

Annual General Meeting

It's the perfect way to learn what has transpired over the past year, take a peek into the future, catch up with neighbours, and take advantage of the opportunity to win great door prizes. And, it's all without needing to book a babysitter.

Wednesday, March 9
7:00 to 8:30 pm
Royal Gardens Community Hall
4030 117 Street

The door prizes include an Apple iPad, gift cards for our new Stone & Wheel Pizzeria and Square 1 Coffee Shop, and more!

There will be a children's fun room, snacks and finger food, beverages and wine and beer.

See you there!



OPEN HOUSE

for 2016-2017

Thursday, February 4, 7 - 9 pm

REGISTER ONLINE February 8-12
www.littleaspenplayschool.com



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ASPEN news

Making the neighbourhood you want to live in!

Change is in the Air!

By Sara Flanders-Brown

With only eight more Mondays till the first day of spring, we are all getting a little twitchy. Our sweaters are not as comfortable, and it's time to stretch our legs. The past year has flown by with masquerades, competitive baking and gallons of hot chocolate, but some of us on the board are looking forward to new horizons. So it's time to pass on the keys to a new group of neighbours who are just as passionate about keeping our neighbourhood a vibrant and great place to live. Here is a list of the vacancies on the Aspen Gardens Community League Board:

- President (executive): Chairs meetings, keeps the rabble in check and like the figurehead on a ship, keeps us pointed in the right direction. Very cool title, can be a bit of a bad ass.
- Vice President (executive): First Mate to the Prez, steps up where needed, also has a cool title.
- Secretary (executive): Keeps track of who said what and to whom, may have a secret set of notes titled "Stuff I wasn't supposed to write down". Get voted in and you'll see it all.
- Operations Director: Keeps the building ship shape. Good for the independent spirit who's got a little bit of can do, fix it sense, isn't afraid to kick something to get it started.
- Communications Director: This individual will have a cool head under pressure, puts together and coordinates distributing the newsletter and the community sign, keeps us all in the know. Computer sense is helpful, but so is common sense and a will of steel.
- Civics Director: Represents Aspen/Westbrook in meetings with other community leagues and the City. Doesn't let anyone push us around, unless it's to lure them in so we can pounce!
- Social Director: Party, party, party! It's what they do. If you drank hot chocolate while petting a rabbit on a sleigh ride this year, you can thank your Social Director.

Obviously this is not all these volunteers have done this year, and not all their role entails. They've worked hard for you and had a lot of fun doing it. But, it's just time to move on and it's your turn now. If you are interested in taking up any of these roles, please contact the individual director by the email in the newsletter with any questions you have, and come to our AGM in Royal Gardens.

To the 2015/16 Aspen Gardens Board members: Thank you guys. It's been a really great year and I will miss you even though I see all of you, all the time.

The ice is ready for skating!

By, Harold Bens – Operations Director

Family skating at the rinks has been a long tradition in our community. To keep the experience enjoyable and for everyone's safety, we ask skaters/hockey players to observe a few rules. Please don't use slap shots on the public skating area. For extra security a portable fence has been installed to protect the Kid's Pond from flying pucks, but this doesn't eliminate the risk of injury. It's up to those using the ice to keep it safe.

The AGCL has engaged a security firm again to check for skate tags. The shinny hockey players from other Communities without skate tags will be sent off the ice so that those with tags can use the rink. Names, telephone numbers and the community names where the people without tags came from will be recorded and forwarded to the membership person in their own community. Hopefully, the membership person in these communities

will follow up and make sure a community membership with a skating tag is purchased so that they can skate in any community as intended.

Anyone living in Aspen Gardens or Westbrook and in need of a membership and skate tags should contact the Membership Director.

Lot Splitting & Restricted Covenants

Information provided by the Aspen/Westbrook Restricted Covenant Group

Work continues in the Westbrook community with close to 80 per cent of residents agreeing to sign a restricted covenant to shelter their property from re-subdivision or lot splitting, and work is now beginning with Aspen Gardens' residents who may wish to consider taking similar action.

To help the community understand what lot splitting would mean for residents, the Aspen/Westbrook Restricted Covenant Group has posted a "Did you know" sheet on its web site at: www.edmontonlotsubdivision.com

Now is the time to ensure you have an understanding of what will or will not be allowed, the risks involved, and possible impacts to consider such as density, parking, access to sunlight, traffic, real estate values and property taxes.

