

Woodcroft Community League Newsletter

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Message from Your Community League Board of Directors

With the weather warming, it is so nice to see community members out walking, running, cycling, doing yard work and much more. A quick reminder with more people out on the sidewalks and going to parks, please ensure you are doing the posted speed limit. We have some fun activities planned, please check the

newsletter for more details!

The Board wants to thank everyone for taking part in our survey regarding what people would like to see in the community and what events and activities you like, support, etc. Unfortunately, we did not have time to include it in the newsletter but we will need to do the

survey each year, so if you missed out this year, you can definitely give feedback next year. We had almost 100 residents do the survey.

We have some good ideas for programs that people would like to see. To see the full assessment please check our website at www.woodcroftcl.org.

SURVEY RESULTS

What are your main concerns about the health of our neighbourhood? (choose 2 options)

Safety and security
Resident well being
Care for one another
Nurture of children and youth

20% Environmental sustainability

9% No concerns

For those of you new to the community or a reminder for everyone else, you can access the following this summer in our community:

- Playground and spray park—
 Children will find something they like, even just the sand
- Plant some flowers & walk the community—Nominate some homes for the Front Yards in Bloom
- Plant a garden—We are starting a community garden
- Shoot some hoops—At St.Mark Catholic Junior High School
- Visit Coronation Park—Have a picnic, bicycle, walk, sit and watch some birds
- Get Sporty—Whether you are watching or playing we have baseball diamonds, a cricket pitch, soccer field, beach/sand volleyball

Which of the following initiatives would you like to see as part of a community beautification project?

62% Large flower pots**33**% Welcome signs

26% Flag with community name on light poles

16.5% Do not think we need beautification.

What do you think our neighbourhood should work on?

(choose 2 options)

55.6% Common spaces that provide opportunities for connection

35% Useful local amenities and services e.g. Schools, businesses and organizations

31% Connecting neighbours who live on blocks together and/or who have similar interests

20% Ways to exchange local information, "stuff", services and events

19% Identifying what gifts, skills and experiences, neighbours are wanting to contribute

Events

*Please note that all COVID protocols (if applicable at the time) will be followed for all of our events.

Block Parties and Play Streets

Want to connect with your neighbours? One fun way to do it is at a Block Party or a Play Street! If you bring your neighbours together the Woodcroft Community League will provide \$100 towards your gathering.

The City supports both Block Party and Play Street gatherings through planning, operations and permitting. The Block Party and Play Street programs are intended for residents living on the same street or neighbourhood. To learn more, visit:

www.edmonton.ca/residential_neighbourhoods/ neighbourhoods/block-parties-play-streets

Friday Night Drop In Beach/Sand Volleyball for Adults and Teens

The Woodcroft Community League is offering drop in beach/sand volleyball for adults and teens Friday evenings throughout the summer! All ability levels are welcome. If you are new and want to give it a try, come out on a Friday!

Date: Fridays (April 29 – September 16) Time: 6:00–9:00PM | Cost: Free

Location: Woodcroft Community Hall & Rink

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Annual Outdoor Beer Gardens (with Free Babysitting)

Join your friends and neighbours for an outdoor beer garden. We will have drinks (cash bar), volleyball, games and fun! We will also have live music ready to rock the park! So come on down, grab a drink, have a boogie and play some volleyball. In case of bad weather, the event will move inside the hall. This event is open to all community league members and their guests.

Date: Friday, July 22, 2022 | Time: 7pm-11pm Location: Woodcroft Community Hall & Rink (13915-115 Avenue) | Cost: Cash bar

To register or volunteer for babysitting contact Jessica at jessica.mcminn@woodcroftcl.org or via text at 780-902-7612 (register early to ensure a spot)



Summer Green Shack Program for Kids is Back!

Get active and join in on games, sport, crafts, music, drama and special events!

A complete list of activities and special events is posted on the side of Green Shack each week. If there is a game or activity that piques your child's interest that you would like to have included in the programming, just ask the Program Leader. Program Leaders are easily identified by their blue shirts. For more information visit: edmonton.ca/activities_parks_recreation/green-shacks

Date: Monday to Friday, July 12-August 27, 2022

Time: 2:30-5:30PM | Cost: Free

Location: Woodcroft Community Hall & Rink

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Plant and Seed Swap

Did you plant too much this year? Maybe you have some seeds laying around that you have never used. Come join us for a plant/seed swap! Bring a drink, snacks and seating (blanket or chair) and come mingle with your fellow green thumbed neighbors. Please register a week in advance for this event so we can prepare. This event will happen rain or shine - hope to see you there!

Date: Saturday, June 11, 2022 | Time: 10AM-12PM Cost: Free | Location: Woodcroft Community Hall & Rink (13915-115 Avenue)

Register by June 4

To register, email kelly.purdy@woodcroftcl.org

Front Yards in Bloom is back!

