

IMPORTANT Soccer Registration inside!

Spring is fast approaching and we are gearing up for another great season of outdoor soccer. FEBRUARY REGISTRATION DATES listed inside.



February 2017

ASPEN news

Making the neighbourhood you want to live in!

AGCL Annual General Meeting

Thursday MARCH 9
7:30 - 9:30 pm
Royal Gardens Hall
4030 - 117 St.

Featuring conversations and speakers from the city of Edmonton on some exciting topics.

Agenda;
AGCL business & election of 2017/18 board.

Neighborhood speed limits, speaker from the City of Edm.

Aerial Park, Snow Valley

Flood map & drainage discussion-City of Edm.

Update from the Restricted Covenant group in Westbrook and Aspen.

Goodbye January, HELLO FEBRUARY

I was gently told to keep my presidential address short and sweet as this newsletter is quite full.

We have soccer and playschool registration nights, the winter carnival to look out for, as well as a rather interesting AGM this year. Have a look at our list of guest speakers and topics for discussion as we have found a little something for most of us in the neighborhood. Though the meeting is a little later in the evening, child care will be provided half an hour before and after the AGM, with some refreshments to keep us warm.

Email me with how you'd like to help out this year as we always have room for more.

See you soon,
Sara

AGCL Winter Festival! &

LAPS open house and registration !

Keep reading for more details.....

WINTER

bannock
bonfire
food
sleigh rides
music
broomball
kick sleds
ice skating
u4-8 soccer
reg.

FESTIVAL!

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 12
2 - 5 PM

AGCL HALL, 12015 - 39A AVE

(*agcl membership required)

snowshoeing
\$5 beer
gardens
hot chocolate
* courtesy of:



Playschool Open House:

February 16,
7-9 pm

by Jill Miceli

If you haven't heard about Little Aspen Playschool Society (LAPS) yet - ask your neighbors about it. If they haven't heard about it - ask your neighbours, neighbour. And, if THEY still haven't heard about it - by the time you get three houses down chances are THEY have had kids walk through the doors of LAPS!

It is a playschool that has been housed within our community for over 25 years. It is play-based programming that offers 3 hour classes, no parent duty days and no mandatory fundraising. The class is led by a full-time teacher with over 23

year experience in Early Childhood Education and a full-time Educational Assistant with a smile that never leaves her face.

If you have a 3 or 4 year old and this is something that you may be interested in, we invite you to drop-in to our Open House Thursday, February 16, 7:00 - 9:00pm. Here you can meet our amazing teaching staff, check out the facilities and ask questions prior to 2017 registration. Some members of our current executive will also be there to fill you in on all the details of Little Aspen Playschool!

***Online
Registration
begins 6:00 am
Feb. 21st - 24th.**

www.
littleaspenplayschool.com

What is a community league membership and why do I need one?

A Community League is a group of your neighbors who volunteer to organize events, activities, and programs in your community such as soccer.

Everyone in Edmonton lives within the boundary of a Community League; there are 157 in Edmonton!

When you purchase a CL membership, you help your league bring residents together, improve community amenities and enhance the quality of life for you and your neighbors. Community Leagues do this through organizing recreational, education and sport programming, hosting community parties and events (winter fest!), developing amenities such as spray parks, playgrounds, and ice rinks, and by being the voice of the community when it comes to civic matters that impact your neighborhood.

In addition, membership benefits include a 20% discount at any City of Edmonton Recreation Centre (*an increase!), free skating on any outdoor community league rink across the City, and in Aspen Gardens, discounts at various local retailers including Square One Coffee.

Get yours today: \$40, membership@aspengardens.ca



Community Bulletin Board

Community league members who have a homegrown business, have something to sell, or have a service to offer can post information here. Submissions should be sent to communications@aspengardens.ca. AGCL membership required. **Deadline for submission is the 20th of each month.

FOR SALE:

4 Wheel Mobility Scooter. Gently used, new batteries, \$800. Call cell: 780-910-9146, or email hcomeau@ualberta.ca

MUSIC LESSONS:

Piano lessons in your own home, beginners a specialty. Evening, afternoon, daytime spots avail. 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 www.mauranuumusic

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 RMTA. Call 780-757-3848 or email grozsa@shaw.ca

12303 - 39 Avenue.

WANTED:

Looking for a bungalow in Aspen Gardens. Call Jan 780-435-2434.

Petrolia Seniors' Group (55+)

Invites YOU to come and enjoy LUNCH and a PROGRAM (\$15)
Every third Tuesday (except July and August)

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

February 21st - Fitness for Seniors including a workout demo. Laurie Griffith - fitness instructor.

In addition, enjoy another "outing" during the month.

For more information or to CONFIRM your attendance
Call: Nick @ 780-435-1045 or Betty @ 780-434-0711.

