



# ASPEN NEWS

*Making the neighbourhood you want to live in!*

## 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL *KICK IT TO THE CURB* WEEKEND!

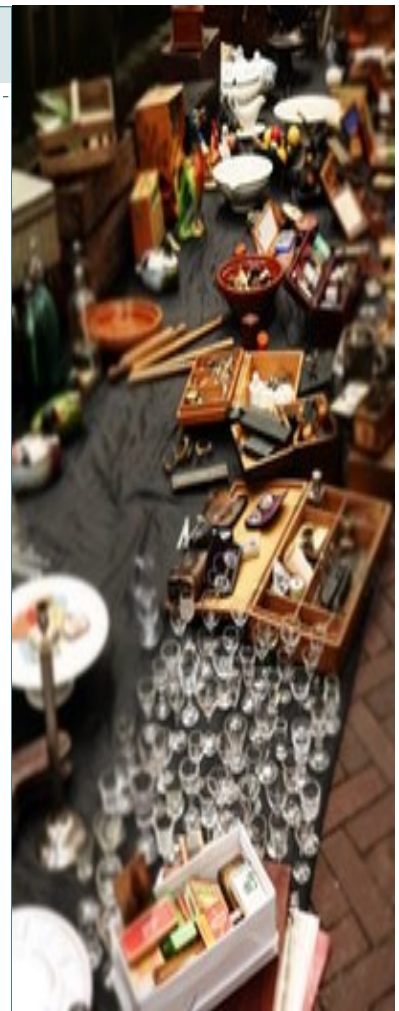
**Saturday June 2nd**- Hold your own **garage sale**, or walk around and see what your neighbours have for sale at bargain prices.

**Sunday June 3rd** -Morning - Kick It To The Curb! Place unwanted items to give away on your front lawn with a FREE sign to pass them along to anyone who comes by.

**June 3rd 12-3 pm**. Community **garbage bin** and bottle drive at the Hall. Neighbourhood volunteers will be assisting community league members dispose of household waste in a large garbage bin. **No hazardous waste, no electronics, no appliances will be accepted as this bin will be going to landfill.** Please do not come early as this is unfair to your friends who are volunteering for this event.

**Bottle drive**-we are participating in the city wide bottle drive one week early. Bring your bottles to the building between 12-3 on June 3rd and the city will collect them June 9th. Our community will receive the proceeds of what we collect to put toward upcoming projects. Let's get the most bottles in the city cuz let's be honest, we love a little competition!

See you soon!



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WANT TO SEE THE PROPOSED PLANS IN MORE DETAIL?

Please come by on **June 21** for the Summer BBQ and see the new building plans for the community hall, and provide your thoughts and feedback.

## EXCITING TIMES AHEAD FOR AGCL RESIDENTS !

As you may know, we have spent the last few years discussing options around the community hall, including a feasibility study conducted two years ago. The result of that study was that we would not be tearing down and rebuilding a new hall, and we would not build a second, separate hall.

We now have a plan to add an addition onto the current hall. We do need to examine issues around moving the transformer, as well as structural issues related to existing building (structural reports will be necessary). However, we want to begin consultation with the community as well. The playschool will continue to run out of the main space. Our goal is to update and make the kitchen a shared space, and add a multi-purpose room. This room could host exercise classes, senior programs, scouts etc. It could also be used by community members small family events.

Feedback to date from AGM and other events is that it is long overdue, but to be cautious of size and spending, as we do not want to make this a draw for weddings or large events from outside the community. We agree! The purpose would be to be able to have a small hall space to that host a variety of programs for people who live within our community, and bring us together as a community, but

not so big that it would become a 'destination' hall. Our commitment is to serve the members of this community with a variety of programs as best we can.

The next steps are

- Assessing current issues with transformer and building structure
- Total project cost
- Community engagement via an online survey in June. Assess what residents want to see happen to the building, including using solar power, size, programs offered etc.

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# PROPOSED AGCL HALL EXPANSION



KEYPLAN

PROPOSED EXPANSION AREA



Shaded area indicates existing hall structure

## CURRENT AGCL EXECUTIVE

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[www.aspengardens.ca/league](http://www.aspengardens.ca/league)

## SUMMER BBQ - JUNE 21 & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Don't cook dinner! Our annual summer BBQ this year will be June 21 at the Community Hall starting at 5.30 pm. This is always a fun event, so please come out and join us in welcoming back the warm weather!

This will also give everyone a chance to see the **new building plans** for the community hall (see previous page), and provide your thoughts feedback.

