

WEST JASPER/SHERWOOD COMMUNITY LEAGUE

9620-152 Street

November, 2017 Newsletter

REPRESENTATION

Our community league represents the area from 92nd Avenue to Stony Plain Road and 149th to 156th Streets. This includes Sherwood Community and West Jasper Place Community.

For the latest updates, visit: www.westjaspersherwood.ca

VALLEY LINE WEST LRT PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Drop-in style public open houses will be held to share refinements to the LRT preliminary design on **Wednesday, November 15, 2017 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Belmead Community Hall, 9109 182 Street;** or **Thursday, November 16, 2017 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 10127 145 Street.** The results of the recent assessment of LRT crossings at key intersections will also be provided, including what was heard during the previous engagements. You are invited to provide further input before options are presented to City Council. See www.edmonton.ca/valleylinewest.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING SOLUTIONS

What's your wisdom on affordable housing? – West Edmonton.

The City of Edmonton is considering a guideline/target of 10% affordable housing in neighbourhoods all across our city. What might that look like in your neighbourhood? What questions or concerns do you have? What ideas do you have? What do you think is a healthy response to new neighbours and new units of affordable housing? What's your wisdom on affordable housing? This workshop will be held on **Saturday, November 18, 2017 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the West Edmonton Baptist Church, 17821 98 Avenue.** More information at www.interfaithhousing.ca

SKATING RINK

The community league sign will post when our rink is officially open. Weather permitting, it should open early December. Paul, our Rink Manager from last year, has agreed to stay on for another year.

Free to members, non-members a toonie a skate. If you don't have a membership, try out the ice, and then sign up.

Memberships may be purchased at the rink. Family - \$30; Single (18+ years) - \$15; Senior (55+ years) - \$5.

Free Use of Skates and Helmets:

- To be used on West Jasper/Sherwood Ice Rink only;
- For West Jasper Place and Sherwood residents as well as Kids on Track families;
- Must sign out with Rink Manager.

Rink Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday – 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Thursday – may be closed (one day a week per government regulations for employees)

Saturday – 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Sunday – 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m.

**** Note: Private bookings for hockey teams, etc., phone Irene @ 780-489-2994.**

Rink Rules:

Individuals under 18 years **must** wear a helmet. All skaters are encouraged to wear a helmet. If temperatures drop to -20C (including the wind chill), the skating rink may close.

Adults are encouraged to accompany children 12 years and younger.

INTERESTED IN LEARNING HOW TO SKATE?

Would you be interested in attending a **free** training session by a skating instructor for you and your family at our ice rink, one Saturday in December? Please confirm by phoning Irene @ 780-489-2994.

COUNCILLOR KNACK – COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

Saturday, December 2, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Jasper Place Library Program Room, 9010 156 Street. Ward 1 residents can hear updates from Councillor Knack on current issues in our ward. We will also have an opportunity to ask questions and bring up concerns in our communities.

KID'S ON TRACK CHRISTMAS

Kid's On Track is hosting a family Christmas Blacklight Puppet and Dance show, open to the public, **Friday December 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Orange Hub (formerly Grant McEwan University) in John L. Haar Theatre, 15540 Stony Plain Road.** See kidsontrack.org/events/christmas-party for more details or call 780-481-2942. [Book tickets on-line after November 20, 2017]

MISSING MIDDLE HOUSING

City council will be advancing a new initiative for middle density infill which will focus mainly around transit corridors, transit oriented development areas, pre-war, and RF3 neighbourhoods. This infill comprises of apartments under 6 storeys, row housing, and courtyard housing.

West Jasper Place is unique in that the community does not have a 'missing middle'. We have over 65% of dwellings as apartment units which is the direct opposite of most mature neighbourhoods. In order to encourage a diversity of housing, the Jasper Place ARP **does not** support new apartments in new areas of our community. New apartments are only permitted in our RA7 zones on 149th Street, 156th Street and between 100th Avenue and Stony Plain Road.

DEVELOPERS WILL BE DOOR KNOCKING

We have been told that the federal government will advance funding for our West Valleyline LRT next spring. Developers will be anxious to purchase properties at a reduced rate now in West Jasper Place and Sherwood. Typically, land values increase once the LRT is operating. Our properties are centrally located; close to transit and community stores. Many have beautiful elm treed boulevards. Our multi-use trail and the short walking distance to the MacKinnon Ravine attracts active young families. **Do not undersell your property!** Teardown houses on lots approximately 50' x 149' have sold for \$300,000. If you require further information, please phone Irene @ 780-489-2994.

COMMUNITY CRIME UPDATE

In West Jasper Place, theft from vehicles and theft of license plates are the most common crimes south of 100 Ave. and break and enters are the most common crime north of 100 Ave. There were six thefts from vehicle or license plate thefts reported in the last 60 days.

