



# THE ALEXANDRAN

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE QUEEN ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY LEAGUE

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## WASHROOMS ON WHYTE?

The City of Edmonton recognizes a need for 24/7 accessible public washrooms in the Old Strathcona area. A successful pilot project in the summers of 2008 and 2009 determined a need for use by daytime shoppers, late night patrons and homeless community. City Council approved funding for permanent washrooms

in December 2009.

Public consultation took place between February 19 and March 1. The consultation focused on concerns about safety, cleaning, and location. We are now awaiting the final results of the public survey which will determine the location, number of stalls and type of washroom.

## SOUTH SCONA LOT UPDATE

At the February 10 meeting of the Executive Committee, representatives from the League and the Old Strathcona Business Association presented their concerns to the City with redeveloping the South Scona Parking Lot site. The main concerns cited were safety, parking on residential streets, and availability of affordable parking in the area for both businesses (including their staff) and patrons.

A motion was passed for Administration to proceed with a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the South Scona Parking Lot that includes options for a one or two-acre development. Administration stated they would be involve the community in the development of the RFP and subsequent processes.

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Are you looking for some excitement this summer?

Are you ready to take risks, meet new friends, and discover the amazing leader within?

Then challenge yourself and be a part of the Leader In Training Program! This program gives youth ages 13 to 17 valuable volunteer work experience, the opportunity to develop leadership skills and be actively involved in recreation. To find out how you can get involved, please call 780-944-7413 or visit [www.edmonton.ca/youth](http://www.edmonton.ca/youth).

LEADERS IN TRAINING



## LEAGUE EVENTS AT-A-GLANCE

MARCH 30, 7:00PM

### Monthly General Meeting

*All League events are held at the Queen Alexandra Community Hall (10425 University Avenue)*

## QUEEN ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY LEAGUE

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# PLANNING ACADEMY

The City of Edmonton Planning Academy offers a series of courses designed to facilitate a greater understanding of the City's planning and development process, and to help Edmontonians:

- better understand and participate in the planning process; and
- better understand the roles, rights, and interests of all parties involved in the planning and development process.

**Topics include:** Land Use Planning, Transportation Planning, and Urban Design.

## UPCOMING COURSES

ALL COURSES AT THE HERITAGE ROOM IN CITY HALL

**Land Use Planning: The Big Picture** (3hrs - \$25.00)

Tuesday, March 2, 2010, 6:30pm -9:30pm

**Getting a Grip on Land Use Planning** (6hrs - \$35.00)

Saturday, March 13, 2010, 9:30am – 4:30pm

**Come Plan with Us: Using Your Voice** (6hrs - \$35.00)

Saturday, April 10, 2010, 9:30am – 4:30pm

**Urban Design Elective** (6hrs - \$35.00)

Saturday, April 24, 2010, 9:30am - 4:30pm

**Transportation Planning Elective** (6hrs - \$35.00)

Tuesdays, May 11 & 18, 2010, 6:30pm- 9:30pm

For more information about the Planning Academy, call **780-496-6242** or visit [www.edmonton.ca/planningacademy](http://www.edmonton.ca/planningacademy). **To register**, call 780-496-7946; in Person at any City of Edmonton Leisure Centre, or at TIX on the Square (9930 102 Avenue).

## QAACL PLANNING COURSE

The League is also considering offering a course on planning and development, free for league members. This would help more of us understand the steps in the planning process and how development proposals work. If you would be interested in participating in such a course, please email: [plancourse@qacl.ca](mailto:plancourse@qacl.ca) with your name and phone number and we'll keep you posted if this goes ahead. If you don't have access to a computer, send a note in the mail to:

### QAACL

ATTN: Planning Course

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# EFCL GREEN CHALLENGE 2010

## GREEN PROJECTS TO EMPOWER YOUR COMMUNITY

The Event Facts: March 19, doors open 6:30pm. Please join us at Montrose Hall, 5920 - 119 Avenue, for an action packed information evening. Presentations are 7:15 to 8:15pm with time for questions later, and some wine and cheese. This is a free event open to the public and league members. In the spirit of living green, please bring your own cup.

### WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT

Six presenters will be giving 20 slides each in 10 minutes for a full hour on the highlights of their projects. The EFCL is still finalizing the participant list – check online shortly for completed agenda. Confirmed subject matter includes:

