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November 2016

CIRCULATION 1800

Ermineskin 32nd Annual Craft Fair

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Saturday, November 5 - 10 am-4 pm

Ermineskin Community League 10709-32A Avenue

Free Admission - includes our famous lollypop tree, a delicious concession where you can join your friends & neighbours for a delicious homemade lunch.

Find us at eclcraftfair.wordpress.com, like Ermineskin Craft Fair on Facebook or contact us at eclcraftfair@gmail.com

Have yourself a Happy Crafty Christmas

President's Message:

It is Thanksgiving time and I am grateful for wonderful volunteers and would like to express my appreciation to those that give of their time to build the community that we want to live in.

Fifty people turned out to our September 10 Community League Day work project where we refurbished the two hockey rinks. A special thanks to Piet den Besten for getting all the supplies and for putting us to work. We look forward to this being an annual event.

This past week volunteers staffed the Casino for two days raising funds for League renovations and programs.

I hope to see you all out for the October 29, Halloween Family Dance from 6—8 pm ! Thanks to Dave Peterson who has agreed to be our Halloween DJ!



The 32th Annual Christmas Craft Fair will be held on November 5th. Please share this great event with your friends and family. This year proceeds will go to repair the rink shack.

Last but by no means least, a **huge thank you** to **Monty Nelson and the Playground Committee. The Ermineskin Park Playground will be open very soon!**

Looking forward to a wonderful autumn, but knowing that winter is in the wings remember to mark the New Year's Day Family Skate Party on your Must Do list!

Kent McMullin, President

A HUGE thank you to all those who volunteered at our Casino on Sept 27 & 28!

This is a major fund raiser for our community league and we couldn't do it without each and everyone of you! Two days, 9am to 3 am... wow! Say thanks to these fabulous folk:

Ted Aistrophe, Ezra Aleba, Jeanette Ang, Stew B, Erika Bertram, Don Chandler, Trina Deagle, Shannon den Besten, Clark Fawcett, Nancy Field, Michelle Hirsekorn, Kimberly –Dawn Isaacson, Dissan Jayasumana, Leora Jevne, Asha Livingstone, John Livingstone, Norm Malo, Tonya Malo, Brian Monaghan, Kirk, Morris, Monty Nelson, Anh Nguyen, Ron Pierce, Theresa Piorkowski, Debbie Poirier, Robert Pollard, Tracy Pollard, Michele, Rogers, Mark Schmidt, Bohdana Stepanenko-Lypovyk, Tammy Thomas, Kathy Vandermeer, Chris Ware, Vincent Ybanez, & Stephanie Zhang.

Playground Committee



Playground update Thursday October 6, 2016

Greetings all!

As I write this letter on October 6, Thanksgiving weekend starts tomorrow and six weeks of construction on the half million dollar Ermineskin playground renovation project is almost at an end! In meeting with the City of Edmonton today at the playground, as well as the contractors (Playworks and Softline), some final inspections and small adjustments are being made even as I write this. It is hoped that your new community playground will open by October 14th. Perhaps by the time you are reading this, you or your children have already been to the playground to experience it!

Here are some specific details as of today:

- The rubber surfacing and sand are in, but the wood chips have just arrived this afternoon and are being put into place today. All playground structures are built. However, we are still waiting for the extra benches and tables (perhaps arriving after thanksgiving), completion of the bike/walking path and grass sod around the playground next week, and the gazebo (scheduled to arrive by Halloween).
- There will also be some designs painted on the rubber surface, including the logo of the community league. However, it is uncertain as to whether this will occur this fall or in the spring. Even if some of the benches and the gazebo are not installed until later in October, the playground can still be opened while we are waiting.
- A nice addition to the playground is an extra LED lamp post; in fact, an even nicer surprise is that **all** lamps surrounding the playground have now been converted to LED lights. As a result, the playground is very well lit now and looks great, even at night! I hope that this makes the playground much more accessible during our short days and long nights of the fall, but that it also makes it safer for the community.

The next update that I will give will be hopefully the last; once the project is completed we will make plans for an official grand opening day to celebrate our newly renovated park, and to thank all individuals and organizations that have contributed to this over the years! Please let me know if you have any other questions; you can leave messages for me at the community league office at [780-438-6623](tel:780-438-6623) , or email me at montyn@nelsonpsych.ca.

Yours in community,
Monty Nelson, playground committee chair

***"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

Remembrance Day



In 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

-[John McCrae](#)

Community Swim!

Current ECL members in good standing can enjoy **Free** community swim at:
Confederation Pool
11204 43 AVE
Saturdays, September to December 2016,
4 pm - 5:30 pm
Remember to bring your current membership card!