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 volunteering with Front Yards in Bloom or nominating a yard, public space, or balcony that you admire or brings you joy. To volunteer, submit a nomination and for more information on the program, visit edmonton.ca/frontyardsinbloom

Pop-Up Team Sports for Adults & Teens

Keep your eyes peeled on the Woodcroft Community League's social media (#WoodcroftCL) for impromptu games of soccer, volleyball, ultimate frisbee, softball, flag football, or netball. Interested in getting something started? Feel free to contact dave.kenny@woodcroftcl.org

Commonwealth Lawn Bowling Club Open House & Youth Club

Open House & TRY IT Event

The Commonwealth Lawn Bowling Club (11420 139 Street NW) will be hosting an Open House on Saturday, June 18th from 10AM-4PM.

Youth Club

The Commonwealth Lawn Bowling Club will again be hosting a Youth Club (ages 10-18) on Sunday afternoons at 1PM and on Wednesday evenings at 6:45pm. For more information contact commyouth21@gmail.com.

Welcome to Summer Family Fun Event!

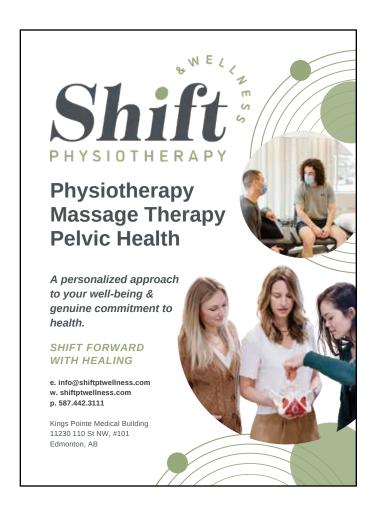
Please join the Woodcroft Community League in celebrating the upcoming summer season!

We'll be offering a hot dog BBQ, cotton candy, a visit from a local Sparkle Tattoo artist and mini-massages from our friends at 4 Points Health and Wellness LTD.!

We will be hosting Ryan Panek of Gander Disc Golf to do a disc golf throwing seminar. We'll also have games like bean bag toss, bocce, croquet, tug of war and a bike tune up area for you to use! Rain or shine, we hope to see you there!

Date: Saturday, June 4, 2022 | Time: 11AM-2PM Cost: Free | Location: Woodcroft Community Hall & Rink (13915-115 Avenue)

Register by June 1. To register, email **Kelly** at **kelly.purdy@woodcroftcl.org**.



June is Bike Month

Challenge your friends and neighbours to see who can accumulate the most biking kilometers during the month of June. Submit your kilometers throughout the month and track your progress. More details to come.

Woodcroft Roundnet (Spikeball) Sessions

New to roundnet? You and your team (friends) looking to get some practice? Join us June 14th for a roundnet session! Roundnet (Spikeball) is a combination of volleyball and four square. It is played with two teams of two people each with a small net in the middle. There will be enough nets for multiple games at once. All ages and abilities are welcome; there will be people there to explain the game and get you started.

Date: Tuesday, June 14, 2022 | Time: 6pm-8pm Location: Woodcroft Community Hall & Rink (13915-115 Avenue) | Cost: Free

Register by completing the form on our website at woodcroftcl.org/programs-events

Choosing the Right Bird Bath for Backyard Birds

By Community Member, Melissa Penney. Follow Melissa at @urban_bird_garden

Stores are brimming with all things outdoors! A lot of those things are for birds that will come to your backyard. Unfortunately many of the items sold have the buyer in mind, not the birds, so most bird baths sold in stores are actually not only unsafe for birds but not attractive to them at all.

There are a few key things that a bird bath has to have. First, it needs to be shallow. Think "puddle" not "swimming pool". Even the smallest birds should be able to stand up without the rest of them getting wet unless they choose to. Second, the bath must be grippy with sloped sides.

Glass or glazed ceramic baths are so slippery that the bird does not feel comfortable. Third, make sure the bath can withstand our Edmonton winters! Concrete baths may not make it through our freeze-thaw cycle. Lastly, make the bath look like one found in nature. Birds love perching on sticks hanging over the bath to get a drink. Putting some rocks in will make it easy for the birds to gauge how deep the water is. Birds love ground level and hanging baths most. If you have a dog that gets excited about birds you might want to consider a hanging bird bath.

The final step is to be committed

to keeping your bath squeaky clean. If this is a busy time of life for you, it might not be the right time to have a bird bath. That is okay! If you are going to try this, the bird bath must be cleaned quite often, depending on your usage. To clean a bird bath, have a designated dish brush you only use for bird baths and a container that is a mixture of 9 parts water and 1 part bleach. Anything you put in the bath, such as rocks, also needs to be scrubbed. Also periodically replace any twigs you put in. After scrubbing the bath, rinse it extremely well before refilling.

Sign up to volunteer with the Woodcroft Community League!

Are you interested in volunteering for the #WoodcroftCL but not sure how to get involved? We've created a form where community members can provide their information and indicate how they would like to volunteer! Express your interest in volunteering by visiting our website at **woodcroftcl.org**.