In Sherwood, there were three thefts from vehicles or license plate thefts reported in the last 60 days. For more information, visit crimemapping.edmontonpolice.ca.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION FOR PARTNERS IN THE PARK

We would like to express our gratitude to all the residents who signed up as a volunteer partner with the city Parks Department. Thank you, Christine, David, Irene, Paul, Dawne and Robin for weeding and picking up litter on our multi-use trail and playground. It was amazing the number of garbage bags that were filled after each session and the hours you worked in May through to the end of October.

We encourage residents to help our volunteers and don't litter. When you use our park or multi-use trail, please bring a garbage bag and collect any garbage that you see.

ICY SIDEWALKS?

Free sand is provided during winter weather for use on your icy sidewalks and walkways. Remember to bring your own container when you visit your local community sandbox just east of our hall entrance.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: COMMUNITY WINTER CARNIVAL

We are hosting another Winter Carnival following the great success last year.

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, January 27, 2018.**

More details in an upcoming newsletter or special bulletin.

PROGRAMS

Our West Jasper/Sherwood Senior Citizens Club offers a number of programs at our hall (9620-152 Street). All ages are welcome.

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Wednesdays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$1.00 per person. Beverages are provided.

Progressive Rummy

Thursdays from 6:00 to 9:30 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 the number of players.

Cribbage Tournaments

Will be held the first and third Wednesday of every month from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. 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.

If you have any questions about these programs, please call Shirley at 780-489-8945.

MODERN SQUARE DANCING

The St. Peters 2X4's Dance Club, a non-profit organization, promotes square dancing, round dancing and clogging. Mainstream level from 7:00-10:00 p.m. on Fridays. The cost is \$7.00 per person. Beverages and snacks are provided. Meets at the Community League Hall, 9620-152 Street. If interested in beginner square dancing, we may be starting Beginner level again on January 5. Please call to express your interest. Phone Frank at 780-455-6527 or Mike and Anne at 780-481-3122 for more information.

EPCOR DRAINAGE- SEWER CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Work has resumed at 151 St. and 99 Ave. to rehabilitate the sewer line along 151 Street from 99th Avenue to 100th Avenue. Planning is also under way for an additional shaft at 150th Street and 99th Avenue. Epcor is also reminding residents to report sewer gas smells in their homes to 311.

PUBLIC WASHROOM PILOT

The City has been evaluating the need for public washrooms around the downtown and west end. There was one portable toilet at Butler Park, on 157th Street and Stony Plain Road. Visit Edmonton.ca/publicwashroompilot for more information.

SUMMER GREENSHACK UPDATE

The Summer Greenshack season has officially come to a close. With just over 91,000 participants in the NW District this summer it has been a wild and fast summer!

EDMONTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

With your library card and www.epl.ca you can access the world without having to go out in the snow!

Want to spend your winter learning to speak Italian and dreaming of a Mediterranean vacation? You can access Rosetta Stone language classes for free on our website under Digital Content. Or maybe you want to learn how to take better pictures or finally write and publish that children's book you've always been dying to finish. Well, then our Gale courses are the place for you, with instructor led courses starting the 2nd Wednesday of every month.

Of course if you or someone you know is in school, we have resources for school age kids including Solaro and Brainfuse. Brainfuse offers students learning support from kindergarten up to grade 12. There is also support for university courses, adult learners, and resume writing support for all ages. Students can chat live with online tutors and create study aids customized to their learning need.

The library loves to share stories! Not only do we share stories in the books that you can find in our branch or online but we can help people to tell their own stories. November is National Novel Writing Month and there are Write in events at libraries across the city. But if writing a novel is too much to take on, we can also help you to record and share your own shorter story. We have programs through our Canada 150 project that will help you to record a story which you can then keep for yourself and your friends & family or share with Edmonton. Do you have a family picture or story you want to record to pass on to the next generation? A story about a time in your life where something small made a big change in your life? Or just a story that you need to tell the world? The library can help you to record these stories using an app on your phone or technology we have in our branch.

If you don't have a story you want to share yet, you might want to get to know the stories of other Edmontonians. You can listen to the stories that have already been shared on our website. www.epl.ca/canada150. It's a great way to learn more about diverse people who are a part of our city.

If you have any trouble accessing our online resources or any other questions about our services, please send an e-mail to mdeforest@epl.ca or come in to the library, we would love to help!

CALENDAR SUMMARY

Check out our community calendar at goo.gl/xzR22k to be able to quickly add events to your calendar.

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| Nov. | 15 | LRT Public Engagement [Belmead Community Hall, 9109 182 Street] |
| | 16 | LRT Public Engagement [St. Paul's Anglican Church, 10127 145 Street] |
| | 18 | Affordable Housing [West Edmonton Baptist Church, 17821 98 Avenue] |
| Dec. | 2 | Councillor Knack Community Conversation [Jasper Place Library, 9010 156 Street] |
| | 8 | Kid's On Track Christmas [Orange Hub (formerly Grant McEwan University) in John L. Haar Theatre, 15540 Stony Plain Road] |
| Jan. | 27 | Community Winter Carnival |