



ERMINESKIN ENLIGHTENER

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April 2018

CIRCULATION 1800

start your spring cleaning and support
**Ermineskin Community
Preschool**

in the Community
League Building
10709 32A Ave



Drop your donations at the Ermineskin
Community League building Friday 4th
from 1 - 4PM. Call 780.438.6623 to
schedule an alternative drop off time.

Friday May 4th 4-7PM
Saturday May 5th 9AM-1PM

Ermineskin Community Centre

Office Hours: 5:00 – 9:00 pm Monday through Thursday

www.erminekincommunity.ca

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Fax: 780-438-6124

Hosts: Jo Nicholas & Sherisse White

ECLinfo1@gmail.com

ERMINESKIN COMMUNITY LEAGUE ~ ENRICHING LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Save the date! May 5, 9am-1pm



Pancake Breakfast !

Join us for a pancake breakfast served by your board members and perhaps some surprise flippers!

Big Bin Event: great chance to get some spring cleaning done.

No charge for Community League members/ \$10.00 for non-members

RESTRICTED BIN ITEMS: These items may **NOT** be placed into the bins.

- Biological, pathological, biomedical waste and/or their containers – including sharps
- Chemical waste and/or containers ... • Hazardous waste and/or containers ... • Manure/sewage sludge
- Hot waste (ashes eg. fireplace or fire pit) ... • Liquids and/or containers with liquids ... • Photocopiers
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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.

**A member of the Edmonton Federation
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:

SIZE	1st Mth	Add'l Mth
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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 10, May 8, June 12

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)

**Please note: Stoves can be used
for warming only.**

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

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

**ERMINESKIN COMMUNITY LEAGUE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
&
VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION
MAY 8, 2018**

(Hosted at Ermineskin Community League Building, 10709 - 32 A Avenue)

6:15 P.M. - Volunteer Appreciation Event

- Pizza and pop will be provided to thank all the volunteers for their contribution to our community over the past year

6:30 P.M. - Annual General Meeting

Join us for presentations from:

- Century Park Developments
- Councillor Walters (need to confirm)
- The following positions will be up for election this year:
 - President
 - 2nd Vice President
 - Treasurer

This is your opportunity to be an active part of what happens in your community!



Volunteer Opportunities:

Saturday, September 22

Sunday, September 23

Casino Edmonton on Argyll Rd

See www.ermineskincommunity.ca to sign up for shifts.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In the President's Report of the February Enlightener, I mentioned that just before the last municipal election a resident notified the Ermineskin Community League (ECL) Board that EPCOR was considering installing a dry drainage pond (flood mitigation) at the Steinhauer School. This caught the Board by surprise.

After discussing the issue the Board had two main concerns: first, the safety of our children with a possible dry pond within meters of Steinhauer School and second, the absence of any public consultation. In December we invited representatives from EPCOR and the Edmonton Public School Board to join our January 9th Board meeting.

At that meeting two EPCOR representatives gave a very thorough review of the possible project. I would like to thank Dawn Fenske, our principle EPCOR representative, along with Laura Carlson for being so open and willing to collaborate with us.

The issue stems from a heavy storm back in 2004 which left many homes in the boundaries of our Community League with flood damage. In 2006, the City prepared maps documenting the flood plains and after further studies in 2008 the City found that our area was in need of sanitary improvements and a flood mitigation plan.

In 2015 the City of Edmonton began a modelling exercise and recommended that the current infrastructure would not prevent future flooding should we have another 2004 level rain storm and that a broader solutions was needed.

After further high-level modelling and a larger and more complex system-wide technical review in 2017, it has been determined that the original recommendations would not prevent future flooding as defined by the City of Edmonton flooding parameters. The City decided that a more complex solution that may include additional aspects of the sanitary and storm water systems is required.

At this time, additional technical solutions are still being investigated but now by EPCOR, who is now responsible for drainage services. They are looking at everything from the size of the pipes to, perhaps, a dry pond.

We had a long discussion on dry ponds and Dawn emphasized that a dry pond is just one possible solution. EPCOR will be finishing their technical work over the next few months and once the technical solutions work is completed, meets the flood mitigation requirements and receives approval, EPCOR has committed to engaging with the community league, its residents, and the school board to help determine which options fit best for the community.

On our concern on the safety of a dry pond so close to the school, Josephine Duquette from the Edmonton Public School Board outlined how the EPSB and EPCOR have worked together on several dry ponds that have been built on EPSB sites. Both Josephine and Dawn gave an overview of the safety systems that are put in place and how sporting fields and sledding hills can be built into the dry pond landscape.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank Dawn and Laura from EPCOR and Josephine from the EPSB for answering our questions and providing the information that we were not able to receive. They will be back to provide an update at our April Board Meeting and they have committed to participate in our May Annual General Meeting Open House to meet you and answer your questions.

