



ERMINESKIN ENLIGHTENER

SERVING THE ERMINESKIN & STEINHAUER COMMUNITIES

FEBRUARY 2016

CIRCULATION 1800

Family day skating party!!! February 15, 1-3 PM !

We had so much fun New Years Day we thought that we would do it again...

Weather permitting of course!

Skating, tobogganing, chili, coffee, hot chocolate,
great cookies from our Pathfinders,
music to skate to thanks to DJ Ann,
and indoor activities as well!

No cost to community league members;

on members : \$2.00 per family



Southwest Community Ski Festival

January 30th, 2016, 11:30AM - 3:30PM

Blue Quill Community Hall, 11304 25 Ave NW



Cross-country skiing

Ski to the celebration or
Enjoy a free chance to
learn with equipment from the
City River Valley Program Team

Free Chili
Hot cocoa
Warm fires!

Tobogganing
Snowshoeing
Kick sleds and more!

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LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP RATES

September 2015 – August 2016

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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Full Page	\$107.00	\$90.95
Back Page	\$125.00	\$106.25
Classified	\$1.00 per line	

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

Copy deadline for April issue is March 5

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

All members are welcome to attend.

Upcoming Board Meetings:

February 9, March 9, April 12,
May 10, June 14

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>

**Ermineskin Community Preschool
Registration Night and Open House:
Tuesday, February 16, 6 - 7 p.m.
10709 32a Avenue NW**

Did you know:

- **Ermineskin Community Preschool is in the Ermineskin Community League building attached to Steinhauer School?**
- **We offer quality preschool programs for 3-and 4-year olds, backed by over a decade of history in our community and excellent, caring, certified teachers?**
- **Ermineskin Community League Members have the bene-**

3-YEAR-OLD AM CLASS

Tuesday & Thursday Mornings (9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.)
Children must be 3 by March 1st of the following year and not turn 4 prior to November 1st of the current year.
\$115/month (Capacity: 18 students)

4-YEAR-OLD AM CLASS

Monday, Wednesday & Friday Mornings (9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.)
Children must be 4 by March 1st of the following year.
\$140/month (Capacity: 18 students)

For more information:

<http://www.ermineskincommunity.ca/preschool>

**Thanks to all who have kindly been filling
our winter box for Bissell! You Rock!!**



We will be keeping it going so continue to drop off
clean, gently used winter wear items
from 9-12 Mon -Fri or from 5-9 PM Mon - Thurs.

Please **DO NOT** leave items outside the door

ERMINESKIN ENLIGHTENER APRIL DEADLINE: MARCH 5, 2016

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

President's Message

New Years Day Family Skate

We would like to **thank everyone** who came out for our New Year's Day Family Skate. It was a lot of fun, great music, good treats, hot fire and perfect weather. We hope our Family Day Family Skate will be as much fun. Thank you to those who volunteered their time to enrich the life in our community.

Casino Volunteers Needed:

On Feb 28 and 29 the South West Area Council (community leagues) are working a casino and our Community League needs three volunteers. A portion of the proceeds from this casino will be received by Ermineskin Community League. If you are interested please email the office at eclinfor1@gmail.com.

Annual General Meeting:

Please save the date of May 10, 2016 for our Annual General Meeting. We will begin with an open house and networking with your neighbours over pizza. Then we will hold the AGM. We will be circulating changes to our Bylaws in advance of the meeting. More information will follow.

Employment Postings:

The forecast for our economy is not looking that bright. Job losses have happened in our neighbourhood and more may be on their way. Let's work together to help members of the Ermineskin Community League who might have lost their jobs or be underemployed. If you know of a job, please email us information about the position and we will post on line and on our Facebook Page.

Playground Committee:

Thank you to Monty and the Playground Committee! Perseverance and hard work have paid off and the money has been raised through fund raising activities and significant contributions from orders of Government (Municipal, Provincial and Federal) to build the new playground.

