

## Grandview Heights Community League Newsletter

# October 2025

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### GVH Family Halloween Party- Sat. October 25 – 5-9 p.m.

DJ Marty is booked, and pizza party plans are underway for another howling night of Halloween fun! Free entry for GVH Community League members. Memberships available at door. **Parent and/or teen volunteers are desperately needed to get the party started.** If you can help with decorations/furniture set up (3-4p.m.), food table (hourly shifts 5-8 p.m.), judging costume parade/party games and/or takedown/clean-up (9-10 p.m.) please contact Mary Schlosser at [grandviewheightspresident@gmail.com](mailto:grandviewheightspresident@gmail.com)

**New GVH Youth Leadership Certificate Program** – The GVH Community League will be providing Leadership Certificates to any junior high, high school or post-secondary student who contributes a minimum of 10 hours of volunteer time to league activities. Certificates will indicate the type of activities and number of hours worked. Volunteer opportunities will be posted throughout the year via the newsletter and Facebook. The first ‘qualifying’ opportunity will be the upcoming Halloween Party.

**2025-26 GVH Community League Memberships on sale now!** Membership runs Sept 1- Aug 31<sup>st</sup> and supports league operations, including the tennis courts, outdoor rink, hall and social events like the upcoming Halloween Party. Last year’s goal was to get half of Grandview’s 300+ households to buy a membership, and thanks to the work of Membership Director Marius lordache, sales hit an impressive 170!

**Memberships cost \$45 and there are three ways to buy.**

1. On-line at [grandviewcommunity.ca](http://grandviewcommunity.ca) where you will be directed to the secure Communal on-line sales system. A \$5 admin fee will be added to all on-line purchases.
2. By e-transfer of \$45 to [grandviewheightstreasurer.com](http://grandviewheightstreasurer.com). Please include your name, address, phone and we will email your membership card.
3. To pay by cash/cheque email Membership Director Marius lordache [membership@grandviewcommunity.ca](mailto:membership@grandviewcommunity.ca)

**GVH Board Welcomes U of A Intern-** The board is pleased to announce that its application to the U of A’s Non-Profit Board Internship Program was successful. For the

next eight months we will have the pleasure of working with a fourth-year student who will attend board meetings and U of A workshops to learn more about how non-profits run. Our intern will also do a project for the league towards the goal of improving the way we do things.

**Another great summer at the Green Shack**-Thanks to 2025 Program Leader Julia Swanston (once a GVH Green Shack kid herself) for making sure neighbourhood kids had loads of fun at the park over the summer.

**GVH Soccer Update**- Fifty GVH kids participated in the summer soccer season but a lack of GVH parent coaches meant that our players played on teams based in other neighbourhoods. Parents are asked to consider coaching next spring in the hope that we can field some 2026 GVH teams. The indoor season is under way with a GVH U11 boys team participating. Thanks to Soccer Director Anning Chen and coach Doug Romanchuk for keeping the soccer dream alive for GVH kids!

**Tennis Update** - The nets will soon be packed away after another great year of tennis/pickleball on the GVH courts. Thanks to Tennis Committee members Barb Brass and Tara Foxcroft for getting the lines painted, new nets and the new backboard up. The goal for spring 2026 is to get the foundation issues fixed now that some unforeseen City compliance issues have been addressed.

Court access is limited to GVH Community League members who are provided an entry code. Unfortunately, this past summer the league experienced ongoing issues with non-members using the courts. There was also some vandalism. The league 'owns' the courts under agreement with the City and is responsible for their maintenance and operations. Over the past decade, the league has raised/invested approximately \$400K in the courts. The board is committed to protecting that investment and will have new measures in place next spring to address the security/access issue.

**Casino Funds Have Arrived** – The league recently received \$84K from the AGLC in proceeds from the casino held earlier this year. Thanks again to the 40+ volunteers who stepped up and especially to Casino Director Jia Jia who organized it all! This influx of cash means the league is now in a strong financial position and ready to fully cover the costs of the tennis court project.

