

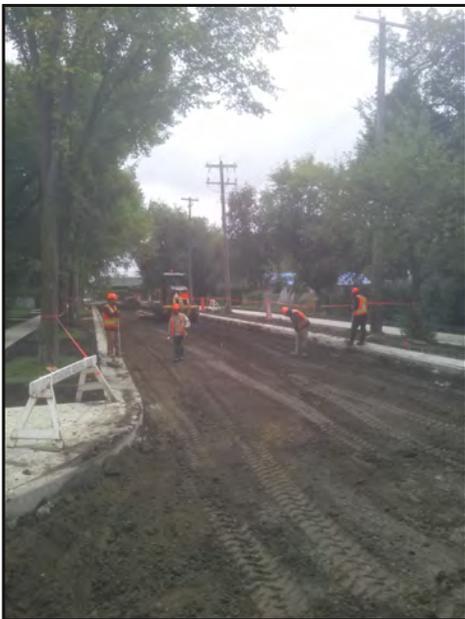


## WELCOMING FALL IN QA!

*By Sheila Campbell, President*

This fall marks an exciting new chapter for Queen Alexandra with new sidewalks, new roads, new QA Park playground and amenities, and new entrance and signage at Tipton Park. Many community league members, volunteers and residents contributed in big and small ways to each of these projects. Thank you! The summer's success could not have happened without both volunteers and participants, who contributed to a fantastic summer in QA. I look forward to carrying the momentum of summer and renewal over to the fall.

## NEIGHBORHOOD RENEWAL



Good news on the Neighbourhood Renewal front. Work is currently ahead of schedule and this year's plan will likely be finished by mid-september. Work on next year's portion will continue this fall in the area between 74th ave and 76th ave west of 106 st. to 109 st. This work is likely just the concrete work associated with the renewal process. More information can be found regarding the program at:

[http://www.edmonton.ca/transportation/on\\_your\\_streets/queen-alexandra-neighbourhood-renewal.aspx](http://www.edmonton.ca/transportation/on_your_streets/queen-alexandra-neighbourhood-renewal.aspx)

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# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## PROGRAMS COORDINATOR SEEKING HELP

Hello, I am the new Programs Coordinator and came to Queen Alex with my young family in December from Parkallen. While there, I spent a brief time being their ProgrAms person. I especially enjoyed organizing a Holiday Craft Night for the kids over there. It gave them a chance to make presents for their families and gave parents a "date night", win/win!

I would be interested to hear how people found using our Green Shack program this summer over at Tipton Park. A big thank you to Michelle our Leader for running this new, temporary location. Next summer Green shack will be back at our Queen Alex playground which is being replaced this summer.

Some ideas I have for fall

programming are, a Staying Home Alone, Internet Safety for kids, and/or a Babysitting course for our kids. If your child might be interested please let me know.

I truly want to organize programs for all ages and also programs that bring people of all ages together. So please contact me with your ideas and suggestions.

I look forward to working with you!

*Susan Fearnley*

**Those interested in collaborating with Susan can contact her by sending an email to :**

**[Programs@qacl.ca](mailto:Programs@qacl.ca)**

## COMMUNITY RINK COORDINATOR

Interested in having a local Ice Rink this winter? The League is looking for a person to coordinate the outdoor rink

What does this entail?

- Working with the Programs & Social Committees to plan a "rinkraising" social, where we put together the rink and an appreciation potluck afterwards
- Maintaining a rink flooding schedule with volunteer flooders
- Ensuring the rink is shoveled off after a snowfall, with the help of your volunteers

As with all Queen Alexandra volunteer run programs, we won't have a rink unless there are community members to make it happen. If you want a rink this season, then let's do it together!

**If interested send an email to: [rink@qacl.ca](mailto:rink@qacl.ca)**





# COMMUNITY HALL UPGRADES

By Kenneth Robinson

Submitted by Julie Kusiek

Hello friends and neighbours.

I hope you've all been enjoying the summer.

