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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:

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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

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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:

November 10, December 8

January 12, February 9

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
Family Halloween Dance

Friday, October 30, 2015
6:30-8:30 pm
Ermineskin Community League
10709-32A Avenue



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Bring your little ghosts and goblins for family fun and dancing!

Admission \$2 or free for Ermineskin Community League members



NEW YEAR'S DAY SKATING PARTY!
BONFIRE, HOT CHOCOLATE, FUN FOR THE FAMILY!
Start the New Year off with a community get together.
Free for ECL members - \$ 2.00 for non - members.

Watch the website for more details !

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 Ermineskin membership card !

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

President's Message

Community League Day - We would like to thank everyone who came out for our Community League Day pancake breakfast. Welcome to the new ECL members. We look forward to getting to know you. Thank you to those who volunteered their time to enrich the life in our community.

ECL Real Estate Development Ad Hoc Committee

The ECL Board has formed a Real Estate Development Ad Hoc Committee with a mandate to advise the ECL Board of Directors on issues relating to real estate developments that are purposed or under construction within the boundaries of the ECL. The Committee will also provide advice to the Board on real estate developments in the south west area of Edmonton, including but not limited to developments in the surrounding communities of Duggan, Yellowbird, Greenfield, and Twin Brooks, that may have a direct impact on the Ermineskin community. Thank you to Rick Molstad, Lyall Adams and Greg Roberts who are volunteering their time and expertise as committee members.

Halloween Family Dance – Friday, October 30, 6:30 – 8:30 - Bring your little Ninja's and Elsa's, Zombies and Witches to the ECL Halloween Family Dance on October 30. Admission is \$2 for future ECL members or free with an ECL membership. Come join us and have some fun, snacks provided, brings some glow sticks.

31 Annual Christmas Craft Fair, Saturday, November 7 - The Annual Christmas Tradition continues for the 31st year. In 2014 more than 750 customers came to our community hall to shop for homemade crafts and gifts from 50 wonderful vendors, and to enjoy a homemade lunch from Santa's Soup Kitchen. Proceeds from the Craft Fair go to the Ermineskin Park Playground fund.

Winter Green Shack Program - The Green Shack Summer Program has been so successful that the City has selected Ermineskin to host a Winter Green Shack Program. The focus of the program will be Healthy Living. The program will run from November 10 – December 5 on Tuesday's and Thursday's 4:00 – 7:00 pm and on Saturday's from 1:00 – 5:00.

Join in games, sports, crafts, nature activities, drama, cooking and more! Children ages 6 – 12 are welcome. Children under the age of 6 must be supervised by a parent or guardian at all times. Families are welcome to participate.

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 eclinfor1@gmail.com or visit our website at www.ermineskingcommunity.ca/.

Kind Regards, Kent McMullin - ECL President

Greetings from the playground committee!

This summer and fall we considered design proposals from play quest, play works, and blue imp for the Ermineskin playground. The concept design picture from play works is the one that appealed to most committee members, and we are proud to have chosen them as our design contractors for the playground. The actual design may change slightly depending on funding and final tweaking, but it provides a useful conceptualization of what things will basically look like next summer if all goes well.

We are all quite excited to be at this stage after the past six or seven years of work! Now we are waiting for whether our final grant from the province will be awarded this fall. Then we will have all of our funding in place and ideally construction will begin next spring. Although the playground will be closed for several weeks during construction, we hope that the final product will be worth it!

Many thanks to the committee members, and all members of the public who have provided input and donations thus far. We will keep you posted of any further developments. Please email Monty Nelson—montyn@nelsonpsych.ca - if you have any questions or ideas for the playground project!"



A Message from Councillor Walters: Residents of Ward 10 have been using the Century Park Station Park and Ride for the last 5 years. Many of you know Park and Ride was never meant to be permanent and will be gone in 2020, but to some this comes as a surprise.

In 2010, the City leased the lot that has become the Park and Ride. The lot has 1300 stalls, and 1000 spots are on land that is leased from a developer. We signed a five year contract, with the option for five one year extensions. We are currently in year five of the initial contract.

There will be a Park and Ride at the Heritage Valley that can supplement some lost parking at Century Park, but the most important strategy will be improving express bus service for the communities surrounding Century Park.

