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Grandview Heights Newsletter

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Grandview Heights Community League

Message from the President



Over the last number of months, I have heard comments about infill from Grandview residents along with some from our neighboring communities. It is a topic that I believe all residents should give some thought. Therefore, included in this newsletter are two articles providing information for all to read.

As the vote on infill is drawing to a close, I encourage interested Grandview residents to voice their opinions. All are welcome to do so at the March 16th Public Hearing at City Council.

Also contained in this newsletter are ads for programs or volunteering opportunities

within Grandview for you to consider taking part in. Please do not hesitate to provide suggestions for any future activities or programs you wish to see happen in Grandview.

Thank you to all those that have volunteered their time in supporting Grandview community in one way or other.

Best regards,

Lori Kraus

Grandview Heights Community League
President

Grandview Heights Casino Fundraiser

The Grandview Heights Community League has received an estimated \$75,000 in funding thanks to our efforts in the Casino Fundraiser.

This could not be achieved without the hard work of the coordinator, Phillip Butterfield and his legions of volunteers.

Thank you for spending your personal time and volunteering for our largest fundraiser of the year:

- Loreen Belovich
- William Wang
- Margaret Fisher
- Russell Kocuper
- Glen Murphy
- Geoff Jones
- Marilyn Hindmarch

- Debra Lindskoog
- Kara Klarenbach
- Tricia Mullen
- Jeff Jones
- Cathy Flood
- Steve Feist
- Mark Lindskoog
- Dan Fessenden
- Lorelei Betke
- Tanya Yu
- Lori Kraus
- Brendan Cameron
- Simon Foxcroft
- Carola Unsworth
- Aditya Kaul
- Vikas Mehrotra
- Chris Gibson
- Doug Stratton
- David Dyer
- Sylvie Sauve
- Sharon Wright
- Ollie Semonis



**“...estimated
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- Donna Ross
- Trevor Stromberg
- Barb Brass
- Roberta Hyland
- Kyrsten Brooker
- Sue Lambert
- Gord Gilroy
- Yolande McKenzie
- Deb Choma



Pop Up Play coming to Grandview in July/August!

“Programs are led by..... certified specialists in FUN!”

Ages: 6 - 12 years

(Children under 6 must be supervised by a parent or guardian)

Dates: TBA in Spring

Children are free to come and go as they please from our **Pop Up Play Program**

Cost: Free!

Pop Up Play is an exciting new opportunity for kids to enjoy access to high quality recreation programming in their own neighborhood. Join in games, sports, crafts, music, drama and special events.

If there's a game or activity that you'd like to

play, just ask the Program Leader. They are there to make your summer a fun one!

Programs are led by staff who:

- Ensure participants play safely; parents are responsible for their children at all times and must be available in the event of an emergency
- Are easily identifiable by their blue shirts and name tags
- May be assisted by volunteer Leaders in Training
- Have completed a Security Clearance process, are trained in First Aid and are certified specialists in FUN!

Ward 10, City Councilor - Michael Walters

A Compact City is an Affordable City

Edmontonians almost universally agree we need to build a more compact city. We expect a population of 1.4 million in Edmonton by 2044. We need to plan for this today. Since September, I've been engaging with Ward 10 residents regarding infill, the future of our neighborhoods and their special characteristics.

On November 12th, the City Administration forwarded a proposal to amend zoning bylaws to allow for incremental density increases in all neighborhoods across the City. This proposal will be discussed at the March 16th public hearing.

Current Regulations

- A lot 78 ft. wide or greater can be subdivided.
- Garage/garden suites can be on a corner site, abut a service road, or back onto a lane adjacent to an arterial roadway, and must be narrower than the main structure.
- Secondary suites can be built on most lots.

- Semi-detached housing can be built on corner lots as a discretionary use.

Proposed Changes

The proposed changes are within existing RF1 zoning. Full scale change from RF1 to RF3 (which includes townhomes, walk-up apartments, and other housing types) is NOT being proposed.

