

Hello Grandviewites!

Hope you all had a great long weekend. This newsletter is packed with upcoming events and important items, please read to the end!

Upcoming Events

- Saturday, May 27th – Big Bin Event/Pick Up & Chow Down
- Saturday, June 3rd – Grandview Heights Community AGM
- Tuesday, June 27th – Grandview Summer Party

Big Bin Event/Pick Up & Chow Down

This Saturday, May 27th, we will have our annual community clean up followed by light brunch and refreshments. Please meet at the Community Hall at 10am. Brick Scavenger Hunt is back as well!

There will also be a Big Bin in the parking lot from 8am - 4pm. We are no longer collecting items for donations as we could not coordinate and secure a non-profit for this event.



Join us for our annual

PICK UP & CHOW DOWN
SATURDAY MAY 27TH

10 am Community Cleanup
11am Light brunch and refreshments
Brick Scavenger Hunt with prizes!

Big Bin available in
Grandview School Parking Lot
8am - 4pm

Community AGM

Please join us on Saturday, June 3rd at 2pm in the Community Hall. We will have light snacks and refreshments.

We will also be electing members to fill positions on the Grandview Heights Community League Board which are essential to making our community a great place to live. Not all contributions require being on the Board. Throughout the year, volunteers are needed to help with specific projects/social events. Please feel free to approach any Board Member if this might be of interest to you.

Volunteer or ask any questions by emailing: board@grandviewcommunity.ca

West 240 Open House

The next meeting is June 7th from 5-8pm at the Alfred H. Savage Centre.

They have prepared a “what we heard” last open houses that is now on their website:

<https://west240.site/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/West-240-Engagement-Summary-Phase-1-April-2023.pdf>



Summer Party

Join us on the Last Day of School (Tuesday, June 27th) from 5-9pm to welcome summer with a big bash!



Tennis Program

We are so excited to once again to partner with Edmonton Junior Tennis Society (EJTS) and offer kids tennis programs on Saturdays. EJTS will also offer beginner & intermediate adult tennis programs.

EJTS is a non-profit society which is focused on introducing tennis to kids as a fun sport which can be enjoyed by players of all ages. Please visit their website: <https://edmontonjuniortennis.com/summer-2023-outdoor-program-schedule/>

Saturdays at Grandview Heights Tennis Courts - June 18th - August 19th (6 wks)

- 9:00 am-10:00 am **TOTS (ages 4-5)**
- 9:00 am-10:00 am **U7 (ages 6-7)**
- 10:00 am-11:00 am **U9 (ages 8-9)**
- 11:00 am-12:00 pm **10+ (ages 10-15)**
- 12:00 pm-1:00 pm **BEGGINER ADULTS**
- 1:00 pm-2:00 pm **INTERMEDIATE ADULTS**

For more information and to register for the EJTS kids and adults programs at Grandview, please contact Marius lordache at 780-993-8789 or at mariusgabi@yahoo.com.

Smarter Infill Edmonton

The Edmonton Journal published an Opinion Piece by Smarter Infill Edmonton, "Edmontonians need more say on neighbourhood zoning," <https://edmontonjournal.com/opinion/columnists/opinion-edmontonians-need-more-say-on-neighbourhood-zoning-changes>. The opinion piece highlights a public engagement process on the Draft Zoning Bylaw that began years ago, but has been dominated and largely informed by industry lobby groups who have met regularly with city administration to ensure the new Zoning Bylaw removes cost barriers, reduces red tape for permitting and maximizes development outcomes for industry to enable infill redevelopment. Their focus has been on increasing density to achieve growth, which Smarter Infill supports.

There has been little consideration or attempts to use the Zoning Bylaw to mitigate potential for negative environmental and social impacts to current and future residents and the neighbourhoods in which they live. We need to build climate resilient, healthy, livable and affordable neighbourhoods as we increase density. What the city is offering as public engagement has left citizens and communities on the outside looking. They must read, understand and respond to the 850 page Refined Draft Zoning Bylaw or to attend one of two information sessions to provide feedback before May 31. The lack of time for Refine Level Engagement on the Refined Draft and online tools of engagement on such a transformational planning process as the creation of a new Zoning Bylaw is insufficient.

