

Grandview Heights Newsletter



Summer Edition

July 2017



Meet our new president!

Get the 411 on our new community league president: Anish Neupane.

Two Grandviewites win big!

The U of A hands out some big awards, and Grandview's well represented!

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Biking & bribery

Summer is a great time to merge two of the things that I like best: outdoor stuff and ice cream. The latter is also the only thing that motivates our six and eight year olds to “KEEP PEDALLING!!!!” With this in mind, I give you two bike routes that combine reasonable distance with frosty happiness:

- 1) The 109th Street Haul (Distance: Never-ending. Allow 17 hours for various meltdowns en route)

Head towards Foote Field, across the footbridge, and into Belgravia. Take the new bike path along Saskatchewan Drive all the way to the top of the hill that heads down to Hawrelak Park. Cross the hazardous circle, then continue along Saskatchewan Drive through Windsor Park. When you arrive at the U of A campus, stay on the bike path alllllll the way to the



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Happy Summer!

Anish Neupane, President

Dear Neighbours,

With the shift in season also comes changes to the Grandview Heights community league board. My name is Anish Neupane and I have the pleasure of serving as the league president for the upcoming year. A little about myself: my family moved into the neighbourhood about ten years ago. I have three elementary aged children at Grandview Heights, and have been on the board in various roles for the past eight years. I am an avid distance runner -- you may have seen me running in the community and in the river valley in all weather (-35C being my cutoff!) -- or we may have met in soccer. I have been coaching for a few years.

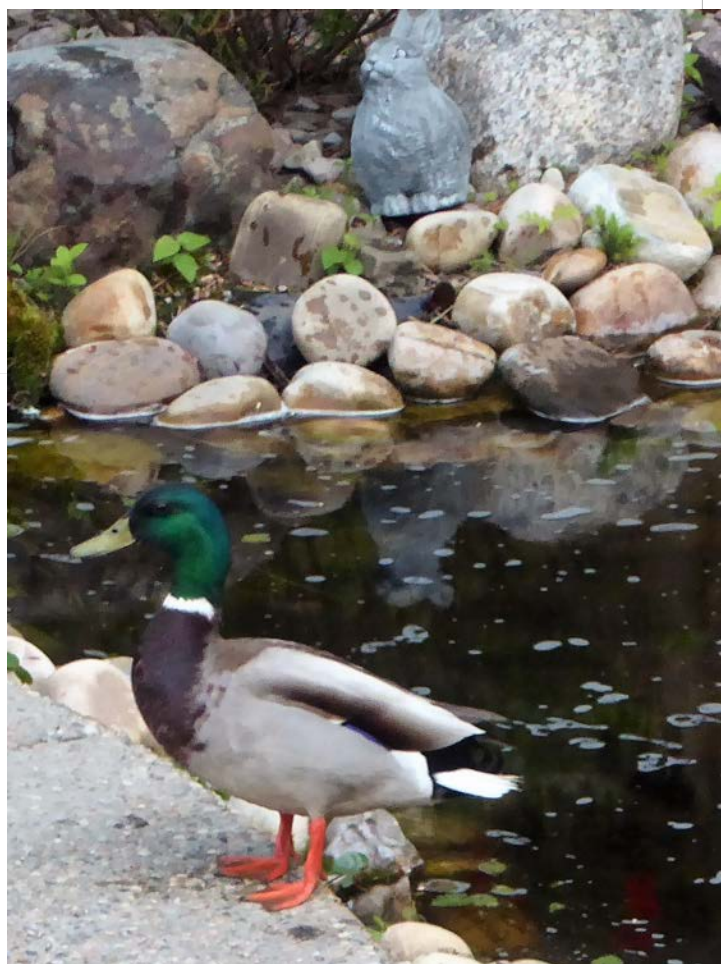
Looking ahead, some of our work will include the tennis court project (a BIG THANK YOU to our past president Lori Kraus and community member Thomas Schaefer who have guided the process), neighbourhood renewal (Grandview is slotted in the next cycle as is rehabilitation of 122 street), infill and subdivision discussion, and regular operational responsibilities. I encourage you to reach out to board members if you have questions or concerns or wish to lend a hand (Note: social director is currently vacant).

Enjoy your summer -- hope most of you were able to make it out to the year end party!

This and That

Want to receive the newsletter electronically? No problemo. Contact grandviewnewsletter@gmail.com

Concerned about crime? Check out the City of Edmonton neighborhood crime mapping website to get a sense of what's happening in Grandview and surrounding communities. <http://crimemapping.edmontonpolice.ca>



Thanks to Ed Lastiwka for the photo of his patio mallard!

