

Grandview Heights Community League Newsletter

December 2024

Grandview Heights Rink is Now Open!

Thanks to the staff and volunteers – and Mother Nature - who pulled together over the past weeks to get the rink up and running so early this year! There will be an attendant at the rink shack at set times, but skaters can also access the rink when there is no attendant present. Community league membership entitles you to skate at any community league rink in Edmonton. Lace up your skates and see you on the rink!

Rink Hours

Up to Sunday, December 22 and resuming January 7

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 4 - 9 PM
(not open Mon & Wed)

Saturday & Sunday: 12 - 9 PM

*Rink closed Friday, January 31 - Sunday, February 2 (see below)

Rink Holiday Hours

Monday, December 23 – Sunday, January 5,

Daily: Noon - 9 PM

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day - closed

New Year's Eve – afternoon only

Bright Light Skate Night at City Hall on December 14th

Bundle up and head to Sir Winston Churchill Square and the City Hall Plaza for Bright Light Skate Night on December 14 from 4-8pm. This free family-friendly event features skating, a DJ, fire pits, Indigenous and cultural performers and more! Don't have skates? No problem! Free skate rentals will be available, along with skate aids (weather and ice conditions permitting).

Grandview Heights awarded \$800 EPCOR Rink Grant

Our rink is one of more than 50 Edmonton community rinks that received the EPCOR Rink Grant this year. The grant helps Edmonton communities like ours create safe

places to skate. In accepting the grant, the GHCL has undertaken to spread the word about the dangers associated with skating on stormwater ponds, which may look safe, but present real safety risks. It is important to know that they are stormwater facilities with water moving beneath the surface. This makes the ice dangerously unpredictable. This winter let's work together to remind friends, family and neighbours to choose a safe location to enjoy the outdoors! #skatesafeyeg Learn more at epcor.com/wintersafety

GHCL to Host Annual MCCT Hockey Tournament Jan 31 - Feb 2, 2025

The GHCL is once again sponsoring the annual Medical Cup Charity Tournament (MCCT), which raises money for the Little Warriors Foundation. Teams made up of U of A Medical School students will play at our rink all weekend until Sunday afternoon, which means the rink won't be open for public skating at that time. Last winter's warm weather meant the MCCT was cancelled, but the students still managed to raise \$20K towards their cause. This year they hope to surpass that and thanks the GHCL for the support.

Shaping Public Recreation in Edmonton Survey closes December 20, 2024

Edmonton is well on its way to a population of two million, and that means it's time to get serious about recreation planning to address that growth. The City of Edmonton wants to hear from you about your sports and active recreation needs. Tell the City what you love, what needs improvement and what Edmonton's missing. They want to hear from Edmontonians with different perspectives, so even if you don't participate in sport or recreation activities, the City wants to hear from you. Your feedback will help shape the future of fun in our city.

Until **December 20, 2024** here's how you can share your voice:

- [Complete the online survey](#)
- Visit [Engaged Edmonton](#) for more ways to participate online:
 - o **Share Your Stories** about what you love about sports and recreation in Edmonton.
 - o **Share Your Ideas** about what sports and recreation opportunities are missing in Edmonton.

Please contact engageandplay@edmonton.ca if you have any questions.

More information about the project can also be found at edmonton.ca/engageandplay

New Wayfinding Sign on 122 St

A new street sign has popped up at the entrance to Grandview Heights on the SW corner of 122 St and 63 Ave. The sign indicates the direction/distance to Grandview Park, the LRT, trail networks, etc., and is part of the City's Wayfinding Sign Initiative aimed at helping folks navigate Edmonton's River Valley parks and trail system.

The GHCL Board wishes you a happy holiday season. See you in the New Year!