Ski2LRT – January 30

On January 30, SWAC will be hosting a Ski2LRT event at the Blue Quill Community League. Get your cross country skis out and try the new trails from Blue Quill to the Century Park LRT Station. Volunteers have paid for and installed a cross country ski rack on the west side of the Station. The Blue Quill hall will open at 9am; all events are free including chilli, cookies, hot chocolate. Open fire pits and an indoor game will be available throughout the event. Every one is welcome!

If you are not a member of the Ermineskin Community League and would like a membership or are a member and would like to volunteer to enrich the life our neighbourhood please email us at eclin-



TIME FOR SOCCER REGISTRATION !!

On-line registration for outdoor soccer will be starting February 1, 2016

Please go to www.emsasouthwest.com about registrations as EMSA is using a new system this year.

☞ Registration Payment sessions:

Wednesday Feb 17, 6-9 pm or Saturday Feb 20, 9-4 pm

Yellowbird Community Hall - 10710 19 Ave NW, Edmonton, AB

☞ **Please note: a current community league membership is required for all registrations.**



Greetings all!

Here is our update on the playground project and we have great news!

Over the Christmas holidays we found out that the government indeed had agreed to our CFEP grant appeal, and is now issuing us a total of \$125,000 for our grant, rather than just the \$70,000. Great news!

As such, this full grant amount, combined with our \$125,000 from the community league, now results in a total of \$250,000 which will be matched by the city with their NPDP grant, for a grand total of \$500,000; this brings us basically to the overall total amount for this project. Yay!!

The playground committee met on Tuesday January 5th with the playground developer "PLAYWORKS", and we tweaked the design somewhat.

In the next week or two, the updated design will be provided to us. We will meet again on Tuesday, February 2nd to finalize the design and begin moving on ordering the products. The proof of activity on our part should enable us to press the city for a schedule of the rest of the process, including construction dates, which we hope will be this spring!

This will be a great New Year!

Thanks to everyone on the committee for their dedication: Michele Rogers, Dissan Jayasumana, Mike Sharek, Robert and Tracey Pollard, Frank and Sarah Bachmeier, Karen and Richard Thomas (recently moved to British Columbia) & Jeanne Caron!

- Monty

A Message from Councillor Walters:

Winter in Edmonton is here, and though it appears to be a light one, it pays to be prepared. On a personal note, my snowshoes are ready for that first beautiful snowfall. Bring it on!

This year, Roadways is starting two new pilot projects - one for the creation of a publicly available map system for snow removal, and another a GPS tracking system. The mapping pilot allows residents to monitor snow removal on priority routes, and see where a road sits in the priority chain for clearing. The map will be updated thrice daily, showing how much of any priority route is cleared.

The GPS pilot is being installed on five plows in the Southwest. The system will deliver live data on the snow clearing that the vehicles have completed. The dispatch centre then looks at the routes taken and optimize the routes to reduce costs through less fuel consumption, staff time, and wear on equipment.

A similar system was implemented a few years ago in Colorado. It improved the efficiency of their snow removal teams by 28% - they were able to clear the arterial road system within 8 hours. We'll need to see what the up-front investment would be to install the trackers on more equipment, but if the cost isn't prohibitively high, the investment would pay for itself in reduced costs.

We're also aiming to enhance snow removal in school drop off and windrow free zones. Clarifying the windrow policy for school drop off zones will lead to safer winters near our schools, and hopefully less hectic drop offs and pick ups.

If you have concerns about snow removal this winter, your first stop should be 311 - they can pass your concern expeditiously to Roadways. In case of further problems, you can contact me at michael.walters@edmonton.ca or (780)496-8132.

RISEN LORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

EASTER SERVICES:

Ash Wednesday Service:

Wednesday, February 10, at 7:00 PM

Maundy Thursday Service:

Thursday, March 24, at 7:00 PM

St Joseph's Auxiliary Chapel - 10707 - 29 Ave.



Good Friday Service:

Friday, March 25 at 10 AM

Easter Sunrise Service:

Sunday, March 27 at 8:30 AM

(Easter Sunrise Breakfast after service)

Easter Sunday Communion Service: 10 AM.

