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Summer Edition

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Ahhhh, summer. Popsicles, inflatable pools, and flat tires on road trips. Wildlife, too: We've enjoyed watching a local porcupine scaling trees and waddling down back alleys. We've not enjoyed the billions of elm seeds bursting into glorious life in every inch of our yard, though I suppose there are worse things than spontaneous forests.

This year, we've also discovered the ultimate berry: haskaps! Forgiving, hearty, and resembling a squashed giant blueberry, what's not to love? There's still time to plant one and then ... get eating!



Enjoy your summer!

Visit the Grandview Heights webpage for information about

- Community hall bookings
- Programming updates
- Upcoming events, and more!

www.grandviewcommunity.ca



Spray park 411

Did you know there are spray parks liberally sprinkled (!) in the area? Here are a few goodies:

Location
Aspen Gardens 12015 39A Avenue
Royal Gardens 4030 117 Street
Greenfield Park 3755 Ave 114 Street
Lansdowne Park 12323 51 Avenue

President's message

Lori Kraus

Some things changed at our AGM on May 29, 2016 but not everything. I am president for another year and welcome the addition of several new board members. Welcome and specific thanks go out to Anish Neupane for filling the vice president spot plus continuing as U of A liaison, Glenn Murphy for volunteering as treasurer, Lesley Kittlitz for joining as soccer coordinator, Bernadette Dechant for becoming programs director, and Susan West for leading hall rentals. Many thanks to these volunteers, to the continuing board members, and to the supportive community!

I also want to acknowledge the retiring board members: Doug Parsons was on the board for nine years; first as sports director handling soccer and then as hall rentals director. Helena Schaefer helped with community memberships and most recently served as soccer coordinator. Dawn Kocuper joined two years ago as programs director. Phillip Butterfield was treasurer for the past two years and continues to be the "Casino Guy." He has organized five casinos for our community with another one coming up in December. All your time and efforts are much appreciated. Thank you for generously contributing to the community!

Currently, the main project remains the tennis court area revitalization. We are crucially waiting for the tripartite agreement between the City of Edmonton, Edmonton Public School Board, and Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues to be signed. We have received approval for the Project Plan from the City. The beach volleyball court project is also being considered.

Some may have noticed that the community centre needs a facelift, repairs and painting. That will be addressed shortly. We plan to apply to the City to



cover half of the \$40,000 in total renovations under the 2017 CLIP grant.

With all these projects on the go, it's an exciting time for our community. We have applied for federal and municipal grants to help with funding and are awaiting responses. This is a casino year for us and I encourage you to volunteer to keep our future community projects going strong.

Hope you and your families have a wonderful summer!

Best regards,
Lori Kraus

Update from the university liaison

Anish Neupane

Arena

U of A is actively looking at partners, including the City of Edmonton, to develop a twin arena on South Campus (approximate location is west of Saville, north of 63 Ave that runs into South Campus). The City and U of A have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding to explore if it is feasible for the City to be a partner. The final report will be tabled for Council decision in fall 2016.

An open house was recently held as part of that process. Materials are available at

<https://uofa.ualberta.ca/university-relations/community-relations/news>

A parkade, adjacent to the proposed arena, is also planned. As part of the arena evaluation process, the South Campus communities have emphasized the need to address issues related to higher traffic

volumes, parking and minimizing vehicle intrusion into our neighbourhood with the City and U of A.

Please contact me if you have questions on South Campus activities at anish.neupane@gmail.com

Grandview, along with the neighbouring South Campus communities, is part of the South Campus Neighbourhood Coalition <http://www.southcampus.ca> We engage the U of A regarding South Campus activities through the South Campus Consultation Group, guided by a Memorandum of Understanding between the communities and the U of A.



Fun & games in the 'hood

Simmy Saran, Social Director

Wine & Cheese

Thanks to everyone who came to the first annual wine & cheese party. What a success! It was also great to see some new faces. We hope you all

had a wonderful time and look forward to the next w&c bash!

Pick Up, Chow Down

Thanks to Gord Gilroy and those who organized the annual neighborhood clean up. A whole slate of weird finds + a tasty brunch = enjoyment all around!

Year End Party!

What a great way to end off the year with a record hitting number of attendees. Thanks for coming out! We wish you all a fabulous summer!!

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Community league tidbits

Lindsay Smith, Facilities Director & Vice President, EFCL Board of Directors

Did you know?

