

Grandview Heights Community League Newsletter

September 2024

Hello Grandview! Hope you had a great summer! Here is an update from around the community...

Gardening Club

The growing season is slowing down and so is the Gardening Club. This week (Wednesday Sep 25 at 9:30am) we will meet at the pagoda in the rinklands for our final week of Gardening Club. Bring a coffee or tea and come have a chat while we enjoy the results of all the hard work done this year!

Tennis Update

A successful season of tennis and pickleball will be coming to an end soon. Thanks to Tennis Committee members Tara Foxcroft and Barb Brass, who report that the courts saw lots of use this summer. The move to limit court access to league members continues to be a very positive thing, with no reported issues this season related to court availability or vandalism. Recently the board granted tentative approval for a major court repair project slated for next spring.

Before and After School Care Closure

This past June, the Edmonton Regional Child Care Association (ERCCA) informed the GHCL that it would not be renewing its lease of the hall for its before and after school childcare program. This came as unfortunate news to the board which over several years has worked to attract and support the program. This spring when the ERCCA informed the board that they were running at a substantial loss, the board granted a 50% rent reduction aimed at keeping the program running. However, even with that help and targeted marketing efforts, low enrollment projections resulted in the ERCCA deciding it could no longer afford to continue at Grandview. Over the summer, another childcare provider asked the board to lease the hall for 50% less than the reduced rate offered to the ERCCA. The board decided it could not justify a further rent reduction. The ERCCA closure means there is currently no childcare available in the hall. The board remains open to receiving rental proposals from childcare providers interested in operating in Grandview.

Green Shack Program

Over the summer many neighbourhood kids participated in the Green Shack program, which operated daily throughout July and August. This year, the paid City staff had the help of some Grandview teen volunteers who showed up to help make things even more fun for the kids. A special thanks goes out to the anonymous donor who kindly sponsored the regular delivery of frozen treats to the kids and staff during the hottest days of the summer!

Upcoming Events

Halloween Party



Join us on Saturday, October 26th for some spooky fun! DJ Marty will be in the house again! Food, snacks and light refreshments provided.

Please bring your membership card. Membership cards will be available for purchase on site.

Future Events – Social Committee

Please consider joining the Social Committee aka the **FUN TEAM!!** We want to plan **more community events** but can only do that with **more help**. We appreciate all the people who help make these events a success and can't do it without you.

- No requirement to sit on the board of directors with an official title.
- No requirement to come to monthly board meetings

- Suggest fun ideas – create plan/agenda, contact and confirm vendors, price comparisons, etc.
- Help with execution (or any portion of it) – set up, shopping, decorations, tear down, etc.

If interested in joining the Social Committee or passionate about helping with a specific event or task – please contact Carmen at grandviewsocialevents@gmail.com.

2024-25 League Memberships are Now Available!

The Membership Committee will not be doing a door-to-door campaign this year. Instead, the focus will be on encouraging residents to buy their memberships on-line via a link on the league website. The link will take you to the Communal system, which is endorsed by the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues and provides for secure transactions. The system also makes record keeping much easier for our volunteers. A \$5 administrative fee will be added to the \$45 membership fee for all on-line purchases.

If you prefer to pay by cash or cheque, please contact Membership Director Marius Iordache by e-mail at membership@grandviewcommunity.ca to arrange payment and membership card delivery.

Visit: <https://grandviewcommunity.ca> community page to buy your membership today!

West 240 Update

The Grandview Heights Community League (GHCL) has established a committee to manage the league's relationship with the U of A on a range of matters including the West 240 development. Lee Ward, our new U of A Liaison, will chair the committee, which has three members currently. Sandra Marin and Anish Neupane have also agreed to sit on the committee along with Lee. They will report back to the board on the group's work and take direction from the board on issues that may arise. Some of the highlights of this year concerning West 240 are:

- The most recent open house was held to update Grandview residents on June 12, 2024. Revisions to the previous version of the plan were outlined for residents' information and further questions.
- On July 3, 2024, Lee met with Greg Dewling, CEO and President of the University of Alberta Property Trust (UAPT) to discuss the current status of the project and what is envisioned as the immediate timeline for West 240. This includes the progress on the Neighborhood Area Structure Plan. Lee reiterated Grandview Heights Community concerns/questions. The expectation after this meeting is that the UAPT will have an update in September /October 2024.
- A follow-up letter was sent to the UAPT from Grandview Community League to document the meeting and our expectations of a response when available this fall.

Flu Clinic - There will be a flu clinic at the hall on October 19 from 1-4pm.