

# NRC Report for December 2019

## Grandview Heights Community League

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### REMINDERS

#### Commercial Waste Services

If you have received a letter pertaining to your commercial waste pickup from Waste Management and have any questions, please contact Justin Weiher, Client Relations, Waste Management at [justin.weiher@edmonton.ca](mailto:justin.weiher@edmonton.ca) or 780.496.6371.

#### Snow Removal

- The winter season is upon us bringing snow and ice along with it.
- [Click here](#) if you have questions about: how the City responds to snow on major roads and in your neighbourhood, seasonal parking bans, windrows, and where to find the community sandbox in your neighbourhood.

#### Sidewalk Snow Removal Survey (ongoing through Sunday, Dec 15, 2019)

- The City of Edmonton is collecting information on barriers and motivators to removing snow and ice on sidewalks adjacent to residential private property.
- The results of this survey will be used to develop and enhance programs and create communications on the need to keep sidewalks clear of snow and ice.

#### Public Engagement Feedback Survey (ongoing through Thursday, Jan 30, 2020)

- Did you attend a City of Edmonton public engagement event in November or December 2019? We want to hear from you.

### WHAT'S NEW

#### Snow Removal Help for Seniors and Persons with Low Mobility

- Is it difficult for you to maintain your sidewalks due to age or restraints on your mobility?
- Do the winter months make it unsafe and difficult to leave your home?
- **Seniors Home Supports Program** gives seniors referrals to vetted service providers (businesses, community groups and individuals) offering these types of services. Seniors are not charged for referrals but they will pay a fee to the service provider for completing the work.
- **Hiregood** is a social enterprise owned and operated by Boyle Street Community Services. They offer on-demand snow removal on sidewalks and driveways. Snow will be cleared within 24 hours after the snowfall ends.

## PROGRAMS, EVENTS & LICENSES

### Winter Excitement Guide

- The winter season is about to get really exciting with a ton of activities happening all across the city.
- Find it all in the guide and start planning your weekends!

### Kids Map of Edmonton: Winter Edition

- Although the temperature may drop during winter, children's activity levels don't!
- Use the Kids Map of Edmonton: Winter to find a variety of child-friendly activities to do across the city.
- Everywhere you look, Edmonton has indoor and outdoor activities that will help you make the most of winter, and keep your kids active!

### What Are Your Kids Doing For Winter Break? Why Not Try A Nature Centre Camp?

- New to nature? No problem!
- Experience natural history discovery at the John Janzen Nature Centre this winter with plenty of learning and outdoor play.
- All camps include before and after care.
- Note: These programs go outside. Please be prepared for both indoor and outdoor activities.

### Zoominescence: A Festival of Light

Dates: Starting Dec 6, every Friday, Saturday and Sunday in December plus December 26 2019

Time: 5-9pm

- The festival's vision is to celebrate light, artistry, imagination and the strong spirit of our community in the winter.
- Join us for an evening of lights, animals, skating, hot chocolate and fun for the whole family!
- Tickets can be purchased online or at the door

### **DIY Holiday Ornaments:** December 12, 2019

City of Edmonton Reuse Centre (6835 83 ST NW, Edmonton)

- Drop by between 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM for our last free drop-in crafting session of 2019. We'll be creating festive ornaments out of everyday reusable items.
- Ages 6 years and older recommended. Children must be supervised at all times by an adult.

### Turkeys on the Trail Fun Run

When: Saturday, December 14, 2019

Time: 25k starts at 8:30 am, 10k starts at 10 am, 5k at 10:30 am and 1k at 10:45 am.

Where: Rundle Family Centre, Rundle Park, 2903 – 113 Avenue, Edmonton

- It's a family-friendly fun run that's a little different from your typical event.

- The Turkeys on the Trail Fun Run offers race entries in exchange for donations of frozen turkey, food or monetary donation in support of Edmonton's Food Bank.
- Distances include 1k, 5k, 10k and 25k.
- The event will include activities like live music, a Kidz Korner (free childcare for kids aged 4 and up), and apparently Santa & Mrs. Claus might even visit!

**Edmonton Candy Cane Lane:** Dec 12, 2019 - Dec 23, 2019

- An Edmonton tradition for over 50 years! Lights, sleigh rides, fire pits and decorations.
- Remember a donation for the Food Bank.
- Book your horse-drawn wagon ride now through the website. Spots fill up quickly!