2017 ALUMNI AWARDS

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Sept. 25, 2017 | 7 p.m. | Jubilee Auditorium
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**Congratulations
Jane Alexander**
'93 MEd, '97 PhD

Recipient of an Alumni Honour Award for her leadership in local and international anti-poverty initiatives.



**Congratulations
Heike Juergens**
'72 BA, '79 MEd, '87 PhD

Recipient of an Alumni Service Award for her volunteer service to the University of Alberta.

Year End Party: June 29

Thanks to Simmy & the many volunteers who helped to make the year end party a great success!

See you next year!



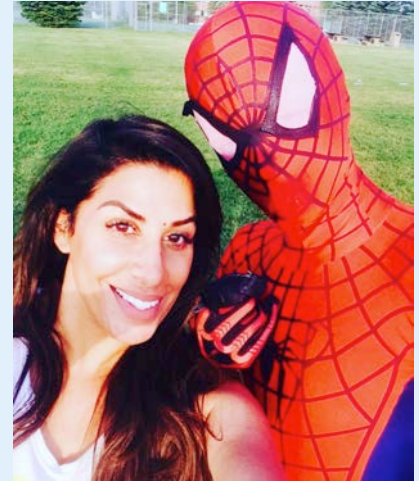


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High Level Bridge. Stop at the High Level Diner for a cinnamon bun (okay, not frozen – sue me) or head across the street to Menchie’s Frozen Yogurt. Remember, you still have to go back so ... indulge!

2) The Brookside Blur (Distance: who knows. Time: a lot)

On bike or on foot (see Anish’s note on page 5) descend the trail from Grandview Drive to the Alfred Savage Centre. Pause to apply bandaid to someone’s knee (and to visit the glorious indoor bathroom!!!!). Continue west, behind the horse pasture, and up a hill into Brookside. This is the neighborhood immediately across the ravine from Grandview. Meander south through the neighborhood, mostly along the drive where possible, until you arrive at the top of Snow Valley. Find the sidewalk that runs along the Whitemud and dips down into Snow Valley. Take it! Stop at the bottom to apply band bandaid to someone’s hand (she fell off ... again) and head hastily to the Snow Valley campground building. There you will find popsicles and some outdoor play structure thingamajig. Post break, ride up the sidewalk to Lansdowne, cursing me the entire way. Proceed along 122nd Street back to Grandview. Happy biking!



Spiderman ... and Simmy!

Spotted in (and around) the 'hood



The ever-serious U10 mixed soccer team (photo credit Helena Schaefer)

NEIGHBOURHOOD SUMMER DAYCAMP
Edmonton

NEIGHBORHOOD
HEROES

DATE	TIME	AGES	COURSE CODE	COST
Tuesday-Friday August 8-11, 2017	1:30pm-4:00pm	3-5 years	596572	\$62

Grandview Heights Community League
12603—63 Avenue

Let's learn about the everyday community heroes that keep us safe & healthy. Try role playing and dressing up as your favorite neighborhood hero. Each day we will read stories and create crafts to learn about real life heroes in our community. A special visit from a local neighborhood hero is sure to excite campers!

Registration opens March 15, 2017

To Register:

- Call 311
- Online at ereg.edmonton.ca
- In person at any City of Edmonton Recreation Leisure Centre

Thank you to the Grandview Heights Community League for access to their facility

To bike, or not to bike

Anish Neupane, President

Some of you have contacted me and/or the city about biking in the ravine that borders Grandview. Several issues have been identified: existence of mountain bike trails, mountain bike trail events, and ensuring bike route connectivity. I have spoken with city staff and Councillor Walters and relayed issues that have been brought to my attention.

You may have noticed a "no bike" sign at the entrance of a city maintained path off Grandview Drive. The city explained that biking is not allowed in a nature reserve (e.g. Whitemud) and Grandview ravine is considered part of the reserve. However, the city recognizes river valley is a form of transportation corridor and cycling is part of that connection. I explained the lack of reasonable alternatives to head to the west side if this path is closed to cycling.



Photo credit ptoday.ru/news/sport/5737/

Update (July 2, 2017): Although there are 'no bike signs' at the city maintained trail head, no enforcement action against people on bikes will be taken in recognition of connectivity challenges posed by restricting biking (note: the trails along Whitemud Creek itself remains closed to bikes and subject to enforcement).

As for two other issues -- building of mountain bike trails and bike trail events -- the city is working in the context of a larger citywide initiative to address those issues. While that is in progress, building trails and trail riding in non-city maintained trail is subject to bylaw enforcement.

Want to try Nordic walking?

