

# COMMUNITY LEAGUE NEWS SOUTH

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## A program for Seniors at Argyll

A request was made at our most recent AGM that we explore the possibility of running a Senior Drop-In program for Argyll Residents. This proposal will be discussed further at a gathering of interested people on Wednesday, December 13th in the Meeting room at the Hall. We expect to begin at 3:00 PM and explore ideas for such a program. We urge anyone interested in becoming involved to bring ideas to the conversation even if you cannot at-

tend in person. Just send us your ideas to [president@argyllcl.ab.ca](mailto:president@argyllcl.ab.ca) and they will be brought to the attention of others attending the gathering.

This proposed program would become an Argyll program and be funded through our regular budget process. If enough people dedicate themselves to establishing a Senior program we would like to begin offering this opportunity at the start of the new year.

## Ice, Ice Volunteers Needed, Baby

Stop, collaborate, and listen, Hazeldeaners! Our ice rink is back, and we need your help to keep it cool. Channel your inner Vanilla Ice and volunteer to clean the ice in the evening. No ice-making experience required—we'll teach you the ropes. Interested? Drop us a line at [hazeldeanleague@hazeldean.org](mailto:hazeldeanleague@hazeldean.org)



## We want your feedback!

Ritchie Community League (RCL) is working on a Mission and Vision statement that best captures the values of our community. The RCL Board began foundation work for these statements in 2022, and now we are looking for the community's feedback to ensure we are on track. These statements



are important, as they easily express the purpose and values of the community to other organizations, and give a clear picture of our Board's purpose, direction, and culture. Remember, these will not only help steer board decisions, but they will also help ensure a solid future for the Ritchie Community!

## Anti-Racism Program



Over 30 community members attended the Communities of the Medicine Wheel on November 26th at Strathcona Community League with Indigenous cultural connectors Caleb Jacko and Deanna of Bent Arrow Traditional Healing Society. Our league is grateful to the cultural connectors for sharing their knowledge. Thanks to Strathcona's Diversity and Inclusion Co-Directors, Amy Gainer and Lauren Muusse, for organizing this interactive workshop.

The phrase "We are all Treaty people" means that Indigenous peoples and settlers in Canada all have rights and responsibilities. We are beneficiaries of the land. During the workshop, the Medicine Wheel was used to show the diversity of

our neighbourhoods. Participants learned how to use the Medicine Wheel to help us balance our own lives in order to strive for balance with others. Settlers are welcome to attend cultural events at Bent Arrow including the Community Christmas Party on December 9th at the Expo Centre. Check their event calendar on [facebook.com/BentArrowYEG](https://facebook.com/BentArrowYEG).

Strathcona, Alberta Avenue, Meadows, and Oliver are the four community leagues selected to participate in the EFCL Anti-Racism Program and BIPOC partners funded by the City of Edmonton to build create dialogue and leaning in community league spaces. For more info, visit [efcl.org/anti-racism](https://efcl.org/anti-racism).

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Community League website: [www.strathconacommunity.ca](http://www.strathconacommunity.ca)

EFCL website: [www.efcl.org](http://www.efcl.org)

Community Leagues...where neighbours meet and great things happen!

Board meetings are usually held on the second Monday of each month, September to June, at 7:00 p.m. All community league members are welcome to attend. For more information, e-mail [president@strathconacommunity.ca](mailto:president@strathconacommunity.ca)

The Strathcona Centre Community League is on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/StrathconaCL/>. Follow on Twitter @StrathconaCL Instagram @strathconaleague

The copy deadline for the February-March 2024 issue of Community League News South is January 22, 2024. Please contact Donna Fong, Newsletter Editor, at 780-433-5702, or by e-mail at [donnaafong@shaw.ca](mailto:donnaafong@shaw.ca).

The board extends best wishes to all for a safe, active, and healthy holiday season, and a happy new year!

## Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Strathcona Community League was held in-person and by Zoom on Monday, November 20, 2023, in the hall lounge following the regular Board meeting. It was great to see the lounge filled with community residents interested in our league's projects and events of the past year. The links to reports are posted here <https://strathconacommunity.ca/2023-agm-nov-20/>

Thanks to Landon Schedler (Building and Grounds) and Emily Graca (Co-Director, Civics and Planning) for your service.