However, we do need some community volunteers to step up and help make this event a success. No prior experience is necessary! We need a small group of 8-10 people to help with:

- BBQ Pit Masters: BBQing up some delicious, easy food (e.g., burgers and hotdogs)
- A smiling face to hand out beer at the beer gardens
- Selling drink tickets
- Handing out drinks and snacks to go with the BBQ food

Please consider helping us with this event!

Kindly send an email to: [social@aspengardens.ca](mailto:social@aspengardens.ca) and they will be happy to sign you up!

## NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

We had an amazing year breaking all kind of records for membership sales, turn out at the Harvest Fest, Winter Fest, Summer BBQ, Kick it to the curb, Spring Fling and saw growth in the discount saving program to our local businesses.

We brought in more grant money for programs than ever before while doing necessary upgrades to the community building. Your Aspen board put their heart and soul in to starting new initiatives and I couldn't be prouder of the team. We started a 55+ program hosting paint night, plant night and coffee dates. We had so much fun doing it that there is now a new director position to keep the program running.

That being said.... please replace me! **We are in need of a President, Vice President and a Treasurer.** The rest of the team is a great group of people that you will have a fantastic time working with. Don't be afraid if you have never sat on a community board before. There is a lot of experience on our team and Liz Ward has our book keeping sparkling. I will stay on as past president, but I'm also VP of the Southwest Area council and I'd like to focus my energy on the possible building expansion of our hall.

## LITTLE SPORTS OF ALL SORTS DAYCAMP

The City of Edmonton is offering a summer daycamp in our own neighborhood!

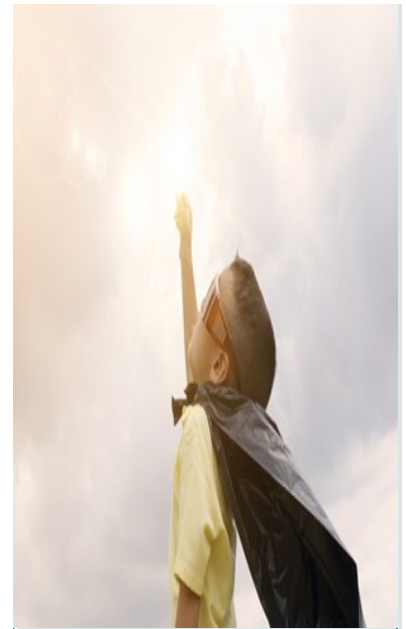
Preschoolers will have a ball at this camp! Learn basic skills such as jumping skipping, hopping, galloping and catching through relay races and obstacle courses and other sports related activities. Lego robotics, water rockets, indoor drone racing, autonomous self driving cars and more!!

Ages: 4-6                      Date: July 9-13

Time 1.30-4pm              Cost: \$83

Register by calling 311; online at [ereg.edmonton.ca](http://ereg.edmonton.ca)

Course Code: 625952



*Visit us online at [aspengardens.ca](http://aspengardens.ca)*

## SCIENCE INNOVATION SUMMER CAMP

Lego robotics, water rockets, indoor drone racing, autonomous self driving cars and more!!

Experience a series of robotics, coding, engineering and hands on fun STEM challenges.

STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Give your budding Elon Musk a chance to challenge their innovative side by attending this 4 day camp where they will experience a wide range of activities that will foster and nurture young minds.

Adam Holloway is an experienced high school physics teacher and runs an after school innovation club. Four of the high school students from the club will be working at the camp

alongside Adam to facilitate a low ratio and help with trouble shooting.

Open to 12-16 year olds.

Aug 7th - 10th

Cost: \$230

To register contact Adam at:

[adamjamesholloway@gmail.com](mailto:adamjamesholloway@gmail.com)



## THE GREEN SHACK IS BACK JULY 3RD!!!

The sunshine is on it's way and so is our summertime Green Shack program!! Green Shack will be running in our neighbourhood at the community league building playground from July 3 - August 23, Monday to Friday during the hours of 2:30-6pm.

Want more Green Shack? Visit our paired site over at Royal Gardens for the 10am-1:30pm programs.

For more information visit the City of Edmonton Playgrounds & Spray Parks website at: [www.edmonton.ca/playgrounds](http://www.edmonton.ca/playgrounds).

\*This program is targeted to children aged 6-12, but all children accompanied by an adult are welcome to attend.

## LOOKING FOR SOME NEW SPRING STYLE?

**The Orange Avocado Jewelry Spring Show** is being held Thursday May 3rd , 10 am—7pm, in the Banff Room at the Derrick Gold and Winter Club. All are welcome!

