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PANCAKE BREAKFAST
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Preschool Garage Sale, Bake Sale & Bottle Drive

Friday, May 5: 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 6: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

*** Donations of clean, gently used household items, toys etc. are needed for the Garage Sale (drop-off at Ermineskin Community Hall Monday to Thursday evening 5-9 or Friday, May 6, 1 to 4 p.m. or call 780-438-6623 to arrange an alternate drop-off time.)**

**ERMINESKIN
COMMUNITY LEAGUE
ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING**

Save the date!

MAY 9

**6P.M. - MEET OUR WARD CONDIDATES AND
OUR INCUMBENT MICHAEL WALTERS
- VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION**

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**7 P.M. Annual General Meeting - come and be
involved with your community!**

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LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP RATES

Memberships for 2016-2017 are now available

Single / Single Parent Family: \$25.00

Family : \$ 35.00

Seniors (65 years and older): no charge

**Memberships can be purchased on line
(www.EFCL.org)**

or through our office.

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of Community Leagues**

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING RATES

February, April, June, September & November

Our advertisers play an important role in our community, as they support us and many of our endeavors. GST is already included in the rates:

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Back Page	\$125.00	\$106.25
Classified	\$1.00 per line	

For more information visit our website at
www.ermineskincommunity.ca

Copy deadline for June is May 5

**The Ermineskin Board of Directors meets the
second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM—**

All are welcome to attend.

Upcoming Board Meetings:

April 11, May 9, June 13

All are welcome!

HALL RENTAL INFORMATION

Size: 2400 square feet (40 x 60 feet)

Seating: 96

Kitchen: 2 stoves, 1 fridge, 1 freezer,
1 dishwasher (dishes and cutlery provided)

**For updated rates and to book using the
online form, please see our website at:**

<http://www.ermineskincommunity.ca/main-hall>

President's Message:



Building the Community That We Want To Live In

Two years ago when I joined the Ermineskin Community League Board I spent some time reading old Board Meeting minutes and Enlightener newsletters trying to get an understanding and feel for the valuable work that the Board and Community League Volunteers had done over many years.

As I read through the documents, one theme kept coming up over and over – **Building the Community That We Want to Live In**. Over the past two years, I have seen the Board discuss many issues and each time they come back to the central question – will this activity be a benefit to our community?

Monty Nelson, our First Vice President, and the Ermineskin Playground Committee (all volunteers) spent the past 8 years researching, fund raising and overseeing the construction of the new playground! We look forward to an official opening in June. Now that that project is done and Monty has a few extra hours in his schedule a new project has landed on his desk. Due to a conflict of interest with my employer (The City of Edmonton) I have had to step out of discussions regarding the latest Century Park development and the burden of this important discussion has fallen to Monty. He is assisted and advised by a great committee of seasoned real estate developers, who live in our community. Monty is also working with Councillor Walters and with the City Planning department. Procurra, the land developer, Stantec who are acting as Procurra's development consultants, Kyle Witiw, the City Planner and Councillor Walters will be joining the March 14 Board Meeting to discuss the latest concepts and concerns. I hope that it won't take the same amount of time to settle Century Park as it did to build the playground.

Shannon den Besten, our Second Vice President is a subject matter genius on all things City, Provincial and Federal grant and funding programs. She is on the leading edge in helping us maximize and leverage the funds that are raised through the Ermineskin Christmas Craft Fair and other programs. She also oversees the physical facilities and all the large and small details of keeping the building and rinks renovated and in great condition so they can be used for preschool, Scouts, Guides and Pathfinders as well as other programs that will be run by the Community League.

Kirk Morris, is our long suffering Treasurer. After more than 15 years in this position he is our corporate historian. Kirk is able to advise on the actual mechanics of funding programs and takes care of all the paper work to make sure that we are compliant. 15 years dedicated to Building a Community That We Want to Live In is impressive.

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Vanessa Tran, our Corporate Secretary quietly goes about making sure that all our administration functions are working. She keeps upto date minutes, oversees the office, and keeps the Board going.

Jeanna Friedley is on the Board as the Preschool representative. We have had another successful year of preschool and appreciate all the work that the volunteer Preschool Parents Council, Renee Hardy and Miss Nicole put in to running such a successful program. Registration for the 2017/2018 term is over and the programs are once again fully registered.

