



THE ALEXANDRAN

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE QUEEN ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY LEAGUE

MAY 2010 — MEMBERS' EDITION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Queen Alexandra Community League's Annual General Meeting will be held Tuesday, May 25th at the Community Hall. A members' appreciation dinner (food from Chianti) will be held at 6pm, followed by the meeting from 7 to 8 pm. Babysitters will be on hand so children are welcome to attend. Please RSVP by May 22nd to Judy at 780-433-9258 or membership@qacl.ca if you plan to attend. A number of positions will be up for election (see below). Come connect with your neighbours and community - hope to see you there!

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

Executive positions have two-year terms

President

- provides leadership for the league, co-ordinates its various activities and chairs meetings

2nd Vice President

- helps out the president, chairs meeting in the absence of the President & 1st VP

Secretary

- responsible for keeping the League's records; keeps & distributes minutes at the monthly meetings

COMMITTEE CHAIR POSITIONS

Building and Grounds Chair

- responsible for ensuring repair and maintenance of the hall and grounds are carried out, and liaising with the hall coordinator about hall rentals

OTHER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are volunteer opportunities available on all committees. Some specific opportunities include:

- School Sector Review Committee
- Scona Pool Committee
- Playgroup Organizer
- Annual Block Party Organizer
- Monthly Potluck Organizer
- QACL Walking Group
- Fix-it Person for the Hall

If you have any questions about these positions or opportunities, email info@qacl.ca and someone will be happy to get back to you!

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LEAGUE EVENTS

AT-A-GLANCE

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

Spring Clean & Reuse 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

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Micheal Guirguis

Membership

Judy Troyer

Building and Grounds

vacant

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Julie Kusiek

Program

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Social

vacant

Sports

Sue Wasson

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS SECTOR PLANNING REVIEW

Sector planning is a review of all school space within Edmonton Public Schools to address areas of low enrolment and a surplus of school space. An external consulting firm, Dialogue Partners Inc. will be working with Edmonton Public Schools to involve parents, families, organizations and community members in the public engagement process.

- Sectors are geographic areas of the City, and the three sectors under review in 2010 are the West 1, Central and South Central sectors.
- The goal of the review is to make the best possible use of resources so that students in all areas of the city have access to vibrant schools and a range of programming opportunities.
- Sector review might mean change.
- Possible outcomes of a sector review include status quo, consolidation or reconfiguration of schools in a sector, or possible closure.

HOW DO YOU GET INVOLVED?

- Join the contact list – send an email to info@dialoguepartners.ca
- Check the website - More information about opportunities to participate is available on the website at <http://www.sectorreview2010.com>
- Participate – In May and June, there will be opportunities for involvement, including community forums, workbooks and online input
- Contact us if you have questions - by emailing info@dialoguepartners.ca or calling toll free 1-866-269-1276

Queen Alexandra also has a small committee of volunteers involved in this process. If you would also like to participate, email info@qacl.ca or come to the AGM.

INFILL GUIDELINES SESSIONS

Come out to a City of Edmonton housing information session. The City planners will let you know where higher density housing will be allowed in your mature neighbourhood. You can review quality control guidelines, and have input into requirements for apartment yards. The next session will be held at 7pm on May 27 at the Garneau Community Arts Center, 10943-83 avenue. As seating is limited, please RSVP to Bev.Zubot@efcl.org or 437-2913.

If there is enough interest, QACL could also host a session. Email info@qacl.ca if you'd like to help make it happen.

SPRAY PARK UPDATE

by Ann Brown

Spring will be a busy time for our spray park because installation is scheduled to begin! A few years ago, there was an overwhelming excitement for this project and the possibility of a spray park in Queen Alex. This project is now a reality for us all. Again, a big thank you to everyone who gave us their ideas as we couldn't have done it without your input. Your comments and suggestions were very helpful in creating this new play/picnic area for residents of all ages living in our community.

During difficult financial times a project like this is more important than ever. Families may not be able to travel as much and this project will make Queen Alex more of a vacation spot within itself. Local children and adventuresome adults will have a place to go and cool off during the heat of summer.

UPDATED SCHEDULE

May	Installation Process put out for Tender
May/June	Construction begins
July	Park Opens

Note: Construction will move forward depending on the weather.

