

**WEST JASPER/SHERWOOD COMMUNITY LEAGUE**  
**9620-152 Street**  
**March, 2017 Newsletter**

**REPRESENTATION**

Our community league represents the area from 92<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to Stony Plain Road and 149<sup>th</sup> to 156<sup>th</sup> Street. This includes Sherwood Community and West Jasper Place Community. Our Board of Directors are: Jerry DeBoer, President; Jack Kryz, Vice President; Maria David, Secretary; Wilma DeBoer, Finance Director; Jerry DeBoer, Facilities Director; Irene Blain, Civics Director; and Jim Andreakos, Soccer Director and Past President. **Hall Rentals:** phone Jerry DeBoer @ 780-289-0347.

**COUNCILLOR KNACK'S TOWNHALL MEETING**

On **Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**, Councillor Knack will provide an update on issues in Ward 1 at the Boys & Girls Club, 16030-104 Avenue, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Questions and concerns will be answered after his presentation.

**EASTER BINGO**

On **Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>** an Easter bingo will be held at the hall (9620-152 Street). Children 8 and older are welcome to participate when accompanied by an adult. Door prizes, 40 games and chances to win prizes. Cash prizes include 2 early birds, 2 bonanzas, and 1 odd/even game. Children will not be allowed to play for cash prizes as per Alberta Gaming & Liquor Regulations. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. Bonanza precall begins at noon followed by the early birds. Regular games start at 1:00 p.m. Bring your friends.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The community league's AGM will be held on **Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>** from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the community hall (9620-152 Street). Members are urged to attend. Positions currently open on the Board are Treasurer and Program Director. Members are encouraged to put their names forward.

**COMMUNITIES GREEN SPACE ASSESSMENT REPORT**

Please take the time to review the city's draft strategy called Breathe, especially Part 3. Type in Google: [edmonton.ca/breathe](http://edmonton.ca/breathe).

**\*\* Most Important** – after reading the report:

- 1. Send an email to:** [breathe@edmonton.ca](mailto:breathe@edmonton.ca) and copy: [andrew.knack@edmonton.ca](mailto:andrew.knack@edmonton.ca); [don.iveson@edmonton.ca](mailto:don.iveson@edmonton.ca); and [ben.henderson@edmonton.ca](mailto:ben.henderson@edmonton.ca) State the Breathe report misrepresents West Jasper Place since their maps state that we have 4 to 6 hectares of open green space per 1,000 population when, in fact, as confirmed by our Jasper Place ARP, we **ONLY** have 1.46 hectares of green space for over 3,000 population.
- 2. Complete the Survey**, available **until April 15<sup>th</sup>**, if only to state, that this report must accurately reflect what exists in **EACH** community by detailing the amount of green space in correlation to the population within each community.

### **WINTER GREEN SHACK FREE DROP-IN**

Until March 29<sup>th</sup>, children aged 6-12, accompanied by an adult, are welcome to attend a free drop-in for games and crafts in Arthur Elliot Park at West Jasper/Sherwood Community League, 9620-152 Street. Open Tuesday & Wednesday from 3:30-6:00 p.m. Saturday from 1:00-5:00 p.m.

### **SOCCER REGISTRATION**

Soccer registration for West Jasper Place and Sherwood residents is available for children ages 4 to 18. No experience is necessary. A community level program which is tax creditable. Volunteer coaches are required for teams to play. Coach training is available at no charge for persons willing to volunteer. Contact Jim at 780-489-7596 for further information.

### **BUILDER LICENSING**

It is shocking to hear that the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Shaye Anderson, confirmed that builders are not currently required to have any specific qualifications to construct a house in Alberta. The Minister is proposing that all builders are licensed. He is consulting with the building industry and the public about requiring builders to demonstrate that they are financially stable and have the competencies and skills to work in residential home construction. Combined with the mandatory new home warranty, builder licensing would improve builder accountability and quality of residential construction.

Our neighbourhoods have experienced shoddy development in the past.

**Please express your support for builder licensing and send an email ASAP to:**

**[builderlicensing@gov.ab.ca](mailto:builderlicensing@gov.ab.ca) and copy: [minister.municipalaffairs@gov.ab.ca](mailto:minister.municipalaffairs@gov.ab.ca)**

### **COMMUNITY MAILBOXES**

Recently, Canada Post has started to install 16 unit community mailboxes in mature neighbourhoods. West Jasper Place has a box on 155 Street near the corner of 97 Avenue and Sherwood has a box on 95 Avenue close to 155 Street. Other neighbourhoods include Britannia/Youngstown, Grovenor and Glenora. Apparently, these boxes are to service the new addressed developments. Canada Post will still deliver to the existing houses (for now). These community mailboxes are not very secure. One man installed our units. It is attached to a small cement slab with 4 bolts. The bolts could easily be unscrewed and the community mailbox removed and transported in the back of a pick-up truck.

We have been supplied with a number of postcards from the Canada Post union (CUPW). If you are interested in distributing some or sending one of these postcards to Prime Minister Trudeau stating that you want door to door service restored, please email Irene at [2puddycats@gmail.com](mailto:2puddycats@gmail.com) Provide your name, address & phone number. State the number of post cards you require and I will drop them off in your mailbox.

## **INFILL COMPLIANCE TEAM**

Due to the complaints received from mature neighbourhoods regarding poor construction practices, council created an integrated inspection and enforcement team. This team was to be comprised of a community standards peace officer, a development compliance officer and a safety codes officer. They were to perform routine inspections at infill sites. Unfortunately, building inspections are not occurring in a timely manner or at all. A progress report from administration will be presented at the Urban Planning Committee on Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Communities will provide their update.

## **MISSING MIDDLE OVERLAY**

City council has decided select neighbourhoods that fall under a broad range of criteria: pre-war II communities, non-RF1 areas, neighbourhoods in need of revitalization, transit avenues & nodes, etc. will be chosen for single lot apartment houses. These apartments may be 10 meters tall, have smaller front setbacks, and larger build-outs with multiple suites. This policy promotes poor urban design. Three storey buildings should not be built adjacent to bungalows. Also, apartment houses that do not have back yards should not be permitted in the core of communities that lack park space. Administration will provide details of this overlay at the September 6<sup>th</sup> Urban Planning Committee.

## **PROGRAMS** (community league hall, 9620-152 Street)

### **Cards:**

1. Whist on Wednesdays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.; Sundays from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. The cost is \$1.00. Beverages are provided.
2. Progressive Rummy on Thursdays from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. You don't need a partner, just drop in. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Beverages are provided. Payout is based on number of players.

### **Cribbage Tournaments:**

Tournaments are held the first and third Wednesday of every month from 7:00 to 10:00 pm. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Beverages are provided. Payout is based on the number of players.

### **Carpet Bowling:**

Come and get some exercise on Mondays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$1.00 per person.

If you have any questions about the above programs, please phone Shirley at 780-489-8945.

## **MODERN SQUARE DANCING** (Community League Hall, 9620-152 Street)

The St. Peters 2X4's Dance Club, a non-profit organization, promotes square dancing, round dancing, and clogging. On Fridays, Beginner level from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Mainstream level from 8:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The cost is \$5.00 per person. The first three introductory nights are free for new beginners. Beverages and snacks are provided. Phone Mike and Anne Sopario at 780-481-3122.