



THE ALEXANDRAN

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE QUEEN ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY LEAGUE

JUNE 2010 — MEMBERS EDITION

SPRING CLEAN UP SUCCESS!

Queen Alexandra hosted a reuse themed clean up event that saw visitors from all over the city. More than 350 people came out to drop off items for reuse and most left with an item or two to take home. Services included a Reuse Fair and displays inside the hall, a plant and book exchange, a free garage sale, bicycle repair and drop-off, Rip’N’Shread’s shredding service and a disposal service.

Capital City Clean Up sponsored a Big Bin Event on the site, but organizer Suzanne Lewis opted instead to use the funds to spread out on the league’s lawn. “Using the park was safer for people dropping items off and allowed the hauling company to recycle the appliances and scrap metal,” said Lewis.

She was also pleasantly

surprised to see participants poking through the waste and taking items away for reuse. “One person had just finished unloading a large piece of furniture and he turned around and took a whole truck load of wood.” She said. Lewis estimates that half the items that came in when right back out again to new owners.

Edmonton Bicycle Commuters reported that this was the largest haul of donated bikes received so far this year and the City’s Reuse Fair Coordinator believes this will be the most attended Reuse Fair this year. Lewis says, “Many people have approached me about doing this event again next year as an annual event. Now that people know about the event, I expect that next year would even more successful.”

“GREEN SHACK” ON THE MOVE

With the ongoing construction of our spray park at the regular location, this summer's "Green Shack" program will be at the Queen Alexandra School

Playground (7730 106 Street).

Children ages 6 to 12 are invited to drop by for a free fun-filled summer! Join the exciting games, crafts, music, drama and special events. Leaders are identifiable by their blue City of Edmonton shirts. Playground staff are required to pass a security clearance, are trained in First Aid, and are certified specialists in fun! .

PROGRAM HOURS OF OPERATION
July 5 – August 27

Mon–Thu 11am–6:30pm
Fri 1:30 pm–5:30 pm

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LEAGUE EVENTS AT-A-GLANCE

TUESDAYS, 6:00-8:00PM
Drop-in Sports for Kids
Mount Carmel School field

JUNE 29, 7:00PM
Monthly General Meeting
Queen Alex Community Hall

JULY 5-AUGUST 27
Summer Playground Program
Queen Alex School Playground

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VOLUNTEER THANKS

The League has had a great year in 2009-2010. We've hosted a few fun events such as the membership drive at Scona Pool, kids summer sports drop-in evening, re-use fair, hosted the Green Shack summer program at the park, and hosted a few potlucks and a member appreciation dinner at our AGM; we've also written letters to the City regarding specific development proposals affecting our community including Scona Pool, the South Scona Parking Lot, Gino's Restaurant and the proposed 76 avenue housing redevelopment; we've spoken with Councillors on these and other issues; we've raised some funds through a Casino; we've made fantastic progress on bringing a spray park to 73 avenue; we've updated and revamped our website and sent out monthly member newsletters. All of this was possible because of the many volunteers who donated their time, energy and enthusiasm to make our community just that – a community. For this, the League thanks you:

Babysitting Registry: Marilyn Covello

Casino: Doug Bailie, Lisa Watson, Iga Speur, Helen McLean, Judy Troyer, Shirley Lowe, Ann Brown, Norm Shandro, Nona German, Russ Miyagawa, Sharon Skwarchuk, Lindsay Telfer, Marco Campana, Tracy Kitagawa, Will Jan, David Crowther, Ken Mah, Helen Wong, Kim Sanderson, Janet Schwegel, Suzanne Cook, Vicky Beauchamp, Gerry Beauchamp, Marianne Garley, Doreen Almonitis, Tom Olenuk, Estefani Fujita, Kory Lowden, Jolene Shannon and Betty Brown.

Executive: Doug Bailie, Marco Campana, Myles Kitagawa, Kim Sanderson

Hall and Grounds: Kim Sanderson, Brendan Kusiek (maintenance and clean-up), and the anonymous folks who pick up garbage along the fence.

Membership Drive: Judy Troyer, Sharon Skwarchuk

Members' Appreciation Dinner and AGM: Thank you to all the volunteers who helped at the AGM including setting up displays, setting up for the meal, babysitting organization, dishes, clean up of the hall and putting away tables and chairs.

