



ERMINESKIN ENLIGHTENER

SERVING THE ERMINESKIN & STEINHAUER COMMUNITIES

February 2017

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The Snow Angel Philosophy:

"Doing MY Part for OUR Community"



This winter, residents in Ermineskin who shovel on a regular basis & those who help neighbours in need, may receive a City of Edmonton

"Snow Angels" lawn sign from the community league. Snow Angels will be eligible for a prize pack from Boston Pizza and Oil King Tickets.

Call (780-438-6623) or email us (eclinfo1@gmail.com) to nominate a SNOW ANGEL!

The first draw was made and the winners of tickets to the Oil Kings are Cliff & Amanda Hansen! THE DRAW FOR THE REMAINING PRIZES WILL BE in FEBRUARY so get your nominations in! Those will include a 50.00 gift certificate from Boston Pizza and tickets to the Oil Kings!

Yellowbird Family Day Event!! Monday Feb 20 noon—4 pm

Yellowbird Hall — 10710 - 19 Ave

Come on out for some free family fun! Sleigh rides,



pony rides,



petting zoo,



skating,



sledding,



chilli and hotdogs, hot chocolate, bannock and more.



President's Message:



Dear Ermineskin Community League Members

A big thank you to Piet den Besten and Glenn Chomin, Jared Chomin and Joel Voss for preparing the ice in our two rinks. We appreciate your service to the community and the many hours that you give, in sub zero temperatures, to make the ice.

Our 2nd Annual New Years Day Family Skate was a smaller crowd due to the weather but well attended and I would like to thank Jo Nicholas for organizing the activity and Piet for being the Music and Fire person!

We have two new Board members! Ezra Aleba has joined the Board as a member-at-large and he is heading up a community garden initiative. (See more information in this edition of the newsletter.) Suresh Agarwal has also joined as a member-at-large and will be working in the programs /fundraising area. When you meet these two fellows please give them a high five and a hearty welcome!

There are two great upcoming Community Leagues events with free family fun:

Southwest Community Ski Festival

Join us for the Southwest Community Ski Festival on January 28, 2016 from 11:30 am - 3:30 pm at the Yellowbird Community Hall—10710– 19 Ave

Enjoy a free opportunity to learn cross country skiing with equipment from the City River Valley Program Team. There will also be tobogganing, snowshoeing, kick sleds and more, plus free chili, hot cocoa and warm fires.

Yellowbird Family Day Event!!

Come on out for some free family fun! Sleigh rides, pony rides, petting zoo, skating, sledding, chilli and hotdogs, hot chocolate, bannock and more.

Monday, February 20th, Noon - 4 p.m., Yellowbird Hall (10710 - 19 Ave.

Wishing you all a great February and March!

Kent McMullin



Thanks to Steinhauer School for their amazing gift of space for the Craft Fair and the Janitorial service!

- 2016 Craft Fair Committee

Playground Committee



Playground update: **IT IS DONE!!**

The project took from mid August to early December. Whew!

Next year there will be some final finishing touches, such as painting the rubber surfacing. After a wet October, we are thankful Mother Nature provided a warm November resulting in the crews being able to complete the playground and gazebo and remove all fences from the site early December!

The big dirt pile will eventually be removed too, although it has been a popular part of the park for the children!!

We will be planning a summer grand opening festivity so watch for info on that!

My thanks to the committee and the community! Monty Nelson VP ECL

Winter is here!, Let us be mindful of those who need our help!

Once again we are collecting clean, gently used Winter Wear for Adults and Children.

We have a large box in the hall where you can drop items off during office hours:

Monday— Thursday 5– 9

Please respect our request for clean/gently used! When we take these items to Bissell they should be ready to wear!

Thanks to all for your generosity!

Thanks to all who have dropped items off!!

Soccer is coming back to Ermineskin! Check the website



Every year on **March 17**, the Irish and the Irish-at-heart across the globe observe St. Patrick's Day. What began as a religious feast day for the patron saint of Ireland has become an international festival celebrating Irish culture with parades, dancing, special foods and a whole lot of green.

Do you know the origins of Valentine's Day? You might be surprised!



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 5:00 p.m.— **FEE:** \$10.00

February 11

Community Care Quilting Event:

March 3, 4, 11, 25

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**



LEARN TO SKATE AT ERMINESKIN!

This program is geared toward children and families,
however all ages are welcome!

Every Friday starting January 20, 2017 to FEBRUARY 24 4 — 7 PM

Skates and helmets are required.

**Programs will cancel at -25°C with wind chill,
or if the ice is unusable as deemed by the facility.**



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



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 in April 2017.

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 APRIL DEADLINE: MARCH 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



Ermineskin Community Preschool

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 two decades of history in our community and excellent, caring, certified teachers.
- Registrations for the 2017-18 preschool year:
 - **February 1** – Early registration opens (**for Ermineskin Community League Members and preschool alumni**)
 - **February 16** – Preschool open house and public registration night (6-7 p.m.)
Drop completed registration forms and \$50 registration fee:
 - during preschool hours: M/W/F, 9 - 11:30 a.m. and T/Th 9 a.m. -3 p.m.
 - during community league office hours: Monday to Thursday, 5 - 9 p.m.

