

Seniors Plant Nite

MARCH 20th

7:00 - 9:00 pm
AGCL Hall

Tired of the cold? Come inside and make a mini-terrarium!

All supplies provided including:

Coffee, Snacks, Wine and fun neighbours!

2018 AG membership req'd

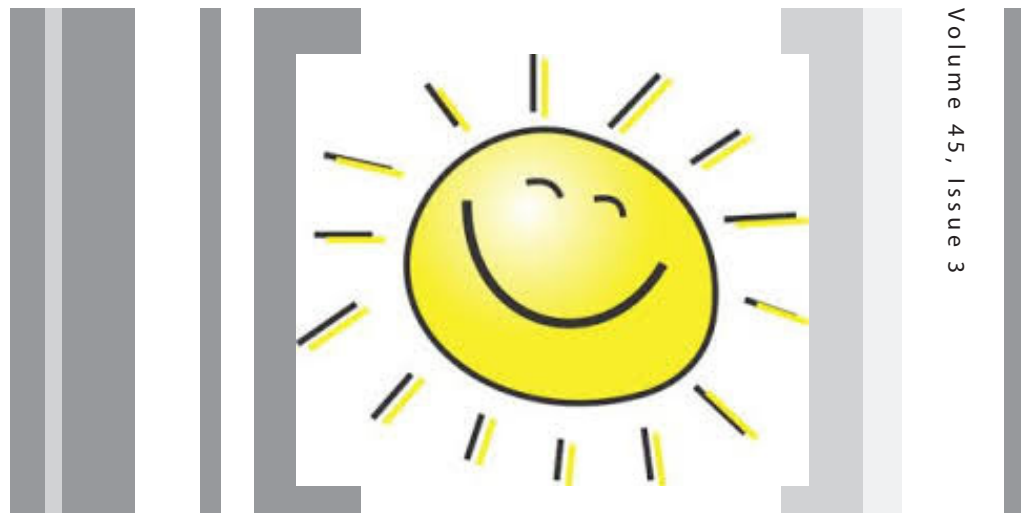
Spots are starting to fill up fast... don't delay. Reserve now:

communications@aspengardens.ca

SOCCER SEASON COMING SOON!

For a full description of AGCL's new soccer program visit our website www.aspengardens.ca.

LAST IN-PERSON REGISTRATION DATE:
Saturday MARCH 10th
10 am - 2 pm AGCL Hall



March 2018

ASPEN news

Making the neighbourhood you want to live in!

2018 Aspen Gardens Annual General Meeting

MARCH 8th, 7pm
Westbrook School Library

This years AGM is just days away on March 8th. At 7pm come and join your AGCL board in the Westbrook school library to hear updates on community programs and civic issues.

We have exciting plans to expand our community building to utilize it better. Please come and provide feedback or join the project committee. There will be fundraising and planning obstacles to pass through and many hands will get us there faster. We have had an amazing year as a board together and hope to have people join in making this community one we all cherish. New exciting board positions have been created as we try to serve all of our community better. Hope to see many of you there! - Kim Ruff

AGENDA:

1. Adopt agenda and 2017 minutes
2. Treasurer's Report
3. President report
4. Election of New Board:

***ALL Board positions are up for election. No resume or interview required!**

10 % DISCOUNT WITH PROOF OF AGCL MEMBERSHIP:	SQUARE ONE COFFEE ANAVA ESTHETICS STONE & WHEEL PIZZA no gst WBROOK drycleaner	ROMA PIZZA BLUE SKY DOGS 5 % off PETROLIA LIQUOR
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STUDIO YEG ART

13B FAIRWAY DRIVE

OUR STUDIO is a Workshop space surrounded by a gallery displaying YEG artists. We want to provide people with a space to come together and create something they can be proud of. We offer painting, ceramics, stained-glass, mixed media, print making workshops and more. There is so much talent in YEG, our aim is to showcase what Edmonton has to offer in the arts, selling ceramics, sculptures, paintings, jewelry, photography and more.

COMRADARY & CREATIVITY:

one of the reasons we opened up STUDIO is to get people together to achieve a similar goal: to have fun, encourage others, connect with fun people and get creative! On Wed, Thurs, and Saturdays we offer drop in times for you to take a break from the hustle and bustle. Check our website www.studioyegart.com for more info!



