

WEST JASPER/SHERWOOD COMMUNITY LEAGUE
9620-152 Street
March, 2020 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

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: www.efcl.org/membership

HALL RENTALS & FACILITY CONCERNS

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

SPANN (STONY PLAIN ROAD AND AREA NEWS NETWORK)

A new community newspaper published by the Stony Plain Road BIA is coming in April this year. Published quarterly, SPANN is a print and online communications platform intended to connect communities and enhance a sense of place. Check them out at thespann.ca.

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION WITH YOUR COUNCILLOR

A community conversation will be held on **Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 5:30-7:30pm at the Belmead Community League, 9109 182 Street**, with Councillor Andrew Knack. Councillor Knack will provide updates on current issues in Ward 1. You will have opportunity to ask questions and bring up concerns in your community. For further information, please phone: 780-496-8122 or email andrew.knack@edmonton.ca. Check closer to the event to confirm if it will be postponed.

COMMUNITY ICE RINK

Our community league ice rink is now **closed** for the season. We look forward to seeing you again next winter.

COMMUNITY CRIME UPDATE

There have been several reports of individuals checking vehicles for unlocked doors and then theft. Be sure vehicle doors are locked at ALL times, even if only out of sight of the vehicle for a few minutes.

Theft from Vehicle:

West Jasper Place: Jan. 7, 16, 23, Feb. 6, 7. Total: 5

Sherwood: Mar. 1. Total: 1

Break in of Private Garage:

West Jasper Place: Jan. 20, Feb. 4, 7. Total: 3

Sherwood: Jan. 13, Feb. 7. Total: 2

JASPER GATES REDEVELOPMENT

Council approved RioCan's DC2 rezoning on February 4, 2020 to permit mixed use buildings with 4 towers ranging in height from 25 to 30 storeys. Our Jasper Place ARP was not amended even though different policies were violated. Most of the public believed RioCan owns the entire Jasper Gates site. We found out after the public hearing that Safeway owns half the site and has no intention of redeveloping or selling to RioCan. Therefore this rezoning will result in hodge podge redevelopment. Most concerning, since this rezoning permits RioCan to construct buildings larger than what is permitted under the current zoning, RioCan is required to provide a certain dollar amount of community amenity green space. Planning placed that green space on Safeway's property, and if Safeway does not sell to RioCan, there will be no chance of having this built. I believe this rezoning would be invalidated by the Court of Queen's Bench.

ABANDONED SHOPPING CARTS

Have you noticed an abandoned shopping cart as you walk around the community? Help us keep our community tidy by reporting shopping carts that need to be returned home.

- London Drugs: 780-944-4522 and ask for Manager on Duty
- Safeway: 780-990-4153, leave message with exact address
- Shopper's Drug Mart: 780-487-9636 and ask to speak to a supervisor
- No Frills: email amy03415@loblaws.ca [that is amy with a zero following]. You can try calling 780-487-6508, but that number is not answered unless someone is in the store office.

ICY SIDEWALKS?

Free sand is provided at 9620-152 Street 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. If the supply has run low, you can request that it be refilled by calling 311.

COMMUNITY STANDARDS BYLAW

Ensure you know the rules of the city. Bylaw officers will be regularly patrolling our community. In accordance with Bylaw 14600, a Bylaw Enforcement Officer may impose a fine for the following infractions:

1. A person shall maintain any sidewalk adjacent to land they own or occupy clear of all snow & ice;
 2. Graffiti is visible from any surrounding property;
 3. Elm tree wood not disposed of at authorized location;
 4. A fire pit creating excessive smoke or odor;
 5. Any vegetation (trees or shrubs) on your property obstructing any sidewalk adjacent to your land or impairing the visibility required for safe traffic flow at any intersection adjacent to your land;
 6. Damaged, dismantled or derelict vehicles or motor vehicles on your property, whether insured or registered or not;
 7. Any commercial vehicle over 4,500 kg. and/or exceeding 12.5 meters in length, parking in a residential neighbourhood [Bylaw 5590];
 8. Excessive accumulation of material on your property, e.g. building materials, appliances, household goods, boxes, tires, vehicle parts, garbage or refuse, etc., whether of any apparent value or not;
 9. Buildings that have not been maintained and show signs of neglect;
 10. Any construction project not completed within 5 years of the date the building permit was issued;
- OR**
11. Construction activity on private property on any Sunday or holiday before 9:00 a.m. or after 7:00 p.m.; or during the week Monday through Saturday before 7:00 a.m. or after 9:00 p.m.

BYLAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

Are you fed up with residents who continually violate the Community Standards Bylaw? Join our community league's Bylaw Enforcement Committee. We will work together to ensure the city addresses nuisance properties or bylaw offenders. These properties devalue our neighbourhood. Please phone Irene @ 780-489-2994 if you are interested.

EPCOR DRAINAGE COMMUNITY TASK FORCE

The Task Force met on March 4, 2020. The work on sewer rehabilitation is continuing beginning this year. Although most of the work will take place in Crestwood and Grovenor, planned work will also affect West Jasper Place. In Phase 1 of the first quarter of 2021, vehicle access will be restricted on 99 Ave. near 150 St. intersection for another access shaft to be installed. Project duration should be approximately 7 months, after which Phase 2 begins. The information session to be held on Saturday, March 14 from 1:30 to 5 pm, at St. Andrew's United Church, 9915 148 St. has been **postponed until further notice**. Further questions, please email KSmadella@epcor.com.

VALLEY WEST LRT UPDATE

The Valley Line West LRT is on track to break ground for construction next year. The project has launched its competition to find a contractor to design, build and partially finance the \$2.6-billion public transit project. That competition will conclude in December 2020 when the City chooses the successful bidder. Construction is expected to begin in 2021 and last another five to six years. But before then, the City is continuing its preparations — relocating underground utilities, removing buildings from City-owned properties and completing condition assessments of buildings next to the Valley Line West LRT route. More information is available online at www.edmonton.ca/valleylinewest.

SUPPORTS FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

The West Boys and Girls Club connects parents and families with support resources such as:

- Drop-in counselling
- Medical Clinics
- Parenting Workshops
- Caregiver Workshops
- Drop-in activities

For more information, call 780.424.8181 and ask for Muna.

AFTON SCHOOL ALUMNI

Afton School, at 16604 91 Ave, is hosting a celebration of its history in January, 2021. If you attended Afton School and you have a story or item, such as a report card ... Please contact Murray Smith, principal at Afton School, by phone at 780-484-3263 or email murray.f.smith@epsb.ca.

MAINTAINING A HEALTHY BRAIN

Hear about keys to brain health at a free public lecture put on by the U of A Neuroscience Graduate Student Association. This event has been postponed, date not yet determined. Featured researchers are: Brandon Hauer, PhD Candidate, Dr. Richard Camicioli, MD and Dr. Sheree Kwong See, PhD. Register at uab.ca/nmhitalk

SUMMER GREEN SHACK

Summer is just a few months away! Our community will be hosting a Green Shack playground program again this year. Check our web site as details become available.

PROGRAMS

The 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

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

Come and get some exercise on Mondays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

If you have any questions about these programs, drop by the Hall during one of the program times.