We are currently offering three programs for the 2017-18 school year:

MORNING CLASSES	AFTERNOON CLASS
<p>3-YEAR-OLD AM CLASS Tuesday & Thursday Mornings (9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.) Children must be 3 by March 1, 2017 and not turn 4 prior to November 1, 2016. \$115/month (Capacity: 18 students)</p> <p>4-YEAR-OLD AM CLASS Monday, Wednesday & Friday Mornings (9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.) Children must be 4 by March 1, 2017. \$140/month (Capacity: 18 students)</p>	<p>3-/4-YEAR-OLD SPLIT PM CLASS Tuesday & Thursday Afternoons (12:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.) Children must be 3 by March 1, 2017 \$115/month (Capacity: 18 students)</p>

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



UPDATE FROM COUNCILLOR WALTERS

Late last year, I provided your community with an update with regards to the odour issues stemming mainly from the intersection of 34 Avenue and 106 Street; upon further review of the drainage project that will commence in that location, there are some clarifications that need to be made to what was communicated to you.

The project that is set to begin construction this year is largely a flood mitigation project that will aim to increase the storm water and sanitary sewer capacities of the neighbourhoods of Ermineskin and Steinhauer. This work is being completed as part of the City of Edmonton's continued investment in flood mitigation and preparedness through our Drainage Capacity Implementation Program, which will see over \$2 billion in investment in drainage projects throughout Edmonton between 2016 and 2025.

While this project will have minor effects on the odour issue, the City of Edmonton is continuing its work to determine the most effective solution to permanently address the odour issue.

The long term plan to address the odour issue is as follows:

- Extensive field data (gas pressures and hydrogen sulphide concentrations) is being collected in the sewer trunks from Bonnie Doon all the way to the Blue Quill/Twin Brooks areas to better understand how the sewer gases are formed and also how they escape into the communities.
- Inspection and cleaning of selected deep trunks in and leading to the area to remove sediment and organic materials built-up over the years are being investigated. This approach is expected to reduce the formation of the odour compounds. This project will start all the way from the 111 Street/29A Avenue intersection and toward the east to the Bonnie Doon area. We are currently looking at the logistics to get a contractor (who has the right equipment to access these deep trunks) on board. The execution of this plan will start in 2017.
- Laboratory testing at the University of Alberta to fully understand the effectiveness of some of the preliminary engineering solutions that have been identified. These solutions include:
 1. Making changes to two drop shafts at 111 Street/29 Avenue and 106 Street/34 Avenue. Construction is planned for 2019-2020.
 2. Treating odorous compounds at some strategic locations, including pump stations at Blue Quill, Twin Brooks and Blackburne. The implementation will start in 2019.
 3. Upgrading and modifying the operating mechanism of the Duggan Pump Station located at 105 Street/45 Avenue. This will start in 2020.
 4. If possible, installing one or two vent stacks at 111 Street and 34 Avenue to reduce the trunk sewer air pressure. These are planned for 2020.

If you have any questions about these this, or any other matter, please do not hesitate to call me directly at 780-496-8132 or email me at michael.walters@edmonton.ca

Seniors Corner

PETROLIA SENIORS' GROUP

Invites YOU to : Lunch and a Program

When? 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.

LUNCH and a PROGRAM (\$15)

- February 21st – Fitness for Seniors' including a Workout Demo— Laurie Griffith – Fitness Instructor

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

We look forward to meeting you! Also, Bridge-Wednesdays 12 - 3 p.m. for info call 780-436-2080

Beating the Winter Blues

Winter can be a challenging time to get through at times. The excitement of the holiday sea-son is well past. The long, dark days can make us lethargic. Joining a **SWESA** activity could be a way to get through those long winter days. Check out **SWESA's** January to March Program Guide at www.swedmontseniors.ca for more information on what is being offered. Or 'like' us on Facebook to follow the new activities from week to week!

There are many drop in activities to participate in: such as, a range of card groups, exercise classes, and coffee groups. In addition, there are many interesting educational programs. And once a month, there is a luncheon, giving you the chance to socialize, to have someone cook for you, and to have fun!

SWESA is a fairly new, vibrant seniors' activity centre, providing programs to 55+ individuals in southwest Edmonton. It is growing rapidly, with close to 400 members. Its home location

is housed at the Yellowbird East Community Centre, with a satellite facility at the Terwilliger Community Recreation Centre. Check it out at www.swedmon-tonseniors.ca.

Recreational Opportunities- **SWESA** works in collaboration with the City of Edmonton to provide member recreational opportunities. Did you know that your \$30 **SWESA** membership entitles you to discounts at the City of Edmonton Recreation Centres of 15% to 20%, depending on the pass that you are purchasing?

Chat with your local recreation centre for more details.



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.

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



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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





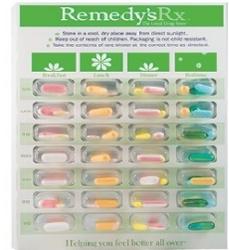
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**SPRING SESSION
May 1 to 19, 2017**

**University of Alberta
Education Centre**

Register for our Spring Session at the University of Alberta. It offers top-calibre instruction with no prerequisites, exams or homework. Enjoy lively discussion, meet new people and learn in a comfortable and friendly environment.

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