



THE ALEXANDRAN

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE QUEEN ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY LEAGUE

SUMMER 2010 — COMMUNITY EDITION

“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!

On another note, we would like to thank the anonymous painter who painted the shack blue last summer. If anyone is interested in re-painting the shack this year (or perhaps the mysterious painter of last year!), we can get you a can of paint to do the job. Just email info@qacl.ca and it's all yours!

HOURS OF OPERATION

July 5 – August 27

Mon–Thu 11am–6:30pm

Fri 1:30 pm–5:30 pm

WE WANT YOU!

COMMUNITY LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE SET FOR SEPTEMBER 18 AT SCONA POOL

We want you to join Queen Alexandra Community League! Come out for a free swim, games, and family fun at Scona Pool on September 18 to purchase your 2010/11 membership. The League is your connection to meeting new neighbours, and getting involved in all the fun and exciting events happening around the Old Strathcona and Whyte Avenue area. We keep you updated about planning and development, transportation, and other neighbourhood issues, and we provide a voice to City Council about your concerns.

You'll also receive the following benefits:

- 40 free swims at Scona Pool!
- Free skating at community league rinks across the city
- Discounts at City of Edmonton Leisure, Sports and Fitness facilities
- Discount tickets to selected professional sports games
- Discounts at the door for the Northern Lights Folk Club
- Reduced rental rates for the Queen Alex Community Hall

Memberships for 2009/10 are still available. Contact Judy at membership@qacl.ca. Visit QAcl.ca for more information.

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LEAGUE EVENTS

AT-A-GLANCE

TUESDAYS, 6:00-8:00PM

Drop-in Sports for Kids

Mount Carmel School field

JULY 5-AUGUST 27

Summer Playground Program

Queen Alex School Playground

SEPTEMBER 18

2010/11 Membership Drive

Scona Pool

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SCONA POOL UPDATE

The Scona Pool Group is on a mission to make Scona Pool a destination for water fun and exercise. Here's the plan we've developed and started to put in place:

- Renovate the party room including new paint, new flooring & perhaps fitness equipment or a tv/dvd (equipment donations welcomed).
- Put planters and flowers on the patio — thanks Lori-anne and Sheila for doing this, they're looking great!
- Purchase water tables so little kids can stand in the water without their parents holding them.
- Replace the diving blocks.
- Network with users of other pools closed for maintenance & encourage them to use Scona Pool. There is a new Sunday drop-in aquasize class.
- Host QACL's September 18 membership drive, & partner with other user groups for special free events, demonstrations and lessons. More details to come!

We are accepting donations toward the special projects listed above plus other projects to come. QACL and two other leagues have already made generous donations toward these projects. We will be setting up a place for hall renters to donate their bottles to the Scona Pool group, all proceeds going to these special projects. If anyone has supplies or expertise they can spare to any of the projects, we encourage you to lend a hand!

A COMMUNITY EFFORT!

The next vote on Scona Pool's fate is slated for this December. We're compiling a list of "good news" stories on the different ways the pool is used. If you see Scona Pool in the media, if you've used the pool for your kid's birthday party or school wind-up event, etc., let us know at info@qacl.ca. We will document your support for the pool and present it to Council in September.

The driving force behind saving the pool is the Central Area Council of Community League's (CACCL) Scona Pool Group. This is a group of citizens working to ensure the viability of Scona Pool, including representatives from nearby Community Leagues, and other user groups such as UAPS Kayak Club, Orca Syncro, U of A Syncro, Strathcona High School Parents' Council, Scona Swim Team, Olympian Swim Club, and Northwest Scuba.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Use the pool! User numbers are up 139% from first quarter of last year. We need to show ongoing stability of those numbers, meaning we can't have a lot of ups and downs. The pool is open right now, so let's have fun & use it. That means a mental shift from "saving" the pool to just using it & demonstrating its importance to our community.

The next meeting for the Scona Pool Group will be Tuesday, July 20th at 7:00pm in the Scona Pool party room. All are welcome.

PUBLIC SCHOOL SECTOR REVIEW INTEREST GROUP

Edmonton Public Schools are doing a sector review in 2010 of the schools of our community (south central Edmonton). Sector planning is about making the best possible use of available resources so that all students have access to vibrant schools and a range of quality programs in their sectors. Possible results include no change, combining schools together, reorganization or relocation of programs or closure of some schools.

Queen Alexandra Community League has formed a interest group to follow the sector review for our area and to voice local concerns to the review committee. If you are interested in joining our group please email info@qacl.ca.

SILLY SUMMER PARADE

Thanks to all the QACL members who supported the Central Area Council of Community Leagues (CACCL) Scona Pool group entry into the Silly Summer Parade on July 1st. They won second prize, consisting of a plaque and \$200. The prize will go toward the enhancements to the party room, along with the donations committed to date from 3 CACCL leagues. The plaque will be displayed at the pool for all to see.

Everyone looked awesome behind the Scona Pool and Orca banners. It was lots of fun as well as being a strong, visible show of support for the pool. There was an great turnout of over forty people of all ages, including some on bikes and in strollers, plus 3 dogs. In addition to reps from at least 5 CACCL leagues, participants also included pool users and staff, members of the Scona high school swim team and of the Orca synchronized swim group.

The pool also set up a table at the "picnic in the park" that followed the parade on the grounds of Queen Alexandra school, which gave it additional visibility. There's already talk of "next year."

HERITAGE DAYS VOLUNTEERS

Time to volunteer for Heritage Days, join in the fun, and help EFCL show the community at large how much fun league people are. Join us at the EFCL Rest area for one or more shifts for tattoos, coloring, football toss, or just socializing. Earn some food tickets, enjoy the event, and have fun with the EFCL Team. Please add your name to the following schedule for one or more shifts:

<http://www.doodle.com/we9bd3uhv5vueue9s>
and send michael.janz@efcl.org an email with your contact information.

LEAGUE NOTES

SIGN OF THE TIMES

Good news everyone! The League has a new sign at the Hall that is visible from 76 Avenue. The sign features our logo and panels for letters to announce events and other important information. Thanks to our awesome volunteers who have been keeping the sign updated with the latest community news.

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.

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.

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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.

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.



Visit QACL.ca for the latest news & updates

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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 two brand new table tennis tables. If you want to play Ping Pong or set up a community club contact info@QACL.ca

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