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Grandview Heights Newsletter

Special Interest Articles:

- **Year End Party**
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Fitness and Activities

Message from our President

Annual General Meeting

With the AGM on May 31, another term of the league executive has come and gone. I look forward to the upcoming one. Thank you to all who generously volunteer their time from their busy schedules and dedicate their efforts and expertise to our community.

Vacant Executive Positions

With the resignation of two executive members from key positions, the social director and secretary spots are vacant.

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Newsletter Delivery – Thank You

Did you think these newsletters deliver themselves?

That would be miraculous but the answer is that they don't. Our wonderful volunteers trudge through and deliver them for the Community League.

A very big ***thank you*** to our wonderful volunteers who deliver these newsletters!



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| ▪ Sheri Perozno | ▪ Lori Kraus | ▪ Barb Brass |
| ▪ Anish Neupane | ▪ Terry Collier | ▪ Tricia Mullen |
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| ▪ Donna Ross | ▪ Tina Hammond | ▪ Chris Gibson |
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| ▪ Katherine Sorenson | ▪ Loreen Belovich | ▪ Lana Stromberg |

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Volunteers of the Year Award

On June 10, both James Belovich and Lindsay Smith were recognized at the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues awards night as our Volunteers of the Year. Both were nominated for their countless contributions to Grandview over the years.

Thank You Sidney Chan

I also want to take this opportunity to thank Sidney Chan for his three years in producing the newsletter and circulating all those Grandview Newsletter emails! The emails never end and are so important in keeping us connected.

Thank you Sidney, for sharing so much of your time and spreading the news over the years.

Welcome Sharon Wright to this position.

Revitalize Tennis Courts

I can happily report the community league is currently working on plans to revitalize the tennis court area. We are aiming for construction to commence next summer. The option of keeping two tennis courts and designing a multipurpose area in the other half is being considered. The multipurpose area would act as an outside gym and provide a safe place for ball hockey or other activities.

Researching Beach Volleyball

Another project being researched is for a beach volleyball court within the rink lands area between the gazebo and rink shack.

Tot Time – Wonderful Social Opportunity

Finally, I would like to thank Lana Stromberg and Jill Smith for running Tot Time for the past six years. Both ladies have provided a wonderful social opportunity for kids, parents, and caregivers. Your time and commitment is appreciated.

Enjoy the summer!

Lori Kraus - President

***“Volunteers are love
in motion.”***

Author Unknown



Fitness & Activities Section

This section is dedicated to fitness and activities that are happening within or around our community.

Tot Time, Tot Time!!!

Your kids will make new friends while you get to know your neighbors!

Grandview Community Hall

(Attached to school - use the North doors.)



Important Notes:

Tot Time – starts/ends with the school year
Karate – starts again September

NEW! Smaller Individualized BOOT CAMP



Grandview
Fitness
Boot Camp
Sessions Are
Open To All
Levels



Have fun getting in shape!

For more information email sagrios@trainingbyagrios.com

www.trainingbyagrios.com

“Take care of your body; it is the only place to have to live.”

Jim Rohn

Pilates Classes at Grandview

Work on improving Strength, Flexibility, Core Connection and Improved Posture

Mat Class. Intermediate level - starts in September again - runs for 12 weeks (Prior experience required)

Beginner Classes will run on demand.

To register: Please call Elaine Newby - Certified Pilates Instructor at [780-915-0755](tel:780-915-0755) or mail copperhorse1@gmail.com

The e-Newsletter list

“Keep up to date by adding yourself to the e-mail distribution list.”



Have you ever noticed that there is a long gap between newsletters but for some strange reason, your neighbor knows exactly what is going on in the Community?

There is a reason why, he/she is probably signed up for our Grandview Newsletter electronically. We send out notices and most up-to-date information for those that are on the e-mail list.

The best reason for being on the e-mail distribution list is to have time sensitive news delivered as they become important. The newsletter frequency is such that most current events are no longer current by the time the newsletter is published.

There have been notices about:

- ❑ City of Edmonton Programming
- ❑ U of A meetings notices
- ❑ Community development
- ❑ Traffic/Construction updates
- ❑ Toy/Book exchange
- ❑ Dangerous Driving notices
- ❑ Kung fu for kids
- ❑ Pre-school opportunities

...just to name a few.

