

WEST JASPER/SHERWOOD COMMUNITY LEAGUE

9620-152 Street

September, 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

HALL RENTALS & FACILITY CONCERNS

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

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

On **Saturday, September 15th, 2017**, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., we will have a barbecue for individuals signing up for membership. **Memberships are available for residents living in the communities of West Jasper Place or Sherwood.** **Please provide your email address when registering.

Fees: Family - \$25.00 for September 15th only (\$30.00 other days); Single (18 and over) - \$15.00; Senior (55 & over) - \$5.00. **Benefits** are: Individuals who show their membership card will have **free** use of the Commonwealth Recreation Centre on Saturdays (September 8, 2018 to August 31, 2019) from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Includes: salt water fitness pool, waterslide and aquatic climbing wall, saltwater whirlpool and steam room, fitness centre, basketball, volleyball and badminton courts. Membership allows children to participate in hockey and soccer. In the winter, members may skate at no cost on our community league ice rink. Through consensus building, the community league also provides a voice for members at city council meetings.

The following businesses provide discounts for members showing their cards: Cloverdale Paint charges wholesale pricing on all their paint – mention Code 057EFCL; University of Alberta Technology Training Centre will offer Microsoft and Adobe courses with a 25% discount – phone: 780-492-1397.

Memberships may be obtained by phoning Paul or Irene Blain @ 780-489-2994. Otherwise purchase a membership through the EFCL online by paying a \$5.00 administration fee: efcl.org/membership

ONE WAY WEST TRAFFIC OPTION ON SPR

One way west option on Stony Plain Road from 149 to 156 Street will be debated at city council's Executive Committee on **October 15, 2018**. If you are interested in speaking at this meeting, please phone Irene @ 780-489-2994 for details. Otherwise send an email to: lrtprojects@edmonton.ca and copy members of the Executive Committee: don.iveson.m@edmonton.ca; mike.nickel@edmonton.ca; mohinder.banga@edmonton.ca; bev.esslinger@edmonton.ca; and aaron.paquette@edmonton.ca. Include your councillor: andrew.knack@edmonton.ca.

This option will move the LRT to the south side of Stony Plain Road and push LRT stations further apart – 7 blocks between 150 Street Station and 100A Avenue Station on 156 Street. Since the city is proposing to remove bus service on Stony Plain Road from 149 to 156 Street, this will create difficulty for individuals with mobility challenges and young children. There will be no site and side street access to businesses on the south side of Stony Plain Road. It will eliminate the two approaches to Jasper Gates from Stony Plain Road which will probably close Domo Gas. It will create a drive through area since few LRT riders will walk the distance between stations to frequent businesses on Stony Plain Road. Many vehicles will not stop to visit the businesses on the south side of Stony Plain Road since there is no access. Redevelopment for new businesses will be questionable. Since most shops are linked together, emergency vehicles will not be able to access the front from the back alley. Fire trucks and ambulances

will have to park on LRT tracks if they have to access the front of a business on the south side of Stony Plain Road. This could delay the operation of the LRT for hours.

NEW BENCHMARK FOR AMOUNT PAID FOR WEST JASPER PLACE TEAR DOWN

Last winter a private sale for a house on a corner 50 X 150 foot residential lot in West Jasper Place sold for \$322,500. The house is in very good condition but was purchased by a developer to tear down for infill. **Reminder:** Asking \$300,000 for a tear down on a 50 X 150 foot lot is fair. A corner lot should command a higher price. Demand has started to increase with the approved West LRT.

CITY OF EDMONTON FREE ADMISSION DAY

The following attractions will be open and free to the public on **Sunday, September 30, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.:** Edmonton Valley Zoo, John Janzen Nature Centre, and Muttart Conservatory. The following recreation centres are also included: Commonwealth Recreation Centre, Londonderry Leisure Centre, St. Francis Xavier Sports Centre, Terwillegar Recreation Centre, and The Meadows Recreation Centre.