**West 240 Update** - The University of Alberta Property Trust's development plan is still under review by the City. When that review is complete, the City will share them with GVH property owners. The league's West 240 Committee remains focused on making sure the City knows neighbourhood priorities include limiting construction access to entry from 122 St. (arterial roadway), maintaining the integrity of the multi-use trail along 62 Ave. and having new development on the south side of 62 Ave. mirror the look/feel of the single detached homes on the north side.

**The Social Director position is still vacant** which seriously impacts the board's ability to stage the events that build community spirit. The fabulous Carmen Ma who held the post for several years has left behind event plans and contact lists which will make learning the ropes easier – and the board will provide all the support needed to succeed in the role. In the past, the league had volunteer teams specific to each event which

lightened the Social Director's job, and we'd like to get back to that way of doing things. With more young families moving into GVH it is crucial that we get some younger folks involved to ensure the fun stuff continues. The board meets six times a year, most often on a Wednesday night from 7-9 at the hall. Joining the board is a great way to meet new people and learn more about GVH. Please contact [grandviewheightspresident@gmail.com](mailto:grandviewheightspresident@gmail.com)

**Newsletter Coordinator Needed** – The league is looking for a Newsletter Coordinator. Joining the board is not a requirement. The role involves collecting submissions, formatting and distributing the bi-monthly/seasonal newsletter via a Gmail account set up specifically for that purpose. Keeping the distribution list up to date is another responsibility. Please contact [grandviewheightspresident@gmail.com](mailto:grandviewheightspresident@gmail.com)

**Book your holiday party at the League Hall!** Anyone with a GVH membership can rent the hall for \$20 per hour. Visit [grandviewcommunity.ca](http://grandviewcommunity.ca) to check out availability. Contact Hall Rental Director Gabriela Iordache at [hallrentals@grandviewcommunity.ca](mailto:hallrentals@grandviewcommunity.ca)

**Gardening Club Update** – Thanks to all the gardeners who showed up this past summer to beautify the rink lands park. The park across from the tennis courts between the Grandview Nursing Home and behind the strip mall is 'owned' by the league under an agreement with the City, which provides very basic maintenance services like cutting the lawn. Beyond that, the league relies on the Gardening Club to maintain and enhance the rink land park's shrub/flower beds. Spearheaded by Lori Kraus, the club meets June through September to dig, plant, weed, water, and trim. Thanks to Lori Kraus, Emily Bestani, Kyrsten Brooker, Alana Chwacklinski, Norm Chwacklinski, Kara Klarenbach, Jennifer Jenkins, Carole Nyquist and Judy Stout for their gardening work. Thanks also to David Kraus, Heike Juergens, Ann Wager and Shelley Ross for their donations of plants/shrubs.

**'Bump Out' Maintenance** - Roadside 'bump outs' were introduced to some GVH roadways a few years back as part of the Neighbourhood Renewal initiative, as were many new trees along the new boulevards. However, the City's maintenance of these additions is very limited and does not include weeding. Over the summer, these areas would become quite unkempt if not for the tireless efforts of Norm and Alana Chwacklinski who volunteer countless hours to ensure GVH's public spaces are kept up to a high standard. The board recognizes that this is too big a job for such a small team so will be recruiting some more help next spring.

**Interested in learning more about restrictive covenants?** Recently, GVH property owner Adil Ladik asked the board if it was aware of any neighbourhood interest in learning more about restrictive covenants. Until he asked, the board had not received any inquiries. The GVH board is committed to remaining impartial on the covenant question. However, the board is aware that some folks might be interested in learning more so agreed to include Adil's contact information in this newsletter. A restrictive covenant can be registered on a property title by its owner to restrict how the land can be developed going forward. In some older neighbourhoods like Glenora, restrictive covenants were placed on all lots by the developer years ago. Today, enacting a covenant for an entire neighbourhood would require the consent of all property owners, which is uncommon. However, in some neighbourhoods, groups of property owners

have clustered together to place covenants on their properties. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Adil Ladik at [gvhcovenantinfo@gmail.com](mailto:gvhcovenantinfo@gmail.com).

**Lost Ring Found** near the U of A pond recently. The ring has an animal motif. Contact Brenda at 780-437-3875, [bmonty@hotmail.com](mailto:bmonty@hotmail.com)

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