Planning & Development: Micheal Guirguis, Diane Millar

Potlucks: Lindsay Telfer

Publicity: Julie Kusiek, Russ Miyagawa, Suzanne Lewis, Tim Fitzpatrick, and a whole host of other volunteers including Nancy Culyer, John Dean, Judy Troyer, Kim Sanderson and Brendan Kusiek.

Re-Use Fair: Thank you to all the volunteers from the community who helped at the event. Master composter volunteers, organization leaders who did pick ups, participants who helped neighbours bring items in, and the tireless people who did set up, worked in the hall sorting, worked with the outside activities and those who stayed after to clean up.

School Sector Review: Danny Turner

Spray Park: Ann Brown, Nona German

The Queen Alexandra Community League also wishes to thank Carl Lotsberg, who manages hall bookings and looks after the hall.

SAVE SCONA POOL

As you have heard many times before, Scona Pool is only guaranteed to be open until December 2010. However, we have the opportunity as a community to work together and work with the City to keep a pool in our neighbourhood open indefinitely. The City has proposed an open house/consultation to take place sometime in June. The date, details and location are still to be confirmed. Please keep checking the website (www.qacl.ca) and your member emails for info on this. If you want to be guaranteed to know what's happening, consider joining the Scona Pool mailing list or come to the June 8 planning session. All you have to do is email Julie at kusiekj@yahoo.ca and you're in!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Members Appreciation Dinner and AGM proved to be a success once again. The food and company was great. We also heard from guest speaker, Rachel Notley, our MLA. Queen Alexandra Community League would like to welcome the Executive and Committee Chairs for 2010-2011:

- **President:** Doug Bailie
- **1st Vice President:** Marco Campana
- **2nd Vice President:** Myles Kitagawa
- **Secretary:** Lisa Watson
- **Treasurer:** Kim Sanderson
- **Planning and Development:** Micheal Guirguis
- **Membership:** Judy Troyer
- **Publicity:** Suzanne Lewis
- **Program:** Lindsay Telfer
- **Sports:** Sue Wasson

Another welcome and thanks goes to our committee volunteers:

- **Annual Block Party:** Jaie Phillips, Cheryl Hechler, James Wilson, Susan Larcombe, Lori-anne Bond
- **Walking Group:** Lisa Guirguis
- **Hall Fix-It Person:** Dennis Merkosky
- **School Sector Review Committee:** Sheila Campbell, Michael Guirguis, Danny Turner
- **Scona Pool Committee:** Iga Speur, Norm Shandro, Sheila Wright, Julie Kusiek, Sheila Campbell, Lisa Guirguis, Dennis Merkosky

LEAGUE NOTES

MEMBER DISCOUNTS AT TELUS WORLD OF SCIENCE

During the Sultans of Science traveling exhibition from May 21-September 6, TELUS World of Science is offering card-carrying League members the following:

- 10 % off General Admission
- 10 % off any Membership

For more information visit:
<http://www.edmontonscience.com/>

TABLE TENNIS ANYONE?

The League has taken possession of our two table tennis tables. Special thanks to Alberta Traffic Supply for helping with the transportation, & thanks to the Alberta Table Tennis Association for throwing in four rackets and balls. If you want to play Ping Pong or set up a community club contact info@QACL.ca

DROP-IN SPORTS FOR KIDS

Do you like to play soccer, baseball, lacrosse, volleyball, or badminton? We have all the gear ready for you to drop in and play. Bring your friends and make some new ones at our summer sports drop-in every Tuesdays between 6-8 pm (weather permitting) at the fields of Our Lady Mount Carmel School at 76 Avenue and 105 Street. Sports drop-ins run from now until the last Tuesday in September.

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JUNE IS STROKE MONTH

Queen Alexandra is hosting a free Stroke Prevention session, presented by Alberta Health Services on June 22nd at 7pm at the hall. Please RSVP to Julie at kusiekj@yahoo.ca or 780-434-3787 by June 16th if you plan to attend.

