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### WEST JASPER/SHERWOOD COMMUNITY LEAGUE

9620-152 Street

Phone: 780-483-2815

January, 2018 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](http://www.westjaspersherwood.ca)

#### **HALL RENTALS & FACILITY CONCERNS**

Phone: Paul Blain, Facility Director or Irene Blain, President @ 780-489-2994.

#### **VALLEY LINE WEST LRT PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

With construction of Valley Line Southeast between downtown and Mill Woods well underway, the City is preparing to have Valley Line West, between downtown and Lewis Farms, ready to build when additional funding is available. As part of this preparation, the Valley Line West team is refining and adjusting the

preliminary design to adapt to changes that have occurred since the original work was completed in 2013.

Building on public engagement opportunities held last year, the City is inviting citizens to another public information and engagement session to update the community on planned revisions to the preliminary design, including LRT crossings, and to collect additional public input for City Council to consider. The material will cover the entire Valley Line West route, and will include the following updates:

- Further information on affected turning movements at Stony Plain Road and 156 Street arising from the recommended LRT alignment adjustment to a 90-degree turn at the intersection
- A recommendation for the LRT crossing at Stony Plain Road and 149 Street
- Information on what we heard for both locations (and others) in previous engagements

The drop-in style public open house will be held on **Wednesday, January 24, 2018 from 6 – 8:30 pm at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 10127 145 St.** See: [www.edmonton.ca/valleylinewest](http://www.edmonton.ca/valleylinewest).

Commentary from League's Civics Director:

"This will be your last chance to provide input on the design of the West LRT before it goes to city council at a public hearing in March (21?). I believe that city council will approve LRT and not BRT. I am quite concerned about the slow 90 degree turn from 156 Street to Stony Plain Road. The constant screeching noise as the LRT turns the corner will not attract investment on Stony Plain Road. Also, the LRT and traffic at the intersection of 149 Street and Stony Plain Road will create a congested nightmare. Council cannot take the cheap route. They should put the LRT underground from 149th to 156th Street and 100A Avenue station. It will keep the area pedestrian friendly and encourage redevelopment.

At the last Urban Planning Committee Meeting, administration provided skewed information about BRT. I have links below to two reports for your perusal which clearly states BRT is not only cheaper to build but also to operate than LRT. Also, under comparable conditions, BRT and LRT stimulate the same transit development."

<http://www.circlepoint.com/five-reasons-brt-is-a-transit-solution-cities-need/>  
[http://media.cygnus.com/files/base/MASS/document/2013/09/itdp-more-development-924\\_11176085.pdf](http://media.cygnus.com/files/base/MASS/document/2013/09/itdp-more-development-924_11176085.pdf)

ACTIVE FAMILIES - COMMUNITY WINTER CARNIVAL

**COMMUNITY WINTER CARNIVAL**

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

We are supporting a joint winter carnival with our nearby communities, following the great success last year.

**When: Saturday, January 27, 2018 — 1:00 - 4:00 PM**

**Where: Britannia Youngstown Community League (15927 - 105 Avenue)**

**What:** Come join us for an afternoon of fun and exciting winter activities! Activities include sleigh rides, kick sledding, snowshoeing, skating, learn to skate, carnival games and a bonfire. We will also be serving chili and making bannock!

**Cost:** The event is entirely FREE!!!!

**Registration:** You DO NOT need to pre register for this event. Just drop by between 1:00 and 4:00 PM to join in the festivities.

**More info at:** <http://kidsontrack.org/programs/active-families/>

## **WINTER GREEN SHACK PROGRAM**

Ages: 6-12 years (children under 6 must be supervised by a parent or guardian)

When: **Continues until Feb 2. Tues & Wed 3:30-6pm, Sat 1-5pm**

Cost: Free

Where: Our community park beside the Hall

Join in games, sports, crafts, music, drama and special events. You'll find a list of upcoming activities and special events posted on the side of the Green Shack each week. If there's a game or activity that you'd like to play, just ask the Program Leader.

See [http://www.edmonton.ca/activities\\_parks\\_recreation/green-shacks.aspx](http://www.edmonton.ca/activities_parks_recreation/green-shacks.aspx)

## **SKATING RINK**

The community league's rinks are open.

**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.**

## **DROP-IN LEARN TO SKATE**

Family oriented but all are welcome. Skates and helmets are not provided but both are required to participate.

