



## It's IMPORTANT TO PURCHASE A MEMBERSHIP!

Contributing to the well being of your community comes in many forms, but one of the key ways to contribute is to show your support and purchase a membership.



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# ASPEN news

Making the neighbourhood you want to live in!

## 2014-2015 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

It's time to purchase your membership. There will be volunteers going door to door, plus there will be a booth at the Harvest Event on Sunday, September 27.

### Membership Fees

The 2015/2016 Membership Fees are \$40 and include all of the benefits listed above, in addition to supporting your community.

### Member Benefits

- ➔ Free skating at local outdoor rinks and free skating at participating City of Edmonton rinks (at scheduled times)
- ➔ Aspen Gardens community and social events
- ➔ Participation in community league programs throughout Edmonton
- ➔ Free Swimming at Confederation Leisure Centre on Saturday and Sundays from 4 pm - 5:30 pm.
- ➔ Discounts at City Recreation Facilities. Use your Community League Membership card to get fit with discounts at the City Recreation Centres. With your league membership you can receive a 10% discount on annual passes or on multi admission passes at City of Edmonton Recreation facilities.
- ➔ Discounts from local businesses.

### How to Purchase a Membership

Download membership form from [www.aspengardens.ca](http://www.aspengardens.ca) and drop off, along with cheque (no cash please) in the mailbox at the Community League building.

If you have any questions regarding membership with the Aspen Gardens Community League, email at [membership@aspengardens.ca](mailto:membership@aspengardens.ca).

### Online Membership Payment

Online purchases of memberships are available online through the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues (EFCL) website at [www.efcl.org](http://www.efcl.org). You will be required to have paypal account and are subject to non-refundable 13.5% surcharge.

# Community Swim Returns!



The week of September 6<sup>th</sup> brings the return of our indoor swim program at Confederation Pool. Every Saturday and Sunday bring your current Aspen Gardens Community League membership and your family to Confederation Pool from 4-5:30 pm. And your trunks, don't forget your trunks.

## Neighbourhood Bylaw Changes Updates

**Note:** If you are interested in joining the Aspen/Westbrook lobbyist group and working together on infill issues, contact [aspeninfill@gmail.com](mailto:aspeninfill@gmail.com)

We received the information below from the EFCL.

The Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues (EFCL) Planning Advisor and Planning Committee would like to alert you to the numerous upcoming discussions regarding Zoning Bylaw changes which could impact your neighbourhood.

The City's Bylaw Implementation Unit has over 35 projects in their work plan for the coming months, and many of the projects will involve consultations with leagues and the general public. There appears to be a welcomed new willingness for the Bylaw Implementation Unit to give consultations a priority.

The EFCL is developing a closer relationship with the Bylaw Unit in an attempt to better coordinate our work and in the future provide more timely opportunities for leagues to have input. The EFCL has made a commitment to help the City advertise the consultation opportunities to leagues and assist as needed. Similarly,

leagues may from time to time be asked to advertise consultation opportunities to their neighbourhood residents. To the extent that resources allow, the EFCL Planning Advisor, EFCL Planning and Development Committee and volunteers will be providing leagues with background research on critical topics.

A couple of consultations with leagues will be coming up in early September.

### Privacy Screening – September Consultation

At the April 13, 2015, City Council Public Hearing, the following motion was passed: That Administration provide a report outlining the Zoning Bylaw regulations relating to privacy screening for platform structures (decks, balconies, roof top decks) and prepare a summary of options for possible amendments to the Bylaw, including the results of preliminary consultation with stakeholders. The report is due in the first quarter of 2016.

The project was initiated by Grovenor Community League and Councillor McKeen. For your information, the Grovenor Civics Director has prepared a Privacy Research Report, which includes research on privacy regulations in

other cities, and an analysis of the shortcomings of Edmonton's Zoning Bylaw. City planners are in the midst of organizing a consultation session for September. The exact date and location have not yet been determined.