Ezra Aleba and **Suresh Agarwal**, recently joined the Board as Members at Large. **Ezra** is totally committed to promoting community gardens. He has spent many hours going from apartment building to apartment building to talk to building managers to promote the community garden concept. He has met with Dennis Nolan from Heritage Community Gardens and Pastor Jonny Blake from Southside Church of the Nazarene to discuss how we can support and encourage community participation in Community Gardening. He has worked with the board and new garden signage and community garden brochures are being produced and will be distributed.

Suresh is going to work on fund raising and in a brief discussion at our February Board meeting his experience in working with the Rotary Club will be an enormous asset to the Ermineskin Community League.

We could not run a successful community league without the time and effort put forth by **Jo** and **Sherisse** in selling memberships, keeping the programs and office running, publishing this newsletter and the many other tasks that they deal with on a daily basis. This past fall Jo, Sherisse and Shannon completely reorganized the back storage room. Most of you won't ever see the area and had no idea the task that they took on but it was many hours and the end result is fantastic.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to each member of the Board, our Administration and to all the Committee Volunteers who are truly **"Building a Community That We Want To Live In"**.

Kent McMullin—President—Ermineskin Community League

***"volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy.
You vote in elections once a year,
but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of
community you want to live in."
- unknown***

Greetings fellow community members!

These are historic and exciting times in our neighborhood. It has been a busy 2017 around the Ermineskin Community League on behalf of you, the residents.

January and February saw us putting cross country ski trails (with permission of the city) in areas around Ermineskin and Yellowbird. We hope to continue this in the years ahead, if people from the community remain interested in this as an option for outdoor activity during the long winter months.

On February 24 we received a cheque for the community league of \$50,000 from Mr. Raj Dhunna on behalf of Regency Developments, who have recently commenced construction on their new condo building at 2510 - 104 St. This money is to assist the Community League with projects that will be of value to the community including final completion of the last few touches on the new playground, and other upcoming projects such as a new rink shack, improved ice rinks, a new community garden, and renovation of the community league building. We are very grateful for the contribution to our community by Mr. Dhunna and Regency Developments. It will go a long way toward fulfilment of these projects.

As well, we will likely have more new neighbors in our community in the next few years! Century Park development talks are continuing. During January, February, and March, we engaged in discussions with city planners, Councillor Walters, and the property developer Procura to understand the impending plans for the upcoming structure and design of Century Park. While we are excited to finally see some development occur on the long vacant Century Park site, we also have some concerns. If completed as proposed by the developer, Century Park will become one of the largest residential infill rental developments in Edmonton's history. We hope that if our concerns are addressed, Century Park will become a valuable addition to our neighborhood. However, we also have concerns that if many of our concerns are not addressed, then our neighborhood will likely begin to experience even greater challenges. At this point in time, the developer is proposing to have 4500 rental suites developed at the site, in addition to new retail developments. We have concerns that this will potentially bring between 7000 to 10,000 additional people into our neighborhood, and we are suggesting that the number of rental units be reduced to a number closer to the original Century Park plan of just under 3000 units. As well, we are also actively discussing with the city and the developer whether the revamped Century Park project can: a. have greater amounts of green space on site, b. additional parking, c. address our numerous concerns about the impact on traffic in our area, and d. if the developer will collaborate with the neighborhood and the Community League to help us achieve some of our important community projects in the years ahead. If we are unable to effectively address all of the neighborhood's concerns as a volunteer board, we may consider the need to hire an advocate or coordinator who can work on our behalf to liaise with the city and developer to forward our concerns in time for possible April or May public hearings at City Council regarding this project.

However, we continue to need community input! While the seven of us on the Community League board are happy to advocate on the Community's behalf, we are always looking for extra help, ideas, and suggestions on the Community's hopes and concerns about this new development. These are exciting times in our neighborhood, and it is a pleasure to try to be of assistance to the Community at this time.

Please give us a call at the Community League office if you would like to volunteer to help us with this matter, or with any other element that you are interested. Our phone number is [780-438-6623](tel:780-438-6623), and we would love to hear from you. As well our email address is eclinfo1@gmail.com

Yours in Community, Monty Nelson - Vice President, Ermineskin Community League

A Community Garden is a group of people coming together to nurture, develop, and sustain a growing space in their community.

This type of garden reflects the area it serves; engaging, educating, building and strengthening community in a significant way. "There are over 90 community garden sites now operating throughout the Capital region promoting local, organically grown food; healthy and active lifestyles; and safer, more vibrant and connected communities." - Sustainable Food Edmonton

The Heritage Community Garden is looking for more members for next season starting in April 2017. Our garden is located at the back of the South Side Church of the Nazarene on 10712 29 Ave NW. Our Garden is not affiliated with the church, but they are kind enough to let us use the space.