Bridge Wednesdays: 12 - 3 p.m. (Call: Lawrence: 780-436-2080)

Infill & Restrictive Covenants

An update by Al McCully & Marilyn Tungland

City Council is continuing to encourage even more infill in healthy, mature neighbourhoods. In addition to lot splitting and other densification amendments to the Zoning Bylaw, Council is now looking at:

- allowing full-size houses to be built in rear yards with lanes
- allowing skinny houses, garage/garden suites and row house units to also have secondary suites
- reducing the minimum required number of onsite parking spaces in RH1 residential zones (like Aspen and Westbrook) from 2 per lot to only 1 per lot
- further reducing the minimum width of skinny lots in RF1 zones from 25 ft (7.6 m) to 24.6 ft (7.5 m) and
- allowing existing lots to be subdivided front to rear into “pork chop” shaped lots, that would allow the existing home in the front yard be retained, and create a separate lot in the rear yard on which a smaller, second home could be built.

These proposed changes could potentially quadruple the number of residential units in mature

neighbourhoods over time. They could also greatly increase the demand for on street parking, while reducing the availability of space for street parking due to an increased number of driveways being required.

Westbrook Update:

The Westbrook Restrictive Covenant (RC) team has started the next phase of the initiative to limit the number of lots that can be split to accommodate two skinny houses on a single lot. The team will be reaching out to newcomers and to those they have not yet confirmed their position on RCs. This will be done through mail drops, and working with neighbours and other members of the community. If you feel that a large part of the appeal of Westbrook is about space, and that densification will be detrimental to property values and our Westbrook lifestyle, join us in the RC. It is easy – just contact Darren (darren@bluefishstudios.ca) or Marilyn (mtungland@shaw.ca) and we will get the ball rolling for you. Once the next group of participants have signed on, they will be added to the RC that has already been filed at Alberta Land Titles Office. Our goal is

80% participation. That number, combined with all the new single-family construction that is happening in Westbrook, will ensure the character of our neighbourhood remains much the same over the years.

Aspen Update:

Approximately 63% of property owners have now provided feedback to the Aspen RC team during door to door conversations and through feedback by email.

Over 81% of the respondents have expressed interest in RCs. With the weather warming up, the Aspen RC team is continuing with mail drops and door to door visits to households that have not yet responded.

If you **are interested** in a RC for your property, or would like more information on what participating means to you as a homeowner and to the neighbourhood, please email Jan Archbold (jan-arc@shaw.ca).

If you are **not interested**, also advise Jan by email so a canvasser will not come to your door.

Anyone wishing to help the team with the door to door visits can sign up by contacting jan-arc@shaw.ca

CITY OF EDMONTON PROGRAMS:

For all locations and times visit:
www.edmonton.ca/dropincommunityprograms

WINTER GREEN SHACK Continues!

Tues & Thurs. 3:30 - 6 pm & Saturdays, 1-5pm

JANUARY locations: Belgravia and Blue Quill

FEBRUARY locations: Park Allen & Malmo Plains

LEARN TO SKATE

all ages, all abilities!
January & February
Free!

For all locations and times visit:
www.edmonton.ca/dropincommunityprograms



LEAGUE contacts

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

In the event of a building emergency at our community hall,
please contact Matt Rogerson at 780.974.0336

2017 OUTDOOR SOCCER SEASON

Registration Information:

Below are the registration dates, times and locations for spring soccer. Depending on the age of your SOCCER player(s), please read the appropriate section below.

U10 - U 18 (born in 2008 or earlier)

U10-18 registrations will be handled through the EMSA Portal. The links for registration will open on February 1, 2017 and will be accessible through the Aspen Gardens website or the SWEMSA website.

Please watch for an email from the Southgate district Administrator for instructions on registration and payment.

Aspen Gardens players can attend any of the 5 payment sessions listed below:

Saturday, February 11th from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM @ the Greenfield Community League Hall (3803 - 114 St)

Wednesday, February 15th from 6:00 - 9:00 PM @ the Royal Gardens Community League Hall (4030 - 117 St)

Saturday, February 25th from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM @ the Duggan Community Hall (3728 - 106 St)

FEES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

U10 - \$125 U12 - \$145 U14 - \$185

U16 - \$185 U18 - \$185

*There is a late fee of \$50 if payment and supporting documents are received AFTER February 28th.

AGCL membership (\$40)
Jersey Deposit (\$75 - post dated to June 30/17)
Volunteer Deposit (\$100 - post dated to June 30/17)

All cheques can be made out to Aspen Gardens Community League.

U4 - U8 (2013, 2011-12, 2009-10)

Our U4, U6, U8 teams will remain in-house. This means that we will run the soccer program and play all the games on Aspen fields and form teams within our neighborhood. It is GREAT fun to be out there with the neighbors and see the kids play.

The registration form is attached and all information is indicated on that form.

The kids will receive a uniform and picture along with loads of fun and friends.

Registration for the outdoor IN-HOUSE season are as follows:

Sunday, February 12th from 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM @ the Aspen Gardens Hall (12015-39A Ave).

Thursday, February 23rd from 6:00 - 8:00 PM @ the Aspen Gardens Hall.

**You can also attend any of the Southgate Soccer District U10 - U18 dates (noted on this page) and there will be an Aspen Gardens table set up to take your registration.

Community Soccer is not possible without the help of VOLUNTEERS.

*There is a volunteer deposit for soccer in Aspen Gardens this year. But we would much rather have you out on the field with the kids than your money.

*Please sign up for volunteer positions at the registration dates listed above.