The volunteer gardeners at the Green & Gold Community garden, on the University of Alberta South Campus, are making plans for our tenth gardening season! The garden is a project of the University's Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences. The garden is totally volunteer run; virtually all of the seeds, plants and equipment used are donated.

The vegetables, fruit, herbs and flowers are "spray-free" --no pesticides or artificial fertilizers are used. The general public is welcome to purchase their vegetables at the garden and all of the money raised -- that's 100% -- goes to the Tubahumurize Association. A non-profit organization in Rwanda, it supports and empowers female victims of violence and marginalization through trauma counselling, life-skills coaching vocational training, and micro-credit loans. Many women who benefit from Tubahumurize are genocide survivors, widows, orphans, HIV infected, or survivors of physical and sexual violence. To date, the

garden has raised over \$290,000 for Tubahumurize.


We are now gearing up for the 2018 gardening season, and are looking for new volunteers to join us at the garden. Both novice & experienced gardeners are welcome--however, if you aren't interested in gardening, but would like to help in other ways (promoting the garden) please contact us at:

E-mail: [gggarden@ualberta.ca/](mailto:gggarden@ualberta.ca)

Phone: 780-492-4087

Web site: www.greengoldgarden.com


Watch our www site for details regarding our volunteer orientation session in April.



Book an appointment to meet with me. Have a concern, question or idea? I want to hear it.

Richard Feehan MLA, Edmonton-Rutherford

Phone: 780-414-1311
 edmonton.rutherford@assembly.ab.ca
 308 Saddleback Road, Edmonton, AB T6J 4R7



Amendments to Zoning Bylaw 12800 to allow for Secondary Suites:

The Zoning Bylaw Implementation team has prepared draft amendments to Zoning Bylaw 12800 to create opportunities for secondary suites on smaller lots, and in semi-detached, duplex, and row housing.

City Administration has developed proposed amendments to Zoning Bylaw 12800 that would:

- Allow secondary suites in semi-detached and duplex housing wherever these housing forms are allowed
- Allow secondary suites in row housing wherever these housing forms are allowed
- Remove the minimum lot size requirement for secondary suites, creating opportunities for secondary suites on narrow lots across the city
 - Adjust maximum floor area for secondary suites built above grade, or partially above grade
 - Make secondary suites a permitted use in all zones that allow single detached, semi-detached, and row housing
- Proposed amendments are tentatively scheduled to be presented at the April 17, 2018, Urban Planning Committee meeting.

LEAGUE CONTACTS - visit www.aspengardens.ca for a complete list

Kim Ruff	President	president@aspengardens.ca
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SAVE THE DATE! APRIL 21st



KEEPING OUR WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY BOLD

by: Councillor Michael Walters

The Edmonton Waste Services Audit was recently released and the news is not good. While this audit has revealed problems with current operations, it has also given us the opportunity to restructure and refocus our waste management strategy.

The Edmonton Waste Management Center (EWMC) is composed of 20 different facilities each focused on a different aspect of waste processing. Due to concerns about the stability of the composting facility's roof, all material destined for compost is currently being sent to landfill. As well, the Enerkem Waste to Biofuel facility is not running at full capacity due to the moisture in the garbage and the need to pre-dry waste materials. Once these investments in technology like Enerkem begin to pay off we will be much closer to meeting our ambitious 90% waste diverted from landfill target.

The City must engage our citizens in its source separation which most crucially means having separate collection of food scraps and organics. In Canada, 40%, or \$31 Billion of all food produced is thrown out. Globally these numbers work out to 33%, or \$990 Billion USD. While reducing waste is ideal, composting the rest creates valuable, nutrient-rich soil from material that would otherwise be sent to landfill. Source separation would result in higher quality, more marketable compost and would leave drier, more usable material for the Enerkem waste to Biofuel facility due to reduced moisture.

What you can do at home in the meantime is to go bagless when mowing your lawn this year. It's healthier for your lawn,

you don't have to carry any garbage bags, and it's better for the environment. Half of all the waste collected from households in the summer is grass and we truck that grass far away to a composter when it could be feeding your lawn.

We must also evolve our relationship with the private sector from competition to collaboration in order to improve our commercial and institutional waste management programs. Decentralization of composting facilities into smaller community composters and reevaluating how we work with and serve commercial businesses, like malls and offices will improve efficiency and help get private waste haulers to collect into our diversion stream.

