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# Grandview Heights Newsletter

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## Grandview Heights Community League

### 2014 AGM – Elections

A note from our Community League President to the residents of Grandview Heights (GH):

*Dear GH Residents:*

*That GH is special requires no repeating to all of you who have chosen to live here. I personally cannot think of a neighborhood that is more community-minded and fun-filled than GH, having lived on three separate continents for half a century now. What makes GH work is our enthusiastic involvement – pure and simple.*



*Which brings me to the Annual General Meeting scheduled this year for Sunday May 25, 10:00 am to noon. There will be refreshments, and a chance to take stock of what the events over the last 12 months and review what is in store for the next twelve.*

*Please mark the date on your calendar and attend!!*

*Warm wishes for a sun-filled summer,*

*...Vikas, President, GHCL*

## Grandview Heights Community League Annual General Meeting

Sunday, May 25

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Refreshments will be served

*We will also be holding elections for the Directors of the Community League. Please participate to help our community flourish.*



## 2014 Grandview

### Annual Community Clean-Up and Brunch

Bring the whole family to help clean up our neighbourhood, then join us for a community brunch!

Meet at the Community Centre at 10 am, clean around the neighborhood till 11 or so and then back to the Community Centre for brunch.

Prizes will be awarded for "Best of" categories

There will be a large bin in the Grandview School parking lot for all to use.

Everything will be supplied, just bring yourselves.

**Sunday, May 4 | 10 am - noon**

*For 2014*  
**Gold Brick Scavenger Hunt is back. Bigger & Better than ever!**



## Community Daycamps

The City of Edmonton offers amazing Community Daycamps right in your own neighbourhood. These camps cover a variety of themes and are available for children aged 3 – 12 years!

Choose from these exciting themes:

- Arts and Crafts
- Cooking
- Drama, Dance & Music
- Imaginative Play
- Science & Outdoor Play
- Sports and Fitness

Registration opens April 29, 2014.  
 Register by calling 311 or online at [www.edmonton.ca/daycamps](http://www.edmonton.ca/daycamps)

[www.facebook.com/cityofedmonton](http://www.facebook.com/cityofedmonton)  
[www.twitter.com/cityofedmonton](http://www.twitter.com/cityofedmonton)



## Green Shack Playground Programs

This summer, your child can make new friends and have a blast right in your own neighbourhood! Come drop by one of your local Green Shack Playground Programs.

Children aged 6 to 12 are welcome to join the games, sports, crafts, music, drama and special events. Children under the age of 6 are also welcome but must be supervised by a parent or guardian at all times.

The Green Shack Playground Program is free to participants. You'll find a list of upcoming activities and special events posted on the side of the Green Shack each week. If there's a game or activity that your child would like to play, they can just ask our Green Shack staff. They're there to make your child's summer a fun one!

Programming hours vary. Visit [www.edmonton.ca/playgrounds](http://www.edmonton.ca/playgrounds) or call 311 for times in your neighbourhood

For more information, call 311 or visit [www.edmonton.ca/playgrounds](http://www.edmonton.ca/playgrounds)

Programs begin July 2, 2014.

## Fitness & Activities Section

This section is dedicated to fitness and activities that are happening within or around our community.

### Important Notes:

Tot Time – ends when school ends

Karate – ends April 26. starts again, September

### Tot Time, Tot Time!!!

Your kids will make new friends while you get to know your neighbors!

### Grandview Community Hall

(Attached to school. Use the North doors.)

Tuesdays and Thursdays

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Contact: Lana at  
lana.stromberg@gmail.com



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and he who has hope, has  
everything.”***

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## Edmonton's Community Leagues – Why do we have them? What do they do?

Excerpts - by: Lindsay Smith, EFCL, Director for Greater Strathcona,

If you came to Edmonton from another city or another country, Community Leagues may be something that you are not familiar with as they are not common in other places.

Community Leagues are community based volunteer organizations that focus on three basic functions for their members and the neighborhood in general. The first is the construction and operation of facilities such as community halls, outdoor skating rinks, tennis courts, playgrounds, etc. The second role is to provide programs for the community, the most common one these days being minor soccer, but different community leagues provide a wide variety of programs for their residents. The third role of leagues is to advocate for their community, providing a channel for the wishes or views of a community to be given to City Council or administration for example.

The fact that community Leagues have endured and flourished in Edmonton for almost 100 years is a testament to their worth and effectiveness. Indeed many other cities are envious of our community league model that empowers volunteers to shape and build their communities. It should be noted that the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues (EFCL) does not control or direct the community leagues. Each community league is an autonomous entity, individually incorporated under the Societies Act of Alberta. Each one has its own bylaws and board of directors elected from within the community they represent.

Community leagues provide a wonderful mechanism to enhance a neighborhood and make it a more desirable place to live and play. The City recognizes the valuable contributions that the leagues make to their communities and to Edmonton. In recent years, the City has substantially increased the financial support that it gives to community leagues in both operating grants and capital grants for building, repairing, or renovating community league infrastructure. The key to how well a community league operates and is able to enhance the community is by the participation of the volunteers on its Board of Directors. In other words, how great we make our community is only limited by our imagination and the desire of enough people to get involved, giving some of their time and talents for the betterment of the whole neighborhood. Grandview has benefitted greatly from the generous volunteer contributions from its residents working for the Community League for the past 50 years.

