

GENERAL

1. The Park Bench e-NEWSLETTER

- Each month you will discover a variety of recreational programs and events, parks/green space initiatives, and social services available across the City of Edmonton, as well as news that is specific to your quadrant of the city (SW, SE, NW, and NE including downtown). To subscribe:
http://www.edmonton.ca/programs_services/for_communities/the-park-bench-enewsletter.aspx

RECREATION PROGRAMS & EVENTS

1. The Return of the Recreation Network Gatherings - We hope you'll join us!

- We are excited about re-energizing BCTR networks this fall with new larger network areas and new potential for connections.
- NRCs have been busy planning Building Community Through Recreation (BCTR) network events in November.
- These events will allow a variety of local organizations and people to gather to discuss recreation needs and develop capacity in their communities. You can check [here](#) to find out where and when these events are held or email bctr@edmonton.ca

2. Pitch Your Project

- More than 60 people attended our Pitch Your Project, a Dragon's Den-style event on October 10 that focused on building community networks through Neighbourhoods Services (NS).
- Fifteen community groups in south Edmonton had two minutes to present their ideas for Community Initiatives funding to the audience and NS "Dragons". After the presentations, the groups could vote for initiatives by placing marbles in the jars of their favourite projects.
- The evening offered community groups a chance to network and share ideas and resources. They made connections that would not normally happen through phone calls and email introductions alone.
- [Click here](#) if you want to see the video of each group's presentation.

3. Twin Brooks/SIF Program Men's Shed Program

- It didn't take long for one of the winners of our "Pitch Your Project" competition, the Twin Brooks Seniors Innovation Fund to get their project going,
- the [Men Shed movement](#) aims to address men's health and wellbeing by providing them with a safe, happy environment where they can connect with each other.
- Location: Twin Brooks Community League Hall - 11341 12 Ave NW
- For more information about dates and times, please contact: Ida Richardson at: irichardsco@hotmail.com or 587-989-5431

4. Equipment Loaning Program

- If you're planning a holiday or winter event, don't forget that the City has equipment and kits that you can borrow. You can book up to 5 different kits for the low fee of \$10 and additional kits are \$5 each. Check out the [equipment catalog](#) (click on equipment at the bottom of the page), and submit your [request](#). Requests can be made as early as three months in advance and up to two weeks prior to the requested dates

5. Year Round Green Shack

- Join in on games, sports, crafts, music, drama and special events. A complete list of activities and special events are posted on the side of Green Shacks each week. If there is a game or activity that peaks your child's interest that you would like to have included in programming, just ask the Program Leader.
- Here's the schedule for Nov 10 - Dec 7

SE	Meyokumin 5811 - 19A Avenue	Mon & Wed: 3:30-6pm Sat: 1-5pm
SE	Tipaskin 1220 Lakewood Road West	Mon & Wed: 3:30-6pm Sat: 1-5pm
SW	Rutherford Alexander Rutherford Park 1327 Rutherford Road SW	Tues & Thurs: 3:30-6pm Sat: 1-5pm
SW	Haddow 2097 Haddow Drive	Tues & Thurs: 3:30-6pm Sat: 1-5pm

- For info about other sites across the city, visit: https://www.edmonton.ca/activities_parks_recreation/green-shacks.aspx Scroll down to Monthly Green Shack Schedules.

PARKLAND

1. Reminder: Events on City Parkland

- permits are required all year round for hosting events that have more than 50 attendees or if you are using some type of vendor (e.g. sleigh rides, fireworks, etc.) on City of Edmonton Parkland.
- **Please note:** This includes events that are held on licenced areas
- If you are planning an outdoor event, please complete the permit application at least 4 weeks prior to the event date

OPPORTUNITIES, GRANTS & FUNDING

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1. November Is Adopt A Senior Pet Month!

- The City's Animal Care & Control Centre would like to thank our friends at [ARTS Senior Animal Rescue](#) for accepting so many of our senior unclaimed pets and working so hard to find them a perfect home.
- Please consider supporting their difficult mission by volunteering, donating, fostering or adopting your next family member through them.

2. Reminder: Engage Edmonton 2018

- The City of Edmonton is excited to host family-friendly, coordinated events during October and November. Share your voice, help shape our city.
- The whole family is invited to share their thoughts on up to 12 unique City-related topics at six events being held at

convenient locations across our community.

- For more info, visit:

https://www.edmonton.ca/programs_services/public_engagement/engage-edmonton-festival.aspx?utm_source=virtualaddress&utm_campaign=engage2018

3. Edmonton Smart Cities Challenge

What makes you feel connected?

The Edmonton Smart Cities Challenge Team needs your input to inform our final proposal as we work towards winning \$50 million as part of Infrastructure Canada's Smart Cities Challenge.

Learn more about Edmonton's approach to improving the health and wellbeing of residents and share your thoughts at smartcities.edmonton.ca.