



NRC Report for June 2019

Grandview Heights Community League

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Pitch Your Project South Event Coming this September!

- The South district NRCs invite you to pitch a project idea at our upcoming Fall Pitch Your Project event
 - Date: Thursday, September 26, 2019
 - Time: 6pm - 9pm (dinner starts at 6:15pm)
 - Location: Terwilligar Community Church, 1751 Towne Centre Blvd NW, Edmonton, AB T6R 3N9
- These will be “Dragon’s Den” style pitches and will be voted on by your peers from Wards 5, 9, 10 & 12 who are in attendance.
- Each project can apply for up to **\$1000** in funding. The City of Edmonton will be funding up to a total of **\$7,000** toward community projects that evening.
- [Click here to register for the event](#)
- [Click here for more information](#)
- To make a pitch, ask your NRC for an application.

REMINDERS

Smoking & Cannabis Use in Public Areas

- Now that summer is almost upon us, please remember the rules about where you can and can’t smoke in public areas: this includes tobacco, vaping and cannabis.

Grass Mowing in Community League Rinks

- If you wish to have Park Operations mow the grass in your rink, please leave a gate/space of at least 7 feet for the ride-on mower to pass through.
- If you wish to keep your rink locked, please make arrangements with the Parks Ops staff by contacting 311 and asking to be connected to "turf mowing for your neighbourhood"
- Please remember that this service is not part of their regular mowing duties and is provided as a complimentary extra as time permits. Conditions such as weather or the availability of equipment may have an impact as to how often your rink is mowed.

WHAT'S NEW

New Participant Abundant Community Edmonton Workshops

- Abundant Community Edmonton (ACE) is a grassroots initiative fostering neighbour to

neighbour relationships. The goal - to cultivate a culture of care and connection, increased sense of belonging and inclusion, and ultimately create a more healthy and livable city - one block at a time.

- Are you interested in finding out more about Abundant Community and how you can start it on your block? Attend one of the following workshops for new participants:
 - Date: **Thursday, June 13**
 - Time: 6pm-8pm
 - Location: D'Amore's Mercato
4612 99th Street
 - Date: **Saturday, June 22**
 - Time: 10am-12pm
 - Location: TBD
- To register, email abundantcommunityedmonton@edmonton.ca. Refreshments provided.

[Priceless Fun Guide - Spring & Summer 2019](#)

- Find FREE or low cost arts and culture, sport and recreation, events, and leisure opportunities.
- Paper copies available at recreation & leisure centres, public libraries, and City offices. Downloadable PDF version will be available soon at edmonton.ca/programguides.

[Youth Transit Resource Guide](#)

- This guide is geared toward youth and lists places they can go to meet others, learn about fun events and access programs and resources. Services and resources are located near major transit terminals.
- Click [here](#) to download a digital copy.

June is Recreation & Parks Month: Receive a free JRPM toolkit for your community

- The Alberta Recreation and Parks Association (ARPA) believes in the power of recreation and parks, and they want Alberta to know it!
- Their goal is for Albertans to recognize June is Recreation and Parks Month (JRPM) and to participate by getting outdoors and being active.
- To spread the word, they're looking for ambassadors to celebrate JRPM in their communities. [Sign up as an ambassador](#) for free and receive their digital toolkit and a limited supply of 3"x 3" JRPM logo stickers while supplies last.

[Safety is the point: Needle Disposal Campaign Kicks Off](#)

Let's face it: no one likes to see needles on the ground. But do you always know what to do should you find one? It depends!

- If you see a needle in a public space (park, alley, sidewalk), call 3-1-1 or report it using the 311 App. City staff aim to collect and dispose of the needle(s) within 2 hours of the call between 8am and 4pm, 7 days a week.
- But what if you find a needle on your property? Check the link above for step-by-step instructions to help you safely collect the needle.