Here is a quick update on the QA Crossroads initiative. Look for us under the tag line Engage 106-76. Queen Alexandra along with Strathcona, McKernan, Belgravia, Allendale, Pleasantview, and Empire Park, as well as Strathcona Complete Streets, Old Strathcona Foundation and Edmonton Bicycle Commuters, have partnered with the City of Edmonton on a pilot project and together we developed a vision to transform 106 Street and 76 Avenue to walkable, bikeable, liveable public spaces that connect people. We recently made some publicity in the Edmonton Journal and Metro Edmonton

(<http://www.metronews.ca/news/edmonton/2015/08/13/south-edmonton-residents-help-with-street-redesign.html>)

There are lots of ways you can get involved but we would appreciate your help with one particular item - engagement. Our aim is to engage as many of our friends and neighbours as we can so the project can show that

people like you are listening and informed about the project (and contributing if you so choose). You can do that by signing up as a Community Partner. It's not as scary as it sounds.

**"OUR AIM IS TO ENGAGE AS MANY OF OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS AS WE CAN"**

Go to the website at [www.engage106-76.info](http://www.engage106-76.info) and sign up as a Community Partner.

By signing up, you will be kept up to speed on the project via email and most importantly you will show us you are listening. There are no catches or tricks. Signing up does not mean you are for or against any particular idea or solution. Rather it shows your commitment for a positive process seeking meaningful input.

So please take five minutes to show you will be listening (and, if you choose, participating) by becoming a Community Partner. Better yet sign up yourself and invite your family, friends, and neighbours to do the same.

**COMMUNITY LEAGUE DAY  
September 19, 2015  
Scona Pool 11:00-3:00**

This has been a very busy time for the QA Community Hall, which was in need of major attention and repairs. The roofing shingles were due for replacement, presenting an excellent opportunity to accomplish further improvements. The southside of the Main Roof has been prepared with special underlayment to be ready for possible solar electric installation. Our building is a near perfect site for a large enough array to supply the entire energy needs of the Hall! While the old shingles were off the roof it was ideal to upgrade the attic insulation - now to R70. This is exciting news for anyone using the hall in the summer as it is now much more comfortable. All the rotted eaves & front entrance fascia were replaced with special cement siding. This work included significant structural repair to the south soffits & front entrance overhang. Once the eaves were finished, all rain gutters & down spouts were replaced with new ones. Inside the Hall, we reorganized

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

September 19, 11am to 3 pm

Edmonton Community League Day  
*Scona Pool (108 St & 73 Ave)*

September 19, 7 pm to 8 pm

*September League Exec Meeting*

*Watch for upcoming pocket park event*

## FRONT YARDS IN BLOOM!

This year there were over 3800 nominations. Now, of course, some of those people were nominating the same magnificent yard, still that equaled approximately 3000 homes with our unmistakable yellow recognition signs! Remember, it is only neighbours, friends & happy passerbys that nominate, not horticultural experts. So many beautiful yards are left unrecognized because no one took the time to email a "WoW"! For the Queen Alexandra neighbourhood, there were 43 general nominations, 2 natural yards, 2 public spaces, and 1 edible yard.



*10623 73 Ave. made it to the Top 24 general yards!  
Walk by and be entranced!*

## COUNCILLOR'S CORNER

# CONSTRUCTION PRACTICES IN EDMONTON

*by Councillor Ben Henderson, Ward 8*

This construction season has seen a few high profile failures on the part of some builders to be respectful and neighbourly during construction. These problems are not new, but with our recent construction boom

I have been receiving complaints into my office with increased frequency. I have been working with administration on a case by case basis on many of these sites, but the tools the City has had at its disposal have been largely inadequate to deal with some problem builders. Ideally our rules will be able to both address problems that do occur and prevent the problems in the first place.

There are many respectful builders out there who take the time and effort to be good neighbours.

Construction can be a disruptive process and we all try to be patient as our part of being neighbourly. But the

poor practices of some have worn thin our patience even for respectful builders and this is harmful to everyone.

My colleagues and I recently passed a motion asking Administration to provide a report with

potential options the City could use to improve builder behavior. These options range from little things like requiring a copy of permits, including conditions, as well as contact information for the permit holder and the constructor to be prominently displayed at the front of the property; to good neighbor agreements between neighbours and builders; to construction bonds; to a certification or classification program for builders in mature neighbourhoods; and to turning the good neighbour residential infill guidelines into an enforceable document.

Please feel free to contact me with your thoughts on potential rules to ensure good construction practices and I will pass them along to Administration while they write the report. Once the report is written it scheduled to come before Executive Committee on September 15 and members of the public are welcome and encouraged to come speak. The options that we select at committee will become the basis of potential new policies to regulate and ensure good builder behaviour.