The recycling market is changing, and Edmonton needs to catch up. Regulations on selling recycled materials to China have gotten stricter and profitability has decreased due to increased availability of recycled materials. The opportunity exists to work with private investors here in Alberta to melt our own plastic.

Treating waste as a valuable product helps conserve natural resources, reduces greenhouse gas production and creates additional revenue from compost, recyclables, and biofuels. Improving Edmonton's residential waste diversion will depend on the use of innovative technology, operational changes, and continued participation from all of us Edmontonians. We need a great strategy to achieve an amazing vision. On February 23rd Utility Committee will be discussing a new strategy for Edmonton's Waste Management. We cannot lose our nerve because of past setbacks and we must continue to be ambitious, stay focused on innovation, and work on getting our game back.

ASPEN GARDENS NEIGHBOURHOOD RECONSTRUCTION UPDATE - Ali McNaught of Building Great Neighbourhoods

Re: Road repaving, curb, sidewalk, and street light replacement:

This project is expected to take 2 years to complete, and is tentatively scheduled to start sometime between 2027 - 2030 with 2027 being the most likely start date. Final scheduling would be subject to available budgets, construction costs and coordination with underground utilities.

With respect to on-going maintenance requirements, Infrastructure Maintenance will ensure that both the roads and sidewalks are maintained from a public safety perspective. Specific locations of concern can be forwarded to the City of Edmonton's Call Centre @ 311. For more info: check out www.buildinggreateighbourhoods.com

COME JOIN BENNY
& CHARLIE FOR A

MUSICAL AFTERNOON

AND SING ALONGS

A FUNDRAISER FOR THE ALBERTA
CANCER FOUNDATION

SUNDAY MARCH 18, 2018

2 - 5 PM

DUTCH CANADIAN CLUB

133 12-142 St.

tix \$10/person, children up to 5, free.

door prizes!

for reservations, Harold 780-434-6073,

H.BENS@SHAW.CA, Dolf 780-475-4651, DOLFTONI@SHAW.CA



GREAT NEIGHBOUR RACE 2018

APRIL 28

REGISTER NOW for EARLY BIRD PRICES!

KIDS FUN RUN 1K

3K, 5K, 10K

TEAM EVENTS

CHECK OUT efcl.org for more info

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 @ 780.974.0336



Aspen Restrictive Covenant Update by Al McCully & Jan Archbold

Background:

The Aspen Restrictive Covenant (RC) project started two years ago to prevent unwanted densification in our community. A team of residents have been working on Phase 1 of the project to raise awareness about densification and assess the level of homeowner interest in using RCs to prevent lot splitting and to maintain the existing density and character of our neighbourhood.

Door step conversations – What you said:

After hundreds of doorstep conversations, we now have responses from 90% of Aspen homeowners. Of the 90%, 72% expressed interest in RCs, 23% said they were not interested and 5% were undecided. Efforts are continuing to reach the remaining owners who haven't responded, most of whose properties are rentals, vacant, or for sale / recently purchased.

The overwhelming major concern of residents is about lot splitting and skinny houses. People like their larger lots with space for children to play and gardens, mature trees, access to sunlight, parking and privacy. Many residents were not aware that in addition to lot splitting and skinny houses, the zoning in Aspen also allows secondary suites, garage/garden suites, duplexes, semi-detached units, lodging houses and group homes. Combined with the other infill measures Council is now considering, such as secondary suites in skinny houses/duplexes/semi-detached units/row houses, and allowing "pork chop" lots to be subdivided on back lanes, the density of our community could potentially double or quadruple over time.

Aspen RC Survey:

Phase 2 involves preparing the RC. To help with that, input is being sought from interested homeowners about the types of infill densification that should be excluded in Aspen. The RC

will then be drafted and emailed out to interested homeowners for their review prior to RC signing meetings being scheduled between homeowners and project lawyer, Chris Bowie.

The survey was emailed Feb.10 to all Aspen residents who expressed interest in RCs. Homeowners who are interested in RCs, but did not receive the survey should email janarc@shaw.ca to confirm their email address, names and home address. People who do not have email addresses were delivered a hard copy.

New to Aspen?

If you recently bought a home in Aspen and would like more info about RCs, please contact janarc@shaw.ca and include your name and home address.

Westbrook & Rio Terrace RCs:

In Westbrook, 75% of the properties now have RCs registered on title, and Rio Terrace has just registered its first group of properties. Both these RCs allow just one single family unit per existing lot and no lot splitting.