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Here are the next steps in the process:

- Complete the system-wide technical review and develop potential solutions
- Obtain project approval (expected by April 2018)
- Attend the April Community League meeting to provide an update regarding the project status.
- Engage with the community to discuss the design phase
- Attend the Community's AGM, May 8, 2018, to answer any questions related to the project and bring the Flood Prevention Team to provide information on home flood protection and take bookings for home check-up appointments.

If you have any questions please email the office at eclinfo1@gmail.com and we will contact you. We will provide further updates via email, Facebook and the Enlightener.

Note: As an FYI, EPCOR is also working on a strategy to address the 34th Ave and 106 St. odour issues, which is separate from this project. The community will be updated as solutions are identified.

Kind regards,

Kent McMullin, President

Ermineskin Community League



Drop in Yoga

When: Mondays

Time: 7:15-8:15

*no classes Feb 19, April 2,
or May 21

Time: 7:15-8:15

Cost: \$10.00 per class

Location: Ermineskin Community League

10709-32A Ave

Bring mat, blocks, strap, water bottle & blanket

Never tried yoga?

We have extra mats if you want to try yoga
out!

***Our Goal : to make yoga an accessible
part of everyone's life.***

ERMINESKIN UFO

[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 4:00 p.m.— **FEE:** \$10.00

APRIL 21, MAY 12, & JUNE 16

WHY DO I VOLUNTEER?

Part 3 in a Series on Community Involvement

My involvement in the Ermineskin Community started in the early 1990's. My family was able to enjoy many of the programs offered at that time and volunteers were always welcome. Many evenings and Saturdays were spent helping with the different sports teams that our children were involved in. Driving, score keeping, practices, team manager and more kept us busy. There was a need for more people to deliver the community newsletter, The Enlightener, and I was happy to take on one of the routes. Fresh air and exercise were a bonus.

A very successful quilting program started in 1993 and in 2003 I took over the task of coordinating it. Several classes were offered each year until our last instructor decided to retire in 2012. Since then we have offered UFO days where anyone interested can come and work on the craft or project of their choice. It is not just for quilters anymore!

I have always had a passion for helping others. In 2005 I was encouraged by others to start our 'Community Care Quilts' program. Every March we get together and make quilts to donate to individuals and organizations in need.

To date we have donated over 550 quilts and over 100 pillowcases to Terra, WIN House, St. Joseph's Auxiliary Hospital, Quilts of Valour (Canada), Edmonton Police Service for their 'Christmas families', Ermineskin Community League Craft Fair raffles and many more. This all comes together with the help of the ECL and many donations of fabric and time.

My belief is that a community will thrive when it has people that show an interest in what is going on, who are willing to get involved and to volunteer their time.

I hope that I have set a good example for my family and neighbours. Check out the community newsletter and website for information on programs and volunteering. Now is a great time to get involved!

Pat Vos

We were amazed at some of the information that Pat has shared! We knew of the generous donations of quilted pieces to raffle at the Craft Fair but the rest was a complete surprise! Fabulous work that the UFO group does!



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



"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

DRIVE HAPPINESS

Senior Assisted Transportation

DRIVE HAPPINESS operates under the non-profit Lifestyle Helping Hands Seniors Association, giving the gift of assisted transportation to seniors with reduced mobility and limited resources. We are in **URGENT NEED** of Drivers! Help us enable seniors with limited resources to remain living in their homes for as long as possible. You can make your own schedule and also get a reimbursement to go towards gas and wear on your vehicle. ***You can make a difference to a senior!***

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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 holding their signup meeting on April 11 at 7 pm at 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. 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!

Please email heritagecomgarden@gmail.com 6623 if you have any questions.

From September 25 - 29, 2018, five Edmonton Public High Schools will be hosting the Canadian Student Leadership Conference (CSLC), which is Canada's largest and longest-running conference for student leaders. Through hands-on workshops, seminars, and speakers, 750 students and 250 advisors from across Canada will be learning about and building the essential skills, competencies and character to lead our communities in the 21st century. The students attending the conference are already leaders in their schools and communities, actively engaged and working to make a difference in the lives of their fellow citizens. CSLC is designed to take them to a new level!



The conference will focus on these themes: **INSPIRE, INNOVATE, IGNITE, INFLUENCE** - by addressing diversity, inclusion, career pathways, and building positive, inclusive climates at school and in the community. For example, an Orange Shirt Day activity will highlight on-going work with reconciliation, while A Taste of Lazerte will highlight Edmonton's rich multicultural heritage. Keynote speakers like Michel Chikwanine, a former child soldier, will speak about social responsibility and inspire our youth to make our world a safe place. Other keynote speakers, including Phil Boyte, Keith Hawkins and Chris Hadfield, will speak on topics related to community building, leadership skills, and 'seeing the big picture.

A conference of this magnitude requires significant planning and collaboration. All 750 student delegates will stay with host families in our community. To ensure the success of this national conference we need to secure suitable homes for our student delegates. Billeting allows our participants to gain first hand experience of the culture and heritage of the host school and district. For many students, CSLC is their first national event and their first trip away from home. Their billet family often becomes their 'home away from home' and allows them to really get to know other CSLC delegates as well as their host family.