If you have questions or comments about our Community League, EFCL, or CACCL, please feel free to contact me at: [cathlind@shaw.ca](mailto:cathlind@shaw.ca) or phone 780-860-9423. Lindsay Smith, Past President of Grandview Heights Community

## University Update By Anish Neupane

### Update on 63 Avenue

U of A anticipates beginning the 63 Avenue access into South Campus in the spring with anticipated completion by October 2014. There have been concerns raised and a mitigation strategy developed as a result of efforts from the Community League representatives.



### Update from University Relations Officer – Emily Ball

As of April 1, 2014 the following is an update on the project timeline:

- Tender close - March 12, 2014;
- Contract award - March 19, 2014;
- Earliest construction start date - early April 2014;
- Possible closure of 65 Avenue bike path and re-route to 62 Avenue South Campus access point - middle to end of May 2014;
- Anticipated 122 St - 63 Ave intersection closure and/or access disruption window - July and August 2014;
- Project completion targeted - September 30, 2014.

Please note that the earliest construction start date DOES NOT mean that residents will see any significant change. Project meetings are still taking place and dates for mobilization and specific project start dates are being developed.

Residents will also see in the coming days a crew from the successful contractor conducting some initial site grubbing. Grubbing involves the removal of grass and other organic material that will be within the footprint of the project boundaries.

As mentioned in the previous update, there is a significant amount of planning and coordination between the City of Edmonton (COE) and the general contractor to make the necessary logistical arrangements for 122 Street. This will include the following items:

- Temporary crossing and lighting at 122 Street and 62 Avenue;
- Lane closures and their sequencing ;
- Detours for the school buses and private vehicles;
- Timing and coordination required to complete the upgrade of the 122 Street and 63 Avenue intersection;
- Temporary bus stop relocations.

Coordination and sequencing still must be completed with the contractor. All necessary fixtures (bus stops, crossing arrangements, etc.) will be in place and functioning prior to doing the major road work on 122nd.

The U of A will be providing monthly construction updates to SCCG community representatives. Future e-newsletter topics to be addressed:

- Updated construction timeline;
- Staging of equipment and trucks during construction;
- Update from City of Edmonton on temporary crossing at 62 Avenue for pedestrians and cyclists, lane closures, temporary bus stop relocations;
- Closing/re-opening of 65 Avenue bike path to LRT and Saville;
- Placement of construction area signage;
- Landscape plans – what to expect after construction.

If you have any questions about this project please feel free to contact the University of Alberta: Emily Ball, Community Relations Officer, E-mail: [emily.ball@ualberta.ca](mailto:emily.ball@ualberta.ca)

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*Project completion  
targeted - September  
30, 2014*

Please send us your  
comments on this subject  
to

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Grandview Heights  
representatives to  
University of Alberta and  
South Campus  
Neighborhood Coalition



***“Keep up to date by adding yourself to the e-mail distribution list.”***

## The e-Newsletter list

Have you ever noticed that there is a long gap between newsletters but for some strange reason, your neighbor knows exactly what is going on in the Community?

There is a reason why, he/she is probably signed up for our Grandview Newsletter electronically. We send out notices and most up-to-date information for those that are on the e-mail list.

Do you realize that the Grandview Newsletter has sent out 41 e-mails and notices between the Winter Edition and the Spring Edition? That would be from November 2013 to April 2014.

There have been notices about :

- ❑ City of Edmonton Programming
- ❑ U of A meetings notices
- ❑ Community development
- ❑ Ice rink notices
- ❑ Traffic re-routing
- ❑ Lost and found : watch, cat

...just to name a few.

Keep up to date by adding yourself to the e-mail distribution list. 17 have signed up since November 2013.

Please send us your e-mail address if you would like to be added to the newsletter distribution list: [grandviewnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:grandviewnewsletter@gmail.com)



**Green & Gold  
Community Garden**  
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***“proceeds from donations for garden produce are sent to the Tubahumurize Association”***

## Green & Gold Community Garden

Keen to learn about gardening in Alberta? Want to eat fresh produce grown using organic gardening practices? Interested in helping socioeconomically marginalized women in Africa to make better lives for themselves and their families? Please come and join us at the **Green & Gold Community Garden**.

This will be the sixth year for the **Green & Gold Community Garden, on the University of Alberta's South Campus**. The garden is a collaborative project of the School of Public Health and Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences. It is run by volunteers and all of the proceeds from donations for garden produce are sent to the **Tubahumurize Association** for women in Rwanda.

We're always looking for more help at the garden. You don't need to be affiliated with the university – most garden volunteers are from the neighbouring communities and we range in age from teenagers to seniors. You don't need to be an experienced gardener either - both novice and experienced gardeners are welcome. If you don't like gardening, but would still like to help in other ways (promoting the garden, donating seeds or garden tools) please **contact us at:**

**E-mail:** [gggarden@ualberta.ca](mailto:gggarden@ualberta.ca) / Phone: (780) 492-9079 / **Web site:** [http://bit.ly/greenandgold\\_garden](http://bit.ly/greenandgold_garden)

Or, if you don't want to garden, but would like to receive the garden e-mails this summer (to let you know what produce is available during the garden market hours that week ) please sign up to our garden listserv at:

<http://www.mailman.srv.ualberta.ca/mailman/listinfo/gggarden>

## 2014/2015 Nominations

Board Position	Name	E-mail address
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## Community Partners

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Capital Care Grandview	Maureen Flynn	Maureen.flynn@capitalcare.net

## Advertisements

Advertising in the Grandview Heights community league newsletter will be allowed for sports and leisure related activities taking place within the community of Grandview for the benefit of its residents. Advertisers must be current members of a registered City of Edmonton community league. If you have a notice that you would like in the community newsletter please email them to [grandviewnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:grandviewnewsletter@gmail.com)

## Newsletter

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