### Row Housing in the RF3 Zone – September consultations

In recent years Zoning Bylaw changes have made it easier to build triplexes on relatively small corner lots zoned RF3. Some of the triplex designs have created issues for the neighbours, primarily loss of privacy, loss of sunlight, and the view of a monolithic high wall. The designs have also resulted in the loss of private amenity space for the triplex residents. Solutions to these issues will be sought at upcoming consultations in September. These hopefully will be resolved prior to implementing the Infill Roadmap recommendation to expand row-housing opportunities beyond corner lots and arterial roads in mature neighbourhoods.

Watch the EFCL e-news and social media for upcoming announcements coming from the city.

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## Other Projects

The Bylaw Unit has prepared several project reports and recommendations, which will be on the agenda of Executive Committee of Council in the next two months. Most of these reports were created with limited league or public input thus your league may wish to give your input directly to Council prior to or during the Executive Committee meetings. The meeting agendas at: <http://www.edmonton.ca/>

[city\\_government/city\\_organization/executive-committee-agendas.aspx](http://city_government/city_organization/executive-committee-agendas.aspx) and accompanying reports are generally available the Thursday evening before the Executive Committee meeting. You can request to speak at the meeting by going online at <http://coewebapps.edmonton.ca/forms/requesttospeak/default.aspx> or phoning 780-496-8178. Below is a list of some important agenda items of Executive Committee and the target meeting dates in the next two months:

September 1, 2015	Development Variances including examples of variances that have been issued where community opposition exists and the rationale of allowing the variance
September 15, 2015	Impact of Bad Construction Practices on Existing Neighbourhoods, and solutions
September 15, 2015	Point of contact options for Mature Neighbourhoods in the Development Process
September 15, 2015	Exception to Restrictions on Separation Distances between Alcohol Sales Uses for Larger Commercial Sites in Suburban Contexts
September 15, 2015	Reduced Parking Requirements for Minor Eating and Drinking Establishments outside the downtown core; & option for cash in lieu for shared public parking
October 6, 2015	Potential Impacts of Changing Limited Group Homes to a discretionary use

On September 15, the EFCL Construction Issues Committee will present the EFCL research report and major suggestions to Council. Read the next EFCL e-newsletter for a link to the report. (Subscribe to the e-news here.)

Alternatively you can access the EFCL Construction Issues Report by going to: <http://www.efcl.org/public-resources>. Click on General Info and select Reports and Surveys.

Got questions? Contact [Bev.Zubot@efcl.org](mailto:Bev.Zubot@efcl.org), 780-437-2913.



## Save the Date – HARVEST FESTIVAL

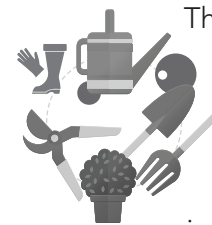
It's been a great summer and now we're headed into a beautiful fall (we hope). It's time to reconnect with your neighbours and find out what everyone has been up to over the summer.

### Harvest Festival September 27, 4 - 7 pm

- Tons of fun for all ages.
- Second Annual Pie Contest for the best apple pie (now is time for trial runs!)
- Membership drive

More details to come. Watch for your e-newsletter closer to the date!

## Community Garden



There is a small garden in front of the community league building that began with the great intention of creating a native garden. Unfortunately, the weeds have taken over all of the good work and we are going to start over. If you have perennial plants in your garden that you would like to share, bring them to the Harvest Festival and we will re-build the garden.

## Community Mailboxes



By now, you will have received your mailbox keys, location and instructions. The

community was successful in having a number of mailboxes moved as a result of neighbours working together and our Civics Director helping to facilitate with Canada Post. All requests were presented, however, Canada Post made the final decision regarding where mailboxes would be located.

As we transition to community mailboxes, please be courteous and mindful of keeping your neighbours lawns and our greenspaces clean of mail and ads.

## Snow Valley Snow Making Waterline Replacement

Snow Valley Ski Club plans to replace its existing snow making waterline with a new upgraded line. The facility's existing waterline, which was installed in 1984, has surpassed its life expectancy by 10 years and is now due for replacement. Pipe technology has advanced significantly since the 1980s and the new modern pipe that will be laid has a life expectancy of 100 years.

A public open house will be held upstairs in the Lodge at Snow Valley on Monday, October 5, 2015 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm to share information and details regarding this and other future Snow Valley Projects. You are invited to attend.



