

# NRC Report for April 2019

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## REMINDERS

### [Community League Operating Grant \(CLOG\)](#)

- Deadline for applications is on Wednesday April 24, 2019 at 11:59pm.

### **Share your voice, shape our city by letting the City know what you think about:**

#### [The City Plan](#)

Workshops on [April 2 & 9](#)

[On-line survey](#)

- charts out how we will get to a future city, a city that has the benefits we enjoy today with new opportunities for the future.
- is about our spaces and places and how we move around the city. It is about our community and what we need to do together to grow, adapt and succeed.

### **Spring 2019 - [Building Community Through Recreation Network Event](#) - you are invited!**

Date: Thursday May 9 Time: 6:00-9:00pm Venue: Alfred Savage Centre (13909 Fox Drive)

- You may have participated in local Recreation Network events in the past, or have heard about these being offered in your local area.
- Recreation Network events will provide an opportunity for organizations and local people to connect about recreation in their area.
- Sustainable networks of community members and partner organizations working together can address the needs for recreation in local areas.
- [Please click here to RSVP for this event](#)

## WHAT'S NEW

### [Partnership Survey](#)

- The City of Edmonton values the opinions and experiences of residents, community groups, partners and individuals and would like to gather feedback from those who have engaged with our Neighbourhood Resource Coordinators (NRC) over the past year.
- We would like to hear your thoughts on the services we have provided your organization in order to assess our own performance as well as gain insight on how we might better meet your needs moving forward.
- Please connect with your NRC if you have any questions or need clarification on

any questions.

- The survey should only take 10-15 minutes to complete.
- All answers and information provided will be confidential and used only for assessing our work and help us improve overall performance in the future.
- Thank you for your time.

### **2019 Civic Census - why it's important to count yourself in.**

- **Did you know** that Census information is used by various facilities, organizations, and stakeholders to deliver a wide range of municipal services including schools, recreational centres, emergency services, and major infrastructure.
- Your community league operating grant is based on the number of residents living in your community. This info is collected in the Civic Census.
- Important Dates:

#### **April 1 2019**

- Check your mailbox — a PIN number will be mailed to all households starting April 1.
- Census 2019 questionnaire is available online at [edmonton.ca/census](http://edmonton.ca/census).

#### **April 22**

- Census workers begin door-to-door collection

### **Capital City Clean Up**

- [Free litter pick up supplies](#) will be available from March 15 until the end of September
- [Volunteer for Organized Litter Pick Up Events:](#)  
Earth Day-April 24   Butt Blitz-May 4   World Environment Day-June 5  
World Clean Up Day-September 21

## **PROGRAMS, EVENTS AND LICENSES**

### **Spring Green Shack Programs**

- Free program for ages: 6-12 years. Note: children under 6 must be supervised by a parent or guardian.
- Join in games, sports, crafts, music, drama and special events. You'll find a list of upcoming activities and special events posted on the side of the Green Shack each week. If there's a game or activity that you'd like to play, just ask the Program Leader.
- Dates and locations can be found at: [edmonton.ca/greenshacks](http://edmonton.ca/greenshacks)

### **Spring & Holiday Events**

- Here are a few events that are happening at City facilities:

**April 18th: [Concert at the Conservatory](#)****April 21, 2019, Time: 11am-3pm: [Easter Hoppennings](#) at the Muttart Conservatory****APR 22, 2019, 12 – 4PM: [Hop to It! Easter Monday](#) at the Edmonton Zoo****April 21, 2019, Time: 10:30am-1pm: [Easter Brunch](#) at Fort Edmonton Park****[Jane's Walk: May 3-5](#)**

- Jane Jacobs (1916-2006) was an urbanist and activist whose writings championed a fresh, community-based approach to city building.
- Jane's Walks are free, locally organized walking tours in which people get together to explore, talk about and celebrate their neighbourhoods. Edmonton is hosting several walks!
- To kick off the Jane's Walk weekend in Edmonton, Walk Edmonton and some of the local Jane's Walk Leaders will be hosting walks over the lunch hour starting at noon. Check the link for details on the launch location and walks.
- For more information, contact Julie Cournoyer or Ian Hosler at 780-944-5339 or [WalkEdmonton@edmonton.ca](mailto:WalkEdmonton@edmonton.ca)

**Opportunity To Host An Ageism Workshop**

- Is ageism a harmful social problem? Does ageism have stereotypes and if it does, what are they? Can health be improved and life extended with a more positive outlook toward ageing? Can we learn to respond more effectively when we encounter ageism?
- Your thoughts on this ism will make for a fascinating discussion.
- This workshop is 90 minutes in length and is offered free of charge to participants.
- If your organization is interested in hosting a workshop, contact Mary Whale of the Age Friendly Edmonton Ageism Hub for further information at [mary.whale@espcn.ca](mailto:mary.whale@espcn.ca) or 780-905-9880.

