



THE ALEXANDRAN

NEWSLETTER OF THE QUEEN ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY LEAGUE

FALL 2013

COMMUNITY LEAGUE DAY

GET YOUR 2013/14 LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP



Queen Alexandra is celebrating Community League Day on September 21 at Scona Pool. Renew or take out a new league membership and join the festivities. From 11:00 am to 3:00 pm there will be swimming, pool games, crafts for kids, and food. Members will get a free hot dog from Fat Franks. Some of the benefits of league membership include staying up to date on issues affecting our community, access to programs and events sponsored by the League, and a limited number of free swims at Scona Pool.

The Scona Pool Party is a joint event sponsored by Queen Alexandra and Allendale community leagues and RiverCity Recreation. Scona Pool is having a “Swim for Hunger” Food Drive from September 21 to 24. Please bring a donation to help fill the swim deck with food.

Membership Fees:

- Family (2 adults & kids) \$20
- Family (1 adult & kids) \$10
- Senior Couple (65 & up) \$10
- Individual \$10
- Senior Individual (65 & up) \$5

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LEAGUE EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 10, 9:30-11:30AM

QACL Playgroup Play Date

Queen Alexandra Hall

SEPTEMBER 21, 11AM-3PM

Community League Day

Scona Pool

SEPTEMBER 24, 7PM

Monthly General Meeting

Queen Alexandra Hall

Beginning October 1

TUESDAYS, 9:30-11:30AM

QACL Playgroup

Queen Alexandra Hall

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QUEEN ALEX PLAYGROUP

Are you looking for fun, low-cost activities for you and your children to do during this fall and winter? Would you like to meet new friends that live within a few blocks of your home? The Queen Alexandra Community League playgroup may be just what you're looking for!

Attend the Community League Day event on September 21 and come visit the playgroup table. We will be taking playgroup registrations, answering questions, and gathering programming ideas!

Other playgroup highlights include:

- For children ages 0-5 years & their caregivers
- Regular meeting time is Tuesday mornings, 9:30–11:30 am at the Hall, October through May
- Toys & colouring supplies on site
- Safe, indoor space for children to run around and play
- Opportunity for additional special programming, e.g., guest speaker, dance classes, etc.
- \$20 registration fee for the year, no matter how many children attend from your household
- Must be a community league member to register
- Minimal volunteer time commitment includes participation in one cleaning bee per year, bringing a snack for the group 2-3 times per year, and helping with weekly tidy-up after playgroup
- Additional opportunities are available if you would like a larger role

For more information on the playgroup program, email Julie at playgroup@qacl.ca or call 780-434-3787. Alternatively, you can find our table and chat with us in person at Community League Day, or visit www.qacl.ca.

HALL MANAGER WANTED

Do you have flexible days and are looking for some additional income? Maybe you are retired or semi-retired, work from home, or are an at-home care-giver or parent. The Queen Alexandra Community League is looking a reliable individual to manage use of the community hall located at 10425 University Avenue, just north of Strathcona High School.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Administer hall rentals by:
- Responding or re-directing email inquiries
- Distributing rental contracts and policy documents
- Maintaining on-line booking schedule
- Orienting renters to proper hall use

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PARKS & RECREATION NEWS

TIPTON PARK UPDATE

by Catherine Mountain

Work on the Spray Deck project is almost completed. All of the construction equipment is gone from the site, and everything looks beautiful. There is a picnic table with a gazebo covering it and benches for relaxing, situated around the spray deck. The landscaping is finished and several new trees have been planted. The trellis is in place. Outside of the construction zone in the playground area, new benches have been added.

The only remaining work is the application of the labyrinth. Construction fencing will remain around the project until it is completed.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA PARK REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE

by Sheila Campbell

Thank you to everyone who has shared ideas on redevelopment of Queen Alexandra Park (73 Avenue & 108 Street). Over the summer, more than 50 people filled out the online survey and 35 people joined the park crawl. The committee is now busy compiling all the input to come up



with a vision for the park. From the park crawl we learned that kids love play structures that let them play "grounders" - a tag game where kids try to stay off the ground. We saw the value of good seating and sight lines, and play spaces designed specifically for little ones. From the survey, we learned that people value the park as a space where people of all ages gather, and that we need to think about park features that encourage activity of all ages, such as a community garden. The Parks Committee will meet with city staff this month to develop a Concept Plan for the park with the aim to apply for the October 1 deadline of the Neighbourhood Park Development Program. Stay tuned to league emails for updates on the project. To join the committee or share your ideas, email parks@qacl.ca.

ROLLIE MILES UPDATE

by Gary Chung, City of Edmonton

The planned construction schedule for the Rollie Miles Track Replacements was to take place between May 2013 and October 2013. The project has experienced significant delays, mainly due to rain. As of August 2013, there have been more than 50 rain delay days. The 50 days include both rain days and days required to rework the subgrade due to wet conditions.

The contractor has indicated that they are approximately six weeks behind schedule. Upon completion of the asphalt base, 28 days are required for curing prior to installation of the track surface. This shifts track surface installation into November 2013. Installation of the track surface requires maintaining a temperature range that would not be achievable in Edmonton in November.

Track surface installation will need to be delayed till temperatures can be maintained in the range specified by the manufacturer. This will result in waiting until late spring / early summer 2014 for installation.

Thank you for your patience as we strive to create a high quality venue for athletics in Edmonton.

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QUEEN ALEXANDRA HISTORY PROJECT

THE MCKERNAN LAKE LINE



Double-ended Edmonton 17 running south on 104 Street near 78 Avenue on the Green & White McKernan Lake line. Note the roof of the CPR South Edmonton station to the right of the billboard behind the front of the car.

Photo: Lon Marsh Collection, Edward Winslow, 1945

As part of our continuing efforts to highlight history of the Queen Alexandra area, we will be featuring a longer article in the October newsletter about the McKernan Lake streetcar line, which opened 100 years ago this fall. The longer piece was written by Colin Hatcher and originally printed in The Trip Sheet. The streetcar line to McKernan Lake provided an important public passenger service in our neighborhood from November 9, 1913 to August 9, 1947. Some notable destinations along the line included Queen Alexandra School and Mount Carmel School. Many Edmontonians used the car to travel to Whitemud Park in the river valley - a favorite destination for school picnics. They would walk from the end of the line at 116 Street to the river valley and then down to the park located adjacent to today's Fort Edmonton Park.

HALL MANAGER

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- Payment handling
- Inspecting the hall after each rental
- Maintaining the interior and exterior hall building and grounds, and proposing a budget on an annual basis to the board for hall needs
- Recommending contracts as necessary for hall & grounds maintenance tasks & cleaning

- Reporting to the board on a monthly basis regarding hall updates and needs

QUALIFICATIONS

- Organized and comfortable using basic computer software programs
- Comfortable applying policies, managing forms and payments, and dealing with people

- Available to check the hall in between rentals, including some evenings & weekends

Compensation is negotiable. Contact Myles Kitagawa at president@qacl.ca to request a detailed services description to guide your proposal preparation. Proposals accepted until October 31.