The idea of driving, parking nearby and then taking the train is ideal for many, but raises challenges from a land use and urban planning perspective. A more effective system would be express buses that took people directly to the train. This might mean residents would have to walk a couple extra blocks to the bus stop, but from there, they could take more direct routes to the station with minimal stops. And of course, some parking will have to be provided for the people for whom park and ride is the most sensible option.

I have asked for:

- A report on an enhanced express bus strategy between neighbouring communities and Century Park LRT, and between the future Heritage Valley Park and Ride and Century Park.
- Administration to work with regional partners to provide a report on a cost sharing strategy for the Heritage Valley Park and Ride.
- A report with potential options to develop a mixed use residential/public parking facility on the City-owned land on the northwest corner of the Century Park site.

If you have any questions on this or any other issue, feel free to contact me at (780) 496-8132 or michael.walters@edmonton.ca.

Message from our MLA Richard Feehan:

The Government of Alberta is working with partners throughout the province to promote stronger and safer families and communities.

Seventy-six projects will be funded under the Family and Community Safety program. The projects, developed by local organizations and community agencies, focus on preventing family and sexual violence, child sexual abuse and bullying, and supporting those affected by these issues.

"Our province is only as strong as our families and communities. We must all work together to end the cycles of violence, abuse and bullying," said Human Services Minister, Sabir. "The Alberta government is improving access to programs and services that help build resiliency and support the safety and well-being of all Albertans."

Grant funding for the Family and Community Safety program in 2015 totals nearly \$10 million. These projects address diverse populations, including Aboriginals, newcomers to Canada, sexual and gender minorities, and rural and remote communities. The grants will assist organizations in: providing supports and services for victims of family and sexual violence including outreach services, training front-line responders, promoting healthy relationships, supporting Aboriginal and immigrant families, developing child advocacy collaborative practice models and creating prevention and awareness programs.

More information about the Family and Community Safety program and the projects can be found at www.humanservices.alberta.ca/FCgrants.

Message from Richard Feehan, MLA - Edmonton-Rutherford cont.

Albertans experiencing family violence or who know someone in need of help can call the Family Violence line toll-free at 310-1818 or the Bullying Prevention Helpline at 1-888-456-2323. Service is available 24/7 in more than 170 languages. The Alberta government also provides resources and information about services for people experiencing violence, abuse and bullying, including an online chat service with trained staff, at www.humanservices.alberta.ca/abuse-bullying.html

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!!

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!

Vacant Board of Directors positions:
Rink Maintenance Co-ordinator

Other volunteer opportunities:
Soccer Director
Casino workers
Enlightener delivery



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 or have questions, please contact: Carol Van Kuppeveld, Steinhauer School, 780-437-1080.

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

Did you know.....?

Also known as "the Festival City" Edmonton is host to over 30 different festivals throughout the year including the Edmonton International Fringe Festival taking place for over 30 years now, every August. The Fringe Festival is the biggest of its kind in North America and is the second biggest in the world next to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Scotland.



It seems early but... this is Alberta after all... and you know what is just around the corner.... WINTER...

Now is the time to think about being a SNOW ANGEL for someone... or how about helping out a youngster with some extra cash for shovelling your walk?

Pathfinders meet once a week, usually for two hours and is for girls ages 12 to 14

The Pathfinder program allows girls to take the lead and become active in the causes they believe in. In Pathfinders, girls will start to develop their independence while also learning the value of teamwork. Girls have the chance to organize their own events and outings and are encouraged to explore new interests in diverse areas such as photography and web design, fashion and interior design, engineering, community safety, technology and more.

