



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



Santa Ken leads the carolling at the Queen Alexandra Christmas Potluck on December 8 at the Queen Alex Hall. Photo: Russ Miyagawa.

NEIGHBOURHOOD EMPOWERMENT TEAM

The League welcomes the Neighbourhood Empowerment Team (NET) to our neighbourhood. Teams are assigned to “at-risk” communities, as determined by escalating crime statistics. Community specific policing, community mobilization and crime prevention are implemented over a 2-4 year period by the following objectives:

- Reduce crime & fear of crime in areas suffering from community apathy, neighbourhood decay & diminished resource support
- Mobilize those who “live, work & play” in identified areas into taking

action on community concerns by establishing resident-driven/police-supported crime prevention strategies

- Foster partnerships that integrate community resources; providing customized responses to root causes of crime & reducing the demand for traditional police intervention

For more information on & how to contact NET:

- City of Edmonton — www.qacl.ca/NET
- EPS — www.qacl.ca/EPSNET.
- NET on Facebook — www.qacl.ca/FacebookNET.

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LEAGUE EVENTS

TUESDAYS, 9:30-11:30AM

QACL Playgroup

Queen Alexandra Hall

JANUARY 28, 7PM

Monthly Members Meeting

Queen Alexandra Hall

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LEAGUE NOTES

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

TREASURER

Maintains the accounts of the League, and periodically reports on said accounts to the membership. Receives all monies collected on behalf of the members, and pays all approved invoices & bills. With the support of the League's bookkeeper, prepares & files financial reports as required by government, funders, and other agencies. Bookkeeping experience an asset, but not mandatory. If interested, contact Myles at president@qacl.ca.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Social Committee is tasked with planning, organizing and running social events for the members of the League. If you like planning parties, come out and help us throw some fun events this year. If interested, contact Russ at info@qacl.ca.

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

Do you enjoy walking? Do you like to get out in the neighborhood and see all the beautiful yards and houses? Would you like to volunteer in the community but only have a little time to give? The League might have just the right position for you. We are looking for volunteers to help deliver newsletters to the neighborhood. For more info or to volunteer, contact Crystal at news@qacl.ca or 780-288-3057.

NEW HALL MANAGER

Thank you to Carl Lotsberg for his many years as the league's hall manager. Welcome Rick and Aganetha Smith as our new hall managers. We're excited to have you on board. Thank you also to the other individuals who expressed interest or applied for the position.

MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS BENEFITS

Get your membership in the Queen Alexandra Community League, and:

- Get connected (potlucks, pub nights, playgroup)
- Get fit (free swims, free skating)
- Get deals (hall rental, City Rec facilities, and more)

- Get in the know (planning & development, events, community news)
- Get involved (work on a project of interest with friends & neighbours)

Download the membership form at www.qacl.ca, or buy your membership online at www.efcl.org.

PLAYGROUP NEWS

Playgroup will be having a Christmas cookie decorating party on December 17. There will be a ton of cookies, gingerbread, sugar, and even a few gluten free cookies to decorate if you need. See recipes below. If you've been meaning to check out play group, now is the time.

It will be a ton of fun! Playgroup meets on Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11:30am at the Hall. Come for a relaxed morning where the children can play and the adults can visit.

For more info, contact Julie at 780-434-3787 or playgroup@qacl.ca.

CITY NOTES

EVOLVING INFILL

Evolving Infill is a project being done by the City, in collaboration with citizens and stakeholders, to advance residential infill. It is both a conversation and project designed to embrace and harness change.

Citizens can get involved by completing the Discussion Guide, sharing their stories on the discussion forum, or by hosting their own Infill Conversation.

For more information on how to participate visit www.qacl.ca/infill or call 780-944-0103.

WINTER BIKE ROUTE STUDY

The City is looking for winter cyclists that ride along 106 Street, anywhere between 29 Avenue & Saskatchewan Drive, to help understand the impact of their winter bike route maintenance pilot project.

E-mail info@edmontonbikes.ca for more information.

ROLLIE MILES UPDATE

The Rollie Miles track received its last lifts of asphalt in late October and the infield is sodded. Perimeter fencing, some landscaping and the athletics event fitments are being installed over the next few weeks. The surfacing will be completed in spring 2014 as soon as temperatures reach the acceptable range for application.