Stroke Month is designated to mark the significance of stroke and help people better understand how to prevent and recognize stroke. Stroke is the leading cause of acquired long-term adult disability in Canada with more than 50,000 evident strokes occurring each year.

Help prevent a stroke by learning more about the risk factors you can do something about, and those you can't control.

Are you at risk? Take the Heart & Stroke Risk AssessmentTM and get a personalized risk profile and a customized action plan for healthy living that includes tips, tools, recipes and much more to help you reduce your risk.

Go to heartandstroke.ca/risk today for your personalized assessment.

PROTECTING OUR MATURE TREES

A new group supported by Bonnie Doon and Strathcona Community Leagues has formed to spearhead getting a bylaw to preserve and protect Edmonton's mature trees.

The group's focus is to share information, dialogue and research other bylaws already in place in many Canadian cities to help create an Edmonton bylaw.

The first meeting on April 14,

2010 was well-received and attended by City Councilors Ben Henderson and Linda Sloan, by Jenny Wheeler from the city's forestry department, and concerned citizens from all over the city.

If you are interested in joining the group or want more information, contact Kathy Hunter at lastmountain@gmail.com or Nancy Rempel at rempeln@gmail.com.

GROW A ROW FOR MEALS ON WHEELS

Your garden is the key to nourishing a community. Grow a Row promotes going green and eating local. Local gardeners and farmers are asked to donate a portion of their fresh produce to Meals on Wheels. With these fruits and vegetables, They will be able to make the meals that nourish the body and feed the soul throughout the city.

In 2008, Meals on Wheels received a generous donation of over 2,340 lbs of fruit and vegetables and 1,860 lbs in 2009. They accept all fruits, root vegetables, herbs and federally inspected meat products. Meals on Wheels has free compost for those participating in the program. Call 780-429-2020 for more information.

NOTES FROM THE CITY

RIVER VALLEY CAMPS

The Summer camp registration has opened for the City of Edmonton's River Valley Summer Camps hosted in Kinsmen Park.

- **Computer Jocks (9-13 years)**
Spend a half day in the computer lab building your own web page then get active; archery, low ropes and swimming! (July 12-16, 26-30, August 9-13 and 23-27)
- **Fantastic Photography (11-14 years)** Explore your artistic side and the River Valley with a digital camera! Fun activities and time in the lab to create a photo CD (July 12-16, 26-30, August 9-13 and 23-27)
- **Primitive Art (8-11 years)**
Express yourself creatively through many mediums and with natural materials! A camp for artsy youngsters! (July 19-23, August 3-6, and 16-20)
- **River Explorers (9-13 years)**
Certified SCUBA instruction + voyageur canoeing+ outdoor activities= FUN! (July 19-23, August 16-20)

All camps are located in Kinsmen Park (9100 Walterdale Hill- brown shack by the Tennis Courts).

For these and other camps please check the Summer Program Guide on www.edmonton.ca or call 496-2994 for more information.

To register call 311, visit a Leisure Centre, or go online to eReg.edmonton.ca.

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EFCL NEWS

URBAN CHARACTER ROW HOUSING ZONE

The proposed Urban Character Row Housing Zone is street-oriented, which means front doors and windows are close to the street, with front yards being as small as 3 meters if there is a street boulevard, and 4.5 meters if there is no boulevard. The proposed Zone allows for higher density and a larger building than the standard row housing zone, with greater maximum heights (3 vs. 2 ½ stories), and greater site coverage (55% vs. 40%) thus smaller yards. The required minimum outdoor amenity space of 30 m² remains the same, but the new zone allows for the space to be above grade, for example, a deck above a garage. Rear yards could be reduced to 5.5 m from 7.5 m if there is a rear attached garage. Minimum driveway length is reduced to 2.75 m, and parking space requirements may be reduced if within 800 m of a transit station. Landscaping requirements remain the same but the required front yard tree for each unit may be placed in the rear or side yard.

Although the purpose of the zone is to promote street-oriented development, the proposed zone does allow for front yard garages, which would limit the connection of the residence to the street, and would reduce the ease of walking on the street. The prominence of front garages may defeat the street-oriented purpose. What do you think?