Members rent an individual plot, and share in the work and the harvest of the shared community areas.

We have over 40 individual plots ranging from 4' x 8' up to about 4' x 16', with a few bigger ones too, with prices ranging from \$15 to \$30 for the season from April to October. There is a 25.00 refundable deposit which is returned to you at the end of September when you complete your garden duties which includes taking care of your own plot, and sharing in the



shared community garden (includes native plants, fruit trees and bushes including a large raspberry patch, and some potato and other vegetable plots).

We have garden tools that you can use, and the church provides the water for us. **You don't need any experience.** Some of our more experienced members are happy and willing to guide you through this wonderful experience!

It is very rewarding to grow your own food and share the time with like minded folk building shared community!

Our signup meeting will be April 5, 7 PM at the Church of the Nazarene, 10712 29 Ave NW.

Please email heritagecomgarden@gmail.com or contact Ermineskin Community League at 780-438-6623 if you are interested and we will send you a notice about the April meeting.

Come grow with us!!

Dennis Nolan, chair of the Heritage CG

Ezra Aleba — member at large,
Ermineskin Community
League



Gardeners know the best dirt!

ERMINESKIN ENLIGHTENER JUNE DEADLINE: MAY 5, 2017

Please email JPEG Ad submissions to: e-enlightener@hotmail.com
Submit any hard copy items to the mail slot at the Community League office.
Please Note: The Ermineskin Enlightener can be downloaded from our website:
www.ermineskincommunity.ca



Free Bread!

Each Sunday as a church we receive a delivery of bread (and other bakery items) from Costco. Items are in date but Costco is unable to sell them and passes them on to local charities. We have this bread available to anyone who needs it, no questions asked. All are welcome at 9:30 Sunday Mornings. (The delivery varies each week in selection and quantity)
Southside Church of the Nazarene 29Ave NW

Make Tax Time Pay Steinhauer location



Confidential and Free Tax preparation (**subject to eligibility**):

Southminster-Steinhauer United Church location: 10740-19 Ave.,

Fridays: March 17, 24, 31 (1:30- 9) & April 7, 21, 28 (6:30- 9 pm).

For an Appointment Call:

780-686-6854 (please leave a message)

Community Swim!

Current ECL members in good standing can enjoy **Free** community swim at:

Confederation Pool
11204 43 AVE

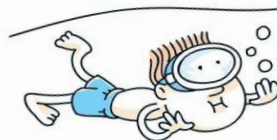
**Saturdays, January to June 2017,
4 pm - 5:30 pm**

Remember to bring your current membership card!

**Confederation Pool will be closed
April 2-9, 2017
for repairs**



A very hearty
THANK YOU to
Piet and his crew for all the work they do to give us ice!! A lot of hours and hard work goes into this process and we are fortunate





RISEN LORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

Ermineskin Community Hall
10709 32A Avenue NW, Edmonton
780.440.6476

Pastor Glen Carlson
Sunday Worship at 10:00 AM
Sunday School during service



Holy Week

Join us in the final days of our Lenten journey, as we gather for:

Palm Sunday Service with Holy Communion

— April 9th at 10:00 am.

Maundy Thursday Communion Service

April 13th at 7:00 pm - chapel at St. Joseph Auxiliary Hospital
(10707 29 Avenue NW, Edmonton).

Note: Parking fees apply in the hospital lot, but street parking is free.

Good Friday Service – April 14th at 10:00 am.

Easter Breakfast – Sunday, April 16th – served from 8:45 to 9:30 am

Easter Service with Holy Communion – Sunday, April 16th, at 10:00 am,
celebrating the resurrection of our Lord!

The 11th Annual Sage Awards

An amazing opportunity to celebrate seniors' accomplishments, challenge ageist stereotypes and enjoy a beautiful gala luncheon!



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Celebrate with outstanding seniors who make our community a better place to live, work and play!

Nominees and Award Recipients will be honoured at our 11th Annual Sage Awards Luncheon on **Wednesday, May 10** @ 11:00 am-1:30pm at Chateau Lacombe.

AWARD CATAGORIES:

Arts & Culture * Community Building * Education * Environment * Health & Wellness *
Sport & Leisure * Public & Non-Profit * Science & Technology * Social Justice & Peace *
Transportation *

Tickets on sale now! Purchase tickets by May 1.
Phone: [780-701-9017](tel:780-701-9017) email: jlparenteau@MySage.ca

Seniors Corner

PETROLIA SENIORS' GROUP

Invites YOU to : Lunch and a Program The **third Tuesday** of each month (except July and August)

Where? Greenfield Community Hall - 3803 - 114 Street - Time? 11:45 a.m. (sharp) to 2:00 p.m.