Contact me anytime at [ben.henderson@edmonton.ca](mailto:ben.henderson@edmonton.ca) or at 780.496.8146. Follow me on Twitter [@ben\\_hen](https://twitter.com/ben_hen)

# GET INVOLVED!

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 IS EDMONTON COMMUNITY LEAGUE DAY.**

**QUEEN ALEXANDRA AND ALLENDALE COMMUNITIES AND SCONA POOL ARE PARTICIPATING IN THIS CITYWIDE EVENT FROM 11:00 TO 3:00 AT SCONA POOL.**

The following volunteer opportunities are available:

Up: tables and food (Shifts from 10:00 – 11:00)

Food Station Monitor: replenishing and tidying (Shifts from 11:00 to 1:00 or 1:00 to 3:00)

Membership Sales: explaining membership benefits and handling cash (Shifts from 11:00 to 1:00 or 1:00 to 3:00)

Clean Up: tables and food (Shifts from 10:00 – 11:00)

Contact [membership@qacl.ca](mailto:membership@qacl.ca) to find out more or to be part of this important community event.

We welcome all neighbours to drop by and purchase or renew your QACL membership!

## REMEMBER!

Queen Alexandra Community League members get 40 free swims to Scona Pool (attached to Strathcona High School, if you've never been there). Make use of them, because it's a great, quiet place to swim. You can find a full schedule and program offerings by going to [www.sconapool.com](http://www.sconapool.com).

### BENIFITS OF COMUNITY MEMBERSHIP

- 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)

**You can also download the membership form at [www.qacl.ca](http://www.qacl.ca), or buy your membership online at [www.efcl.org](http://www.efcl.org).**

### COMMUNITY HALL

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and upgraded the electrical circuits in the kitchen & emergency lighting to address various concerns.

Further repair work is anticipated including: replacement of exterior lighting, discussions around an outside BBQ area, parking upgrades, possible solar installation on the south roof & other general repairs including insulating the upper attic area (which could not be addressed this season). We are examining further improvements towards environmental sustainability and our building being a muster point in times of community emergency/crisis.

More involvement in this active committee is always appreciated towards these exciting plans as changes to that general area continue to occur. Contact me with any time, energy, ideas and skills that you would like to share.

### INTERESTED IN RENTING THE HALL?

NON-MEMBER RATES (2-HOUR MIN.):

Main Hall: \$100/hr, \$525/day,  
\$850/weekend

Boardroom: \$30/hr, \$100/day

MEMBER RATES (NO MINIMUM):

Main Hall: \$40/hr, \$300/day,  
\$450/weekend

Boardroom: \$15/hr, \$50/day

## N.E.T. OUR "NEIGHBOURHOOD EMPOWERMENT TEAM"

# QA CASTS IT'S NET!

*NET's Community Capacity Builder Connie Maciniuk wrote the following article to introduce and update the community regarding the activities of NET as they endeavor to improve the livability and safety within Queen Alexandria.*

Wow, how did it happen so fast? Summer...it's gone. We were each fortunate enough to take some holidays over the last while however in between that it has been busy and interesting. At the start of summer we had the opportunity to participate in some community events; we enjoyed meeting many of the area residents and gladly shared in a wonderful meal at the AGM hosted by the Community league. Thank you!

We have enjoyed some warm summer days biking through the community, chatting with people along the way. We got to see many children out playing and enjoyed the beautiful yards and tall trees. Aside from this we have each been working on some projects. Lane has feverishly been working to organize the second Youth Connect, a resource fair for vulnerable youth. She has an amazing group of service providers she is working with however it has still taken up lots of time. She has also been coordinating our upcoming business engagement project.

We continue our work with the Safer Parking Initiative but buy-in from owners/operators has been slower than we anticipated so we are looking at a new angle which will hopefully address some of the vehicle related

crimes. Although Queen Alex has a high number of these crimes, the majority of those victimized are visitors to the area therefore it makes catching their attention a bit more difficult.



