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JUNE 2015

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

It's that time of year... another chance to get involved and play an active part in YOUR community!

Come and meet your neighbors, have a coffee and have input into how your community evolves.

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ERMINESKIN COMMUNITY LEAGUE

- **10709—32 A Ave**
- **JUNE 11, 2015 — 7:00 P.M.**

AGENDA AS FOLLOWS:

I. Call to order

II. Approval of Agenda

III. Approval of 2014 Minutes

IV. Reports:

- President
- Membership
- Building Management
- Playground
- Programs and Events
- Playschool
- Treasurer
- Councillor Michael Walters
 - Century Park
 - Bike Lane Update

V. New Business

- Election of the Executive
- New proposed Ermineskin Development

VI. Next AGM Date

VII. Adjournment

Notes from your Community League Board

Greetings!

In this issue we begin a column to provide the neighborhood with an update about what is happening with us on the board and in the community. As I write this, the May long weekend is upon us and soon summer will be in full swing.

It is quite clear that our neighborhood is one of the best in the city. However, this is more than just being well located and having great trees, nice houses, and green spaces: we have a very involved community! We continue to need your support and ideas; volunteers are always welcome on the board; the 6 of us on the board certainly cannot do everything, although we try our best!

Are you concerned about something in our neighborhood?

Are you new to the area and want to get involved? Is there a program or a need you feel the community should address?

Although we may leave our neighborhood for work or activities during the day, this is where we live and spend the majority of our lives. Your input makes a big difference to the community, and we thank all of you.

If you are new to the neighborhood, welcome. Here are a few great things about us:

1. Christmas Shopping!
 - The fall craft fair in November: this event has exploded in popularity, and is an excellent way to kick start the Christmas season and meet hundreds of your neighbors. While you are there, come and have lunch with us.
2. Spring Cleaning!
 - The spring "big bin" and garage sale/pancake breakfast (usually in early May) at the community league building next to the school is a good way to get rolling with your spring cleaning and to support our great preschool program. — cont page 3
3. Lots to do for adults and kids!
 - The amazing preschool program is busy during the day, and during the evenings, the community league hall has tons of activities and events/programs. Check out our website and see what interests you.

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Deadline for September Issue : Aug 5

ECL BOARD OF DIRECTORS: 2014/2015

President: Curtis Penner curtis@meterra.ca

Vice President: Monty Nelson montyn@telus.net

2nd Vice President: Shannon den Besten

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Treasurer: Kirk Morris 780-436-4544

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Fundraising Coordinator: YOU!

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Programs

Quilting: Pat Vos 780.886.7838

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Soccer Director: YOU!

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Jeanna Friedley ermneskinpreschool@gmail.com

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ECL Office Hosts e-enlightener@hotmail.com

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City of Edmonton 311 or 780-442-5311

Webmaster: Vanessa Tran

ECLwebmaster1@gmail.com

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.ermneskincommunity.ca/main-hall>

NOTE from the BOARD cont.

4. Go for a walk or bike ride!

-We have lots of trails and green space; take advantage of it! The park near the Steinhauer school has a great playground, and Ermineskin park is one of the largest in the city with numerous soccer and baseball fields. By next summer, it will also have (fingers crossed!) a new playground as well. We have been trying to get cross country ski trails established in the winter and will continue to work on this.

5. Leave the car at home!

-We have the LRT at century park!

6. Or go for a drive...

-We have easy access to Calgary trail and the Anthony Henday!

Recent events:

-We held a "big bin" event in conjunction in early May with the preschool "garage sale"; visitors were also treated to an outstanding pancake breakfast! Thanks to all who came by! The bins were filled very quickly, and we look forward to doing this again next year and helping keep our community a clean and beautiful place to live.

-Sadly, some vandalism occurred on top of the community league building (over \$20,000 worth of damage!) and is now being repaired. We ask all community members to keep an eye out for strange activities and call the police if necessary.

-Our outrageously popular preschool program winds down at the end of May. It was another successful year for Mrs. Hardy and Ms. Nicole as they guide their groups of amazing three and four year olds with fun projects and activities.