[Spot It Report It Remove It](#)

The City of Edmonton is on the hunt for noxious weeds asking residents to SPOT, REPORT and REMOVE invasive weeds from their property and urban natural areas. These plants can:

- Grow and spread quickly, invading crops and entire ecosystems
- Out compete our native plants
- Infest streams, riverbanks and waterways
- Reduce native biodiversity

The City of Edmonton's Outreach Team will be visiting Garden Centres and going door to door this summer to help residents learn about how they can participate in the campaign.

PROGRAMS, EVENTS & LICENSES

Permits for Events on City Parkland (including in Community League licensed areas)

- For those of you who are planning outdoor events, please be aware that permits are required if:
 - You are hosting an event that has more than 50 attendees, or
 - You are using some type of vendor at the event (e.g. wagon rides, inflatables, food service, portable toilets, fireworks, tents, etc.)
- Important: This **includes** events that are held on licensed areas, such as Community League licensed areas from the Tripartite Agreement.
- If you are planning an outdoor event, please complete the [permit application](#) at least **4 weeks prior** to the event date.

[Play Streets Guide](#)

- The idea of a Play Street is to bring neighbours together and allow use of a space which is not normally inviting for celebration or play.
- The City supports Play Streets through planning, operational and permitting support. Explore the new how-to guide for organizing a play street on your block!

Run Walk Ride for Vision Zero

- **June 8, 2019** at Concordia University along Ada Boulevard to Rundle Park
- This fun, family-friendly event is all about promoting the importance of traffic safety in our community for everyone: pedestrians, cyclists, motorcyclists and drivers. Join the 2k or 5k run/walk, 10k run and 10k family-fun cycle event.
- [Vision Zero](#) is the long-term goal of zero traffic fatalities and serious injuries. Net proceeds from the race benefit the Memorial and Traffic Safety Fund which helps to support traffic safety research and community traffic-safety initiatives.
- For more information go to edmonton.ca/runwalkride



National Indigenous Peoples' Day

- In Canada, **June 21** is designated as [National Indigenous Peoples Day](#), a celebration of Indigenous Peoples' culture and heritage. This date was chosen because it corresponds to the summer solstice, the longest day of the year, and because for generations, many Indigenous Peoples' groups have celebrated their culture and heritage at this time of year.
- National Indigenous Peoples Day is a wonderful opportunity to become better acquainted with the cultural diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples; and to discover the unique accomplishments of Indigenous Peoples.
- On **June 22, 2019**, the [Edmonton's Indigenous Peoples Festival](#) will fill the Edmonton Expo Centre! First Nation, Métis and Inuit peoples and cultures will be celebrated through interactive experiences, cultural demonstrations, artisans, cuisine and live concerts.

[YEGyouth Summer Events](#)

- 8 free city-wide youth events, one per week for July and August!
- For all of the events, you can sign up in advance, drop-in, or make your way down with one of our many YEGyouth leaders!

[City of Edmonton Summer Camps](#) - It's not too late to register!

- With hundreds of camps offered across the city in recreation centres, neighbourhoods, and river valley parks, there is always something close to home. With camp themes ranging from sports to outdoor adventure to science to arts, there is sure to be something for every interest.

PARKLAND USE & PROJECTS

[Free Mulch Program](#)

- The City of Edmonton is happy to provide wood chips free to citizens for their yards. Please note the program is dependent on availability of mulch. The wood chips are local, disease free, and a great way to keep moisture in your planting beds.
- Pick up locations include:
 - **Ambleside Eco Station** - 14710 Ellerslie Road SW
 - **Kennedale Eco Station** - 5355 127 Avenue NW
- Please call 311 to ensure there is an adequate supply before making your trip.

[Root for Trees Initiative](#)

- This initiative focuses on increasing tree planting within the city through continued partnerships with businesses, individual residents, and community groups.
- The annual target of this initiative is to plant an additional 45,000 trees.
- Celebrate trees at our special events and participate in our tree planting initiatives.
- Some of the cool programs/activities you can get involved in include:
 - [Have Shovel Will Travel](#) - Self-guided tree planting events for small groups, families or individuals.
 - [Guided Tree Planting](#) - We provide you with an event facilitator and everything

your group needs for planting. Book now.