Congratulations to the following board members who were re-elected for a two-year term: Sally Hammell (Vice-President), John de Haan (Treasurer), Katie Krause (Secretary), Gord Lacey (Community Wellness and Safety Director), Jason Unger (Green Initiatives Director), and Jeanie McDonnell (Hall Use Director). Emily was elected as the new Social Director. Our league also welcomes two new Directors:

### Dakota Hanson (Sport and Fitness)

Dakota recently moved into Strathcona, a neighbourhood he has been frequenting throughout his six years in Edmonton. As the operations manager of three rock climbing gyms, he has been helping pro-

vide active opportunities to many Edmontonians. Dakota spends his active time playing volleyball, rock climbing, cycling, and swimming. He is looking forward to bringing sport and fitness to everyone in the community!

### Roger Tassie (Building and Grounds)

Roger and his family have lived in Old Strathcona for over 20 years. He wants to give back to the community as family members have benefited from art classes, skating, playgroup, and functions at the community league. Roger is interested in helping to rectify any issues with the hall and grounds.

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## Community League Wellness Program

By becoming a member of your Community League, you have demonstrated your commitment to your community. To honour your commitment and support your families' health and well-being, the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues has teamed up with the City of Edmonton to form the Community League Wellness Program. Current Community League members receive admission incentives to enjoy the City's world-class sports and recreation facilities.

Present your valid Edmonton Community League membership card, showing expiry date (payment receipts will not be accepted) at any one of the City of Edmonton's sports and fitness facilities. Choose from the following Community League Wellness Products:

Annual Pass\* - 20% discount on Adult, Family, Child, and Youth/Senior Annual Passes

Multi Admission Pass\* - 15% discount on our already discounted multi admission pass (5+ visits)

Continuous Monthly Pass - 20% discount off an on-going monthly membership pass using our convenient Pre-Authorized Debit Program.

Community league members who purchase one of the above passes will be issued a photo access card to be swiped at each admission.

\* Applies to new purchases only.

Facilities and amenities include swimming pools, whirlpools, fitness studios, cardio areas, weight rooms, racquetball, squash, badminton and tennis courts, indoor running tracks, gymnasiums, cafeterias and pro shops. Hours of operation are from 5:30 a.m. to midnight (hours vary according to facility). For more information, please call 311 or visit <http://www.edmonton.ca/wellness>





## League Programs

New programs will be announced on the league website, social media, and e-newsletter. Adult programs are held in the main hall on the 2nd floor of Strathcona Community League, 10139 87 Avenue (up the ramp on the north side of the building).

Fees for winter registered programs and single classes are to be paid online (credit card or debit) at the league's website (Programs tab) <https://strathcona-community.ca/>

### Exhale Fitness Sculpt and Tone Barre with Tiffini Fedoruk

Mondays

January 8 – March 18, 2024

10 classes

No class on Family Day, February 19th Morning: 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

OR

Evening: 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Fee: \$128.00 per session

Single (or multiples): \$15.00 per class

Register and pay online.

Requirements: Community league membership (any league). Bring your yoga mat, a water bottle, grip socks, and a set of 1-5 pound weights.

Instructor: Tiffini Fedoruk Email: [tiffernini@shaw.ca](mailto:tiffernini@shaw.ca)

Website: <https://www.exhalefit.ca/>

### Unlock your Body with Essentrics® with Lynn Bohuch

Mondays

January 8-February 26, 2024

7 classes

No class on Family Day, February 19th 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Fee: \$90 for complete session

Single class (or multiples): \$15.00 per class

Requirement: Valid Community League membership (any league).

Register and pay online.

Instructor: Lynn Bohuch is a fully certified Essentrics® Instructor and also certified with AFLCA. For more information, contact Lynn Bohuch at [essentricsworkoutswithlynn@gmail.com](mailto:essentricsworkoutswithlynn@gmail.com)

### Yoga Programs with Corinne McNally Gentle Yoga

Mondays

January 8-February 26, 2024

7 classes

No class on Family Day, February 19th 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.