- **Local Motion**– CO2RE program in Parkallen produces a reduction rate in car trips beyond expectations!
- **Eco Equity**– finance your hall / home / business retrofit with a loan and pay for it with your energy savings– programs and grant information for everyone
- **Solar Energy Projects**– Did you know Edmonton's light hours make us a prime region for solar energy? What can you do?
- **Light Pollution**– health & wellness and energy reduction programs to improve quality of life in your neighbourhood
- **Enviro Perfect Solutions**– Environmentally sound weed & feed. Make the right choices for your garden, park, and ground maintenance
- **Car-Sharing**– How to join a program to reduce your car costs and still have use of a vehicle when you need one – Cake and eat it too!
- **Sustainable Works**– Bulk order retrofit projects in your neighbourhood and reduce the costs
- **Grow Forward Grovonor**– Excite, Engage, and Involve all the assets in your neighbourhood, including everyone from businesses to gardeners to artists. Gain new members, and grow a resilient community with a program that is worked in hundreds of neighbourhoods around the world
- **Net Zero Read** – What can you do to be prepared for rising fuel costs.
- **Wind Energy**– a very small investment can spread the use of greener alternative energy
- **Keep Edmonton Original**– living and shopping local can make the world greener and our community a more evolved place to live
- **Community Gardens & City Farm program** – provide your own local veggies
- **Promoting Sustainable Living in your Neighbourhood**– The common sense of it

For more information on this and other EFCL news, go to [www.efcl.org](http://www.efcl.org).

PARKING LOT

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The full meeting minutes are posted on the City of Edmonton website. Any community members wanting to get involved can email [planning@qacl.ca](mailto:planning@qacl.ca).

## SCONA POOL NEWS

Good news— Scona Pool is still accepting City of Edmonton fitness passes & has been added to the city's webpage & advertising alongside other City recreation facilities. There are some great programs running at the pool. A Moms and Tots Aquasize class, Adult Aquasize, and Saturday Toonie Swim programs are all running in full swing.

**Green St. Patrick's Day**—  
*March 17* Go green with Scona Pool for St. Patrick's Day! Free admission to anyone who walks, bikes, takes public transit, or car pools to get to the pool.

**Red Cross Swimming Lessons**—  
*April 10 to June 19* Classes offered: Starfish (4-18 mo.), Duck (18 mo.-2 yrs), Sea Turtle (beginner 4-8 yrs), Levels 1-10, and Instructor 1, 2 and 3.

**Scona Pool Spring Break Day Camps**— *March 27 to April 1* Keep Scona Pool in mind when you are planning your Spring Break! Do you have something aquatic in mind that you would like to learn to do during Spring Break? Share your ideas with the pool at (780) 496-8756.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**MARCH 17**

**Green Circle Preschool Open House & Registration** *Parkallen Elementary School*  
Call Dyane at 780-436-5408 for details

**MARCH 19, 6:30PM**

**EFCL Green Challenge** *Montrose Hall (5920 119 Avenue)*  
Amazing green projects to empower your community. See page 3 for full details.

**MARCH 20, 8:00PM**

**JP Cormier** *Queen Alexandra Community Hall (10425 University Avenue)*  
Presented by **Northern Lights Folk Club**. Visit [www.northernlightsfc.ca](http://www.northernlightsfc.ca) for more details. Queen Alex members receive a discount at the door.

**MARCH 24, 6:00PM-7:00PM**

**Belgravia Elementary School Open House & Registration** *Belgravia School (11505 74 Avenue)*  
More information at [www.belgravia.epsb.ca](http://www.belgravia.epsb.ca). Belgravia Out of School Care [www.ebosc.ca](http://www.ebosc.ca).

**MARCH 25, 6:30PM-7:30PM**

**Queen Alexandra Elementary School Open House** *Queen Alexandra School*  
Tuition-free non-denominational Christian program. More information at [www.queenalexandra.epsb.ca](http://www.queenalexandra.epsb.ca).

**MARCH 30, 7:00PM**

**QAQL Monthly Meeting** *Queen Alexandra Community Hall (10425 University Avenue)*  
All members are welcome to attend.

**APRIL 3, 8:00PM**

**Michael Jerome Brown** *Queen Alexandra Community Hall (10425 University Avenue)*  
Presented by **Northern Lights Folk Club**. Visit [www.northernlightsfc.ca](http://www.northernlightsfc.ca) for more details. Queen Alex members receive a discount at the door.

**APRIL 17**

**EFCL City Wide Talent Show** *Stanley A. Milner Library*  
Open to contestants 5-17 years of age. Registration deadline: March 12. For more details, visit [www.efcl.org](http://www.efcl.org) or call 780-437-2913.

**MAY 15**

**Queen Alexandra Reuse Fair** *Queen Alexandra Community Hall (10425 University Avenue)*  
Start gathering up old art supplies, corks and crayons and bring them down to the Queen Alexandra Hall. If you are interested in participating as a volunteer or in ordering some reuse items at this event, contact Suzanne at 780-436-1279. Watch for the full details about the event and the list of items collected available in the April QA Newsletter.

**STRATHCONA LIBRARY**

The Strathcona Library branch is hosting many courses and programs for all ages. There topics for all interests including music, computers, puppet shows and more. For full course listings and details go to <http://www.epl.ca/Events/EPLEventsBranchReport.cfm?id=strathcona>