



NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL COMES TO QUEEN ALEXANDRA



An information session is scheduled for March 27. This is the second session regarding the planned Neighbourhood Reconstruction for Queen Alexandra and will provide more information on the design, local improvement process, and reconstruction schedule and activities.

Queen Alexandra has been chosen for neighbourhood reconstruction in spring 2015. Neighbourhood reconstruction is a type of neighbourhood renewal that involves road reconstruction and repaving, as well as replacement of streetlights and reconstruction of sidewalks, curb and gutter. Alley renewal is not part of neighbourhood reconstruction.

Property owners will have the opportunity to make choices about what they will pay for during neighbourhood reconstruction via local improvements of sidewalks and

INFORMATION SESSION

Date: Thursday, March 27, 2014,
Time: 6:30-8:30pm
Location: North Gym, McKernan Elementary-Junior High School (11330 76 Avenue)

decorative streetlights. For information about what to expect during reconstruction, visit the Neighbourhood Reconstruction page at <http://qacl.ca/reconstruction>.

Meeting One occurred on September 24, 2013 with Queen Alexandra Community League. The Building Great Neighbourhoods team met with the League Executive to share the City's plans to renew and replace sanitary and storm sewers, reconstruct roads, curbs and sidewalks on City-owned property, and replace streetlights starting in 2015.

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LEAGUE EVENTS

TUESDAYS, 9:30-11:30AM

QACL Playgroup

Queen Alexandra Hall

MARCH 25, 7PM

Monthly Members Meeting

Queen Alexandra Hall

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LEAGUE NOTES

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

TREASURER

Maintains and reports on the accounts of the League. 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.

THE SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTION

It's official. The Queen Alexandra Community League has joined Facebook. But what does that mean?

Social media, used properly, can help to connect communities. It's getting harder in some ways to connect communities, but we can still can. But how do we find each other? The league sends out a newsletter every month. With perfect organization the newsletter goes out with coordination between several different people. But it's a slower process – content has to be gathered, written, edited, and laid out. It has to be printed, picked up, and delivered. There's nothing wrong with the process – but it is a lengthy process. Social Media is here to stay – and it can offer a new kind of connection.

When you “like” a particular page on Facebook, you can receive updates in your “news feed”. There's several ways to do this. You have to make sure that you've selected “receive updates”. A smaller community page is more difficult because bigger companies have paid to spam your pages with their updates. So first you have to make sure you're getting updates. Second, to make it work, people have to interact with the page. This can be done by adding your photos of what is going on in our community and “tagging” Queen Alexandra Community League. So if

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PLAYGROUP NEWS

Playgroup meets on Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11:30 am at the QA Hall. Come for a relaxed morning where the children can play & the adults can visit. We've got toys, colouring, comfy couches & additional information.

PLAYGROUP RECIPE OF THE MONTH

CRAZY CAKE

This cake was popular during the depression, and has no eggs, milk, or butter. This is a great choice for kids who have egg or milk allergies, or when you don't have milk or eggs in the fridge. It tastes great & is easy to make.

INGREDIENTS

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 cups white sugar
- 1 tsp salt
- 2 tsp baking soda
- ½ cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- ¾ cup vegetable oil
- 2 tbsp distilled white vinegar
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 cups cold water

DIRECTIONS

1. Sift flour, sugar, salt, soda & cocoa together into an ungreased 9x13 inch cake pan. Make three wells. Pour oil into one well, vinegar into second & vanilla into third well. Pour cold water over all & stir well with fork.
2. Bake at 350°F (175°C) for 30-40 minutes, or until tooth pick inserted comes out clean. Frost with your favorite icing.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY?

We have had several break and enters in and around Queen Alexandra over the past month. The latest took place around the time a male was going door to door asking if people needed painting done.

If you see someone suspicious hanging around in your neighbourhood trying door handles on vehicles, going through yards, or perhaps coming to your door with a story that just doesn't ring true? Please record as many details as you can and report it to the EPS.

SECURE YOUR HOME

Practicing good home security is also helpful. Ensure your doors and windows are secure, and leave an exterior and interior light on if you're planning to be away during evening hours. If you're away for the weekend or an extended period of time, consider stopping your paper and mail delivery and ask a friend or neighbor to check on your home regularly.

VALUABLES IN YOUR VEHICLE

Finally, please remove all property from your vehicles and lock your vehicle doors. This will help prevent theft from autos. The EPS is always available to assist you. If you have any concerns about suspicious activity in your neighbourhood, don't hesitate to call the complaint line at 780-423-4567. If you believe a crime is in progress, call 911.

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.

NEIGHBOURHOOD NOTES

EVENTS IN AND AROUND QUEEN ALEXANDRA

SPRING BREAK DAY CAMP 2014

Do you want to come to camp, but you're not sure which kind of camp? This camp is for you! You will get a chance to try everything, from cooking, dancing, outdoor adventures, arts, and sports, you will get the chance to discover what your favorite activity is in this "theme a day" program.

DETAILS

Ages: Children 6-12 years old

Location: Queen Alexandra Hall
(10425 University Avenue)

Dates: March 31 to April 4

- Early drop-off 8:00–9:00am
- Programming 9:00am–4:00pm
- Late pick-up 4:00–5:00pm

Cost: \$149.00 /participant

Course Code: 518438

REGISTRATION

Call: 311

Online: <http://EReg.edmonton.ca>

In Person: At any City of Edmonton
Leisure Centre

HISTORIC URBAN LANDSCAPE FORUM

On Tuesday, March 18, the Old Strathcona Foundation will be hosting a public forum in partnership with the International Council of Monuments and Sites at the Varscona Hotel on Whyte Avenue.

Dr. Ron van Oers, Vice Director of the World Heritage Institute of Training and Research for Asia and the Pacific (WHITRAP) in Shanghai, and implementation coordinator for UNESCO's Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape, will present on the application of the Historic Urban Landscape showing examples of its success in cities across the world. The key objective of the presentation is to introduce and stimulate public discussion of the Historic Urban Landscape Values and how they can apply to the Whyte Avenue area.

For more information, visit the Old Strathcona Foundation website at <http://www.oldstrathconafoundation.ca>. The event is free, but registration is required. Register online at <http://qacl.ca/HUL>.

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you take a photo of your family enjoying a hot dog at the party in June, for example, you might add it to your own Facebook page, and "tagging" it allows people on the community page to see your picture. You can also "like" and "comment" on the posts. For example, if the league site posts an event that you are interested in, such as the annual membership renewal at Scona Pool, you can "attend" the event and it will give you updates regarding the event and also remind you when it's time to go. Interacting with the page gives us information about what you'd like to see happen, which events you'd enjoy, and what you'd like to see happening in the community.

Community Leagues are about getting out and meeting neighbors... but we have to know what's happening in order to do that. So connecting people online – will in turn connect them in real life. If you know of an event happening in our community – post it on the page! When you post it, maybe someone will be perusing their Facebook page and happen to notice – and join up with you! If you have a great photo of your garden, if you have weekly yoga at the hall, post about it and maybe someone will learn about the great people we have here in the Queen Alexandra Community.

"Like" the Queen Alexandra Community League on Facebook at <http://qacl.ca/facebook>.

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