



City of Edmonton

# NRC Report for May 2019

## Grandview Heights Community League

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## REMINDERS

### Neighbourhood Engagement

- Did you know that the City provides assistance and funding to residents, community groups and other organizations to help people connect and engage at the local level?
- If you have any questions, talk to your NRC

## WHAT'S NEW

### Community Gardens Handbook

- If you're a green-thumbed Albertan looking to start or improve a community garden, you're in luck!
- Alberta Health Services Registered Dietitians are pleased to share the updated Community Gardens Handbook: How to Start and Maintain a Garden.
- The handbook provides guidance to groups in Alberta who wish to start and maintain a community or school garden.

### City-on-the-Go

- Connect with the City when you're on the go using [these mobile apps](#).
- Apps are available for both Apple and Android devices.

### Big Bin Events

- The City of Edmonton hosts a number of Big Bin events throughout the year for residents to clean up their home and neighbourhood.
- Items that are not accepted for residential waste collection are accepted at no charge at these events. Some examples include broken furniture, non-working appliances, scrap wood and landscaping debris.
- [Click here](#) for more details and a list of upcoming events.

### **City of Edmonton [Outdoor Pools](#) and [Spray Parks](#)** (Note: web pages not yet updated for 2019)

- The City manages a total of 5 outdoor swimming pools.
- The outdoor pool season runs from late May to the September long weekend (exact dates to be determined; weather permitting).
- Admission is FREE of charge for the 2019 season.
- Spray parks are generally operational by the May long weekend with the season ending mid September.

## [NEXTGEN City Jam 2019](#)

**Community-building + like-minded people + live music = an epic celebration of volunteerism in YEG!**

- NEXTGEN is excited to announce that for NextGen City Jam 2019, they are partnering with Sonic 102.9! Your volunteer hours can get you onto the guest list for one day of your choice at Sonic Field Day.
- Starting May 1st, 2019, volunteer at an Edmonton charity or non-profit. Once you have 10 volunteer hours, you can sign up to get your name on the guest list for NextGen City Jam.
- Jam out to bands like July Talk, Sam Roberts, Hannah Georgas, Said the Whale, Grandson and more at Hawrelak Park on September 7th or 8th.
- You will also get the chance to hang out backstage, meet some of the musicians and meet a bunch of fellow Edmonton volunteers!
- NextGen City Jam is open to all ages, including under 18, and this is a kid friendly event!

## PROGRAMS, EVENTS & LICENSES

### **Kids Map YEG**

- These maps provide info about where to find a variety of child-friendly activities to do across the city.
- There are [Summer](#) and [Winter](#) versions of the map. (Note: the maps have not yet been updated for 2019)

### **[Root for Trees Fest](#)**

**Date:** Saturday, June 1, 2019

**Time:** 10am - 2pm

**Location:** [Goldbar Park, 10955 50 St](#)

- Join Root for Trees for our biggest, most tree-rrific family event of the year!
- Children who are 12 and under can register for the fun Tree-athlon - the only race of its kind in Edmonton!
- Take part in some fun activities and help us plant 1000 native trees, shrubs and wildflowers. There will be games, educational exhibitors, tree giveaways, crafts and much more!

### **[Bark in the Park](#)**

**Date:** Wednesday, May 15, 2019

**Time:** 4pm - 7pm

**Location:** [Terwillegar off-leash area parking lot, 10 Rabbit Hill Road](#)

- Join us for tree planting, weed pulling, and education on native and noxious species in the area. You can be part of keeping our parks fun and safe for all.
- Bring your pups! You and your best friend are welcome to join the Off-Leash Ambassadors and explore the exhibitor tables.

## PARKLAND USE & PROJECTS

### [Arbour Day in Edmonton](#)

**Date:** Friday, May 10, 2019

**Time:** 9:30am or 12:15pm

**Location:** [Whitemud Park, 13204 Fox Drive](#)

- Did you know that the first Arbor Day in the City of Edmonton was recognized in 1893 and that all Grade 1 students in Alberta have received a seedling tree since the 1950's?
- Were you one of these students or do you have a Grade 1 student that will be receiving a seedling this year?
- [Click here](#) for info about:
  - The types of seedlings provided to students
  - How to plant the seedlings
  - Places where you can plant the seedling if you don't have a yard
  - How to share your story about your Arbour Day tree

### **Child in the City World Conference Webinars**

- Child Friendly Edmonton has received videos of all recorded sessions at the Child in the City World Conference.
- For those of you working on park and playground projects, here are some sessions that might be of interest to you:
  - Co-creating public spaces with children – learning aspects and community impact
  - Designing for social inclusion exploring a Universal Design approach in urban playgrounds
  - Designing for Play: challenges and opportunities in 2018
- If you are interested in viewing these sessions, please contact [Child Friendly Edmonton](#)