**Avon Representative** looking for new customers in Aspen Gardens, Westbrook and Southwest communities. Check out the latest that Avon has to offer; beautiful fashions, home decor, skin care, make up and bath products all at 100% guaranteed refund or exchange if not satisfied. To receive your free brochure or e-brochure, please contact Margaret at 780-905-7173 or email [mmjs.mc@gmail.com](mailto:mmjs.mc@gmail.com).

## BILLET HOST FAMILIES WANTED

Harry Ainlay High School is hosting the Canadian Student Leadership Conference from September 25-29, 2018. We are looking for billet host families for over 750 students from all across Canada.

Each billet host family will be asked to:

- Provide a room for at least 2 students (more if you are willing!)
- Breakfast each morning: Wednesday to Saturday
- Lunch and family time with billets on Saturday afternoon
- Transportation to and from Harry Ainlay each day:
  - ⇒ September 25-Pick-up 9:30pm
  - ⇒ September 26, 27, 28 -Drop off 7:45am & Pick up 9:30pm
  - ⇒ September 29-Drop off 7:45am, Pick up 12:00 pm for time with Billet Host Families
  - ⇒ Drop off 4:00pm @ Delta Hotel and Pick up 10:00pm @ Harry Ainlay
  - ⇒ September 30-Drop off 7:45am followed by a Host Family Breakfast at Harry Ainlay.

If you are willing to host a few students or know someone who would be interested in this opportunity, please complete the online application form which can be accessed by going to the following website: <http://cslc2018.studentleadership.ca/volunteers>

For more information, contact [perdeep.dhillon@epsb.ca](mailto:perdeep.dhillon@epsb.ca)



## FUTURE NEWSLETTER PLANS & HOUSEHOLD EMAIL

We will be reducing the number of times the Newsletters is published and delivered to homes to 4-5 times/year. Unfortunately, using both email lists and delivering to some addresses is not a sustainable. We will be looking for ways to reach all people as well as moving the newsletter online.

We are planning on using social media (Facebook), the Aspen Gardens Community League Website, community sign and email blasts to promote events and keep community members up to date.

We will be asking for every household in the community to provide one email address to us, so we can keep community members updated, keep everyone informed of civic issues and AGCL Surveys.

Please send the household email address you would like to use to:

[communications@aspengardens.ca](mailto:communications@aspengardens.ca)

Subject line: household email.

## MAKING YOUR NIEGHBOURHOOD SAFER

The AGCL has been busy improving our neighborhood to help make it safer for you and your family.

We installed a gate at the community hall parking lot that randomly gets opened and closed to deter drug deals. We have upgraded the lighting outside of the building and parking lot to LED lights for both the power and safety benefits. There are now cameras directed at the parking lot and skate areas and rink room. Only our operations manager has access to those files in the case that EPS should ever need them. Both the EPS and the city know that there are cameras up now. Now that the weather is getting warmer and we are parking outside please make sure your spare change

and garage remotes are out of your car. Police have told us the bad guys chat like we do and that if they can make 20 bucks a night going up and down a street they will keep coming back.

Our President, Kim Ruff, has met with our community constable a few times over the past couple of years and when she asked him what we can do to help keep our crime low his answer was simple. We are doing it already. Our community has an active walking/running group as well as an active community leagues that hosts events. He said having these connections and watching out for one another really does impact if someone thinks they are being watched. They will simply go other places that they will not be noticed.



### BLOCK PARTY!!!!

Did you know that the community league will give you \$100 towards food for your next block party this summer?

Are you worried you don't have an alley and can't shut down your street? No problem... front driveway parties count too... just invite your whole block!

Email us with the date of your next block party and we will connect with you for the funding.

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

### **STUDIO YEG ART:**

Summer Art Camp July 9-13, Aug. 20-24, Ages 8-11. Check out [www.studioyegart.com](http://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](http://blueskydogs.ca), email [tim@blueskydogs.ca](mailto:tim@blueskydogs.ca) or call 780-903-8016. 10% discount for AGCL 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](mailto:rjvano@primus.ca) or [www.mauranumusic.com](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:mmerrikka@gmail.com)

### **Andromeda inspiration**

2.5 inch wide crocheted wrist bands, with removable Angel Bear finger puppet. Also in Andromeda cowls and skinny wrist band party favours. Makes great You and Me gifts/ friendship gifts. Made with Merino wool, silk noil, mohair, firestar Art Yarn. Puppet in cotton and merino. Please email Monica at [mmerrikka@gmail.com](mailto:mmerrikka@gmail.com)