



THE ALEXANDRAN

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE QUEEN ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY LEAGUE

SPRING 2010 — COMMUNITY EDITION

SUPER SPRING CLEANING FAIR

SATURDAY MAY 15, 2010 • 10:00AM TO 3PM

QUEEN ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY HALL

- **Empty the Junk Drawer.** The Reuse Fair will accept old school supplies, craft supplies & many other items that will go to local organizations (see list below).
- **Couch in the Alley?** Dispose of large furniture and appliances for **free** (please **do not** bring fridges, freezers, commercial waste or hazardous waste). Thanks Capital City Clean Up!
- **Finished your Taxes?** Rip'n'Shred's service truck will be there to securely shred your old files on site for **free**.
- **Free Bike Tune-ups** courtesy of Edmonton Bicycle Commuters who will also be accepting old bikes and parts for reuse.
- **Free Book Exchange**
- **Perennial Plant Exchange**

Queen Alexandra Hall is located just north of Strathcona High School at 10425 University Avenue. Volunteers are needed & more displays welcome, call Suzanne at 780-436-1279 to get involved. See you there!

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WHAT SHOULD YOU BRING TO THE REUSE FAIR?

- Art supplies (brushes, tempera paint, etc.)
- Baby food jars
- Bath towels
- Batteries (working household)
- Bikes and parts
- Books
- Bread Bag tags
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- Calendars (with pictures)
- Cameras
- Cardboard tubes (paper towel/gift wrap, etc)
- Corks
- Craft supplies
- Crayons (any)
- Egg cartons
- Eye glasses
- Fabric
- Film containers (with lids)
- Greeting cards (new/used)
- Jewellery (incl. broken)
- Keys
- School supplies (paper, pens, pencils, etc.)
- Magazines (< 3 yrs old)
- Magnets
- Medals
- Men's ties
- Musical instruments
- Perennial Plants
- Perfume
- Pine Cones
- Plastic food containers with lids
- Prize ribbons
- Quilt batting
- Sea shells
- Spices
- Sports bags
- Sports equipment
- Stuffed toys (large)
- Tennis balls
- Trophies
- Watches (incl. broken)
- Wrapping/tissue paper
- Yarn or wool

LEAGUE EVENTS AT-A-GLANCE

APRIL 27, 7:00PM

Monthly General Meeting

MAY 15, 10:00AM TO 3:00PM

Spring Cleaning Fair

MAY 25, 6:00PM

Members Appreciation Dinner

MAY 25, 7:00PM

Annual General Meeting

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

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The QACL Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 25 at the hall. A members appreciation dinner will be held at 6:00pm (food provided by Chianti's), followed by the meeting from 7:00pm. Childcare will be available for those members with children. Please RSVP by May 22 to 780-433-9258 (Judy) or email judytroyer@shaw.ca if you plan to attend. Connect with your neighbours and community — hope to see you there!

GET INVOLVED! VOLUNTEER WITH QACL

Interested in volunteering for the League, but don't have the time to commit to a position on the board? There are plenty of ways you can get involved — we've included a few ideas below. If you've got your own ideas about programs/activities the League should offer, let us know.

- newsletter editor
- newsletter writer
- monthly newsletter delivery (about 20 places)
- quarterly big newsletter drop (about 200 places)
- website contributor
- playgroup
- monthly veggie potluck
- babysitting registry
- annual block party
- QACL walking group
- Scona Pool committee
- School Board Sector Review committee
- cooking classes at the hall
- community garden
- playground/spray park naming contest
- hall fix-it person
- letter-writer to the City regarding development proposals
- Scona Parking lot committee

Come to the AGM to learn about and sign-up for volunteer opportunities. Can't make it to the AGM but want to sign-up for one of these jobs, email info@qacl.ca.

COMMUNITY CHALLENGE

The EFCL is working with the City of Edmonton's Next Generation Committee to bring more 18-40 year olds into community leagues. Winning leagues will receive cash prizes to help pay for capital projects. The committee is hosting four events to engage Edmontonians & build pride in our neighbourhoods.

- Neighbourhood Cleanup Challenge (June 5)
- Bike Tune-up Challenge (June 12)
- Canned Food Sculpture Challenge (June 26)
- Edmonton Photo Scavenger Hunt (June 1-26)

If you are interested in joining the Queen Alexandra team or registering as the captain please contact info@qacl.ca before April 25.