When: **Now until Feb. 26**

Where: Various, including several locations near us such as Glenora, Glenwood and Lynnwood

Cost: Free

See: [https://www.edmonton.ca/activities\\_parks\\_recreation/drop-in-learn-to-skate-program.aspx](https://www.edmonton.ca/activities_parks_recreation/drop-in-learn-to-skate-program.aspx)

## **NEXT STAGE FOR INFILL**

Edmonton Planning Department is contemplating some comprehensive changes to the Zoning Bylaws this year. In fact, between 2018 & 2021, city administration will be doing a thorough overhaul of the Zoning Bylaws. As you know, any changes to the Zoning Bylaws will affect all Edmonton communities.

1. At the March 13th, 2018 Urban Planning Committee, city administration will present amendments that would permit secondary suites in semi-detached (side-by-side duplexes), narrow built houses and row houses.
2. In the summer of 2018, city administration will present to the Urban Planning Committee, additional opportunities for semi-detached in RF1, the single detached housing zone that exists here and in most mature neighbourhoods. Currently, semi-detached are permitted on corner lots but proposed changes could permit semi-detached to be built anywhere a single detached house may be constructed.

**Please Note:**

A test case is coming forward to city council's public hearing on Monday, January 22 at 1:30 p.m. In High Park, an application was made to rezone a corner lot at 15202-108 Avenue from RF1 to RF3 to build 4 units of row housing. In accordance to the Residential Infill Guidelines, row housing can only be built across from a school or park site. This lot is not close to a school and is one block away from a park. Administration states that although High Park does not have a plan, this application retains the neighbourhood's low density. When this application is approved by council, it sets a precedent for row housing on corner lots in all mature neighbourhoods that do not have an ARP. Also, if council approves secondary suites in row houses this spring, a lot could have a total of 8 units! Since many homeowners use their garage for storage, row houses with secondary suites could have 8+ vehicles parked on the street!

**DEVELOPERS WILL BE DOOR KNOCKING**

We have been told that the federal government will advance funding for our West Valleyline LRT this 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, break and enter of garages, sheds, and theft of vehicles are the most common crimes south of 100 Ave. Theft from vehicles or license plates are the most common crime north of 100 Ave. There were ten break and enters reported in the last 60 days.

In Sherwood, there were four break and enters reported in the last 60 days.

For more information, visit: [crimemapping.edmontonpolice.ca](http://crimemapping.edmontonpolice.ca).

**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 our local community sandbox just east of our hall entrance.

**PROGRAMS**

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

**Whist**

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

**Progressive Rummy**

The second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:00 to 9:30 p.m. [Please note this change of time and day.] If there is a fifth Wednesday in the month, players will be notified the previous week. 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.

### **EPCOR DRAINAGE- SEWER CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

Work is continuing at 151 St. and 99 Ave. to rehabilitate the sewer line along 151 Street from 99th Avenue to 100th Avenue. Construction of an additional shaft at 150th Street and 99th Avenue has now begun. Epcor is also reminding residents to report sewer gas smells in their homes to 311.

### **FAMILY NATURE NIGHTS WINTER EDITION**

When: **Feb. 24 1:00 – 3:00 PM, registration at 12:30 PM**

Where: **Hawrelak Park**

Connect with nature at a family oriented event.

See: <http://naturealberta.ca/family-nature-nights-winter-edition/>

### **COUNCILLOR KNACK – COMMUNITY CONVERSATION**

Monday, March 26 from 6:30pm - 9:00 pm at Boys and Girls/Big Brothers Big Sisters West Club, 16030 104 Ave. 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.

### **LOOSING A COMMUNITY SUPPORTER**

Our community lost one of our great supporters recently on the passing of Jack Krys. Over many years he has served our community in various leadership roles with our Community League, Seniors Club and helping out where-ever needed.. We wish to express our condolences to those friends and family members affected by this loss.

### **CALENDAR SUMMARY**

Check out our community calendar at [goo.gl/xzR22k](http://goo.gl/xzR22k) to be able to quickly add events to your calendar.

Jan.	24	LRT Public Engagement [St. Paul's Anglican Church, 10127 145 St.]
	27	Community Winter Carnival [Britannia Youngstown Community League, 15927 105 Ave.]
Feb.	24	Family Nature Nights Winter Edition [Hawrelak Park]
Mar.	26	Councillor Knack Community Conversation [Jasper Place Library, 9010 156 St.]