# Community Bulletin Board

Community league members who have a homegrown business, have something to sell, are having a sale, or have a service to offer can post information here. The deadline for submitting information is the 18th of each month, and must be kept to a maximum of 30 words. And, you **MUST** include your community league membership number to have the posting included in the newsletter.

We will also be including thank you notes and announcements and announcements from all residents. Submissions should be sent to [communications@aspengardens.ca](mailto:communications@aspengardens.ca). There is limited space so posting will be at the discretion of the Communications Director.

## Music Lessons, 2015 - 2016.

Piano lessons in your own home. Beginners a specialty. Evening, afternoon and daytime spots available.

Richard van Oosterom, B.Mus, [M.Mus. (courses)] piano, theory, harmony, RCM and university exam preparation  
(780) 437 2391 (HOME); (780) 292 3489 (CELL)  
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# Petrolia Seniors' Group (55+)

**Invites YOU to come to enjoy LUNCH and a PROGRAM (\$15)**

The **third Tuesdays (except July and August)**

11:45 a.m. (sharp) to 2:00 p.m.  
**at Greenfield Community Hall  
3803 - 114 Street**

**September 15<sup>th</sup>** - Healthy Living  
Mary Anne Yurkiw – Dietitian, Alberta Health Services

**October 20<sup>th</sup>** - Edmonton, Gateway to the North  
Danielle Metcalfe-Chenail.  
Edmonton's Historian Laureate

**November 17<sup>th</sup>** – Protecting Edmonton's Heritage Homes

Dr. Melanie Moore – Owner of a Heritage Home

Play **Bridge** Wednesdays – noon - 3 p.m. (Joan – 436-1434)

In addition enjoy another “outing” during most months

For more information or to **CONFIRM** your attendance by the Friday **preceding** the lunch meeting please

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

We look forward to your participation!

# WANTED

Individuals or Couples (date night!!) who are:

Walkers – need comfy shoes  
Talkers – need to meet your neighbors  
Sellers – need to ask for money

2015/16 membership campaign coming soon. If you'd like to help out this year with our door-to-door campaign – don't delay!

Contact: Sandra Carry  
[membership@aspengardens.ca](mailto:membership@aspengardens.ca)



# Chicken Pot Pie

*recipe makes 1 9-inch pie*

- 1 pound skinless, boneless chicken breast halves - cubed
- 1 cup sliced carrots
- 1 cup frozen green peas
- 1/2 cup sliced celery
- 1/3 cup butter
- 1/3 cup chopped onion
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon celery seed
- 1 3/4 cups chicken broth
- 2/3 cup milk
- 2 (9 inch) unbaked pie crusts

## Directions

1. 425 degrees F (220 degrees C.)
2. In a saucepan, combine chicken, carrots, peas, and celery. Add water to cover and boil for 15 minutes. Remove from heat, drain and set aside.
3. In the saucepan over medium heat, cook onions in butter until soft and translucent. Stir in flour, salt, pepper, and celery seed. Slowly stir in chicken broth and milk. Simmer over medium-low heat until thick. Remove from heat and set aside.
4. Place the chicken mixture in bottom pie crust. Pour hot liquid mixture over. Cover with top crust, seal edges, and cut away excess dough. Make several small slits in the top to allow steam to escape.
5. Bake in the preheated oven for 30 to 35 minutes, or until pastry is golden brown and filling is bubbly. Cool for 10 minutes before serving.



# Apple Crisp

*Recipe makes 1 9x13-inch pan*

- 10 cups all-purpose apples, peeled, cored and sliced
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 cup quick-cooking oats
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 cup butter, melted

## Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degree C).
2. Place the sliced apples in a 9x13 inch pan. Mix the white sugar, 1 tablespoon flour and ground cinnamon together, and sprinkle over apples. Pour water evenly over all.
3. Combine the oats, 1 cup flour, brown sugar, baking powder, baking soda and melted butter together. Crumble evenly over the apple mixture.
4. Bake at 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) for about 45 minutes.



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The deadline for submissions to the newsletter is the 20th of each month.  
Send submissions to Jan Archbold at **communications@aspengardens.ca**.

In the event of a building emergency at our community hall, please  
contact **Harold Bens at 780.434.6073**.