-The Ermineskin playground re-development project continues to roll along, and is picking up steam after years of hard work. Early in May, 12 of us took a tour of various new and old playgrounds in south Edmonton to get ideas of what we would like to see in our new re-developed park. After lots of our own fundraising, and a confirmed grant from the City of Edmonton, we now are hopefully awaiting to hear word regarding when we might receive our final "provincial" matching CFEP grant.

This fall we should be able to solicit proposals from three or four different playground companies regarding what they might be able to build for us. Then, onward to the building of the new playground (hopefully in the spring or early summer of 2016! Fingers crossed

-We continue to chat with our councilor Michael Walters about issues such as the progress over at the Century Park redevelopment, and other issues in the community. We also hope to connect with our new MLA to help him learn about issues facing our neighborhood.

-Remember to buy your new annual community league membership; come on into the office to see Jo or Filza between Monday to Thursday from 5 pm to 9pm. Your membership allows you amazing discounts on programs, and to get access to email updates that will keep you in touch with what we are working on and developments in our community.

News from those of us on the board:

Myself, Curtis, Shannon, Kirk, Vanessa, and Jeanna keep working hard to keep programs running and address the needs and interests of the community. We have regular monthly board meetings, where we review the projects we are working on, review the finances of the board, and get a report from each of the board members as well as from our recreation coordinator/Liaison with the city of Edmonton Mr. Tyler Pollock.

-In the future we continue to hope to redevelop the Skating Rink and apply for funding to renovate the community league building.

Let us know if you have any questions. Give us a call, or drop us an email.

Our email is ECLinfo1@gmail.com and our Ermineskin community league website is regularly updated as well.

We wish all of you a great summer. Keep in touch.

Yours in community,

Monty Nelson
Vice-president
Ermineskin Community League

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU!

If you were skating at the rink this winter, then you need to know who put in all the hours maintaining the ice! Dave Hesleton, Glen Chomin and Piet den Besten are the chaps that laboured to keep that ice in shape.... And thanks to the changeable weather we had.. They worked hard!

Hats off to three great fellows! Three Cheers!!!

Message from Michael Walters—Ward 10 Councillor

On April 29th, as a council, we did one of the most important things we will do this term, and possibly in all of our collective political careers. We passed the Energy Transition Strategy, a plan to start an accelerated shift towards sustainability in Edmonton that calls for reducing GHG emissions to 23% below our current trajectory by 2035.



The strategy includes detailed steps to improve air quality, building codes, and land use in the city. This strategy gives us a real, concrete jumping-off point to become a leader in sustainability at both national and international levels.

It is important to recognize that while this is an enormously important first step, it is still a first step. This strategy will take place over 8 years, and the real meat of this

As businesses or as everyday citizens, we must all do our part to advance the goals of the Energy Transition Strategy. But we can find strength in the fact that because of our big step on April 29th, we as Edmontonians will be starting this journey together.

The unanimous decision by City Council to support this strategy could prove to be a historic moment for Edmonton. My hope is that it will ultimately be just one of many historic moments on the path we travel together towards a more sustainable future.

To find out more about the Energy Transition Strategy, please feel free to check it out on the City's website, or get in touch with my office at mi-chael.walters@edmonton.ca or (780)496-8132.

** NEW DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL **

Regency Developments has submitted a rezoning application to the City of Edmonton to **re-zone the lands located at 2510 – 104 Street NW within the Ermineskin neighbourhood.**

The development will provide additional residential opportunities within the Ermineskin Neighbourhood through the development of a 4 storey residential building with an active and inviting pedestrian oriented streetscape fronting onto 26 Avenue and 104 Street. The development will accommodate a maximum of 150 units, residence parking will be located within an underground parking facility, and visitor parking will be provided at grade on the site.

To allow for this development the land which is currently zoned AGU (Urban Reserve Zone) would be rezoned to DC1 (Direct Development Control Provision).

Should you have any comments, questions, or require any additional information, please contact the following individuals at Stantec Consulting Ltd. : Sylvia Summers at 780-917-8137 (sylvia.summers@stantec.com)

or Nancy MacDonald at 780-917-7405 (nancy.macdonald@stantec.com.)

Public Notices from the City of Edmonton

The Ermineskin Community League receives public notices from the City of Edmonton about approved development permits within the Ermineskin community boundaries that may affect nearby properties.

