



THE ALEXANDRAN

NEWSLETTER OF THE QUEEN ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY LEAGUE

SUMMER 2014

KICK OFF SUMMER AT SUMMERFEST



FAMILY FUN

JUMPY CASTLES

PETTING ZOO

SPRAY PARK FUN

PLAYGROUND ACTIVITIES

ARTS & CRAFTS

FREE HOT DOGS

Bring your valid Queen Alexandra Community League membership card, and pick up your coupon for one free Fat Frank (one coupon for each family member). For non-QA members (or for seconds), you can purchase Fat Franks from the vendor (cash only).

2014-15 MEMBERSHIPS

New to Queen Alexandra or let your membership lapse? The Membership Committee will be selling 2014-15 League memberships. You can also learn about great league programs and

WHEN?

- Saturday, June 21, 11am-3pm

WHERE?

- Queen Alexandra Park
(73 Avenue & 108 Street)

events, such as the QA Playgroup and the swim pass program.

PARK REDEVELOPMENT

Last summer, community members and park users were asked to share ideas and input on how to refresh QA Park. The Parks Committee took all the input and worked with the City on a Site Development Plan for the park. The plan includes a larger tobogganing hill, refreshed landscaping and pathways, a community garden, and new playground equipment. Come learn more about plans at QA Park at SummerFest.



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LEAGUE EVENTS

JUNE 21, 11AM-3PM

Summerfest

Queen Alexandra Park

JUNE 24, 7PM

Monthly Members' Meeting

Queen Alexandra Hall

JULY 2–AUGUST 22

WEEKDAYS, 10:00AM-1:30PM

Green Shack Program

Queen Alexandra Park

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CASINO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

AUGUST 1-2 • CENTURY CASINO

The League needs volunteers for Alexandra & Tipton Parks. Its upcoming Casino fundraiser Volunteers are especially needed on August 1 & 2. This is the League's biggest source of funds, and allows us to undertake projects like park & playground redevelopment at Queen Alexandra & Tipton Parks. Volunteers are especially needed to fill shifts on Friday evening and all day Saturday. To volunteer or for more information, contact Myles at casino@qacl.ca or 780-691-1982.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wow! Another year for QACL moves into the position of Secretary; is under our belt and a new and Ken Bond (Secretary) & John one begun. Thank you to all of the Thompsen (1st Vice-President) incredible volunteers who made this continue in their positions for the year a spectacular one for the league. second year of their terms. We all ate. We visited. The children We also welcome new played (thank you to the City of Committee Chairs Julie Kusiek Edmonton for providing the play (Programs) & Russ Miyagawa leader). We brainstormed about (Social); and thank continuing streetlights! The adults participated in committee chairs Lori-anne Bond league business. A good, neighbourly (Membership) & Sheila Campbell time was had by all. (Sports). Tammy-Jo Mortensen &

The 2013/14 Annual Report— Kenneth Robinson were appointed as available soon at www.qacl.ca— spells volunteer Auditors for the 2014 fiscal out all the League's activities, and year.

acknowledges those wonderful The League was unable to find neighbours that made it all possible! volunteers to Chair the Neighbour

As a result of the elections held Planning & Development, Building & at the AGM, we congratulate our new Grounds, and Publicity Committees. If Leauge President Micheal Guirguis, you are interested in any of these and welcome Ann Brown (2nd Vice- positions, please contact the League at President) and Noella Bradbury info@qacl.ca (Treasurer) to the League Executive.

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WWW.QACL.CA

THE GREEN SHACK IS BACK!

SUMMER FUN AT QUEEN ALEX PARK



Hey parents! Looking for ways to entertain your kids during the summer holidays? The free Green Shack program is running again at Queen Alexandra Park. Last year's program was fantastic, and this year's will be no exception.

Please keep in mind the program is designed for children age 6 and up. Children younger than that are also welcome to participate, with caregiver supervision.

Unlike previous years, the Green Shack Program is being offered at Queen Alexandra during the morning only. For afternoon fun, enjoy a splash at our Spray Parks, or mosey over to Allendale Park (6305 105A Street) or other nearby playgrounds for more Green Shack fun. Green Shack locations & hours can be found at edmonton.ca/playgrounds.