Smarter Infill is not opposed to a new Zoning Bylaw or infill redevelopment to increase density. We are in favour of providing the public with an open, fair, considerate and equitable engagement process. We want to ensure the city receives input from a neighbourhood perspective. We want regulations that will not just increase density, but that ensure there is consideration to how every redeveloped site is climate resilience and future housing is affordable. Here is a link to Smarter Infill Edmonton's May 15, 2023 updated PowerPoint including the complete set of slides shared at both the April 22 and May 13 meetings, https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1K8iY6D3eLa9gqzQ-5SLBEG1By3Ug07LG/edit?usp=share_link&oid=110057275328076059225&rtpof=true&sd=true.

Here are links to an article and tweet by Councillor Janz on May 17. ([How many trees is your car worth](#)) [Janz Tweet](#). Unquestionably we need to reduce carbon emissions by encouraging alternative transportation and reducing emissions, but we must also preserve and protect the mature private urban

forest and provide sufficient room for new larger trees to thrive if trees must be removed during redevelopment. The World Green Building Council - Bringing Embodied Carbon Upfront Report, https://worldgbc.s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/22123951/WorldGBC_Bringing_Embodied_Carbon_Upfront.pdf, which provides evidence based data about the enormous hidden cost carbon footprint of the construction industry amounting to 39% of carbon emissions world-wide. The city must acknowledge this and develop policy and zoning regulations to reduce the carbon footprint related to infill redevelopment.

We want to hear from you and help you as we are able. Please contact us with your feedback and questions at smarterinfill.yeg@gmail.com or visit <https://smarterinfill.yeg.ca/> to find out more.

Safety & Traffic Update for 62 Ave.

Submitted by Sandra Marin

It was just over 2 years ago that I volunteered with our Community League Board to be a champion with the City about traffic and safety concerns in our neighborhood. Phase one of neighborhood revitalization was complete and Phase two was well underway. Because of this the primary focus for my conversations with the city were speeding and safety concerns along 62 Ave, between 129th street and Grandview Drive.

Thank you to all Grandview residents, particularly those on 62 Ave between 129th and 132 street for their support, interest and engagement on this topic. I know that the wheels of change grind slowly, slower than we would like, but there has been some movement.

The Goal: We are a diverse community with residents of all ages and abilities. We want to ensure that everyone, regardless of age and ability feels comfortable and safe when they are out and about in our neighborhood; whether that be walking, cycling, rolling or driving.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED

October 2021- Marked Crosswalks Review

One community suggestion was to have raised crosswalks along 62 Ave. In October of 2021 the City of Edmonton conducted a cross walk review along 62 Ave and 127th, 128th and 129th streets. These intersections were chosen because of their proximity to the school.

A count was conducted twice a day, for 6 weekdays, from 7 – 9 a.m. and again from 3- 5 p.m. Marked, raised crosswalks are considered when there are at least 15 – 20 crossings during the 2 hour windows. Our numbers fell short at 5-10 per audit period.

The City will consider conducting another review when / if circumstances change.

April 2022- Community Walk About

After months of trying to get City officials to come on site to see our concerns and engage in meaningful conversation, success was finally achieved in April 2022. Five employees of the City including The Director of Safe Mobility, two of her staff and two city planners, plus our councillor M. Janz visited and walked our neighborhood. Getting this type of representation from the City is unusual and significant.

Driver Feedback Sign – June 2022

As a result of the April walk about, a driver feedback sign (DFS) was installed on 62 Ave. westbound, near 130th street. Since then the city has been able to capture speed and traffic volume data. In March of 2023, Lori Kraus and I had a virtual meeting with Community Activator Mandi Friesen to review the data and discuss next steps. Data listed below is from June 2022 to January 2023.