Your patience with the construction process will no doubt be rewarded when the spray park opens! Thank you to all who have supported our efforts to make this a reality. A special thank you to the City of Edmonton and the League for contributing the funds necessary to build the water park & picnic area to make our community a safe & fun place for all of our community members.

SPRING CLEAN-UP EVENT

May 15 from 10am-3pm at Queen Alexandra Community Hall. These services will be available to the community for free:

- A Reuse Fair to accept unwanted school supplies, craft supplies and many other items (see item list at QACL.ca).
- Rip'n'Shred's will securely shred your old files on site.
- Large item disposal (please do not bring fridges, freezers, commercial waste or hazardous waste).
- Book exchange and perennial plant exchange.
- Bike tune-ups and we will be accepting old bikes and parts for reuse.
- Displays from local artists and environmental groups.

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

LEAGUE NOTES

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 and contact information aren't posted) & interested parents can contact the league for the name of a babysitter. Email babysitter@qacl.ca to list your name or find a babysitter.

PARK LEADERS WANTED

The League is also looking for teens to be playground leaders for our September 18 membership drive. Any young person interested in this position should please contact info@qacl.ca or Diane.Dunn@edmonton.ca if you'd like to sign up for some cool training on running games.

TABLE TENNIS ANYONE?

The League is the proud owner of 2 new sturdy table tennis tables. The Alberta Table Tennis Association discounted the tables as part of a grassroots development program. Anyone interested in using the tables or setting up a table tennis challenge should contact info@QACL.ca.

DISCOUNT FOR QACL MEMBERS

Monthly City of Edmonton recreation passes are discounted 20% for league members and now have automated billing. You can also use your recreation passes at Scona Pool.

SOUTH SCONA PARKING LOT

by Michael Guirguis

The City of Edmonton started examining the sale of the South Scona Parking Lot. The Queen Alexandria Community League in conjunction with Old Strathcona Business Association has been ensuring that the City is aware of the importance of the parking lot. In addition we have highlighted several issues that need to be addressed in all future development:

- Parking needs to be available for current monthly parkers, validations, weekend, evening and late night parking.
- Accommodation needs to be made for delivery vehicles.
- Parking should be available at a reasonable rate to ensure the continued competitiveness of Old Strathcona with nearby developments.
- Any development needs to be prompt to preclude land speculation and long term loss or parking access.
- Any future development should not be residential as conflicts easily arise between residential areas when near entertainment areas.

It is important that community members voice their views on this development taking place within the heart of Old Strathcona. Please contact your Council members Bryan Anderson (bryan.anderson@edmonton.ca) and Don Iveson (don.iveson@edmonton.ca).

WIPE OUT GRAFFITI FOR FUN & PROFIT

Queen Alexandra Community League has been invited to participate in the Capital City Clean Up (CCCU) Graffiti Management Program. This program provides paint and painting supplies for an event to cover graffiti. Funding support is also available for groups to purchase snacks and food. Non-profit organizations will receive \$1 for every square foot (\$10.75 a sq. m) of graffiti painted over (not including the applicant group's own property) to a maximum of \$1,500 per application. Agencies can use the funds as they see fit, whether it's for a soccer tournament, a park slide, community league building maintenance or a volunteer appreciation night.

The League is looking for someone to organize this. If this interests you, let the board know (email info@qacl.ca) and then plan the event as you imagine it! Call 780-944-5412 or check out www.edmonton.ca/capitalcitycleanup for more info on this and other CCCU programs.

JUNE IS STROKE MONTH

Stroke is the leading cause of acquired long-term adult disability in Canada. June has been nationally designated as Stroke Month to mark the significance of stroke and help people better understand how to prevent and recognize stroke.

The Alberta Health Services Stroke Program is offering a free one-hour public education session on Tuesday, June 22 at the Queen Alexandra Community League Hall. The presentation will begin at 7pm. Coffee and snacks will be supplied by QAQL. Please RSVP to kusiekj@yahoo.ca or 780-434-3787 to ensure your space.

OLD SCONA PUBLIC WASHROOMS

Public washrooms have been installed at northwest corner of South Scona Parking Lot & northeast corner of 104 Street & Whyte Avenue. Temporary units were installed at the beginning of May. Permanent installations will be constructed soon after.