March 21st –Noel Somerville, Chair of PIA Seniors' Task Force 'The Current State of Seniors' Care in Alberta'

April 18th – Allan Bleiken - Global Terrorism

LUNCH and a PROGRAM (\$15)

To CONFIRM your attendance or for more information Call: Nick --780-435-1045 or Betty --780-434-0711

SouthWest Seniors Association (SWESA) Offering Peace of Mind and Convenience to Southwest Seniors

Are you a senior in southwest Edmonton looking for help for snow removal, yard help, housekeeping and minor home repairs? SWESA now has a program available to help you out. As of January 3, 2017, SWESA has taken over the role of the Seniors' Home Supports Program from the Lifestyle Helping Hands Seniors' Association (LHSA), which previously coordinated the program in southwest Edmonton.

This program provides seniors with referrals to businesses, community groups and individuals, which offer the following services:

- * Snow removal: removing snow and putting down anti-slip material to cover icy spots (not chipping ice);
- * **Yard help:** mowing the lawn and spring/fall clean-up (doesn't include the re-removal of animal waste, weeding gardens or planting);
- * **Housekeeping:** vacuuming, washing floors, cleaning bathrooms, doing laundry, dusting, and cleaning the fridge;
- * **Minor home repairs:** cleaning eaves troughs, repairing gates/fences and stairs/handrails, changing light bulbs, replacing door knobs, repairing flooring, installing grab bars, and cleaning windows (without removing windows).

SWESA welcomes Barbara Newell, who will be administering this program. Barbara has spent most of her career in the health care sector for over 25 years and has truly enjoyed working with seniors. Barbara works with interested applicants to find trusted service providers, within a reasonable cost. Careful and thorough screening of service providers is in place as part of the program.

Once a discussion is complete on the kinds of services needed and the potential providers for that service, participants are given referrals and are responsible for contacting the service providers to discuss the work that needs to be done, the costs, as well as making their final selection of the best service provider.

Seniors whose postal codes start with T6G, T6H, T6J, T6R or T6W can contact Barbara Newell, SWESA's Home Supports Coordinator for more information. She can be reached at:

Phone: 780-860-2931 Email: hs@swedmontonseniors.ca

MLA
Richard Feehan

Edmonton  **Rutherford**

Need help navigating a Government of Alberta service? Do you have questions or concerns for the provincial government? I want to hear them!

If you would like to meet me to discuss any problems you or your family may be facing I encourage you to contact my office below.

Constituency Office
308 Saddleback Road, Edmonton, AB T6J 4R7
780.414.1311
edmonton.rutherford@assembly.ab.ca



A heartfelt 

Thank You



TO OUR VOLUNTEERS



VOLUNTEER READERS NEEDED!

Steinhauer School is looking for mature volunteer readers who are able to offer 20-30 minutes, one to three times each week, to work one-on-one with students. If you are interested and have time to make a difference in a child's life, please contact:

Steinhauer School — 780-437-1080

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[Un-Finished-Objects] GROUP

- *scrapbooking
- *card making
- *sewing
- *knitting
- *quilting etc.



If you have projects you would like to work on then this is the day for you. Get away from the distractions at home and join others for a great day. Coffee is provided, just bring your lunch.

For more information or to register call:

Pat at 780-886-7838

Visit the community website at:
ermineskincommunity.ca

TIME: 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.— **FEE:** \$10.00

APRIL 22, MAY 13, JUNE 17





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Edmonton Catholic School Board Trustee

OCTOBER 16, 2017

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Big Bin Event and Pancake Breakfast !

**A great opportunity to visit with folk you know and to meet new friends
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Get the yard/ garage/ basement cleaned out!

Big Bin will accept:

- Couches, chairs, mattresses, and other household furniture items too large for curbside pickup
- Fridges, freezers, washers, dryers and other large household appliances (will be recycled)

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Non-accepted Materials

- Commercial Waste

Household Hazardous Waste - please take to an Eco Station.

Free for CL members—\$10.00 for non members

Remember that while you are clearing out that **Preschool is having a **GARAGE SALE** and would welcome clean, gently used items, kids games, etc .**

This is a major fund raiser for our Preschool.

**Bring your items to the CL Monday — Thursday 5-9
or Friday May 5, 1-4 .**

**And, if you would like to volunteer to flip some flap jacks...
don't be shy! Let us know, we would love to have you
come and join the fun!**