## STRENGTHENING YOUR ORGANIZATION & FUNDING RESOURCES

### [Personal Information Protection Act](#)

- Have you ever wondered about the rules for collecting personal information of league members?
- The [Personal Information Protection Act](#) (PIPA) is Alberta's private sector privacy law.
- PIPA is consent based and allows organizations to collect personal information for reasonable purposes. It outlines what information organizations may collect, how it is collected, how it can be used and when it is appropriate to disclose.
- If you require additional information, you can contact the FOIP-PIPA helpdesk at: 780-427-5848

### [Alberta Board Member Essentials - Summer 2019 Session](#)

- The Alberta Board Member Essentials Program (ABME) was built by Albertans for Albertans, and is designed to support the growth of new and developing board members.
- ABME supports your growth in understanding nonprofits – not just from the lens of your organization, but also how you and your organization play a role in the larger social sector ecosystem.
- The full program is five weeks and consists of three online courses and two half-day in-person sessions. Online sessions take on average 3 hours each and are to be completed on the student's own time.
- Please note: Space is limited. Register early.

### [Canada's Volunteer Awards](#)

- Do you know a volunteer whose selflessness would be an inspiration to Canadians?
- Nominate them for Canada's Volunteer Awards, which recognizes the contributions of our country's most dedicated volunteers.
- The call for nominations is open until **June 21st**.

## GRANTS

### [Youth Environmental Engagement Grants](#)

- The Alberta Emerald Foundation provides micro-grants of up to \$500 to youth-led and youth-targeted environmental projects and initiatives.
- The project or initiative must be led by or targeted to individuals who are aged 25 years and under. Only group projects will be considered.
- Grants are only available for future projects, and cannot be backdated.
- Applications are reviewed on a monthly basis.

### [Young Edmonton Grants: Applications Now Open](#)

- The Edmonton Community Foundation has grants available for activities that are initiated, led, and organized by young Edmonton and area residents.
- Ideas and projects of all kinds are supported. The most important consideration is that the applicant is an Edmonton and area resident between the ages of 13 and 24 and is involved in the project's planning and execution.
- The applicant will need to partner with their school or a registered charity.
- Requests can be made for up to \$3,000.
- The next online application deadline is May 15 for projects occurring after July 1.
- Upcoming application deadlines include October 15, 2019 (for projects after December 1, 2019) and February 15, 2020 (for projects after April 1, 2020).

### [Rising Youth Micro-grants](#)

- TakingITGlobal (TIG) is looking for young people who are inspired with ideas and ready to take action through youth-led community service grants.
- Next application deadline: **June 30, 2019**.

### [Telus Foundation Sponsorships](#)

- Investing in the communities where we live and work is at the core of Telus' philosophy.
- Through Corporate Sponsorship, and Community Programming, they work hard to empower communities at home and abroad.
- Sponsorship proposals are reviewed quarterly in April, July, October and January.
- Next application deadline: **June 30, 2019**

## LEARNING & NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

### [Free Webinar: Anatomy of a Cyber Attack](#)

**Date:** May 14, 2019

**Time:** 2pm - 3pm(Eastern)

**Provided by:** Tech Impact

- Nonprofits are being targeted by sophisticated digital attacks at an unprecedented rate.
- This webinar will take a close look at exactly how these attacks work from end to end.  
Content includes:
  - How the attackers get into your systems in the first place
  - What they do once they're in
  - The mess they leave in their wake
  - What you need to do to clean up after an attack
  - What you can do to prevent attackers from accessing your systems
- The webinar will also dispel some common myths about IT security, and tell you exactly what you need to know to defend your organization against today's threats.

### **June is Block Party Month!**

- Host a neighbourhood block party as an opportunity for people to meet and get to know each other.
- The focus is on having fun but some communities find it a great way to work together on a neighbourhood project.
- [Click here](#) to find everything you wanted to know about hosting a block party in Edmonton, including a Neighbourhood Block Party Kit
- Don't forget about resources that are available to you via:
  - the ["Hello, Let's Eat!"](#) program (place settings and food service equipment)
  - the [Equipment Lending](#) program for non profits

### [Hello, How Are You? Campaign](#)

- Many people in Edmonton feel lonely and isolated, especially during the winter months when it may be hard for them to get outside. Isolation can have a negative effect on mental health and is increasingly impacting our senior population in Edmonton.
- Now that Spring has arrived and people are out walking in their neighbourhood or working in their yards, it's a great time to reconnect with or meet neighbours that you haven't seen over the winter.
- Connected communities:
  - Foster a sense of belonging

- Can help facilitate local social and recreation opportunities
- Reduce isolation and increase safety on the block
- [Let's Connect](#) provides some ideas about how to connect with others in your neighbourhood.

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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)**

- 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 turn [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.