- Edmonton now has 157 community leagues.
- Each league is an independent entity with its own bylaws and registered under the Alberta Societies Act.
- The first community league was Crestwood, formed in 1917.
- Grandview Heights is the smallest community in Edmonton (only 347 households) that has its own community league.
- Even though we are small, a very high percentage of the families in Grandview are community league members. Sixty to seventy percent. Many other leagues in the city only get about ten percent.
- In 1921, the nine existing community leagues formed a federation called the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues, more commonly known as the EFCL. The EFCL now serves and advocates on behalf of all 157 of Edmonton's leagues
- Edmonton's community leagues are divided into twelve districts and each district has a director on the EFCL Board of Directors.
- Grandview is part of the Greater Strathcona District. This district consists of all of the leagues south of the North Saskatchewan River between Whitemud Creek and Mill Creek and north of the Whitemud Freeway, specifically Allendale, Argyll, Belgravia, Empire Park, Garneau, Hazeldean, Lendrum, McKernan, Parkallen, Pleasantview, Queen Alexandra, Ritchie, Strathcona Centre, Windsor Park, and us. Lansdowne and Malmo Plains are presently part of the district to the south of us, but are working toward becoming part of our district.
- Grandview Heights Community League is also a member of the Central Area Council of Community Leagues commonly known as CACCL (say cackle). This group of leagues is virtually the same as the leagues in our EFCL district and representatives from these leagues meet five times a year to discuss common issues and concerns.
- Community leagues perform three basic functions:
 1. Provide recreational programming and social events for the residents of their communities.
 2. Build facilities such as community halls, outdoor skating rinks, tennis courts, and playgrounds to enhance recreational and social opportunities for their residents.
 3. Provide a channel for residents to advocate for and build the kind of community they want to live in.
- Community leagues have been an amazing part of the social fabric of Edmonton for almost 100 years but for any league to be successful it needs the support of its residents. Purchasing memberships, volunteering for league activities, and participating in league events are all great ways to show support.
- Even though we are Edmonton's smallest, Grandview Heights Community League is one of the best and we thank you for making it so.

Want to put an ad in the newsletter?

Advertising in the Grandview Heights newsletter is reserved for sports and leisure activities taking place in Grandview. Advertisers must be current members of a registered City of Edmonton community league.

To add a notice to the newsletter, please email grandviewnewsletter@gmail.com.



Who are our community partners?

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Volunteer thanks!

Thanks to the following volunteers for helping around the community:

Pick Up, Chow Down

- James Belovich
- Deb Choma
- Brian Choma,
- Angie Gilroy,
- Grace Gilroy
- Gord Gilroy
- Roberta Hyland,
- Greg Hyland
- Lori Kraus
- Sue Lambert



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- Lori Kraus
- Tricia Mullen
- Anish Neupane
- Sheri Perozni
- Donna Ross
- Laurie Semonis
- Katherine Sorenson
- Lana Stromberg

Tomato martini (who knew?)

2 small tomatoes
1 jigger of vodka
ice

1. Puree tomatoes
2. Strain the pulp
3. Fill martini shaker $\frac{3}{4}$ with ice
4. Add vodka & tomato juice, shake
5. Strain & serve

Recipe from foodista.com



Major Fundraiser Coming Soon: Fall Casino

Grandview Heights Casino 2016



What:	CASINO FUNDRAISER
Where:	Grand Vila Casino downtown
When:	Wednesday December 14 Thursday December 15
Why:	\$80,000 for our community

We need general manager, bankers, cashiers, chip runners & count room for the following shifts (note extended hours):

Day Shift:	9.00 AM – 6.30 PM
Evening Shift:	6.30 PM – 3.30 AM
Count Room:	10.00 PM – 3.30 AM

Volunteers! Please contact Phillip with the following:

- Your 1st & 2nd preferred date and time
- Preferred position
- If you can be flexible
- Name, phone (home, business, etc.), cell phone number and e-mail

Phillip Butterfield

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Green Shack is back!

Monday to Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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FREE Drop-In Recreation Program

Join in games, sports, crafts, music, drama, and special events at your neighbourhood park! Ages 6 to 12 are welcomed; ages 5 and under must be supervised by a parent or guardian.

Green Shack Playground Program

Location:
Grandview Heights School Park
6225 – 127 St

Dates:
Monday to Friday,
July 4 to August 25, 2016

For more
info visit

[edmonton.ca/
dropincommunity
programs](http://edmonton.ca/dropincommunityprograms)

or call 311



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2016/2017 Membership Drive

Peter Shuttle, Membership Director

The 2016-2017 fall membership drive will kick off mid August and wrap up early September. Memberships cost \$45/family.

Why become a member?

- Support the community
- Access to community facilities
- Discounted admission to City of Edmonton sports facilities
- Great way to meet neighbours!

Want to volunteer?

- The membership drive relies on volunteers
- Each volunteer is assigned 10 to 15 houses
- Membership packages are delivered to volunteers in mid August

Contact Peter at [banff4@gmail](mailto:banff4@gmail.com) to volunteer.

Thank you,
2015/2016
membership drive
volunteers!

Barb Brass
Forrest Chatwin
Maya Davidow
Anneke Dykink
Matt Gorny
Tammy Gorny
Gillian Hughes
Jennie Keeble
Lori Kraus
Anish Neupane
Sandra Rees
Katrina Shuttle
Peter Shuttle
Lindsay Smith

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