Fee: \$90 for complete session

Single class (or multiples): \$15.00 per class

Register and pay online.

Hatha Flow Yoga

Thursdays

January 11-February 22, 2024

7 classes

9:30 - 10:45 a.m.

Fee: \$90 for complete session

Single (or multiples): \$15.00 per class

Register and pay online.

\$162.00 for both sessions.

Chair Yoga

Wednesdays

January 10-February 14, 2024

6 classes

11:00 a.m.-Noon

Fee: \$76 for complete session

Single (or multiples): \$15.00 per class

Register and pay online.

Yoga for Tweens

Wednesdays

January 10-February 14, 2024

6 classes

4:15 - 5:15 p.m.

Fee: \$76 for complete session

Register and pay online.

Tweens (ages 11-14) learn to stretch, breathe, and relax in a playful way, creating a lifelong foundation for well-being. Other benefits include building strong,

limber, and healthy bodies, improving social interaction, and developing focus, concentration, and attention span.

All yoga programs are taught by Certified Yoga instructor Corinne McNally. For more info, email [corinne@lotusmoon-yoga.ca](mailto:corinne@lotusmoon-yoga.ca). Website: <https://www.lotusmoon-yoga.ca/>

### Gentle Hatha Yoga with Laura Harvey

Tuesdays

January 9-February 27, 2024

8 classes

9:30 - 10:45 a.m.

Fee: \$102.00 for complete session

Single class (or multiples): \$15.00 per class

Requirements: Community league membership (any league). Bring your own yoga mat.

Register and pay online.

For more information, contact Certified Yoga instructor Laura at [coachlharvey@gmail.com](mailto:coachlharvey@gmail.com)

### Kids Art at the Hall

Art programs for children age 6 and up, and teens will be resume in January 2024 (TBA). For more information, please contact instructor Berna Ponich at [berna@telus.net](mailto:berna@telus.net).

## New Zoning Bylaw

On October 23, 2023, City Council voted to approve the New Zoning Bylaw (Charter Bylaw 20001)

that will come into effect January 1, 2024. The new bylaw will allow for higher density in all residential zones. During the statutory public hearing in October, 293 speakers spoke to share their views with City Council: 134 in favour and 159 opposed. Strathcona Community League took an active part presenting at the hearing as part of the Strathcona District Community Council. Some concerns and

suggestions for improvement included: climate action improvements, introduction of minimum soft landscaping and green areas, requirements for inclusive design in all new developments, measures to ensure greater affordability and ensuring preservation of all historic buildings and areas become a greater priority in the bylaw. City Council also passed several motions that could adjust some of the new regulations in the future. For details, visit <https://edmonton.ca/zoning-bylaw>.

## Pub Nights

Pub nights are held on one Friday a month (the specific Friday changes each month, as it changes depending on stat/school holidays). We meet in the Lounge of the community hall building, 10139 87 Avenue.

Friday, December 15, 8:00 p.m.

Holiday Pub Night

Friday, January 19, 2024, 8:00 p.m.

Theme (TBD)

Pub nights are for community league members and guests. Memberships available on site, or through our website <https://strathconacommunity.ca/membership> or in person at pub night. Cash, credit and debit are accepted. Subscribe

to our mailing list or watch our social media for details as the dates get closer.

Volunteers are needed to help run on-monthly pub nights. It's fun, and a great way to meet people. If you can help (occasionally or on a regular basis), contact [hall@strathconacommunity.ca](mailto:hall@strathconacommunity.ca).

Many thanks to quizmasters, Scott Wright and Gordon Kent, for hosting a fun pub trivia night on November 17th with 18 teams competing for cash prizes. The top teams were Tsunami, Frazil pans 2, and Low Expectations. Thanks to event volunteers for the set-up, reception, bar service and clean-up. See you next year!

## Strathcona Community BANNED Book Club

Hosted by SCCL members Jesse Enns Power & Cheryl West-Hicks

Your Community BANNED Book Club hosts discussions approximately four-five times per year. Our aim is to offer a variety of genres with an emphasis on diverse voices.