*NET members Connie Maciniuk, Community Capacity Builder and Lane Gagnon, Youth Liaison*

We have spent some time in the community's green spaces, particularly Tipton Park where there have been some problems. This also leads into the fact that there have been concerns around the 104 Street alley, just East of QA. We have completed a CPTED of the area, are connecting with stakeholders and will be putting forth some recommendations at an upcoming meeting. Although this isn't directly in QA many of the recommendations would ultimately benefit the community. Same with the

CPTED of McIntyre Park we are working on. We have still been working on piloting our pee-vention project, applying hydrophobic paint in key areas. This project attempts to affect the behaviour of those leaving the entertainment area and then publicly choosing to urinate. We are also doing research into a larger public urination strategy to address those individuals who do not have regular access to washroom facilities. CPTED is an interest area of Connie's and she has been involved in revisioning how it is implemented within the city and be a way to develop and redevelop a safer city.

Fortunately we have many great colleagues, both with the EPS and the city. We have had the opportunity to work with many of them, some on problem address, others on bylaw concerns and addressing the dark alley's south of Whyte Avenue. All in all it has been a great summer, although short. We didn't get as much done as we wanted however that always seems to be the case as there never seems to be enough time.

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## MEET THE NET CAST

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The NET team is made up by:

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Lane Gagnon, Youth Liaison

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Contact Net using the above information should you have any questions or concerns regarding NET activities within the community. Additional information can also be found at:

[HTTP://http://www.edmontonpolice.ca/CrimePrevention/NeighbourhoodEmploymentTeams.aspx](http://www.edmontonpolice.ca/CrimePrevention/NeighbourhoodEmploymentTeams.aspx)

## QA PARK CONSTRUCTION MOVING AHEAD

By Sheila Campbell

**B**ig changes came this past August at QA Park. The wooden playground equipment and sand was removed. New weeping tile for the drainage was installed. The sub-base for rubber areas was installed and compacted. Dirt was piled up for the bigger hill. All in preparation to install new playground equipment the last week of August, with installation lasting three weeks.

At Tipton Park the fence went up mid-August at Tipton Park, with work beginning to prepare for new picnic pads, shrub beds, signage, and relocation of the Gyro Park sign.



Work at QA park and Tipton Park continues into the Fall

## QA CROSSROADS

### LOOKING AT POTENTIAL POCKET PARK

**T**he QA Crossroads committee is hard at work with a specific project. That is, the committee would



Location of potential pocket park at 76 ave and 106 St.

like to develop a plan for a pocket park on the northeast corner of 106 Street and 76 Avenue. We are currently discussing the potential project with the City of Edmonton, Edmonton Catholic School Board, and others. The idea is to create a welcoming space in the heart of our community - a space that celebrates our QA identity, and invites people to gather with neighbours. To lend a hand with this project, or sign up to receive project progress details, please email [crossroads@qacl.ca](mailto:crossroads@qacl.ca).

## Did you know...

**The Queen Alexandra Community League News & Announcements System was created to make residents aware of issues that concern all of QA and surrounding areas. Issues include crime awareness and community announcements and any other news worthy items. If you have information you feel would be useful please forward to [news@qacl.ca](mailto:news@qacl.ca).**

### Looking for more activities and services available in Edmonton?

Check out [the-park-bench-newsletter](#) from the City. It is a monthly eletter giving a variety of recreational programs and events, parks/green space initiatives, and social services available across the city of Edmonton.

## HISTORICAL NOTES

# TIPTON PLAYGROUND EXHIBITION:

## FREEDOM, IMAGINATION, AND PLAY

By Paulina Retamales, MA

In 2011 I was invited as a researcher into the Tipton renewal process and worked in conversation with local



neighbours, the Queen Alexandra Community League, City of Edmonton, and the Gyro Club of Edmonton. My current focus is to commemorate and celebrate children's play and the legacy of Edmonton parks



and playgrounds with a heritage feature in the park. It's exciting to contribute to local history with this interpretive exhibition and we look

forward sharing it with the whole community.

A team of University of Alberta historians composed of myself, Dr. PearlAnn Reichwein in the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation and Dr. M. Elizabeth Boone in the Faculty of Arts, Dept. of Art and Design, are the exhibition curators. We are working closely with local designer

Kim Clegg

of Rat Creek Designs to curate a permanent interpretive exhibition in the park.

The installation will be a double-sided, interpretive panel made from powder-coated steel with aluminum posts, and an arch with a

decorative topper that will be a big surprise. City of Edmonton will surface mount the installation in the southeast corner of Tipton Park.

Production is funded by community partners and grants for the Tipton Park Renewal project, and we thank the Kule Institute for Advanced Studies

for a grant toward our creative research activity. QACL and the City have approved the designs, now in production. Watch for the delivery of the panels and more news to come!