Partners in Parks

- Do you enjoy gardening? Is there a natural area you would like to steward? Edmonton's parks are full of plant life that needs tending. Become a Partner in Parks and share your passion for plants with all Edmontonians!
- By maintaining a flower bed, a cul-de-sac island, or a bit of parkland you can help to keep Edmonton a beautiful, green and clean place to live.

City of Edmonton Pest Management Program

- Have you ever been curious as to where the City is applying pesticides on a particular day and for what purpose?
- Two new tools will show citizens where City crews plan to apply pesticides as well as where crews have already treated for mosquitoes: [The Pesticide Public Notification Map](#) and GPS technology to record where helicopter and truck crews have treated for mosquitoes.
- The City's pest management programs help control the spread of noxious and prohibited noxious weeds, invasive tree insects, mosquitoes and other types of pests and weeds.
- The City focuses on minimizing the use of pesticides while ensuring the maximum effectiveness of its pest management programs.

STRENGTHENING YOUR ORGANIZATION & FUNDING RESOURCES

Introduction to Board Governance Workshop

- The Government of Alberta's Board Development Program (BDP) offers multi-board training in the form of Introduction to Board Governance Workshops.
- These workshops are for individual board volunteers and staff from any non-profit organization as well as anyone generally interested in governance. They allow you to share proven successful ideas from other boards that have gone through similar situations.
- **Tuesday, June 18** and **Tuesday, June 25**, 2019 in Edmonton
 - Time: 9am-2pm
 - Location: Commonwealth Stadium, 11000 Stadium Road
 - Register on [Eventbrite](#) using the password "Board Governance"

Alberta Recreation and Parks Association (ARPA) Awards

- Do you know someone who works tirelessly in your community? Are you aware of an incredible project that deserves recognition?
- Nominate an individual or initiative for an ARPA Award and say thank you!
- Award winners will be honoured in front of the parks and recreation sector at the ARPA Conference/ATRA Symposium this fall.
- Check out the list of awards, and use their easy online nomination process!
- Deadline: **June 30**

Community League Tripartite Agreement

- Are you curious about what your league can and can't do on their licenced area?
- The EFCL breaks it down into plain language on their [website](#).

LEARNING & NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

City Plan Public Engagement

- What choices do we need to make to be a healthy, urban, and climate resilient city of two million people that supports a prosperous region? The [City Plan](#) and Zoning Bylaw Renewal are hosting a series of public engagement events in June 2019, inviting Edmontonians to explore the choices our city faces as we grow to two million people.
- Each event features opportunities to learn about the City Plan and upcoming Zoning Bylaw Renewal, and to help develop the direction of the new City Plan.
- Event dates include:
 - **June 5**, Drop-in 6pm-9pm, Workshop 7pm-8:30pm @ Mill Woods Senior & Multicultural Centre
 - **June 10**, Drop-in 5pm-8pm, Workshop 6pm-7:30pm @ Abbottsfield Recreation Centre
 - **June 12**, Drop-in 6pm-9pm, Workshop 7pm-8:30pm @ The Pride Centre of Edmonton
 - **June 14**, Drop-in 1pm-4pm, Workshop 2pm-3:30pm @ Jasper Place Library
 - **June 18**, Drop-in 6pm-9pm, Workshop 7pm-8:30pm @ Chappelle Gardens Residents Association
- Please [register](#) if you would like to attend one of the workshops. Registration is not required for drop-in participants. Refreshments will be provided.

[Webinar: Creating Connections to and through the North Saskatchewan River Valley](#)

- **June 18, 2019**, 10am - 11am (Registration is closed the day prior at 2pm MST)
- The River Valley Alliance's vision is to develop a world-class continuous and connected regional trail system along the North Saskatchewan River Valley from Devon to Fort Saskatchewan, and in doing so, improve quality of life through access and enjoyment of the river valley.
- Communities ChooseWell welcomes the RVA to discuss their recent success and future plans for creating a single river valley park system.

CONTACT INFO

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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.