Please send us your e-mail address if you would like to be added to the newsletter distribution list: grandviewnewsletter@gmail.com

Come join your neighbours...

For a Mexican Style Fiesta

Pot Luck
Bring a
Main Dish
or Dessert

Games
Prizes DJ
Dancing
Bouncy
Things

Kids
Drinks &
Snacks
Provided

Grandview Year End Party
Friday, June 26, 5:00-10:00 pm



EDMONTON

FREE Summer Drop-In Recreation Programs

Pop Up Play

Location: Grandview Heights School Park,
6225 – 127 St

Dates: Tuesdays & Fridays

July 2 to August 25, 2015

Time: 2:30 pm to 6 pm

Join in games, sports, crafts, music, drama,
and special events at your neighbourhood
park! Ages 6 to 12 are welcomed; ages 5
and under must be supervised by a parent
or guardian.

Find all
community
summer
programs at

[edmonton.ca/
dropincommunity
programs](http://edmonton.ca/dropincommunityprograms)

or call 311.



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EDMONTON

Community Summer Daycamp

Outdoor Bound in Grandview!

Bound into the outdoors and discover activities like:

orienteering, archery, biking,
initiative games, canoeing,
and swimming!

Your camp leaders will also teach you some exciting wide games that you can play in your own neighborhood.

- Monday August 17 to Friday August 21, 2015
- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Grandview Community Centre, 6225 127 St
- Ages 9 to 12
- Cost: \$219
- Course code: 540245

Registration opens **April 28, 2015**.
Register early to avoid disappointment!
Browse all camps at edmonton.ca/daycamps

To Register

- Call 311
- Online at eReq.edmonton.ca
- In person at any City of Edmonton Recreation & Leisure Centre



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Edmonton

Join the Party - Right Next Door at Foote Field!



Witness the Extraordinary- The Road To Rio Starts Here!

The best athletes in track and field are coming to Edmonton. These are the rising stars competing for a chance to represent their country at the Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil next summer. But this summer, the best of the best will be in our very own backyard.

You live nearby - we'd love to have you join us!

- 1) July 2 - 5th - Canadian National Track & Field Championships
- 2) July 11th & 12th - TrackTown Classic
- 3) July 31st - August 2nd - Edmonton 2015 Panamerican Junior Athletics Championships

Secure your seats to all the action! www.tracktowncan.com

Stay updated! Download the **TrackTown Canada App** for a chance **to win a GoPro Hero 4 valued at over \$450!**

Be Part of a Winning Team!

More than 500 enthusiastic, reliable and friendly volunteers

are required from July 1 to August 3, 2015, to be part of our team to help deliver our spectacular competitions. Our goal is to deliver an A+ experience for all involved and your contribution to this dedication will be part of producing a world - class competition.

If you are proud to be an ambassador as our fine city hosts a "Made In Edmonton" event, then join us as we welcome athletes from all over the Americas! This exclusive opportunity will see you directly contribute to your community while getting up close and personal with the world's best runners, jumpers and throwers.

Volunteering is easy! Simply fill out the TrackTown Canada Volunteer Application Form at www.tracktowncan.com - click on "Volunteers." We will process your application and follow up with you directly. All your information will remain private and confidential.

For more information, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator:

Siobhan Carol E-mail: volunteers@edmonton2015.ca

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HOW DOES THE COMMUNITY LEAGUE PROGRAM WORK?

- 1. Get Supplies** **Late June**
Front Yards in Bloom will give you signs, brochures*, and judging materials.
- 2. Get Addresses** **Received by July 3rd**
Front Yards in Bloom will give you a list of nominated addresses by July 3rd.
These are the nominated addresses in your neighbourhood.
- 3. Visit Yards** **July 4th to 14th**
Visit each nominated address (average: around 10-15). Deliver the sign and brochure.
Also:
 - A. Nominate any new/additional yards that deserve a nomination (*optional*)
Deliver a sign and brochure. Write down the address(es).
 - B. Choose:
 - top 2 yards (General category)
 - top 2 Public Spaces yards
- 4. Reply back to Front Yards in Bloom** **Deadline: July 14th**
 - A. Provide addresses of new nominations
 - B. Provide top 2 General and Public Spaces yards in your neighbourhood

**brochures replace the certificate from previous years, and include a certificate on the back cover*

WHO DOES WHAT?

