/frontyardsinbloom)

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**Are you or someone you know in need of essential dental hygiene care, but facing financial barriers, especially during COVID?**

Motivo Dental is proudly participating in the Gift from the Heart campaign by donating dental hygiene services in their office on **Friday, June 25** to individuals in need!

Gift from the Heart is a registered, non-profit Canadian charity connecting oral health care professionals to vulnerable Canadians who encounter barriers accessing essential oral health care.

As we cannot possibly treat everyone (though we would love to!), we are looking for nominations to fill our schedule for the day. Nominate yourself, or someone you know, but we want to hear your story of why you feel your nominee would appreciate this experience! We can fill each appointment spot with either one adult, or two children, so we are open to all ages!

**Submission deadline: Friday, June 11**  
Submit your nomination via e-mail [info@motivodental.ca](mailto:info@motivodental.ca) or drop it off at our office located at **14931 107 Ave NW**