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# **Grandview Heights Newsletter**

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## **Message from our new President**

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

I would like to begin by saying that there have been great presidents in Grandview and I am excited to have a turn at it. This year marks the 50th year for Grandview Heights Community League. The bylaws were registered on May 21, 1965. Many people have been involved throughout the years and, although we are the smallest community in Edmonton, we do not lack a presence or enthusiasm.

For those that do not know me, my name is Lori Kraus and I've volunteered to be president. My family and I have lived in Grandview for 16 years and I joined the community league board nine years ago.

I'm glad to see a diverse and eager group of people coming out of the woodwork and joining the executive this year. Thank you also for those that continue year after year. If you are interested in being a part of it, you are always welcome....continued on page 2

### **Ward 10, City Councilor - Michael Walters**

A motion was passed at City Hall by Executive Committee recently to permit garage and garden suites in established neighborhoods, and to allow the subdivision of properties into narrower lots (no less than 25 feet).

Executive Committee also asked administration to provide options to the mature neighborhood overlay, and to transform the low-density zones, including RF1, so that they can support and encourage more densification.

These changes will take time, and there will be many opportunities to formally (at Public Hearings) and informally (discussions with me at the local level) to dig into these ideas to encourage infill, and determine how infill can most benefit Ward 10 neighborhoods.

I'll be hosting conversations with the communities most impacted by infill, including Grandview on October 16. This conversation will help determine how infill can be done properly, with good design and in a way that improves our neighborhoods. I encourage you to come out and engage in this important discussion.

Edmonton is at a crossroads when it comes to growth. Our population is expected to double in the next 30 years. Will we only grow out? Or, can we also grow up and within existing neighborhoods in a way that benefits them?

Increased density, diversified housing choices, revitalized schools and commercial centres can be a win-win scenario for existing and future mature neighborhood residents. Just as building a more compact city is a win-win scenario for existing and future Edmontonians, both financially and environmentally.

Please be in touch if there are any questions, concerns, or ideas: michael.walters@edmonton.ca or 780-496-8132

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#### **U** of A Community Liaison

This year, like other years, we are faced with challenges related to U of A development plans. Most recently, the road construction on 122 Street and 63 Avenue intersection changed our landscape to say the least. There is more to come as developments at South Campus and West 240 (field between Lansdowne and Grandview) materialize. Anish Neupane continues to be our community U of A liaison and represents the interests of Grandview.

# Baccarat Casino Fundraiser – Volunteers required

On September 28th and 29th, we are scheduled for our next casino at the Baccarat Casino to raise funds for future projects. There are still some vacant volunteer spots for the Count Room shifts, 10:30 pm to 3:30 am on both days. Please contact Phil Butterfield (unibb@telus.net) or William Wang (williamwang1971@gmail.com) if you are able to do a shift. Please do not assume someone else will fill the spots. Thank you to all who have already volunteered.

#### New Projects and Feedback

I am interested in hearing feedback on what projects or activities you would like to see happen in Grandview. Some projects that come to mind are resurfacing of the tennis courts and converting the ice rink for beach volleyball during the summer months. What are your thoughts on these or do you have suggestions for other projects?

#### Speed Zone Changes

A concern that I've been hearing more and more people talk about and have personally noticed involves driving. Simply put, please slow down and consider others. Also please remember to treat 127 Street during drop off and pick times at the school as a one-way and drive only north during those peak times. It helps with congestion issues. Effective September 2, the speed limit around the school reduces to 30 km/hr from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm on school days.

#### Residential Infill

Another topic that has surfaced is on infill. It's a huge initiative that encourages an increase in residential density to prevent the city's boundaries from growing at rates that are too expensive to sustain. It involves rezoning of neighborhoods. For more information here's a recommended site http:// www.edmonton.ca/city\_government/urban\_pla nning and design/evolving-infill.aspx. In October, Councilor Michael Walters has agreed to come to our community and explain the City's vision on infill plus hear comments from us. Please take this opportunity to learn more about this important topic and how it affects Grandview. The meeting is scheduled for October 16, 7:00 pm at the Community Centre.

#### Welcome

For anyone new to the neighborhood, I welcome you and would like to encourage you to participate in the social events that our social director, James Belovich, continuously puts on. Thank you, James and helpers! The main events are the Halloween Party, a skating party (usually in late January or February), PickUpChowDown (this one is organized by Gord Gilroy as a spring cleanup with big bins) and the last day of school celebration. Back by popular demand is the Tailgate/Movie Night. You do not need to have children to attend these events.

Please come out and meet your neighbours! We have a wonderful community.

#### Lori Kraus - President

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### **Fitness & Activities Section**

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

### **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

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"He who has health, has hope; and he who has hope, has everything."

Thomas Carlyle

#### Important Notes:

Tot Time – starts/ends with the school year Karate – starts September 13 (Edmonton-karate.com)

New Kung Fu offering – dee.dee@shaw.ca for details



#### **Pilates Classes at Grandview**

Work on improving Strength, Flexibility, Core Connection and Improved Posture

Mat Class. Intermediate level - starts September 10th 7:00pm - runs for 12 weeks (Prior experience required) Beginner Classes will run on demand.

To register: Please call Elaine Newby - Certified Pilates Instructor at 780-915-0755 or mail copperhorse1@gmail.com

### 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 33 e-mails and notices between the Spring Edition and the Fall Edition? That would be from April 2014 to August 2014.

The best reason for being on the e-mail distribution list is to have time sensitive news delivered as they become important. The newsletter frequency is such that most current events are no longer current

by the time the newsletter is published.

There have been notices about:

- City of Edmonton Programming
- U of A meetings notices
- Community development
- Traffic/Construction updates
- Toy/Book exchange
- Dangerous Driving notices
- Kung fu for kids
- Pre-school opportunities

...just to name a few.

Keep up to date by adding yourself to the email distribution list. 24 have signed up since April 2014.

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# Grandview Heights Community League

We're on the Web!

See us at:

grandviewcommunity.ca

### **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

#### **Newsletter**

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