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

Saturday, November 19, 2016
Saturday, January 21, 2017

SEWER ODOUR UPDATE FROM COUNCILLOR WALTERS

As a City, we continue to invest in one of our most critical pieces of infrastructure - our drainage system. This year alone, as part of our Drainage Capacity Implementation Program, \$186 million has been invested in our drainage system. This investment will continue to increase on an annual basis, and by 2025, this investment will reach \$288 million per year. In total, from 2016 to 2025, over \$2 billion will be invested expanding and renewing this critical piece of infrastructure.

Much of this investment has been, and will continue to be, used for upgrades and renewal to the drainage system throughout Ward 10. Starting in 2017, I am pleased to inform you that work will begin in your neighbourhood to address an ongoing issue that I have heard quite a bit about - the odours emitting from the sewers, specifically in the area of 34 Ave & 106 St.

These cause of these odours, as some of you may be aware, are due to two reasons - capacity and design.

Simply put, the capacity of the sewers in your neighbourhood were not built to address the increased volume of sanitary waste generated from neighbourhoods south of the Henday. As we have continued to grow outwards, and the population of our developing neighbourhoods have continued to rapidly climb, neighbourhoods such as yours have been challenged to address this capacity question. To address this issue, the proposed sanitary sewer project involves twining the current trunk to double its capacity. The trunk would start along 26 Avenue and head west to 105A Street, continuing along 29 Avenue to follow 106 Street to 34 Avenue.

Coupled with the capacity issue is the design of the sewer system. Specifically, located at 111 Street & 29 A Ave is a drop shaft with a depth of over 20 metres. When the sanitary waste hits this point, and subsequently drops over 20 metres, a wave of odour is created. As this wave of sewer odour is pushed through the sanitary sewer system, it eventually hits a 90 degree turn. The resulting pressure from this turn is thus released at the intersection of 34 Ave & 106 St. To address this issue, the proposed sanitary sewer project, in addition to increasing the capacity, will also seek to straighten out this 90 degree turn, thus reducing the pressure buildup.

As mentioned earlier, this \$9 million project will commence in 2017, and will be completed by 2019.

These odours being addressed through an investment of \$9 million can be seen as a big win for the neighbourhood as situations like the one your neighbourhood has been experiencing are not uncommon throughout our city, and will continue to become more common if we continue our rapid expansion outwards.

There will be further notices coming to the community, but if you have any questions about the project, or if any issues arise during the construction phase, please feel free to contact my office at 780-496-8132 or michael.walters@edmonton.ca

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 Ermineskin Enlightener can be downloaded from our website:

www.ermineskincommunity.ca

Seniors Corner

"SouthWest Edmonton Seniors Association (SWESA) Explores Housing Options for Seniors

Housing can become a major discussion point for the 55+ generation. Decisions can be very emotional, as there are a lot of memories tied to the places that we live in. It is also difficult to consider leaving the communities and friends that we have known for several years. We are nervous about making new friends again and finding services (doctors, dentists, etc) that we will be happy with.

For those who have just watched their children head to college, questions arise about the size of home that is needed now, as well as the possibility of reducing the number of possessions. Retirement may initiate travel opportunities or several new and exciting activities that keep home owners busy and away from home. You may run into the situation where you still wish to stay in your home, but have tired of keeping up a home, and are looking for assistance with maintenance. Medical changes may also make it important to look for other options for housing.

These life adaptations may start discussions about the most suitable housing choices for the future. Being prepared ahead of time makes it easier to make the move when the timing is right.

SWESA is offering two programs to support the exploration of those important housing choices of the future.

Housing Options With Home Instead Senior Care

Having a home that you are comfortable and secure in can ensure a happy and fulfilling environment as you age. The key is to match your housing with your lifestyle, health, and financial needs. Whether your search for housing options is prompted by a medical condition or just the need to downsize, finding the right place to live can be difficult and stressful. However, the earlier you assess your current needs and how those needs may evolve over time, the more choices and control you'll have. By learning about your options, you can make the right decision.

When: Wednesday, November 9 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Location: Yellowbird East Community Centre

Cost: Member \$2; Non-member \$5 **Registration is requested: 587-987-3200**



"Snow Angels" is now a community based effort with the motto "Doing my part for our community".

A Snow Angel is now **anyone** who does their part to keep their sidewalk free of snow and ice **AND** to anyone who helps a neighbor in need.

Snow Angels will be recognized with a lawn sign (similar to Front Yards in Bloom) and will be entered in a draw for one of 10 pairs of Oil Kings Tickets and several Boston Pizza Prize Packs.