We encourage people in the community to visit Tipton playground exhibition that displays beautiful images of playgrounds from the collections of the City of Edmonton Archives to document local stories of children's play. If you are interested in sharing your own stories about play



and childhood growing up in Edmonton, please contact me at [retamale@ualberta.ca](mailto:retamale@ualberta.ca). I welcome your comments.

*Paulina Retamales is currently a PhD student with the Faculty of Physical Education & Recreation at the University of Alberta*

Queen Alexandra & Allendale Community Leagues and Scona Pool  
celebrate Community League Day with the:

# SCONA POOL PARTY

## Community League Membership Drive

**Saturday, September 19, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**Scona Pool 10450-72 Avenue**

[If it's raining or snowing, activities planned for the parking lot will be at  
the QACL Hall, 10425 University Avenue]

Get your 2015-16 community league membership and join  
friends and neighbours for swimming, food and fun.

### **POOL**

12 to 4:

Free swimming with  
your new membership

### **PARKING LOT**

11 to 3:

League membership sales  
Engage 106-76 project  
Play Group registration  
Fat Franks

### **Why join Queen Alexandra Community League?**

- Meet great people who live in our community
- Enjoy fun events and activities year round
- Have a voice and vote on planning and development in and around QA
- Swim for free 40 times at Scona Pool
- Skate for free at outdoor community league rinks
- Get discounts at Edmonton fitness facilities
- Rent the QA Hall at reduced rates

Can't make it on September 19? You can:

- Purchase your membership on online at [www.efcl.ca](http://www.efcl.ca) or visit [www.qacl.ca](http://www.qacl.ca) to download the membership form.
- Complete the membership form on the reverse and return it with the membership fee to: QACL, PO Box 4546, Edmonton, AB T6E 5G4.
- Or you can send an email to [membership@qacl.ca](mailto:membership@qacl.ca).

## Queen Alexandra Community League Membership Form

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\$20 for families

\$10 for single parent families, individuals, or senior couple

\$5 for single senior

Renewing membership \_\_\_\_\_

New membership \_\_\_\_\_

Name of first adult \_\_\_\_\_

Name of second adult \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Postal code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

QACL's publicity team sends email updates to inform members of events, activities and programs in the community and to distribute the monthly newsletter. Would you like to be on the email mailing list: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If you do not have access to email, would you like to receive the newsletter by Canada Post: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Names of children (first and last name)	birth date (Y/M/D)	M/F
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Your QACL membership includes 40 free individual or family entries to Scona Pool, located in Strathcona High School at 10450-72 Avenue. The pass is good for public, family, and lane swim. Would you like to receive the Scona Pool Swim Pass? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Your QACL membership provides you with free access to community league outdoor rinks. Would you like skate tags? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ How many skate tags do you need? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like an Edmonton Federation of Community League member door sticker? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

League volunteers coordinate various activities, events and programs throughout the year. Getting involved is a great way to meet your neighbours and make a difference in Queen Alexandra. Check the activities you are interested in.

- \_\_\_ Planning and development issues (e.g., re-zoning and developer proposals, traffic issues, area amenities, etc.)
- \_\_\_ Events and activities (e.g., Christmas Party, Spray Park Party, Winter Fun Day, Ping Pong nights, etc.)
- \_\_\_ Parent & Tot Playgroup (e.g., meeting other families with young children, weekly playgroup, etc.)
- \_\_\_ Sports (e.g., SWEMSA soccer, pick up games, etc.)
- \_\_\_ Outdoor ice rink (e.g., flooding and clearing the rink, skating get-togethers)
- \_\_\_ Babysitting Registry
- \_\_\_ League board activities (e.g., monthly board meetings, setting league direction, casinos, etc)
- \_\_\_ League communications and publicity (e.g, newsletter, website, mailings, etc.)
- \_\_\_ Programs (e.g., Green Shack Program)
- \_\_\_ Work a Casino
- \_\_\_ Other

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For more information, contact Gretchen Phillips at [membership@qacl.ca](mailto:membership@qacl.ca). Mail completed membership form with your cheque, payable to Queen Alexandra Community League, to: **Queen Alexandra Community League, Box 4546, Edmonton, AB T6E 5G4**. Information collected on this form is used solely for Queen Alexandra Community League purposes and will not be sold or given to any third party.