GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS

Membership Drive

Thank you to Deb Choma, Maya Davidow, Ping Du, Yolanda Han, Jill Keeble, Esther Kim, Roisin McCabe, Anish Neupane, Donna Ross, Lindsay Smith, Todd Shipman & Treena Swanston for selling community league memberships in the neighbourhood. If you have not yet purchased your membership, please see page four for more information.

Did you know?

Grandview Heights has a Facebook page. Join today to stay up to date on news and events in the community.

Thank you

The Grandview Heights fundraising casino was held September 6-7. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped out. Casino funds are used for projects that enhance our community such as refurbishing the tennis courts and repairing the community hall.



Happy Fall

Summer came to an abrupt end and for a few days it appeared fall did as well. The snow won't last but it is a cruel reminder of what's to come. Good luck to all the students returning for a new school year and best wishes to parents returning to busy schedules of school events and extracurricular activities. Hope everyone takes some time to get outside and enjoy the fall foliage. We are so fortunate to live in a community near the ravine where we can experience the beauty of fall.

Roisin McCabe, Newsletter Coordinator



President's Message

Dear Neighbours,

Hope you had a good summer and "hello fall" (I mean winter....exact words from my daughter recently "It's like Christmas morning"....sigh). If you are like me, like last year, this is another occasion to add to a list of planned, but unfinished, fall outdoor projects. At least there is a legitimate excuse now, so perhaps there is a silver lining after all.

As we look to this upcoming year some near term projects and activities around our neighbourhood include completion of the 122 Street reconstruction. There appears to be a steady progress - the latest update from the City is that the southbound lane from 63 Avenue to 51 Avenue is expected to be opened to traffic by late October/early November. Sod and landscaping may occur then if the weather improves, if not, next spring is most likely. I am personally appreciative of the wider sidewalk and shared use path, relocation of the fire hydrants away from the sidewalk, and relocation of the electricity utility box to provide better visual when existing 62 Avenue. It's been great to see the input provided by the community league incorporated by the City in this project. That said, it will be good to see this project finished soon.

Our neighbourhood rehabilitation is anticipated to occur in the next few years. The City will be reaching out to us prior to that for input. As I understand of the process, communities have the option of modifications to some aspects of the rehabilitation. For example, new design for street lights, sidewalk width and placement. Look for a note for participation as further details of this process are known.

Our league relies heavily on volunteer time. Thank you to all the volunteers who have contributed to delivering community league functions and activities - hosting social events, helping with the soccer program and coaching, volunteering at community casino, membership canvassing, and contributing to community projects and functions.

We are a relatively small community and we have been tending to draw on the same circle of people to volunteer. So if you are newly arrived, or have been here awhile and would like to get involved, please consider giving some of your time to our community. It can be for specific things/events as needs arise or a more formal role as a director - we are currently looking for a social director and a soccer coordinator to ensure that related functions and activities continue. Please contact me at president@grandviewcommunity.ca if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

With wishes for the snow to disappear and fall to arrive.....

Anish

News from City Councillor

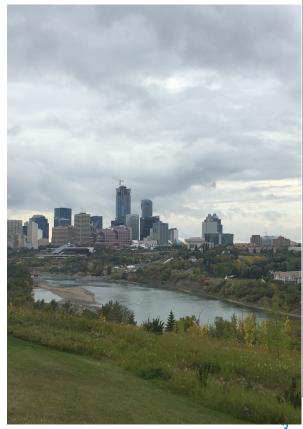
It has been a really difficult experience for volunteers trying to get new neighbourhood projects built. Because of this, Council asked for an audit of the Community Parks Projects program, which was developed to assist in funding and building new community amenities such as playgrounds, spray parks, community gardens, and other projects. The program in itself was an excellent initiative, but the implementation fell short. While a lot of good developments came out of the program, it was made clear through the audit and community feedback that there is still room for improvement.

On another note, budget season is coming up quickly, make sure to give input by taking the survey at edmonton.citizenbudget.com.

I want to hear your opinion on this topic or any other thoughts, and welcome you to contact me by email at michael.walters@edmonton.ca or by phone at (780) 496-8132.

Administration has committed to three recommendations from the review in order to improve the program that resulted from the audit.

The first recommendation the City accepted is to identify a project owner. Before now, there have been advisors and various members of Administration overseeing the projects, but creating an owner makes it so people know who to call over the course of the project and who's responsible for seeing it through. Secondly, the audit recommended that Administration make a performance management framework in order to make sure there's good documentation and transparent interactions. The third recommendation was to improve the program, so Administration is forming a working group to inform the process. Now that this audit has gone through, we can move forward with your input and voice driving the changes.



Grandview Heights Community League Membership

Grandview Heights Community League engages with our neighbours, other community leagues and the city for the betterment of our community. We communicate with the municipal government on issues that matter to you and advocate for the neighbourhood and city you want. Through purchasing a membership, volunteering or providing a donation, you can help support financing our league and facilities, and make our community stronger.

Benefits:

- access community and sports facilities, including tennis courts, skating rinks, and hall rentals
- register for community soccer programs
- receive a 10% discount on annual or multi admission passes for City of Edmonton Sports and Fitness facilities
- participate in fun social activities, meet neighbours and make friends

Price:

- \$45.00 (includes GST) per year from September 1st to August 31st.
- donations of any amount are also appreciated. (note: cheques are payable to Grandview Heights Community League)

How to become a member:

- during door to door membership drive in September 2018
- by contacting membership director, Gloria Lopez, at gplopezo@gmail.com
- online at <u>www.grandviewcommunity.ca/community-membership</u>

(note: there is \$5 administration fee to Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues).

Website and Newsletter:

- Grandview Heights Community League uses e-mail and website to notify its members about upcoming events and meetings, including *Annual General Meeting*.
- website: http://grandviewcommunity.ca
- electronic newsletter and updates: send e-mail to <u>grandviewnewsletter@gmail.com</u> to subscribe

Prevent Bike Thefts

The new EPS bike theft prevention campaign reminds cyclists that in order to reclaim recovered bicycles, owners must provide EPS with:

- A copy of the police report or file number
- Photo I.D.
- The serial number for your bike (in the form of a bill of sale, purchase receipt, warranty card, photograph, or other documented form)
- A detailed description of your bike including any aftermarket parts

For more information on how to keep your bike safe, visit <u>www.edmontonpolice.ca/biketheft</u>.



Open House for Alberta Public Laboratories (APL) Edmonton Clinical 'Lab Hub'

Learn more and provide your feedback to the planned APL Clinical 'Lab Hub' building in our community.

APL, Alberta Health Services, Alberta Infrastructure and Alberta Health will be hosting an open house at the Lendrum Community Hall in order to outline the design plans for the new building and site and to answer your questions. They have been meeting with community league leaders from the South Campus Neighbourhood Coalition since December 2017, and the drop-in open house is being held to bring the broader community up to date.

When: October 30, 2018

Time: drop-in between 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Where: Lendrum Community Hall, 11335-57 avenue NW



Happy Halloween

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