1. In the proposal, minimum lot width is reduced from 39 ft to 25 ft, allowing the subdivision of 50 ft lots into two 25 ft lots, with some exceptions.
2. Garden and garage suites could be constructed on any lot with access to a rear lane.

There are no proposals to develop existing green spaces. It is important that only one of a subdivision, secondary suite or garage/garden suite would be permitted on any lot - not in combination. Citizens can register to speak at the public hearing through the City's website. If you have questions about these topics or others, please get in touch at michael.walters@edmonton.ca or 780-496-8132.

“March 16th public hearing”

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 lane.stromberg@gmail.com



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

Thomas Carlyle

NEW! Smaller Individualized BOOT CAMP



**Grandview
Fitness
Boot Camp
Sessions Are
Open To All
Levels**



Have fun getting in shape!

For more information email sagrius@trainingbyagrius.com

www.trainingbyagrius.com

Pilates Classes at Grandview

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

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



Music & Motion – Free Programming from Millwoods Family Resource Centre (<http://www.mwfrc.org/>)

Preschoolers love dancing to songs and moving to rhythmic beats. Dance and Movement provides opportunities to develop motor skills. Relaxation exercises and yoga close this hour long session.

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM at Grandview Heights Community Centre

April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16 July 11, 18, 25 August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Community Summer Daycamps

The City of Edmonton offers amazing summer daycamps at local community halls so that kids can enjoy programs in their own neighbourhood! There are daycamps for ages 3 to 12 years old. Each daycamp offers a variety of recreation activities but will focus on one of the following program categories:

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

Get the full details in the **2015 Community Summer Daycamps** guide — available at schools, public libraries, City recreation centres, and online!



Registration
begins
April 28, 2015

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



The Divisive Infill Question – M. Nebozuk



As many of you are aware, the infill debate has been raging through several communities in Edmonton. Although most of us would agree that our city should not continue to grow unchecked, the current City proposal to densify mature neighborhoods is meeting with substantial resistance. Within our own neighborhood, Councilor Walters hosted a meeting at our community center last year. During that interactive information gathering session, many Grandview residents raised objections to the idea of garage suites and the subdivision of wider lots to accept duplexes and triplexes.

Within my own household, the divisions pile on; I think that garage suites can positively contribute to the character of our street; my wife disagrees. I think that a sleek, cigar shaped addition atop my flat roof bungalow would be really cool but I may be the only one.

Looking to see what the current range of options is, Lori Kraus and I met with Councilor Walters February 17th. We covered a lot of ground and discussed a few scenarios.

I was impressed that the Councilor worked through a number of ideas. Together, we tried to anticipate some of the unintended consequences that could arise. After an hour, I think we settled on a position that each community should be able to choose where and what type of densification it accepts.

Given the probability that sporadic infill developments will pit neighbors against each other and will require substantial effort to review, Lori and I think that a one-off development at some unknown point in the future has a better chance of being integrated into our community. For Grandview, the best candidate site is the site currently occupied by Grandview Auto and medical offices. We should not however assume that community-specific zoning will be adopted; our councilor is but one voice and one vote.

Our discussion also touched on the following subjects:

- approving garage suites but holding back the subdivision of larger lots for further study and refinement. Currently, homes and garages can occupy up to 40% of a residential site. Proposed bylaw changes will enable 60% site coverage, a 50% increase! This will definitely affect the character of our streets and your enjoyment of your home because an infill at maximum build-out will have little green space out front (space will have to be given over to off-street parking). A fully built out infill will also place adjacent original homes into near constant shade (aided by proposed changes to the current bylaw, allowing for greater building height). To accommodate larger building

footprints, mature trees will have to be cut and snow piling space will become scarce on either side of a large infill. Visitor parking will also become a source of conflict as the infill will have no space directly in front of it to accommodate visitors. In short, infill may introduce the sort of difficulties now experienced by home owners in developments on the city's periphery. Councilor Walters acknowledged the importance of mature trees to a community's character but did not go so far as to say that this scale of infill disrupts the established character of mature neighborhoods.