The Urban Character Row Housing Zone would likely be used

as a transition between housing and apartment areas. The zone would also likely be used in areas close to LRT stations and business districts. However, any lots with a depth of 30 m could be rezoned to the proposed row housing zone.

Take a look at the details of the proposed Urban Character Row Housing Zone, and pass along your comments to EFCL (Bev.Zubot@efcl.org or 437-2913) and City Council.

SUCCESS AT CITY HALL – SMART LIGHTING

EFCL and the Light Efficient Community Coalition will be working with the City on a new artificial lighting policy to reduce energy consumption and light pollution while enhancing safety. The concerns expressed by various Community Leagues played a part in this new direction.

On April 20th, the Transportation and Public Works Committee of City Council received a light pollution report from City Administration. EFCL and the Light Efficient Community Coalition were there to speak on the topic as well. EFCL relayed the concerns expressed by community leagues members who were either attempting to reduce their neighborhood carbon footprint or had concerns about new residential street lighting in mature neighbourhoods.

EFCL has heard concerns about neighbourhoods being over-lit, lighting not being put where it is needed the most, the latest

technologies not being used, glare inhibiting vision thus the safety of people (especially seniors), and unwanted light in private yards and windows. Most consistently, we have heard concerns about the unnecessary street light bill. Nearly doubling the energy use of mature neighbourhoods which get new street lighting is not a trend to be supported.

There is a better way. Other cities have light efficient community policies to enhance safety while reducing the energy bill. Smarter lighting is the solution.

As directed by the April 20th City Council Committee motion, EFCL, the Light Efficient Community Coalition and City Police will have input into the development of an artificial lighting policy for Edmonton. A report will go to City Council's Transportation and Public Works Committee in November 2010.

For more information on smart lighting, see the following four electronic brochures: Light Pollution and Safety, Energy, Human Health, and Residential Lighting Good Neighbour Guide.

Contact Bev.Zubot@efcl.org or 780-437-2913 to provide your perspective on residential lighting and get EFCL's working draft of a Light Efficient Community Policy.

The Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues (EFCL) is an umbrella organization representing Edmonton's 150 community leagues. For more information, please visit www.efcl.org.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TUESDAYS, 6:00-8:00PM (WEATHER PERMITTING)

Drop-in Sports for Kids *Our Lady of Mount Carmel School (76 Avenue & 106 Street)*

Do you like to play soccer, baseball, lacrosse, volleyball, or badminton? We have all the gear ready for you to drop in and play.

JUNE 15, 7:00PM

Hockey Registration Changes Meeting *EFCL (7103 105 Street)*

Discuss & give feedback on the recent changes to the hockey registration process.

JUNE 22, 7:00PM

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

Please RSVP to Julie at kusiekj@yahoo.ca or 780-434-3787 by June 16th if you plan to attend.

JUNE 29, 7:00PM

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

All members are welcome to attend.

JULY 5, 7:00PM

Swim Lessons Commence *Scona Pool (7103 105 Street)*

Registration has started and courses are listed in the Summer 2010 Brochure & Lesson Schedule, which is available online. Please call (780) 496-8756 to register.

JULY 5—AUGUST 27, MON-THU 11:00AM-6:30PM FRI 1:30PM-5:30PM

Green Shack Playground Program *Queen Alexandra School Playground (7730 106 Street)*

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JULY 9—11

SOSFest Sounds of Old Strathcona Program *18 venues along Whyte Avenue*

Come and experience Old Strathcona as a "Live" music district. Almost 100 artists in over 20 separate venues performing a wide variety of music styles, all for \$25. For more information go to www.sosfest.ca.

NOTES FROM THE CITY

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SIDEWALK STRATEGY

If you are aware of any missing curb ramps or sidewalk links that pose accessibility issues or would benefit your community as a whole please contact the Transportation Planning Branch at 780-944-5600 or send an email to transplanning@edmonton.ca.

LEAGUE NOTES

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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 (don't worry, your name and contact information aren't posted) and interested parents can contact the league for the name of a babysitter.

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

LEADERS WANTED

Park leaders wanted: We are also looking for teens to be playground leaders during the September 18 community league membership drive. Any young person interested in this position please contact info@qacl.ca or Diane.Dunn@edmonton.ca.