SCONA POOL UPDATE

The Central Area Council of Community Leagues (CACCL) hosted a working group session at Scona Pool on March 24, 2010. About 6 residents from Strathcona, McKernan and Queen Alexandra attended (meeting minutes are posted on www.qacl.ca under 'Sports and Recreation'). Here are the highlights:

- We need to build partnerships with other pool users, the City, and Edmonton Public Schools. The wider representation this group has, the stronger the voice of the group becomes.
- We also need to build up some funds.
- Last but not least, we need to have some fun! This means making Scona Pool a more attractive place for community members to come and use. Plans include renovating the party room and investigating installation of an outdoor hot tub. There is definitely some momentum in the air.

Whether you have a lot of time to dedicate to this or just a couple of hours to do a small, defined task there is a place for you. Hope to see you there...or splashing around the pool! If you have any other questions, feel free to email info@qacl.ca.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP SAVE SCONA POOL?

Scona Pool's operational funding with the City expires December 31, 2010. Residents can show support by:

- Using the pool; and
- Developing a plan to raise one-time renovation dollars to do a few necessary upgrades to the building.

Otherwise, Scona Pool will likely close its doors on January 1, 2011. For your reference, a full copy of the infrastructure report conducted by the City of Edmonton in October 2009 is available at http://edmonton.ca/attractions_recreation/sport_recreation/scona-pool.aspx

SPRAY PARK UPDATE

QACL has approval for most of the funding for our proposed new spray park to be located at the park on 73 Avenue and 107 Street. If all goes well construction should be finished by the end of June and a grand opening hosted on July 4, 2010! Keep watch in the May and June QACL member newsletters for more updates on its development.

BABYSITTING REGISTRY

Are you a babysitter in the area or a parent looking for someone to watch your kids? Queen Alexandra has a babysitting registry. Interested babysitters can list their name in the community registry (your name & contact information won't be posted anywhere) & interested parents can contact the League for the name of a babysitter.

Email babysitter@qacl.ca to list your name or find a babysitter.

NEW HALL RENTAL RATES

After years of being the best deal in town, the League has finally decided to increase the rental rates at our Hall. The rates remain very reasonable, but are more comparable with other halls in the area. Hall rentals include use of the fully-stocked newly-renovated kitchen, small stage, & wooded park. The hall can host up to 175 people. The boardroom upstairs is also available with a 12-15 person capacity, small kitchen & private washrooms. New rental rates for Queen Alexandra Hall are as follows:

- **Members** \$30/hr, \$240/day
- **Non-members** \$75/hour, \$350/day
- **Boardroom** \$15/hour, \$50/day

To book the hall for your next event, visit www.qacl.ca/hall-rental

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TUESDAYS 6:00-7:00PM

Y Toastmasters Club *EFCL (7103 105 Street)*

Call 780-433-7250 or www.ytoastmastersclub.ca.

APRIL 12-30

Junior Leaders and Wading Pool supervisors will be hired by the city for the green shack program. For more information, visit www.edmonton.ca/careers

APRIL 15 4:00-8:00PM

Connections 2010 Event *Taylor University College and Seminary (11525 23 Avenue)*

The City of Edmonton, led by the Office of Great Neighbourhoods, is hosting three Connections 2010 events in April 2010 to inform Edmontonians of the many current and upcoming City projects, programs and services happening in their neighbourhoods and build stronger connections between residents and City staff. Representatives from all City departments, Edmonton Public Library and Edmonton Police Service will be on hand to share information and discuss projects, programs and services with residents.

APRIL 22 4:00-8:00PM

Connections 2010 Event *Mayfield Inn & Suites Convention Centre (16615 109 Avenue)*

See details above.

APRIL 27 7:00PM

QA Monthly General Meeting *Queen Alexandra Community Hall (10425 University Avenue)*

Come hear the latest news about what is going on in and around your neighborhood. The QA board welcomes all community league members to sit-in on the monthly meetings.

APRIL 29 4:00-8:00PM

Connections 2010 Event *Alberta Aviation Museum (11410 Kingsway Avenue)*

See details above.

MAY 4

Registration begins for the City of Edmonton Summer Programs. Check out the 2010 Summer program guide for details about activities and camps.

MAY 15 10:00AM-3:00PM

Super Spring Cleaning Fair *Queen Alexandra Community Hall (10425 University Avenue)*

See front page for more information.

MAY 25 6:00PM

Queen Alex Members' Dinner & AGM *Queen Alexandra Community Hall (10425 University Avenue)*

Dinner at 6:00pm and meeting from 7:00pm. All members welcome. Babysitters on location to care for children of members attending meeting.

NOW AVAILABLE

Sign up your kids for the "Little Green Thumbs Program" — get them started on a gardening project in your neighborhood at www.edmcommunitygardens.org .