- the introduction of community committees to review proposed infill projects. These committees are already established in other neighborhoods. I have worked with the community committee in Oliver and appreciate the input that they have provided on my architectural projects. To be effective, future committees will need the following tools to be effective:
 - detailed submissions by infill proponents. This includes detailed Sketch up models and a complete color and materials board;
 - sufficient time to review infill applications from the City. Depending on the time of year, a thirty day review window can be whittled down to as little as three working days. This is not enough time to thoughtfully review a submission;
 - the power to demand substantial changes or recommend a total rejection of an infill proposal.

The last point may meet with resistance from the City's Sustainable Development department. We should encourage the City to do better. Hire people who can actually read abstract plan and elevational information and have development officers walk through and work in affected communities. I don't mean to demean current City efforts but my own uptake on 'reading' drawings is still very slow after thirty years of practice. Infill developers can currently parachute into a community with very little preparatory work. In Blue Quill, a duplex infill was recently submitted to the City with an internet rendering that bore little resemblance to the drawing set. The infill was rejected at the Subdivision Development Appeal Board after a concerted effort by several community members. Total time commitment by that community: 100 hours.

That shouldn't happen. We all agreed that the current system needs to be rebalanced.

City Council will host a public hearing March 16, 2015. If you think that the proposed changes to the Garage and Garden Suite regulations and the subdivision of RF1 lots (Grandview is zoned RF1) should be tweaked or be abandoned, you may sign on to voice your ideas that day. Suggestions typically carry more weight than complaints. The City will also accept written submissions. I might make a verbal submission, offering suggestions about what has worked during my five year tenure on the Edmonton Design Committee. I think that the review structure of the Design Committee can be successfully grafted onto community infill review committees. I am open to receiving your comments and suggestions in advance of that date.

.....Myron Nebozuk, Civics Director GVC



The volunteer gardeners at the Green & Gold Community garden, on the University of Alberta South Campus, are making plans for our seventh gardening season! The garden is an initiative of the University's School of Public Health and 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, herbs and flowers are "spray-free" (no pesticides or artificial fertilizers are used). Anyone 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 that provides socially and economically marginalized women with vocational training, counselling, life-skills coaching, health care education, and opportunities for sustainable income generating activities. Most individuals who benefit from Tubahumurize are genocide survivors and many are widows or orphans, HIV infected, and survivors of physical and sexual violence. To date, the garden has raised over \$100,000 for the Tubahumurize project.

We are now gearing up for the 2015 gardening season, and are looking for new volunteers to join us at the garden. Both novice & experienced gardeners are welcome. If you aren't interested in gardening, but would like to help in other ways (distributing produce, promoting the garden, donating seeds or garden tools) please contact us at:

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

Phone: 780-492-4087

Web site: www.greengoldgarden.com

If you would like to receive garden e-mails when produce from the garden is available this summer please send us an e-mail at the above address with a request to be added to the e-mail list.



**INFORMATION SESSION for those interested in volunteering at the garden.
Saturday, April 18 – from 11 a.m. – 12 noon
At the Strathcona branch of the Edmonton Public Library (8331-104 St) –
upstairs
Rwandan handicrafts made by the women of Tubahumurize will be available
for sale at the session.**



"...sharing some of your valued time..."

Volunteer at CapitalCare Grandview

We are a Long Term Care facility located at 6215-124 Street. Individuals with daytime or early evening, stat/weekend availability are needed to assist residents at meal times or with recreation/leisure programs. Volunteers are also needed in our small volunteer run gift shop called "Hidden Treasures" assisting with customer purchases.