If you know of a snow angel, please call 780-438-6623 and leave the info with our office

Please give us the address and name if possible so that we can connect with this household.

Petrolia Seniors Group Offers Activities for Seniors

Results of a "Needs and Talents Survey of Seniors" undertaken in 1987 by Southminster-Steinhauer United Church in our Southwest neighborhoods, indicated that seniors had a very real desire to have more opportunities to meet together for fellowship. Thus "Petrolia Seniors" (55+) was born and the seniors attending soon took over the organizing and a small executive committee continues to plan our activities. Of benefit to the seniors who attend has been the opportunity for fun, friendship, sharing and caring—regardless of creed, colour, age or politics.

For almost 30 years, this popular group has met the 3rd Tuesday of every month, except July and August, for a reasonably priced lunch and program, plus an extra lunch out or field trip. Over the years the group has been treated to many interesting speakers and entertainers.

The registration fee covers the cost of the catering; rental of the hall; extra supplies; cost of the newsletter; as well as a small honorarium for the speaker. The requirement to have liability insurance has been a considerable added expense these past two years.

All seniors are welcome. There is no membership fee and little structure. Petrolia Seniors' aim is to provide an opportunity to "enjoy fun activities with the least amount of Red Tape and fewest Rules and Regulations."

Petrolia Seniors meets the 3rd Tuesdays 11:45 a.m. - 2 p.m.

at Greenfield Community Hall, 3803 – 114 Street

Question?? Call Nick (780-435-1045) or Betty (780-434-0711)

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.

- **November -15** – Michael Walters – Edmonton Councillor
Neighbourhood Update and City Issues
- **December 6th** – Turkey Dinner with all the Trimmings.(\$21)

Entertainment and Christmas Sing-a-long with Bob Lang

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!!



The Gift Goes On

***December 18, 2016 at 6:30
PM***

***Join us for an evening of celebra-
tion***

during the Christmas Season.

***Relax and enjoy a program includ-
ing music, laughter, and Christmas
baking.***

Risen Lord Lutheran Church

10709 32A Ave NW

ERMINESKIN COMMUNITY GARDEN

Dear residents of Ermineskin,

I would like to reach out to anyone who's inter-
ested in seeing a beautiful garden in our
community, and encourage them to contact the
community league. We need interested volunteers
to help in the planning process.

I currently live in Ermineskin, and when I heard
that maybe we could have a community garden, I
was more than excited. However, it has come to
my attention that there's not enough people to
help out with the planning.

There would be so many advantages if we could make a community garden. I
know that there's a lot of talent in this community, and I truly feel that we could be
the envy of communities with our garden. Imagine, pedestrians stopping to
admire the work of the community. Also, it would be a great way to connect with
one another while learning new gardening skills. Not to mention, an abundance of
flowers, fresh produce, and herbs.

If you are like me and would like to see this become a reality, now's the time to
say something. There are a lot of logistics that need to be figured out. I think this
is an incredible opportunity for the community! - Ezra



Risen Lord Lutheran Church

Pastor Glen Carlson

Sunday Service 10 A.M.

Sunday School during service

Christmas Eve Service :

7:30 PM

10709—32 A Ave

780-440-6476

**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.

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



Watch for Details on our New Year's Day Family Skating event on the website!
 Save the date!

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.
- We still have space in some of our classes for the 2016-17 preschool year!



MORNING CLASSES

3-YEAR-OLD :

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)

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)

AFTERNOON CLASS :

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)



**SOUTHMINSTER-
STEINHAUER UNITED
CHURCH**

Christmas Cookie Walk!

10740-19 Ave, Edmonton

Saturday December 5th: 10am—Noon

\$15.00 per box

**You choose from a fabulous assortment of
hundreds of home made cookies**

**Wassail, coffee, seasonal music and a host of
special offerings for the**

Christmas season will be available.

Come and enjoy!



Southminster Steinhauer United Church

10740-19 Ave, Edmonton

Dec 14- Blue Christmas

7:30 PM - for those for whom Christmas is a difficult time. A quiet, reflective gathering.

Dec 21 - Winter Solstice Celebration and Labyrinth Walk

7:00 PM - a time to mark the longest night and welcome new light. A 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

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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As winter approaches, 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 will have a large box in the hall where you can drop off during office hours:

Monday— Thursday 5– 9

Please respect our request for clean.

When we take these items to Bissell they should be ready to use!



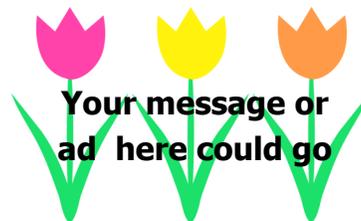
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