In case the proposed development has an impact on your property, all such notices received by ECL will be posted on our website for your review:

<http://www.ermineskincommunity.ca/public-notices.html>

Community Events



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT "STRANGE MAGIC"

JUNE 6

7:00 P.M.

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- *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:

ermineskincommunity.ca

TIME: 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.— **FEE:** \$10.00

NEXT DATES:

Saturday, June 20, 2015

Friday, Sept. 26, 2015

PETROLIA SENIORS' GROUP

Invites YOU to come to enjoy:

Lunch and a Program :

When?

The **third Tuesday** of each month
(**except July and August**)

Where?

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

****June 16****

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to CONFIRM your attendance**

by June 12, please Call:

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

We look forward to meeting you!!

NEW FUND RAISING INITIATIVE -- MAKING ERMINESKIN BLOOM!!

We are participating in VERSEY'S BULBS Fundraising to augment our funds that will go towards improvements and repairs to our hall.

Versey's Bulbs is a reputable Canadian company that offers a 50% share of items sold and we are promoting the Fall Bulb offer.

They also have a full guarantee of satisfaction on delivery or they will replace at no charge.

There are 37 different offerings for fall planting that will result in Ermineskin and Steinhauer truly blossoming come spring. (think Communities in Bloom event 2016!)

Prices are more than reasonable and with every order over 40.00 you will get 35 mixed Allium as a bonus.

We are looking for community support by participating and by promoting to your friends and neighbors.

We have the forms at ECL office for you to pick up or you can reach us either by phone 780-438-6623 or email eclinfo1@gmail.com

Thanking you in advance for your part in this very successful endeavour!



Community Swim!

September 6, 2014 - June 30, 2015

Current ECL members in good standing can enjoy

FREE community swim at:
Millwoods Recreation Center
(7207-28 Avenue)

Sundays

January to June 2015,
4 pm - 5:30 pm

Remember to bring your current Ermineskin membership card for admission!



A big bouquet to all who donated goods and volunteered at the Preschool Garage Sale!
We were able to raise over \$1200 !
Lots of hard work but well worthwhile.

Without volunteers, it wouldn't be possible!

Also, a HUGE thank you to Ermineskin Community Hall for donating the large hall, for hosting the BIG BIN event and for cooking pancakes!!





Walking around our 60 year old neighbourhood we recognized that a lot of good fruit was falling to the ground and being wasted. We decided to collect fruit such as rhubarb, raspberries, cherries, pears, and apples that were not being used by homeowners. We are a not-for-profit society with the mission of connecting this wonderful local resource with those who will use it. We make jams, jellies, sauces and condiments that are 60 – 100% “rescued” fruit; we teach preserving courses so people can make their own; we connect homes with excess fruit to those who want to pick for themselves; and fruit that is excess to the above sources goes to local charities, group homes, community kitchens, small food banks and anyone else who will use it (at no charge). In 2014 we redirected about 15,000 kg apples and this is just a small portion of the apple trees in our city.

If you have fruit in your yard that is excess to your needs or you are unable to do the work yourself, here are a couple of options to consider.

1. Tell your neighbours about the fruit and invite them to come and pick. You can arrange with them to leave you a portion in return for your sharing.
2. Call us at 780-244-0129 and we will let you know about coming to pick ourselves. Please note that apples are so abundant that we often cannot pick – but if you drop them off at our kitchen we will make sure they go to someone who will use them.
3. If you don't want others in your yard give us a call. We will tell you where and when you can drop off the fruit or we can arrange for a pick up.

Call us at 780-244-0129 if you want to be a volunteer picker, know of a place that would use some of this free local fruit, or have other questions or comments.

There is a lot more to our story, so please check out the website at www.fruitsofsherbrooke.ca



RISEN LORD Lutheran Church

Located in
Ermineskin Community Centre
10709-32A Ave
Pastor Chris Thorson Phone 440-6476

SUNDAYS
Services: 10 AM
Sunday School during church

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!

AGM coming up and you can run for a position!

Vacant Board of Directors positions: **Fundraising Coordinator**

Other volunteer opportunities:
Soccer Director



If you are interested in any volunteer positions, please contact the ECL office at: 780-438-6623— ECLinfo1@gmail.com



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