Ermineskin Centre - 10709 - 32 A Ave.

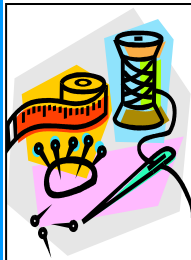
All are welcome!

ERMINESKIN QUILTERS & UFO

[Un-Finished-Objects] GROUP

Community Care quilts event

*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 / Nancy at 780-434-1544

Visit the community website at:

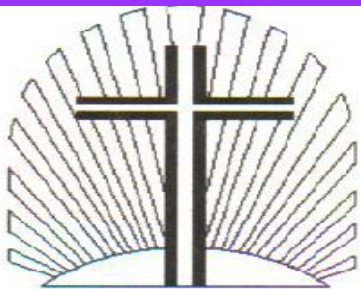
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TIME: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.— **FEE:** \$10.00

Saturday, Feb 20, 2016

****Community Care Quilting**
Friday March 4, 5, 12 & 19**

For generations, parents have been telling their children to "go outside and play." It's good advice: playing outside is a big part of healthy childhood development. And it's fun. "Children are eager to understand how the world works and they do this through play," says Laura Crawford, provincial lead for Play and Physical Literacy for the Early Years at Alberta Health Services. "Outdoor play fuels curiosity, problem solving and social skills." Young kids, from toddlers to six years old, discover all kinds of new things while they're climbing, swinging, running or riding their bikes. Playing outside helps them develop basic movement skills. And as they master the monkey bars, they're also building self-confidence. Children need lots of play time. "From ages one to four, children need at least three hours of activity over the course of the day," Crawford says. "Children five and older need at least one hour of moderate to vigorous physical activity every day." Some of that play can be structured and led by an adult so children can learn how to do a new skill or activity. "Structured activities are things such as going to the park and kicking a ball, throwing a ball, playing soccer or learning to swim or ride a bike." But it's also important for children to have plenty of unstructured play, such as running around or using their imagination to invent brand new games and activities. Crawford suggests allowing most play to be unstructured. As a parent, you can watch, wait and listen as your child plays. **Watch** to see what your child is interested in and what he may be struggling with. **Wait** to see how you can offer support, but give him time to practise and see if he can figure it out on his own. Finally, **listen** to him describe his game or suggest how you can play along or help. Follow his lead. — reprinted from Apple magazine



RISEN LORD Lutheran Church

PHONE 780-440-6476

Ermineskin Centre
10709-32 A Ave

SUNDAYS

Services: 10 AM
Sunday School during church

PETROLIA SENIORS' GROUP

Invites YOU to : Lunch and a Program

When? The **third Tuesday** of each month-

Where? Greenfield Community Hall

3803 - 114 Street , Edmonton.

Time? 11:45 a.m. (**sharp**) to 2:00 p.m.

February 16th –Tribute to Black History Month Descendants of Black Pioneers--Debbie Dobbins and Mark Lewis

March 15th – Gary Faulkner, Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital

Play Bridge Wednesdays – noon - 3 p.m.

(Joan – 436-1434)

For more information and to CONFIRM your attendance, please call:

Nick -780-435-1045 or Betty -780-434-0711

We look forward to meeting you!!

"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

Volunteer Opportunities!!

Get involved in the community and gain valuable volunteer experience.

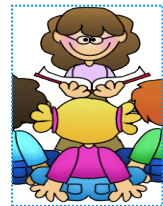
Most ECL volunteer opportunities entail only a few hours of work per month or less!



Volunteer opportunities:
FundRaising Co-ordinator
Soccer Director
Casino workers

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: Carol Van Kuppenveld,



Steinhauer School — 780-437-1080

Community Swim!

Current ECL members in good standing can enjoy **Free** community swim at:
Confederation Pool
11204 43 AVE



Saturdays, September to June 2016,
4 pm - 5:30 pm

Remember to bring your current membership card!

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