The role you will play in an unforgettable experience for our students is immeasurable, and will be a 'week to remember' for both you and our participants for years to come!

For more information, please contact Perdeep Dhillon at perdeep.dhillon@epsb.ca



ERMINESKIN ENLIGHTENER JUNE DEADLINE: MAY 5, 2018

Please email JPEG Ad submissions to: eclinfo1@gmail.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:



Holy Week

Join us as we journey with Jesus, observing the passion of His final week and the culmination of His earthly ministry.

March 25th 10:00 am

Palm Sunday Communion Service

March 29th 7:00 pm

Maundy Thursday Communion Service

St Joseph Auxiliary Hospital Chapel

10707-29 Ave NW

(Parking fees apply in hospital parking lot.

Street parking is free.)

March 30th 10:00 am

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

April 1st Easter Sunday

Celebrating the Resurrection of Our Lord!

Breakfast served from 8:45—9:30 am

Communion Service at 10:00 am

Jesus is risen!

This changes everything!



Risen Lord Lutheran Church

Pastor Jay Dyrland

Sunday Service 10 A.M.

Sunday School during service

10709—32 A Ave

780-440-6476



Did you know:

Ermineskin Community Preschool

is located in the Ermineskin Community League building attached to Steinhauer School. We offer quality preschool programs for 3 and 4 year olds, backed by over two decades of history in our community and excellent, caring, certified teachers.

Registrations NOW OPEN for the 2018-2019 preschool year

Drop completed registration forms and \$50 registration fee:

(forms can be downloaded on www.ermineskincommunity.ca/preschool)

During preschool hours (Monday to Friday 9-11:30AM)

During community league office hours: Monday to Thursdays 5-9PM



We are currently offering two programs for the 2018-19 school year:

3 Year old AM Class

Tuesday and Thursday Mornings
(9-11:30AM)

Children must be 3 by March 1, 2019 and not turn 4 prior to November 1, 2018.

\$125/month (Capacity: 18 Students)

4 Year old AM Class

Monday, Wednesday, Friday Mornings
(9-11:30AM)

Children must be 4 by March 1, 2019

\$150/month (Capacity: 18 Students)

Visit our website for more information.
www.ermineskincommunity.ca/preschool



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



The volunteer gardeners at the Green & Gold Community garden, on the University of Alberta South Campus, are making plans for our **tenth** gardening season!

The garden is a project of the University's Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences. The garden is totally volunteer run; virtually all of the seeds, plants and equipment used are donated.

The vegetables, fruit, herbs and flowers are "spray-free" --no pesticides or artificial fertilizers are used. The general public is welcome to purchase their vegetables at the garden and all of the money raised – that's 100% – goes to the **Tubahumurize Association**. A non-profit organization in Rwanda, it supports and empowers female victims of violence and marginalization through trauma counselling, life-skills coaching vocational training, and micro-credit loans. Many women who benefit from Tubahumurize are genocide survivors, widows, orphans, HIV infected, or survivors of physical and sexual violence. To date, the garden has raised over \$290,000 for Tubahumurize.

We are now gearing up for the 2018 gardening season, and are looking for new volunteers to join us at the garden. Both novice & experienced gardeners are welcome—however, if you aren't interested in gardening, but would like to help in other ways (promoting the garden) please contact us at:

E-mail: gggarden@ualberta.ca/

Phone: 780-492-4087

Web site: www.greengoldgarden.com

Watch our [www](http://www.greengoldgarden.com) site for details regarding our volunteer orientation session in April.

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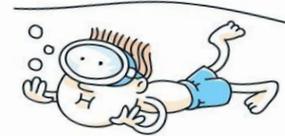


Community Swim!

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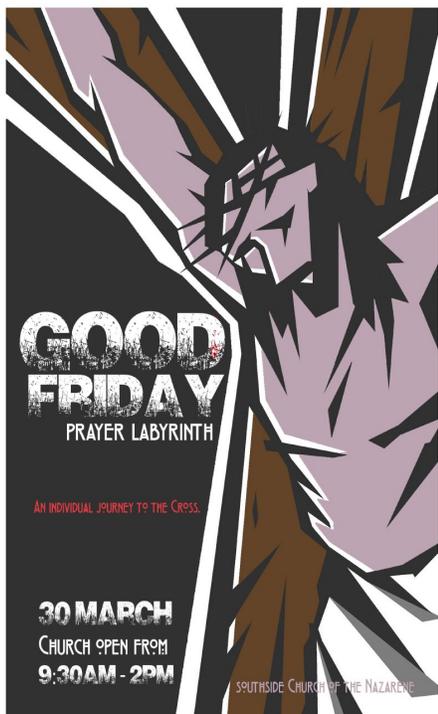
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