

Grandview Heights Community League

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Messages to our Communities

Community Connections while Maintaining Physical Distancing

As we support each other during this time of change and uncertainty, we are reminded that while physical distancing is needed to protect our health, not being social is challenging. In fact, social connection is critical to our wellbeing and feelings of safety and security. Edmontonians seem to understand this. Neighbours around our city are reaching out to one another on their block to strengthen connections amongst each other and build new ones. Stay home and connect with your neighbours, family and friends via phone and other ways:

- Community Cards left in doors or mailboxes offering help if needed
- Themed Window Walks
- Social Media (i.e. FaceBook, Instagram, Skype, WhatsApp, NextDoor, Communibee, etc.) to stay connected
- Offer virtual tutoring sessions for students going back to school online

For more ideas, [click here](#).

Host Meetings Virtually

In light of the recent AHS recommendations surrounding group gatherings, and with the knowledge that community league AGM season is upon us, Neighbourhood Services and the EFCL would like to provide information that Leagues can use to guide their AGM planning, or any other large meeting you need to hold (no more than 15 people).

For any AGM's or meetings that are approaching, we recommend that you do not meet in person and you hold meetings virtually. This includes via video-conferencing (Google Hangouts, Zoom or teleconference). EFCL is currently in conversations with the province around an ability for leagues to delay AGMs until June 30th, however in the meantime virtual meetings have been cleared with Registries. See the links below to explore some virtual platforms:

- [EFCL Hosted Virtual Meeting Instructions](#)
- [Zoom Tutorial](#)
- [Google Hangout Tutorial](#)

Playgrounds & Spray Parks

For your protection and safety, city-owned playgrounds are currently closed. [Read More](#)

Keep Your Community Buildings, Green Space & Structures Safe

A reminder to all community league groups to do regular check-ins on your halls and any other buildings on your property during this time of reduced activity at your community buildings. This will ensure that you are protecting the asset and meeting your insurance coverage requirements by checking to see that the heat is on where needed, all unnecessary water supplies are shut off, regular monitoring of unwanted pests (i.e. mice, insects, etc), and that no thefts or vandalism have occurred.

2020/2021 Community League Swim Updates

For all those that have already completed the application form thank you for your prompt responses! For those who have yet to complete the form, you can do so using [this link](#).

Please note that the **Confederation Leisure Centre** is slated to be closed from August, 2020 to June, 2021 for maintenance. Due to this tentative closure, groups that historically use Confederation are encouraged to let Aquatic Bookings know which alternate facilities you wish to use, or in the event of the closure if you would like to not participate in community league swim this season. Confederation will remain on the sheets for now, until such a time as it is confirmed to be closing for the season. Once Aquatic Bookings has confirmation one way or another, historical and interested groups will be contacted.

City Events

Bookings & Events at City Rec Centres, Leisure Centres & Attraction Facilities

All City of Edmonton sports centres, recreation centres, leisure centres, arenas, attraction facilities and seniors centres are closed until further notice. The City is therefore cancelling, effective immediately, all bookings and events in City operated sports centres, recreation centres, leisure centres, arenas, attraction facilities, and seniors centres until further notice. Please note that our focus at this time is communicating this message out to all of our customers impacted by this directive. More information will be communicated out in the near future with respect to refunds.

Festivals & Neighbourhood Events in Edmonton - Public Event Restrictions

Alberta Health Services (AHS) has announced that all gatherings of more than 15 people will be cancelled. This includes conferences, worship gatherings and family events such as weddings and funerals. AHS recommended risk mitigation steps for other events under 15 attendees (for example, sanitizer and social distancing between attendees). The City is therefore canceling events that are over 15 attendees in City operated facilities, parks, open spaces and roads until further notice. Please continue to check edmonton.ca/COVID-19 for up-to-date information. **If your event is anticipated to have over 15 attendees, your booking/permit is cancelled.** At this time, we will not be re-booking any groups. We appreciate your understanding in this evolving situation.

We encourage you to review the following resources with information specific to mass gatherings:

[Government of Alberta](#)

[Government of Canada](#)

[World Health Organization: Planning document](#)

[World Health Organization: Public Health for Mass Gatherings](#)

As this situation changes, we will keep you informed. Information about the City's response can be found on our [COVID-19](#) page.

Grants & Funding

2020 Community League Operating Grants

Due to the ongoing situation around COVID-19 and the restrictions on large gatherings, your board may not be able to supply current AGM minutes with your Community League Operating Grant application. We are waiving the requirement for those minutes, and instead ask that you include a letter with your application regarding your difficulty in hosting a meeting.

If you have any other questions regarding the Community League Operating Grant, or any other concerns regarding the grant process, please email grants@edmonton.ca.

Provincial Emergency Covid-19 Funding For Non-profit, Charitable, and Civil Society Organizations (distributed by the City of Edmonton)

Community leagues will be eligible for funding if they are providing programs and services directly related to COVID19 and meet the eligibility criteria established by the Ministry of Community and Social Services. [Read More](#)

Use of Gaming Funds (AGLC)

AGLC updates their Use of Proceeds Criteria during Covid-19. For more information read [FAQ](#) or visit the [AGLC website](#).

Neighbourhood Engagement Funding

To comply with the Alberta public health emergency restrictions on mass gatherings and risk mitigation strategies, [Neighbourhood Engagement funding applications](#) will continue to be reviewed and considered under the regular process and criteria; however applications that include aspects or elements of neighbourhood and communal gatherings are on hold at this time, and will not be processed due to the COVID-19 pandemic precautions. We will continue to support applications which apply innovative methods of engaging neighbours to support community development.

Learning Opportunities

[Webinar: Addressing Global Issues Starts with Community](#)

Date: May 4, 2020

Time: 11:00 - 12:00 pm MST

Overview: When governments and agencies partner with the community, new possibilities emerge and the impact can be exponentially greater even when addressing global issues such as climate change and pandemics. Join Jim Diers and Cathy Urquhart as they explore the power of partnering with neighbourhoods.

[EFCL Pop Up Workshops](#)

The Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues offers regular Pop-Up Workshops. Their goal is to share best practices, tips and resources to make your job easier. Check out the wide

variety of pop-up workshops [here](#).

Resources

COVID-19 Resources

[211](#)

211 has created a Google Sheet with a [summary of COVID-19 resources](#) in Alberta, with a specific tab for Edmonton resources. See the tabs along the bottom for regionally specific information.

[Edmonton Seniors Coordinating Council](#)

In an effort to support seniors during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Edmonton Seniors Coordinating Council has developed a COVID-19 resource web page, which will be maintained and updated regularly in the coming weeks. This page includes updates from seniors' organizations and information to support seniors and their families during this challenging time.

[Multilingual Resources](#)

For immigrants, refugees, and newcomers, information about the COVID-19 pandemic has been translated into different languages for ease of access.

[COVID-19 Volunteer Resources For Organizations](#)

Volunteer Canada is gathering and sharing resources for groups to develop strategies related to volunteer engagement, community engagement, and continuity planning.

[Beware of COVID Fraud](#)

This bulletin released by the Government of Canada details scams that have arisen from the COVID-19 pandemic. Currently, opportunistic fraudsters want to profit from consumers' fears, uncertainties and misinformation. Fraudsters are exploiting the crisis to facilitate fraud and cyber crime. This bulletin provides helpful information about reported scams so you can take precautions to protect yourself.

General Resources

- [Events on Parkland- General Information](#)
- [Parkland Event Application](#)
- [Event Equipment Loaning Policy & Process](#)
- [Approved Vendors](#)
- [Grants & Funding List - 2020](#)