Please contact Grandview's Volunteer Services 780-496-7104

Applications can be downloaded from our website; www.capitalcare.net under the volunteer tab, you may drop applications off at our Reception Desk.

Thank you for considering sharing some of your valued time with our residents that live here at CapitalCare Grandview.

Terry deVisser , Coordinator of Volunteer Services | CapitalCare Grandview

University Update By Anish Neupane



"UA lands is awaiting approval from the provincial government"

63 Avenue into South Campus

- Landscaping will begin in the spring. There has been some modification to the original plan, trees will now be placed along on the south side of the path, rather than the north side (along the road) to ensure better chances for tree survival and growth. This has meant the path is closer to the road than originally planned, some options for shifting further away from along the road was discussed but no decisions made.
- Snow clearing - UA will look at making the windrow along the side without the path.
- Gate access along 118 St - UA has installed a gate along 118 St, north of the Agrifood Discovery building. This will be a controlled access gate for UA personnel only.
- Pedestrian marking - marked cross walks and additional pedestrian signage are planned for in the spring.

Stormwater Pond

Spring landscaping included constructing a stormwater pond where a wetland, that was drained to build 63 Ave, had previously existed.

Twin Arenas

UA is actively searching for partners to build twin arenas and a parkade to replace the

surface parking lots next to Saville. Both those facilities are to be located in the north east corner of South Campus as outlined in the Long Range Development Plan. UA has approached the City to be a partner but no decisions have been made.

Temporary parking lot

A temporary parking lot on the east side of LRT tracks, to be accessed off 113 St is planned for spring. This lot would be used primarily by UA permit holders during the day and serve as overflow for events in the evening and weekends.

Foote Field

Foote field is to undergo turf replacement and addition of a "bubble" - a closed canopy, rising about 45 feet high. The canopy is to extend the usability of the field for few months.

Land Trust

UA's application to create a separate entity, a land trust, to develop UA lands is awaiting approval from the provincial government. This trust will develop lands identified by U of A and could include academic and non-academic developments but be consistent with the Long Range Development Plan:

<http://www.communityrelations.ualberta.ca/CommunityConnections/LongRangeDevelopmentPlan.aspx>

Community League Membership

It is renewal time for the community league memberships.

- Being a community league member demonstrates commitment to the community and supports our wonderful neighborhood.
- Purchasing a membership entitles you to use of the tennis courts, playground program, programs held in the community centre (e.g. tot time), soccer as well as programs run by

other communities such as brownies, girl guides, scouts, and playschool.

- As a current member you are also eligible to participate in the Community League Wellness Program at any City of Edmonton Leisure, Sports and Fitness Facility (for info visit www.edmonton.ca/wellness).
- Discounts for annual passes and multi admission passes at any City of Edmonton Leisure, Sports and Fitness Facility.
- Please show your support by purchasing a membership (or

making a donation) when a canvasser knocks on your door.

- Membership for 2014/2015 is \$45.00.
- Memberships may be purchased online at <http://efcl.org/membership/> for an additional \$2.00 administration fee.

Contact Peter Shuttle at Banff4@gmail.com

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The e-Newsletter list



“Keep up to date by adding yourself to the e-mail distribution 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 Grandview Newsletter has sent out 37 e-mails and notices between the Winter Edition and the Spring Edition? That would be from September 2014 to March 2015.

There have been notices about :

- ❑ Lost and Found
- ❑ Outdoor Soccer Registration
- ❑ U of A meetings notices
- ❑ Community development
- ❑ Party notices
- ❑ Skating Party
- ❑ Sports events

...just to name a few.

Keep up to date by adding yourself to the e-mail distribution list. 18 additional people have signed up since September 2014.

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

2014/2015 Community League Board Executives

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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

Anyone wishing to receive the Grandview Heights Newsletter electronically can send an email to grandviewnewsletter@gmail.com with "Newsletter" in the subject line

Grandview Heights
Community League

We're on the Web!

See us at:

grandviewcommunity.ca