THANKSGIVING OPEN HOUSE WITH YOUR MLA

The Honourable Lori Sigurdson, MLA for Edmonton Riverview and Minister of Seniors and Housing, would like to invite you to an Open House event on **Sunday, October 7, from noon to 2:00 p.m., at her constituency office (9202B-149 Street).** Minister Sigurdson will discuss with those present the issues that matter the most to Edmonton Riverview constituency residents. Coffee, tea and light refreshments will be provided.

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION WITH YOUR COUNCILLOR

A community conversation will be held on **Sunday, October 21, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Belmead Community Hall, 9109-182 Street** with Councillor Andrew Knack. Councillor Knack will provide updates on current city issues and ask for input on topics that matter most to you. For further information, please phone: 780-496-8122.

VOLUNTEERS ARE REQUIRED FOR 2019 COMMUNITY CASINO

The community league's only fundraiser which has not been held since 2015 will take place during the 3rd quarter of 2019 at the West Edmonton Palace Casino. We will be informed of the exact dates next year. The number of people to volunteer will determine the length and number of shifts required. **Volunteers will receive vouchers for the hours worked. Please phone Irene @ 780-489-2994 for details.**

It is **critical that the community league has a casino.** The funds raised help the league pay for the high utility costs, maintenance of the hall, skating rink, basketball and tennis courts. **Without a community league, residents would have no amenities other than open park space.** It is the league that fundraises to build a playground, skating rink, basketball and tennis courts, etc. When our playground is deemed too old in the next 10 years by the city, it will be up to the community league to fundraise to build a new playground. We have been told that it now takes up to 1 million dollars to build a decent playground.

NEW SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Jasper Place Health and Wellness has received government funding to build another housing project in this area. They currently own and operate a 30 unit homeless housing project called Canora Place at 10141-153 Street. They intend to construct 3 buildings with 10 to 12 units in each in Glenwood at 16022, 16026, and 16030-100th Avenue (beside the Better Business Bureau) for hard to house supportive housing. These sites will still have to be rezoned and approved by council. For further information, please contact Murray Soroka at 780-908-6309 or email: murrays@jpsc.ca

DO YOU HAVE AN ILLEGAL SUITE?

Homeowners with an existing unpermitted suite now have the ability to apply for a permit and become regulated. As an incentive, the city will **waive application penalty fees** if you voluntarily apply for a permit before **September 1, 2019**. It is important to note that homeowners with existing suites built before 2007 will benefit from decreased retrofit costs if they obtain permits prior to provincial fire and safety code regulation changes anticipated later this year. Grant funding is also available for upgrading an existing suite to a maximum of \$20,000. More information is available on the city's website: edmonton.ca. Pull up the city's site and type in secondary suites in the search bar.

COMMUNITY CRIME UPDATE

During the **month of August** in West Jasper Place there were 3 thefts from autos, 2 assaults, 1 theft of a truck, 1 B&E of a garage, 1 B&E of a shop on Stony Plain Road, and 1 sexual assault for a total of 9 crimes. In Sherwood there was 1 B&E of an apartment suite, 1 attempted B&E of a garage, and 1 theft from an auto for a total of 3 crimes.

It is interesting to note that during the **month of August**, the two communities adjacent to West Jasper Place, that are similar in size, have higher crime stats. Canora – 20 crimes and Grovenor – 12 crimes.

SKATING RINK

Weather permitting, our skating rink typically opens early December. Watch for 'Rink Open' on our community league sign. Hours will be posted on the Ice Shack door (north side of the league building). Skating is free for community league members and a toonie a skate for non-members.

FILIPINO INTERNATIONAL BAPTIST CHURCH

We would like to introduce a new tenant in our community hall. The Filipino International Baptist Church rents the hall from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. every Sunday and conducts church service at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

PROGRAMS

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

Whist (Starting September 5th, 2018)

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. 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 (Starting September 10th, 2018)

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 (Starting September 21st, 2018)

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 to 8:30 p.m. and Mainstream level from 8:30 to 10:00 p.m. The cost is \$7.00 per person. Beverages and snacks are provided. Phone Frank at 780-455-6527 (leave a message).