**Book A Geriactors & Friends Performance**

- The [GeriActors & Friends](#) produce original plays that focus on aging rather than age and celebrate our commonalities.
- Ranging in age from 24 to 88 years old, the GeriActors are seniors from Edmonton and area and the Friends are students and alumni from the University of Alberta.
- If you are interested in booking a performance this spring, or anytime in the future, contact Becca Barrington at 780-248-1556 or [geriactors.friends@gmail.com](mailto:geriactors.friends@gmail.com) .

### Unstructured Play Toolkit

- Our allies at the Canadian Public Health Association are proud to announce their brand new Unstructured Play Toolkit!
- Unstructured play is a child's right and is integral to healthy development. It is play where children follow their own ideas without a defined purpose or outcome.
- Unfortunately children's access to this type of play is increasingly limited.
- The goal of this project is to reduce this trend by providing tools and undertaking advocacy.

## STRENGTHENING YOUR ORGANIZATION & FUNDING RESOURCES

### **What to do after an AGM?**

Here are a few items to consider to start off your board term:

- File your [Annual Return](#) as a “Society” to Service Alberta (a.k.a. Corporate Registries), including a Notice of Special Resolution if you have passed new/amended Bylaws.
- Send updated board contact info to Service Alberta, EFCL, City of Edmonton (me!), and post on your website for your members
- Determine your new signing authorities and get them officially added to your bank account(s)
- Review organization goals/strategic plan, board job descriptions, annual budget, current projects with all board members
- Refresh your understanding of community leagues with the [EFCL's League Resource Guide](#)
- Refresh on general not-for-profit board member roles and responsibilities in the [booklets](#) or [tip sheets](#) from the Alberta Board Development program.

### Volunteer Connector

- is Edmonton's one-stop shop for volunteer opportunities
- Last year, the Edmonton Chamber of Voluntary Organizations (EVO) launched volunteerconnector.org in Edmonton and the site had 11,857 unique users in Edmonton.
- Were your opportunities on there for volunteers to find?
- This National Volunteer Week EVO will be running ads to promote Volunteer Connector and encourage it as the place Edmontonians can go to find volunteer opportunities.

### Techsoup Canada

- can connect non profit organizations to donated and discounted technologies

(e.g. Microsoft Office, Adobe and Bitdefender Antivirus) through their Technology Donations Program.

- Also provide resources such as monthly events, blogs, newsletters, as well as sharing content on nonprofit technology to equip you and your colleagues with technology tips and best practices.

## Funding

### [Alberta Government Anti-Racism Community Grant Program](#)

- will provide \$2 million to support grassroots initiatives that raise awareness and understanding of racism and its impact on all Albertans.
- This will also include funding to support anti-racism projects or initiatives specific to Indigenous people.
- Deadlines: March 1, 2019, June 1, 2019, September 1, 2019, December 1, 2019

## LEARNING & NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

### How Nonprofits Can Raise More Money Through Crowdfunding

Nonprofit Tech for Good April 16, 1 p.m. (Eastern) Free

- This [webinar](#) will walk through the basics of crowdfunding so that your nonprofit can utilize this growing fundraising method to bring in more money for your cause.
- Topics will include:
  - The difference between peer-to-peer fundraising and crowdfunding - and how you can use both in your fundraising campaign simultaneously
  - How to set up your nonprofit crowdfunding page
  - The power of social media to increase crowdfunding for your cause
  - How to thank your crowdfunding donors and fundraisers and inspire them to continue to give and fundraise for your cause

### [City of Edmonton's Planning Academy](#)

- offers a series of modules designed to provide a better understanding of the planning and development process in Edmonton
- consists of seven facilitated courses which are offered free of charge and open to anyone interested in learning about the growth and changes that Edmonton is experiencing.

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## RESOURCES

### 1. **The Park Bench e-NEWSLETTER:**

- Each month you will find information that celebrates and highlights City activities, events, programs and services for neighbourhoods in Edmonton. [Click here](#) to subscribe.

### 2. **Abundant Communities Edmonton**

- ACE is a neighbourhood engagement and community organizing approach that provides tools for neighbours to get to know each other on a block level.
- [Read about](#) how you can help your neighbourhood **[Strangers into Neighbours](#)** by becoming a part of Abundant Community Edmonton.

### 3. **Building Community Through Recreation**

- We support neighbourhoods and local organizations to utilize recreation to build community connections.
- [Click here](#) for information about upcoming Recreation Network events