Sept 22 2015 - May 24, 2016

Call Jennifer 780-266-8314



ERMINESKIN QUILTERS & 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 / Nancy at 780-434-1544

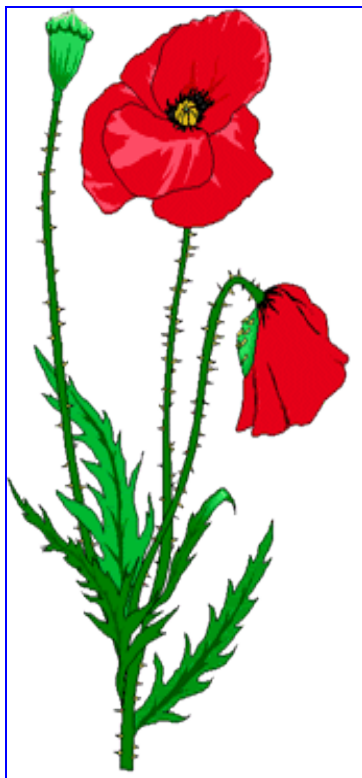
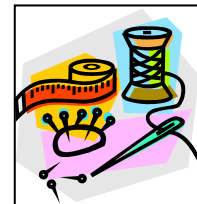
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TIME: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.—

FEE: \$10.00

Saturday, Nov 21, 2015
Saturday, Jan 23, 2016



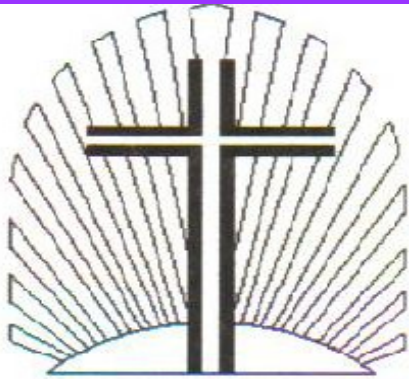
Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Remember

Community Events



RISEN LORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

ERMINESKIN COMMUNITY CENTRE

10709—32 A AVE

PHONE 780-440-6476

Dec 20 ~ Christmas Concert 6:30 PM

Dec 24 ~ Christmas Eve Service 7:30

Communion and candle light

SUNDAYS

Services: 10 AM

Sunday School during church

Events to remember:

Oct 30: Halloween Family Dance

Nov 7 : Craft Fair

Nov 10 : ECL Board meeting

Nov 11 : Remembrance Day

Nov 21: UFO Craft Event

Dec 8 : ECL Board Meeting

Dec 25: Christmas Day

Jan 1 : Family Skating Party

CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK

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Christmas season will be available.

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10740-19 Ave, Edmonton

Dec 16 - Blue Christmas

7:00 PM - for those for whom Christmas is a difficult time. A quiet, reflective gathering.

Dec 21 - Winter Solstice Celebration and Labyrinth Walk

7:30 PM - a time to mark the longest night and welcome new light. spacious time to walk the indoor labyrinth.

Dec 24—Christmas Eve

4:00 PM - a service for young families with stories, songs, crafts and safe candlelight

7:00 PM - a gathering for all ages including reflections and songs of the season, and a theme time for children

11:00 PM - a reflective celebration with carols, candles and communion

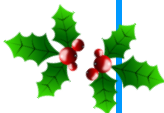
PETROLIA SENIORS' GROUP

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.

Nov 17th – Protecting Edmonton’s Heritage Homes

-Dr. Melanie Moore – Owner of a Heritage Home

Dec 15th – Brail Tones and Christmas Singalong

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!!

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

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



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Do you have your skate tags?

Many years ago, the Edmonton Federation of Community leagues introduced skate tags, which were to be provided to people purchasing a community membership. The idea behind skate tags was that it showed the user supported the community by purchasing a membership, which, in turn, helped pay for the making and maintenance of the ice. It also meant the person could skate at **any** community rink in the city of Edmonton by simply displaying the tag. Each year the tag color is changed; this year tags are **GREEN**.

It was a noble idea, but it is not working. A small percentage of families in communities are purchasing memberships, which means fewer people are supporting the provision of ice. Many skaters have no skate tags, some don't even know what skate tags are and many are using social media to plan shinny hockey events on the rinks making it too dangerous for the community members with tags to be on the ice.

While some community leagues are considering using security spot checks we hope that the honour system will work in our community. If you are using the rink and have no tags, you may be asked to leave the ice.

If you are planning on skating this year, please, purchase your membership, it's only 35.00 for the year, and support your community league!

ERMINESKIN ENLIGHTENER FEBRUARY DEADLINE: JANUARY 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 Ermieskin Enlightener can be downloaded from our website:

www.ermieskincommunity.ca

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