

NRC Report for October 2019

Grandview Heights Community League

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REMINDERS

Community Investment Operating Grant

- The City of Edmonton Community Investment Operating Grant (CIOG) program provides operating assistance to Edmonton's non-profit organizations whose activities benefit citizens of Edmonton.
- The application period for the 2020 CIOG is now open. Deadline for submitting your application is October 9, 2019.

Eco Station hours extended this fall

- The City's four Eco Stations will be open from 9am to 6:30pm seven days a week, from September 29 to November 9. These extended hours will help make it more convenient for Edmontonians to drop off yard waste, household hazardous waste, batteries and more, for free.
- This is a great opportunity to divert more waste from the landfill! Many items, like batteries and other household hazardous waste, are recycled or disposed of properly to minimize risk to people and the environment. Yard waste is composted at the City's outdoor compost cure site.
- For locations, applicable fees and more information, visit edmonton.ca/ecostations.

WHAT'S NEW

Ice Making Workshop

When: Thursday, November 14, 2019, 6pm-9pm

Where: Belvedere Community League Hall, 13223 62 St NW

Cost: Free!

- Join us to learn how to make great ice and do routine maintenance of outdoor rinks.
- Please note that registration is limited - maximum of 2 people per organization.
- Dress for the weather as part of the training will be outdoors.
- A light supper will be provided.
- For more information or to let us know about dietary restrictions, please email shannon.murray@edmonton.ca.

2019 Municipal Census Results

- Did you know that the 2019 Municipal Census results are now available online? Results can be viewed by ward, neighbourhood, or city-wide.

Citizen Dashboard: City by the Numbers

- How many potholes has the City filled so far? Are DATS buses arriving on time these days? How many rescued pets get returned to owners? Answers to these and many other questions are featured in statistical detail on Edmonton's [Citizen Dashboard](#). It gives Edmontonians access to the latest data on a wide range of municipal services and a timely look at how we're building one of North America's great capital cities.

PROGRAMS, EVENTS & LICENSES

City of Edmonton Programs and Activities

Fall is here and with it comes a huge variety of things to do for adults, children, seniors, families, community groups, and schools. Check out below what the City has to offer. Maybe you'll even find an activity that your community league can offer as a special event for your members to enjoy together!

- [Rec Centres Fall Guide \(Sept - Dec\)](#)
Fitness classes, swimming lessons, programs, camps, and facility information at City recreation centres.
- [Fall in the City \(Sept - Dec\)](#)
This guide showcases arts, culture, history and nature at City of Edmonton attractions. Check out the cool holiday activities, birthday parties, and programs and events.
- [Central Lions Seniors Association Programs](#)
Central Lions provides a welcoming and supportive environment for everyone 55 and older to participate in recreation, education and social programs, as well as events that enrich the body, mind and spirit.
- [River Valley Programs/Outdoor Pursuits](#)
Spend some quality time learning a new skill that will stay with you for the rest of your life. River Valley Programs provides outdoor pursuit programs to community groups, Edmonton and area schools, corporations and the general public.
- [Drop In Activities/Programs](#)
Feeling spontaneous? The City of Edmonton offers a variety of drop-in activities, with no registration required. Simply look up the schedule for when these offerings are available and drop in.
- [Year Round Green Shack](#)
Join in on games, sports, crafts, music, drama and special events min a playground near you. A complete list of activities and special events are posted on the side of Green Shacks each week.

Halloween Activities and Events

- Did you know that Halloween has been celebrated in Edmonton since the 1880s? Check out the **City Archives Exhibit** ["Halloween in Edmonton: 1900-1950"](#) for cool facts about

and pictures of costumes, trick or treating, Halloween icons, pranking and more.

- **Fort Edmonton Park** offers 2 events:
 - [DARK](#) returns from October 10th to November 1st to terrorize mortals for another year. Bigger, scarier, and darker. Rated 14A.
 - [Dead Centre of Town XII](#) runs from October 10th – November 1st. It is NOT a haunted house, but it will haunt you long after you leave the Park. Rated 14A.
- **The Valley Zoo** is hosting these 2 spooky activities:
 - [Little Boo at the Zoo](#) (Ages 2-5 & Adult) - Sat, Oct. 26 9:30-11am or 1-2:30pm
Come celebrate Halloween at the Zoo! We'll visit some creatures that come out at night, and meet a few critters up close. Bring your favourite costume and join us on our Halloween adventure! Adults joining the participating child should be prepared to take part in the activities.
 - [Boo at the Zoo](#) Sunday, October 27, 2019, 11am-4pm
Get Closer... Be not afraid this Halloween! Wear your coolest costume, bring your reusable trick-or-treat bags, and "get closer" to the spooky wonders of the animal kingdom. Hands-on science experiments, crafts, an extinct animal graveyard, and a witch's den are just some of the fun activities that will make this Halloween one to remember!

Wild Rose Ramblers Walking Group

- The Wild Rose Ramblers meet every Tuesday at 9:30am. Volunteer leaders will guide you through walks in various natural locations and will share their knowledge of the area.
- This is an excellent opportunity to meet new people, explore new spaces and enjoy the fresh air and time outside.
- Please visit John Janzen Nature Centre to purchase a \$20 Wild Rose Ramblers membership (valid for 6 months) — your membership dollars go directly to the Edmonton Nature Centres Foundation. With your membership, you will receive a list of upcoming walks and a membership card. Please contact 311 for more info.

Joy in Nature Contest Open Until November 30, 2019

- Every year, the Joy in Nature contest provides four outdoor education prize packages to groups of youth in Alberta. The goal of the contest is to encourage youth-serving organizations to create experiential learning that promotes physical activity in nature, and outdoor environmental education.
- Winning groups receive an unforgettable adventure experience in the Rocky Mountains, including one-night free accommodations, interpretive programming and an outdoor activity! Applications will be accepted until November 30, 2019.

STRENGTHENING YOUR ORGANIZATION & FUNDING RESOURCES

TOP 10 Things Boards of Directors Do

FREE e-book from Nonprofit Library

- Have you been asked to join a nonprofit board and are not sure how to respond?
- Are you already on a board and wondering if you're on the right track?

- This helpful ebook will discuss role expectations of nonprofit board members and put you on track for success.

[League's Alive Conference](#)

- The Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues (EFCL) is hosting their annual full-day board development conference on October 26, 2019 at the [Robbin's Health Learning Centre](#) at MacEwan University.
- The day will have a total of 3 training sessions, a networking session, and lunch. Bring your whole board to develop the skills and common language highly successful boards need. Register [here](#).

[Edmonton Heritage Council Workshop: Organizational Sustainability](#)

When: Monday, October 21, 2019, 6:30 – 8:30pm

Cost: Free

- Planning successful projects and strategies has so many factors to consider. This workshop will share a whole picture approach to project planning that can be applied more broadly to organizational planning. It starts with your community and the change and needs they want.
- To register, send your name, contact details, and a short expression of interest to the EHC Grants Coordinator, Soni Dasmohapatra, at sdasmohapatra@edmontonheritage.ca. Please note that there is maximum participation of 25 people.

LEARNING & NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

[Neighbourhood Recreation Networks](#)

- We are excited to be hosting another session of eight Building Community Through Recreation network events across the city this fall. Network event discussion dates, times, locations and topics are now posted on [Eventbrite](#).
- You are welcome to attend any or all of the events. [Click here](#) for more information.

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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