As the restricted covenant is the suggested approach by legal advisers and City Council, it is prudent we do all that is possible to remain a well-informed community. If you have questions, would like to assist as a street captain to contact 10 houses in your

neighbourhood (you would have support), or join the organizing group, we would welcome your email at info@edmontonlotsubdivision.com.

There will also be an information table at the AGM on Wednesday, March 9, with a follow up meeting for the whole community mid-March specific to this topic.

Aspenites Open Businesses to Serve the Community: Stone & Wheel Pizzeria and Square 1 Coffee

By, Brandy Brozny

The Stone & Wheel and Square 1 Coffee are pleased to be a part of the Aspen Gardens Community. As residents ourselves, we recognized a need for a place to gather to meet with neighbors and friends, and to meet new ones. A place you can feel at home reading the paper, visiting with a loved one or simply taking a few moments to yourself. Our coffee shop is your coffee shop!

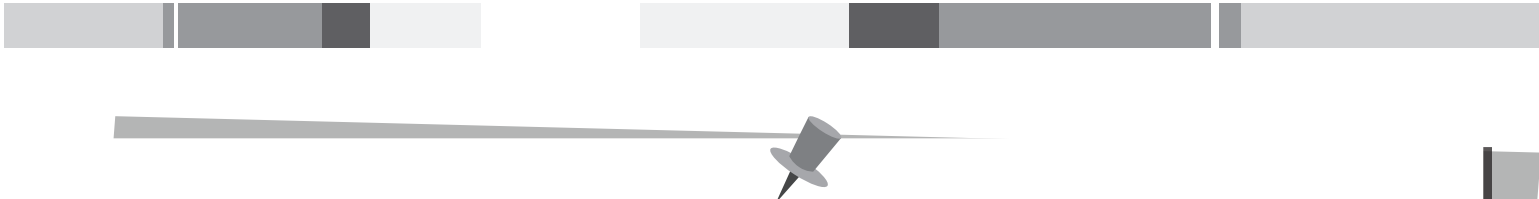
Square 1 Coffee is in the build-out phase and is set to be open in early to mid-February. We will be serving only the best craft coffee, which is carefully selected from small roasters across Canada, as well as gourmet teas, house-made soups, fresh pastries and savoury sandwiches.

Craft coffee is a new wave in coffee culture that focuses on relationships. From farm to cup, it is more than just a jolt of energy. Craft coffee is about the story behind the cup of coffee. It is coffee that has been selected personally by the roasters, often in the farmer's fields and roasted in small batches, ensuring maximum flavour and freshness. With direct trade, you know your cup of coffee is helping the farmer improve their farm, educate their children and put food on their tables.

In our **Pizzeria** we have a simple philosophy. We wanted to make fresh, authentic style pizza with ingredients we would be proud to serve our own family. We make all of our sauces

and dough from scratch with recipes we have developed and adapted ourselves. We serve thin crust pizza with fresh toppings piled high. We are a family run business with minimal staff, so that means you will often see me, my husband or one of our 6 children carefully creating your pizza, rolling dough, chopping vegetables, roasting garlic or folding boxes. We care what you think and we endeavour to make every pizza exactly as you would like.

Please introduce yourself; we would love to get to know you!



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. 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) rjvano@primus.ca or visit www.mauranuimusic.com

Registered Massage Therapist

Gabriella Rozsa B.A., R.M.T. is accepting new patients weekday mornings and weekends. Professional home-based business; 15 years clinical experience; licensed with RMTA. Information and/or to book an appointment call 780.757.3848 or email grozsa@shaw.ca. 12303 – 39 Avenue

Hunter Douglas Window Coverings

If you are building new or updating your home, complete the look with Hunter Douglas window coverings. Call Janice Baskin 780-232-1747 or email janice@camelotinteriors.com

Petrolia Seniors' Group (55+)

Invites YOU to come to enjoy LUNCH and a PROGRAM

The **third Tuesdays** (except July and August) 11:45 a.m. (sharp) to 2:00 p.m. at **Greenfield Community Hall 3803 - 114 Street**

February 16th –Tribute to Black History Month Descendants of Black Pioneers--
Debbie Dobbins and Mark Lewis

March 15th – Gary Faulkner, Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital "Teaching Old Dogs New Tricks"

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!

Play Bridge Wednesdays – noon - 3 p.m. call Joan @ 780- 436-1434. We look forward to your participation!



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If you are not receiving the newsletter monthly either in hard copy or through email, you may be on our "do not deliver" list. If you want to ensure you receive a copy each month of publication (September to June), let the Communications Director know your preferred method of delivery. We can provide by email only, print only or send through both methods.



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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**.