ROLLED SUGAR COOKIES

These classic sugar cookies are great for cookie-cutting and decorating during the holidays.

INGREDIENTS

1 ½ c. butter, softened; 2 c. white sugar; 4 eggs; 1 tsp vanilla extract; 5 c. all-purpose flour; 2 tsp baking powder; 1 tsp salt

DIRECTIONS

1. In a large bowl, cream together butter & sugar until smooth. Beat in eggs & vanilla. Stir in the flour, baking powder & salt. Cover & chill dough at least one hour.
2. Preheat oven to 400 °F (200 °C). Roll out dough on floured surface ¼" to ½" thick. Cut into shapes with any cookie cutter. Place cookies 1" apart on ungreased cookie sheets.
3. Bake 6-8 minutes in preheated oven. Cool completely.

GINGERBREAD MEN

INGREDIENTS

½ c. margarine; ½ c. sugar; ½ c. molasses; 1 egg yolk; 2. sifted all-purpose flour; ½ tsp salt; ½ tsp baking powder; ½ tsp baking soda; ½ tsp cinnamon; 1 tsp ground cloves; 1 tsp ginger; ½ tsp nutmeg

DIRECTIONS

1. In a large bowl, cream together margarine & sugar until smooth. Stir in molasses & egg yolk. Combine the dry ingredients & blend into the molasses mixture until smooth. Cover & chill for at least one hour.
2. Preheat the oven to 350 °F (175 °C). On a floured surface, roll the dough out to ¼" thick. Cut into desired shapes with cookie cutters. Place cookies 2" apart on ungreased cookie sheets.
3. Bake for 8 -10 minutes until firm. Remove from cookie sheets to cool on wire racks. Frost or decorate when cool.

WINTER FESTIVAL?

by Mika Benjamin, Program Committee Chair



There is no denying that winter is here! In December many cultures and religions will be celebrating festivals of light and hope, which keep the spirits high during the darkest part of the year. However, then comes January and February which are still snowy and cold. In Alberta, we have smartly added a Family Day, the third Monday in February, to get out there and have some fun. This February 2014 marks the XXII Winter Olympic Games in Sochi, Russia followed by the Paralympic Games there in March. Both are always an inspiration to get out and enjoy the glory of winter, ice and snow.

Is there any interest in our Queen Alexandra Community to have an afternoon in February for winter games and activities, hosted by the League and presented by a talented team from the City of Edmonton? The activities would be near the Hall for warmth, probably on a Saturday or

Sunday, but NOT on Family Day. Snowshoeing, outdoor skills, crafts, learning to bake bannock (First Nations bread-type) - there are a range of possibilities and the League would probably interest any age range or ability, from adults to children.

Please reply with interest to programs@qacl.ca by December 31, 2013. Include which activities you might be interested in, how many might attend and age ranges, if you would be interested in helping out - should that be needed, days that would work best for you.

We cannot all go to Russia or be an Olympian. However, we can participate in celebrating our great winter and the fun sports/activities it offers, by getting out and enjoying an afternoon with friends and neighbours. What do you think? Ideas and input are always welcome.

LET'S SKATE!

LEARN TO SKATE

The City of Edmonton is offering Learn to Skate programs at numerous locations near Queen Alex. Programs are available for ages 5-6 and 7-10. The schedule is as follows:

- Mon: McKernan (afternoons), Allendale (evenings)
- Wed: Bonnie Doon (evenings)
- Thu: Belgravia, Ritchie (afternoons)
- Fri: Pleasantview (evenings)
- Sat: Strathcona (mornings), Avonmore (afternoons)
- Sun: Lansdowne, Holyrood (mornings), Fulton Place (afternoons)

Details and registration information at www.Edmonton.ca/ereg.

OUTDOOR SKATING

While construction prevents the League from building a rink this winter, League members can use their skate tags at Community League rinks across the City.

INDOOR SKATING

The City of Edmonton and the Kinsmen Club of Edmonton sponsor free public skating & shinny hockey at City arenas including Tipton & South Side Arenas right here in our backyard. Check the weekly schedules at www.qacl.ca/cityskate for times and locations.

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