WORKERS NEEDED FOR THE 2010 EDMONTON ELECTION

Do you want to be at the center of the action, make some extra money and participate in an important election – all in one day?

The 2010 Edmonton Election for Mayor, 12 Councillors, 9 Public School Trustees and 7 Catholic Separate School Trustees is taking place on Monday, October 18, 2010 and workers are needed to staff the voting stations to ensure this important election is effective and efficiently run.

A fair and accurate election is a keystone of our community – but it takes a lot of dedicated people to ensure voters can cast their ballots. This year we need 2,800 workers in 223 voting stations across the city.

Remuneration for positions ranges from \$190 to \$335. The positions available are:

- Presiding deputy
- Assistant presiding deputy
- Ballot clerk
- Tabulator clerk
- Deputy Returning Officer (Registration Clerk)
- Deputy Returning Officer (Identification/Address Clerk)
- Deputy Returning Officer (Door/Security Attendant)

You must be 18 or older to work the Edmonton Election.

Voting stations are open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day. All workers must remain in the voting station.

All positions require mandatory training that will be held in the weeks before the election. Some positions will also require the use of a vehicle.

Application involves a two-part process – if you apply in person, you will fill out an application and an evaluation document. If you apply and submit your application on line, you will be contacted and asked to complete the evaluation in-person.

The easiest way to apply is in-person at either:

The Election & Census Office
16304-114 Avenue
or
Office of the City Clerk
3rd Floor, City Hall
1 Sir Winston Churchill Square

Both are open Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., excluding holidays.

For more information, visit www.edmonton.ca/election or call 780-442-VOTE.

NEED A HAND?

The Community Action Project or CAP team are on the lookout for people who need help. The CAP team in Edmonton is led by Lauren Milner of St. Paul's Anglican Church. If you require help for things like mowing the lawn, getting a house repainted, or perhaps some cleaning up around the neighbourhood, this opportunity could be for you.

Youth and adult volunteers in **lime green T-shirts** will help the city of Edmonton for 2 days on June 4 & 5, completing acts of service & kindness. Our goal is to inspire this generation of youth to experience the richness of giving back to the community while generating good will in the community.

To participate please call Lauren Milner a call at 780-983-2559 or email laurenmilner16@hotmail.com or call Tisha Raj at 780-235-2961 or email tisha.dr@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Queen Alexandra Reuse Fair *Queen Alexandra Community Hall (10425 University Avenue)*

See page 4 or www.qacl.ca for more details.

MAY 25, DINNER AT 6:00PM, AGM AT 7:00PM

QACL Annual General Meeting *Queen Alexandra Community Hall (10425 University Avenue)*

All members welcome. Babysitters on location to care for children of members attending meeting. RSVP by May 22 to Judy at 780-433-9258 or membership@qacl.ca

JUNE 1-26

Edmonton Photo Scavenger Hunt for Edmonton Community Challenge

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

JUNE 3

Alberta Bike 2 School Day

Students and teachers of Alberta can participate in this one day event. Register online at www.shapeab.com for ideas and suggestions to organize your day.

JUNE 5

Neighbourhood Cleanup Challenge for Edmonton Community Challenge

With Capital City Clean Up & YESS. If you are interested in joining the Queen Alexandra team or registering as the captain please contact info@qacl.ca.

JUNE 12

Bike Tune-up Challenge for Edmonton Community Challenge.

With Edmonton Bicycle Commuters and bikeology bike month. If you are interested in joining the Queen Alexandra team or registering as the captain please contact info@qacl.ca.

JUNE 22, 7:00PM

Stroke Prevention Presentation *Queen Alexandra Community Hall (10425 University Avenue)*

Free info session with Alberta Health Services. Coffee and snacks will be served. Please RSVP to kusiekj@yahoo.ca or 780-434-3787.

JUNE 26

Canned Food Sculpture Challenge for Edmonton Community Challenge

With THE WORKS art festival and the Edmonton Food Bank. If you are interested in joining the Queen Alexandra team or registering as the captain please contact info@qacl.ca.

JUNE 29, 7:00PM

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

All members are encouraged to attend.

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