**New Year's Day Levee:** Wednesday, January 1, 2020 from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

- Each year, the Lieutenant Governor and spouse host the popular New Year's Day Levee at Government House (.12845 102 Avenue)
- The levee is a tradition in Canada dating back to the 1600s, based on an older tradition in Europe that saw subjects visit the monarch to pay their respects and pledge allegiance.
- Today, the Levee at Government House is a chance for Albertans of all ages to meet the Queen's representative in a relaxed social setting.
- Levee guests can enjoy light refreshments, tour Government House, send a postcard to Canadian troops serving overseas, and join in celebrating the start of a new year.
- The event is free of charge and advance booking isn't required.

**Front Yards in Bloom: Winterscapes:** Jan 12 - Feb 17, 2020

- A winterscape is a way of decorating your wintry yards and landscapes using snow, ice, natural objects and lights. Winterscapes help beautify our Edmonton neighbourhoods. Get tips from some creative locals in our [blog](#).
- Front Yards in Bloom: Winterscapes contest is held in January and February each year. Visit [edmonton.ca/winterscapes](http://edmonton.ca/winterscapes) for ideas, see past entries, and get details about this winter's contest.
- Year-round landscaping often starts in the summer. Consider adding trees and shrubs, herbaceous plants, grasses, and vines. For more ideas, read our [blog](#) by a local landscape architect.

**Holiday Season Events and Programs**

The following programs and events did not have current information on their websites at the time of this publication, but you may want to check them out yourself in December:

**1. Edmonton Transit Service (ETS) Christmas Tours**

- In the spirit of the holiday season, ETS will offer Christmas Lights Tours.

**2. Celebrate The Season At The Alberta Legislature:** Dec 5, 2019 - Dec 23, 2019

- Thousands of bright lights provide the backdrop for a holiday stroll or skate in the beautiful Legislature Grounds.

### 3. City of Edmonton New Year's Eve Celebration

- Celebrate the arrival of 2020 at this fun-filled, alcohol-free, family-friendly event.

## PARKLAND USE & PROJECTS

### Enjoy Edmonton Parks in the Winter

- Get back to nature with outdoor pursuits!
- Spend some quality time learning a new skill that will stay with you for the rest of your life.
- River Valley Programs provides outdoor pursuit programs to community groups, Edmonton and area schools, corporations, and the general public.
- Experience YEG parks in a different light and learn how to snowshoe or cross country ski this winter!

## STRENGTHENING YOUR ORGANIZATION & FUNDING RESOURCES

### Vital Topic: Arts in Edmonton

- Edmonton Vital Signs is an annual checkup conducted by Edmonton Community Foundation, in partnership with Edmonton Social Planning Council, to measure how the community is doing.
- Vital Topic reports are a quick but comprehensive look at issues that are timely and important to Edmonton.
- ARTS include a wide variety of creative disciplines including:
  - literature (including drama, poetry, and prose),
  - performing arts (including dance, music, and theatre),
  - and media and visual arts (including drawing, painting, filmmaking, architecture, ceramics, sculpting, and photography).

### Earn Money By Helping Seniors

- Is your community group looking for ways to raise funds or participate in a service project where you can make a big impact in the community?
- The Seniors Home Supports Program offers community groups in Edmonton an opportunity to raise funds by providing snow removal and/or yard work services to seniors living in the community. By helping seniors with these tasks you'll be giving them peace of mind and helping them stay safe.
- Services Needed:
  - Snow removal: remove snow and put down anti-slip material to cover icy spots
  - Yard help: mow lawn and do spring/fall clean-up

## LEARNING & NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

### Financial Information for Seniors

Seniors Financial Empowerment Network (SFEN)

- The Seniors Financial Empowerment Network (SFEN) provides free financial literacy information sessions in the areas of personal finance, protection of assets, housing, legal considerations, areas of fraud or abuse, communication and self-esteem.
- The seven core education modules can be presented as stand-alone sessions or as a complete series at seniors facilities, community leagues, churches, or in larger settings. The modules are delivered by senior volunteers.
- Contact Sarah by calling 780-722-6701 or emailing [sarah.ramsey@edmonton.ca](mailto:sarah.ramsey@edmonton.ca) if you're interested in booking a session.

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## RESOURCES

### 1. The Park Bench e-NEWSLETTER:

- Each month you will find information that celebrates and highlights City activities, events, programs and services for neighbourhoods in Edmonton. [Click here](#) to subscribe.

### 2. Abundant Communities Edmonton

- ACE is a neighbourhood engagement and community organizing approach that provides tools for neighbours to get to know each other on a block level.
- [Read about](#) how you can help your neighbourhood **Strangers into Neighbours** by becoming a part of Abundant Community Edmonton.

### 3. Building Community Through Recreation

- We support neighbourhoods and local organizations to utilize recreation to build community connections.
- [Click here](#) for information about upcoming Recreation Network events