CHECK OUT www.aspengardens.ca for timely updates to events in and around the 'hood!

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@spengardens.ca. AGCL membership required. **Deadline is the 20th of each month.

STUDIO YEG ART:

Summer Art Camp July 9-13, Aug. 20-24, Ages 8-11. check out www.studioyegart.com for more info!

BLUE SKY DOGS PROFESSIONAL DOG WALKING AND PET CARE:

Dog walking, Pet Sitting, and Pet Visits. Licensed, Insured and Bonded. Visit blueskydogs.ca, email tim@blueskydogs.ca or call 780-903-8016. 10% discount for Asoen Gardens community members!

WESTBROOK TUTORING SERVICES:

Certified Teacher with 25 years experience is interviewing new families for the 2017/18 school year. Students of all ages and abilities welcome. I tailor my approach to the unique learning styles of each child. Committed to developing longstanding rapport with families in the community. References available, call Nicole @ 780-218-1319.

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.mauranumusic.com

MASSAGE THERAPIST:

Gabriella Rozsa B.A., R.M.T. is accepting patients weekday mornings and weekends. Professional home based business; 15 years clinical experience, licensed RMTA. Call 780-757-3848 or email grozsa@shaw.ca

JIM'S HOME MAINTENANCE SERVICE:

Experience with plumbing, painting, install and repair of toilets, faucet, drywall, cleaning roofs, gutters, grout and silicone bathtubs. \$30/hr, 20% off agcl members. Jimxu4808@gmail.com

TOOL MAN TIM (TMT), NEW HANDY MAN in the HOOD:

Light yard and home maintenance, rototilling, small projects, long time recently retired (early) AG resident, building a small local client base. Give Tim a call to see if he can help you. 780-940-6800, Bigtracker@shaw.ca

HANDMADE CROCHET NECK COWLS, WRIST BANDS, & NECK WARMERS:

100% Alberta grown ALPACA wool. Eco-friendly, non-allergenic, soft & soothing. Great for gifts! Contact: mmerrikka@gmail.com

Petrolia Seniors' Group (55+)

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

Every third Tuesday (except July and August)

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

March 20th - Ron Kelland, Historic Places Research Office - AB Culture.
History of some place names in our region and their important role in our lives.

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



Aspen Gardens Community League

Spring IN-HOUSE Soccer

Registration 2018



Player Name: _____ Male / Female (circle)

Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____ Age Group: U4 U6 U8 (circle one)
year month day

Age Group (please circle one): ACORNS (2013, 2014), TRAILBLAZERS (2011, 2012)
 MIGHTY OAKS (2009, 2010) COYOTES (2007, 2008)

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Parent(s) or Guardians: _____

Phone number : _____

email address: _____
 (please provide an email as all correspondence will be done by email.)

Community League Membership #: _____
 (A Community league membership # is mandatory. AG Memberships will be sold at the open house registration dates. Please contact membership@aspengardens.ca, or EFCL.org to purchase).

Parent Volunteer: 1st choice _____ 2nd : _____ 3rd: _____

Parent Volunteer options: Coach, Assistant Coach, Equipment manager, Picture asst, Jersey helper, Year end party coordinator, volunteer organizer, pylon manager, field safety & maintenance, linesmaker, Age Group Coordinator, Willing to Help Where Needed.
 (one parent per player is responsible for one volunteer position or your volunteer cheque will be cashed - this program cannot run without parent volunteers!)

Friend Request: _____
 (One friend only and must be reciprocated)

TWO CHEQUES REQUIRED: 1. Registration fee, Dated May 15, 2018 2. Volunteer Deposit, Dated July 15/18

Fee Amount Paid: _____ Cheque #1 _____ Cheque #2: _____ (Cheques payable to AGCL)

If you cannot attend the in person reg. dates please drop your completed registration package along with payment in the AGCL building mailbox. Please ensure all info is complete and community league membership # is current. Any questions: contact soccer@aspengardens.ca

AGE	BIRTH YEARS	GAME DAYS	FEES
Acorns	2013, 2014	Saturday morning 10 - 10:45 am	\$60
Trailblazers	2011, 2012	Mon/Wed 6:00-7:00 pm	\$70
Mighty Oaks	2009, 2010	Tues/Thur 6:00-7:00 pm	\$80
Coyotes	2007, 2008	Tues/Fri 7:00-8:00 pm	\$90
EVERYONE	**	Volunteer Deposit/per family	\$100