In collaboration with the Green and Gold Community Garden, the Why I Move Project will offer three charity exercise sessions. Each session will be led by Lisa Workman, exercise physiologist (and Grandview resident!). She will teach you how to Nordic walk using a set of poles.

The Why I Move Project is honoured to support the Tubahumurize Project via the Green and Gold Community Garden.

All funds raised will be donated to the cause. The Why I Move Project's mission is to answer the question of why you move, one person at a time. Join us for a for-purpose workout this summer! For more information, please see www.whymove.com/events.

A poster for a charity event titled "Walking for Women of Rwanda". The poster is designed to look like a piece of aged, torn paper. It features the following text: "Walking for Women of Rwanda", "Join us for a drop-in Nordic walking session to support the Tubahumurize Association.", "Tuesday, July 18 @ 6:00 pm", "Saturday, August 12 @ 10:00 am", "Tuesday, September 19 @ 6:00 pm", "Cost: \$10 per session (all funds will be donated to the Green & Gold Community Garden)", "Pick up your fresh produce at the garden after the walk!", "Sessions will be taught by exercise physiologist and Urban Poling instructor Lisa Workman (creator of The Why I Move Project)", "Poles will be available to try on the walk. If you own a set, please bring them too!", "For more information, please visit www.whymove.com/events". At the bottom, there are three logos: "Why I Move .com", "Green & Gold Community Garden" (with the tagline "A local garden with global impact"), and "URBAN POLING". A small inset photo in the top right corner shows two women walking.

Summer Programming:

What's in store for July/Aug?


FREE DROP-IN

SUMMER GREEN SHACK

LOCATION	DATES	DAYS	TIMES
Grandview Heights (Grandview Heights School Park) 6225 – 127 St	July 4 – August 24	Monday-Friday	10:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Our Green Shack program is now running in neighbourhoods all over Edmonton. Come and join us for games, crafts, sports, outdoor cooking and more!

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

For more information, please visit:
edmonton.ca/dropincommunityprograms
 or call 311.  @GreenShack



Neighbourhood Recreation Experiences

WATER PLAY

Community Spray Deck

May 19 - September 18
 Hours of Operation:
 9:00 am - 9:00 pm

One of the best ways to stay cool in the summer months is to head to your nearest neighbourhood spray deck!

Spray Parks are operated and maintained by the City of Edmonton. If you notice any maintenance concerns please call 311.

For more information, please visit:
edmonton.ca/waterplay or call 311.



The City of Edmonton is encouraging all residents to check out our Block Party Kit & celebrate Block Party Season!

Contact your Community Recreation Coordinator for details

Check out edmonton.ca/blockparties or contact 311 for more info



What ELSE is going on in our neighborhood?

Visit Grandview's website www.grandviewcommunity.ca or join the Grandview Heights Edmonton group on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1791055914496979/>

Update from the U of A liaison

Anish Neupane (new U of A liaison is Lindsay Smith)

Ice arena

The City has provided conditional support for construction of the twin ice arena on South Campus (directly west of the Saville Centre). City support is contingent on ensuring adequate public ice time, and the results of a parking assessment. A parkade (not City funded) is part of the arena development, and should will help to accommodate the increased traffic to South Campus. The South Campus Consultation Group (SCCG) has asked for terms of reference for the traffic study to ensure that it reflects the potential changes in land use since the last time a traffic assessment was done.

Storm water pond

The U of A developed the storm water pond as a commemorative feature for Canada 150 and a gateway feature into South Campus. There is a pathway, increased tree and shrub planting, and green space with more features than originally planned – go check it out!

RCRF - university "book" storage

Located towards Lendrum, construction is proceeding as planned.

Rogers tower

Exact location on South Campus still to be determined. Rogers, as the applicant, will be doing an information session. Date TBD.

Autonomous car research project: Faculty of Engineering

Currently in grant application stage, the proposed project involves testing a self-driving vehicle in winter conditions. Researchers will use a blocked off area of South Campus.

Drone training

Researchers have asked to use South Campus lands as a training site for drone operators. Researchers would abide by Transport Canada rules. The U of A does not allow drone flying on South Campus without permission; neighbours who observe drones on South Campus should contact the U of A.

University of Alberta Properties Trust

The Trust was created to develop lands consistent with the Long Range Development Plan. The U of A is awaiting a provincial government decision on transferring lands held by the University to the Trust. The Trust board formed in 2016 (chair Ralph Young). Trust representatives are expected to meet with the SCCG in the coming months.

Grandview is a member of the South Campus Neighbourhood Coalition (SCNC) made up of seven neighbourhoods surrounding South Campus. SCNC and U of A meet quarterly under the South Campus Consultation Group (SCCG) process guided by a Memorandum of Understanding between SCNC and U of A.

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