LOCATION

- Queen Alexandra Park
(73 Avenue & 108 Street)

PROGRAM HOURS

July 2 to August 22

- Weekdays 10am to 1:30pm

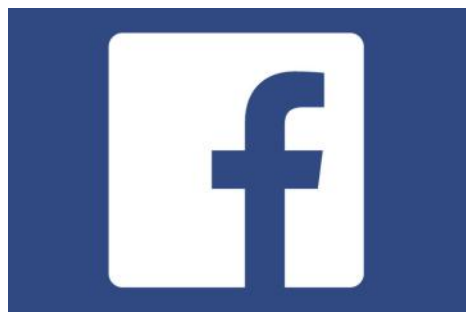
SPRAY DECK HOURS

- 10:00am–8:00pm every day

Note: Playground staff on-site only during Program Hours.

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LEAGUE NOTES

SCONA POOL NEWS

CANADA DAY SWIM & BBQ

The Friends of Scona Pool & River City Recreation are hosting a Canada Day free swim & BBQ from 1-4pm on July 1.

SUMMER PASSES ON SALE

Used up all of your free membership swims? Scona Pool summer passes are now on sale! For \$60, swim all summer long during public swim times. Five dollars from each pass sold will go to the Stollery Children's Hospital.

FRONT YARDS IN BLOOM

Nominations are open in 4 categories until June 30. Recognition signs will go out in July and final winners for the City awarded mid-August. It is a thrill to be nominated and recognized for the gift to the community that these front yards offer. Go to <http://qacl.ca/fyib> to learn more, and to submit your nominations online.

SPEEDING VERSUS COMMUNITY LIVABILITY

By Councillor Ben Henderson, Ward 8

I have heard much concern on the issue of speed limits, and photo radar over the past few months. While we all need to get from point A to point B quickly, efficiently and safely, it is important to remember that much of our travelling goes through peoples' neighbourhoods and communities.

From a high level, city transportation is the constant interplay and balancing of efficient and safe travel, while protecting the vibrancy of existing communities. When a main artery travels through a neighbourhood, it has significant effects on the livability, sense of place, walkability, and community orientation of that area. Essentially, the ability of residents to utilize the spaces and opportunities outside of their private property becomes restricted. Examples include, the community's ability to socially congregate in public spaces, pedestrian accessibility to local conveniences such as stores and parks, safe use of public spaces for children's play like road hockey or bike riding, and overall perception of safety within the area, among much more. Over time, neighbourhoods that absorb considerable cut through traffic, increased volumes on arteries, and consistent speeding, become less

desirable areas to reside, especially for families and seniors. This negative connection between speeding vehicular traffic and community livability is the reason why speed enforcement is so important.

Studies have shown that your chance of survival in a collision with a vehicle travelling at 50km/hr is 45%. Drop that speed down to 40km/hr and you are looking at survival rates of about 73%. Furthermore, a 1km/hr increase in travelling speed attributes to a 3% higher risk of a crash involving injury, with a 4-5% increase for crashes that result in fatalities.

While I have heard from many residents complaining about overuse of traffic enforcement, I have also heard from many others who are asking for further enforcement within their neighbourhood in an effort to maintain it's livability.

At the end of the day, the role of traffic enforcement is to ensure that those who are driving, are driving safely and are being considerate of others. It is not about a war on the car, and it is not a cash grab; it is about ensuring that all people, no matter what transportation mode, are able to move efficiently and safely through the city.

COMMUNITY NOTES

HOUSE AN ARTIST FOR THE 33RD EDMONTON INT'L FRINGE THEATRE FEST

**GET INVOLVED IN THE FESTIVAL!
MEET NEW PEOPLE!**

We require approximately 100 homes to host theatre artists from another city, province or country during the Edmonton Fringe Festival, August 14-24, 2014.

Housing an artist also provides the following benefits:

- Festival T-shirt for all household members
- Program Guide
- Opportunity to see the Fringe Performances
- Exclusive Invitation to Volunteer Events

Should you have any questions please call Gay at 780-758-8931 or email host.vols@fringetheatre.ca.

Apply online today at www.FringeTheatre.ca!