Key Findings

- Typical traffic volume for the city is 1000 vehicles a day for a local road. On average, there were 370 vehicles per day recorded at the 62 Avenue / 130th St. DFS.
- 62 Ave between 124th and 127th St. carries 807 vehicles/day.
- 31% of drivers are following the speed limit of 40km/hr as they approach the sign, and this improves to 63% of drivers after they see the sign.
- The DFS found that 80% of drivers are traveling 45 km/hr or lower *after* they see the sign.
- The speed breakdown of the vehicles is as follows:
 - 63.6% of drivers are going below 40 km/h
 - 18% travel at speeds higher than 40 km/h but lower than 45 km/h,
 - 11.6% travel at speeds higher than 45 km/h but lower than 50
 - 4.8% travel at speeds higher than 50 km/h but lower than 55 km/h,
 - 2% travel at speeds higher than 55 km/h

NEXT STEPS

- We have requested a temporary driver feedback sign be installed along 62 Ave. eastbound. Due to the high demand for these signs, it may take 4-5 months before it is installed.
- Community signs that are part of Vision Zero will be ordered and put up again this spring / summer. I don't have a delivery date yet but will let the community know when they arrive.
- The City is currently reviewing its strategy about providing signage to promote the 40 km speed limit. Depending on the decision, additional signage may become available to our community. I will follow up with Safe Roads Edmonton in July / August about this. Stay tuned.

HOW TO HELP

At this time, the city is not considering any further measures but we still have some tools at our disposal.

- The most important one is to be a good role model. Drive to or under the speed limit; it is contagious.
 - Alleys have a 20 km/hr maximum speed limit
 - Maximum speed limit near the school is 30 km/hr
 - Maximum speed limit elsewhere in Grandview is 40 km / hr
- If you have a new driver in your household encourage safe driving habits.
- Keep the topic alive. Thank your neighbors for their care and attention.
- If you see a commercial vehicle driving unsafely report it to the company's office.
- Express your concerns to our councilor Michael Janz by phone: 780-496-8146, by email: Michael.janz@edmonton.ca and copy our Civics Director Lori Kraus
- Concerns may also be submitted to the Edmonton Police Service at trafficcomplaints@edmontonpolice.ca
- In the different but somewhat related category.....Development of the West240 is coming. There appears to be interest from the city and developers in allowing vehicle access from the West240 directly into Grandview. If that is true, and it happens, it will dramatically increase

traffic and safety concerns in our Community. Early, frequent and consistent input from residents may make a difference. Stay informed and engaged about this.

Thanks for your consideration and contribution to making our neighborhood a safe one for everyone.

Membership

Membership will be available for purchase at the AGM. Alternatively:

1. Online at <https://efcl.org/membership-purchase/> however, there will be a \$5 admin fee.
2. A cheque made to Grandview Heights Community League, no fee but you will have to contact Marius to arrange for cheque pick up and membership card drop off.

If you have any other questions, please contact Marius Iordache, Membership Director, at membership@grandviewcommunity.ca

Community Hall/Rink Updates

Spring is here and so our weeding project to further beautify the communal space has also began. If you are interested in helping to weed and plant perennials, we are always looking for volunteers - this project will continue as long as the weather holds out. What a great way to get some fresh air and give back to our flourishing community. Please contact Alana Chwaklinski at alanakim@hotmail.com for more info on how you can get involved!!!

Special Olympics has rented our outdoor rink for soccer practice Saturday mornings from 10:30am-11:30am starting May 27th and running until July 22nd (no programs on long weekends)!

Neighborhood Care

Spring is here! Please be mindful of our yards including new boulevards adjacent to our homes. Regular maintenance of keeping the grass and trees healthy and neat goes a long way to keeping Grandview beautiful!

Please join our neighborhood [Facebook Page](#) to be up to date on community news and events. Thank you for reading and have a great day!