Front Yards in Bloom will...

- Provide signs, brochures, and supplies for each nominated address
- Provide judging materials, and offer an optional training session (recommended for first-time judges)
- Provide a list of addresses in your neighbourhood(s).

Your community league will...

- Deliver signs, brochures, and supplies to each nominated address
- Nominate any additional addresses (*optional*)
- Choose top 2 General and Public Spaces yards
- Reply back to Front Yards in Bloom **by July 14th**

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front.yards@edmonton.ca

GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS UPDATE



Community League AGMs are great opportunities to learn more about your community, but most importantly, they are a great opportunity for community members to reconnect with one another, or make new relationships.

Unfortunately, I am unable to attend Grandview's AGM this year, so I thought I would provide you some updates with regards to some community issues that may be of interest to you.

Neighbourhood Renewal

It is no secret that the roadways and sidewalks throughout many communities in Edmonton are in need of rehabilitation. It is also no secret that Grandview is one of those neighbourhoods.

Currently, we have the capacity, both in terms of financial and industry capacity, to completely rehabilitate 5-6 of the 100 or so communities that are in need of rehabilitation every year.

Priority is determined by using our locally developed Risk Based Information Management System, which combines both technical and visual inspections of our infrastructure to determine the best allocation of resources.

For neighbourhood renewal, roadways and sidewalks through each community are completely inspected every 4 years, and are given a letter grade; as of 2011, Grandview's roads were given a 'D' grade and sidewalks were given a 'B' grade (it is important to note that these are neighbourhood wide averages, and some sections of roadway or sidewalk may be in better or worse condition than the letter grade the neighbourhood receives).

Grandview's infrastructure will be reassessed this year. Currently, Grandview is tentatively scheduled to receive renewal during the 2019-2022 cycle.

As contracts are tendered years in advance, and are scheduled as part of the 2015-2018 Capital Budget deliberations that occurred in December of last year, the earliest we will see complete neighbourhood renewal in Grandview is 2019.

My hope is that the reassessment will show that Grandview is in need of repair, and I will advocate to ensure that Grandview's renewal is at the top of the list for 2019.

South Campus

Recently, the University of Alberta developed a land trust that will steward the development of some of their vacant land holdings throughout the City – the West 240 likely included.

Given this, the University's exemption in following the City's planning process is no longer valid for the lands included in the trust.

Combined, these factors make Grandview and Lansdowne very unique neighbourhoods in Edmonton, which is why I will continue to advocate for an Area Redevelopment Plan for the neighbourhoods surrounding the West 240 so those lands can be developed with the surrounding communities' input.

Residential Infill

As many of you are aware, Council recently passed amendments to our Zoning Bylaw that allows for Garage & Garden Suites on all single-family lots and for the subdivision of 50 foot lots to 25 foot lots.

When I came to your community late last year, I was able to gather feedback, and hear your concerns about the amendments to the Zoning Bylaw; these questions and concerns were later reinforced at the Public Hearing through the presentations made from members of your community.

I continue to believe that these amendments are good for the City as a whole, and that they will help us address the growth pressures we are facing. I also continue to believe that, based on the history of development in the neighbourhood, these amendments are unlikely to see uptake in Grandview.

That being said, I've heard from you that you wish to maintain the character of your neighbourhood, and I'm confident that the best way to do that is through our Mature Neighbourhood Overlay.

I also believe that by working with the University of Alberta's land trust to develop the West 240, much of the densification will be focused on that land, rather than within Grandview or Lansdowne, thus preserving your community's special character.

Great communities are built on a foundation of great people. I would like to thank Lori and the rest of the Grandview Community League Executive team for their commitment to your wonderful community.

As always, please feel free to connect with me or my office at (780) 496-8132 or by email at michael.walters@edmonton.ca

Sincerely,

Michael Walters

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Grandview Heights Community League

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See us at:

grandviewcommunity.ca

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If you have a notice that you would like in the community newsletter please email them to grandviewnewsletter@gmail.com