

Grandview Heights Community League Newsletter

December 2025

Happy New Year from the GVH Community League

As we reach the end of 2025, we would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the community league over the past year by buying memberships and helping with league initiatives. In a small league like GVH (the second smallest in Edmonton) neighbourhood involvement is critical to our ability to manage our facilities (hall, rink land gardens, tennis courts, outdoor fitness centre, rink) and to host annual social events. Over the years, volunteers have worked together to oversee the construction of a community hall and tennis courts, development of the rink lands gardens, installation of the outdoor fitness centre, playground renewal and outdoor rink operations. This is a remarkable legacy of volunteerism for such a small neighbourhood and one that we hope will inspire those new to GVH to become more involved with the league in 2026. To buy a membership, visit grandviewcommunity.ca

Happy New Year from the GVH Community League Board!

(Mary Schlosser, Alana Chwaklinski, Cameron Brinkman, Ashley Stammers, Jia Jia, Anning Chen, Kasia Miskiw, Lee Ward, Marius and Gabriela Iordache)

The GVH Outdoor Rink is open for the skating season. The rink is accessible daily (weather permitting) with lights out at 9 p.m. Community league members and their guests are welcome to use the rink shack to lace up and access the restroom. The shack is accessible using a door code which has gone out to 2025-26 members. Purchase a membership on-line and we will send you the code. We ask everyone to work together to keep the shack clean and secure. If you notice anything that needs attention, please contact gvhrinklands@outlook.com. Please be aware that the shack will be unattended this year. There are now security cameras on site but use of the rink, shack & rink lands property is at your own risk.

Thanks to the Rink Team -Outdoor rink operations rely heavily on a team of dedicated volunteers who work with our paid rink staff to get the ice ready and keep it in good shape. It's a cold, tough job and their efforts made it all possible, and helped the league secure an \$800 operating grant from EPCOR. Thanks to Kasia, Lee, Cameron, Norm, David and David's crew!

Halloween Party – About 100 children and parents showed up to celebrate Halloween and for four hours plus DJ Marty kept the prizes and candy flowing and the place jumping! Special guests included Spiderman, a host of K-Pop Demon Hunters, a GIANT chicken, a HUGE sumo wrestler and President Donald Trump himself. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped us pull off such a great event!

New Stollery Hospital Children's Hospital – By now, many of you will have heard the news of the new hospital planned for the corner of 122 St. and 51 Ave. On the day of the announcement, the U of A hosted a meeting of representatives from neighbourhoods located near the site and GVH External Relations Director Lee Ward attended. He learned that the 30-acre site has been sold by the U of A and the U of A's Long Range Development Plan for South Campus (not including West 240) will be amended to show this deletion of land. Usage of the remaining U of A land will not change. The Province has only budgeted for the purchase of the land, so the project depends on the future allocation of public funding. This means it is difficult to predict when the site development/construction will begin.

West 240 Update – There is no news to report on this project. External Relations Director Lee Ward continues to be in contact with City planners to ensure the league is kept in the loop on things. When there is news, the City will notify residents of Lansdowne and Grandview and their respective community leagues to solicit feedback on the proposed development plan.

Restrictive Covenant Info Session - GVH Hall on Wed., Jan. 21, 2026 - 6:30-9:30pm

Adil Lakak has arranged for a speaker to attend a meeting at the hall to discuss restrictive covenants and how they might apply in GVH. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Adil Ladik at gvhcovenantinfo@gmail.com.

Amazon Thefts Reported – Please be aware that recently there have been some daytime thefts of Amazon deliveries from doorsteps in GVH.

NEWS FROM EDMONTON POLICE SERVICE – Citizens are invited to participate in the EPS Public Camera Registry – a voluntary program that allows residents and businesses to register the location of their existing, external-facing security cameras. By registering your camera, you play an active role in improving community safety. <https://www.edmontonpolice.ca/CrimePrevention/CommunitySafety/CameraRegistry>

NEWS FROM THE CITY OF EDMONTON

Stay informed about infill development in your neighbourhood

The City understands that Edmontonians have ongoing concerns about infill in their neighbourhood. We are sharing information about City Council motions passed earlier this year at public hearings that call for recommended changes to mid-block redevelopment and other infill-related matters, including adjusting the rules that guide redevelopment within the interiors of neighbourhoods. The proposed changes will be presented to counsellors at the Urban Planning Committee on February 10, 2026.

We encourage residents to visit edmonton.ca/Infill, where information about two separate motions is available. Highlights include:

- A motion passed at the November 19, 2025, City Council Public Hearing asking Administration to provide a report that includes advise-level engagement drawing on past engagement and feedback and recommendations to
 - Reduce the maximum number of dwelling units on an interior site in the RS Zone
 - Reduce height impacts on adjacent properties within the RS Zone.
 - Support maintenance and retention of trees on private property.
- A motion passed at the August 18, 2025, City Council Public Hearing asking Administration to provide a report on potential amendments to the Zoning Bylaw or District Policy that limit mid-block

redevelopment larger than small scale development outside of nodes and corridors with consideration of site size, height and context

Any potential changes will be brought forward to a future public hearing. Visit edmonton.ca/Infill for updates. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

Climate Action Plan

Public engagement sessions: shaping Edmonton's climate future

The City of Edmonton is creating a new 2027-2030 Climate Action Plan to ensure its existing strategies remain effective and adapt to changing local priorities. The new actions in the 2027-2030 Climate Action Plan will build off the momentum the City has made so far in responding to a changing climate. **Public engagement will happen until January 30, 2026 to gather input on the draft action concepts.**

During the public engagement period the City will:

- Share information on the current status of existing climate actions
- share a first draft of actions for 2027-2030, and
- gather input that will be used to finalize actions.

Your voice is crucial in shaping a resilient and sustainable future for Edmonton. To learn more about the updated Climate Action Plan (2027-2030) and how you can participate in public engagement opportunities, visit engaged.edmonton.ca/climateactionplan.

NEWS FROM CITY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL JANZ

Hello Everyone,

I wanted to let you know that there will be a small-scale infill debate coming to City Hall in February 2026. Overall, I think it is positive that we will have the chance to discuss these topics sooner this year and provide clarity to all parties. I will be sending out more opportunities for engagement once the reports are available. Again, I want to stress that there have already been changes since the initial zoning bylaw review and we are on to the "version two" of the RS zone. To help everyone review what is currently permitted under the amended new rules effective July 5th, 2025 (Architecture controls, side setbacks, size constraints etc.) please visit edmonton.ca/infill

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