Over the last couple of years, we've heard that books are being challenged and banned at an unprecedented rate not only in the United States, but also in Canada. Check out this graphic from the U.S.: 2022 Censorship by the Numbers. The majority of these books are written from historically marginalized communities.

We've also heard that sometimes the challenged books haven't even been read by those asking for their removal! So we thought that it would be great to challenge our community to read banned/challenged books, talk about what we've read, and form our own opinions!

As many of these titles are YA (Young Adult) (this censorship movement is targeting both school libraries and public libraries) the Community BANNED Book Club may attract more youth in our neighbourhood too - we love it when youth attend these discussions!

Community BANNED Book Club titles



can be borrowed at Edmonton Public Library or can be purchased with a 15% discount from Glass Bookshop (use the code BOOKCLUB15). Sometimes these titles will be available as an EPL Kit. In those instances, we will be able to supply you with a book from the kit.

Please contact Jesse at [jessenns@gmail.com](mailto:jessenns@gmail.com) for more information and to be added to the Community BANNED Book Club email mailing list!

Community BANNED Book Club 2024 Schedule - Dates & Times TBA

February: The Colour Purple, Alice Walker. YA Fiction (No EPL kit)

April: Maus: A Survivor's Tale, Art Spiegelman. Non-Fiction, Graphic Novel (No EPL kit)

June: The Perks of Being a Wallflower, Stephen Chbosky. YA Fiction (EPL Kit)

September: The Marrow Thieves, Cherie Dimaline. YA Sci-Fi (EPL Kit)

November: The Bluest Eye, Toni Morrison. YA Fiction (No EPL kit)

## Playgroup at the Hall

The Strathcona Community League hosts a parent-led playgroup once a week in the main hall, 10139 – 87 Avenue, up the ramp on the north side of the building. Thanks to the parent volunteers who launched the start of the playgroup on October 26th for the little kiddos!

Day/time: Every Thursday, 2:00-4:00 p.m. until June 2024 (TBD).

Cost: Free

Requirement: Community League membership required (any league). To join Strathcona, purchase at

<https://strathconacommunity.ca/>

## Community Swim Program

The Strathcona Community League is pleased to offer free swim time at the Commonwealth Community Recreation Centre. Just show your current membership card (digital or printed) to the attendant at the facility for free entrance during the community league swim time.

Participants in the Community Swim Program should review the Use of Premises and Pool Safety Rules

<https://strathconacommunity.ca/community-swim/community-swim-use-of-premises-and-safety-rules/>

provided by the City of Edmonton as part of its agreement with the Strathcona

league/membership/

Register: Not required – just drop in when you can!

Description:

The playgroup is open to parents/caregivers, babies and children for unstructured play and socializing. Toys, ride-on vehicles, books, and tables are available to use at the hall. Bring your own peanut-free snacks and refreshments. A coffee maker and kettle are available for use in the kitchen. To check if the playgroup is running each Wednesday, please contact Saralyn at [sriddell@ualberta.ca](mailto:sriddell@ualberta.ca).

Centre Community League.

Sundays, September 24, 2023 to August 25, 2024

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Closed December 24 and 31, 2023

Commonwealth Community Recreation Centre

11000 Stadium Rd

The Recreation Centre has a 4-lane fitness pool, leisure salt water pool with spray features, water slide, aquatic climbing wall, whirlpool, gymnasium and steam room. Community league members may use the pools as well as the fitness centre and gymnasium during the booked time.

## Movies Events

The Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues (EFCL) negotiated a discounted movie license rate with Audio Cine Films Inc. (ACF) for leagues. Strathcona Community League plans to organize movie events with the support of volunteers in the new year. Watch for announcements on social media.

The license includes unlimited indoor film events that may be part of the League's programming \*no third party use\*

Each League will have access to ACF's streaming platform at no extra cost for the first year.

<https://acf-film.com/en/index.php>

## Board Games Meet-Ups Continue into 2024

Join in at the Hall twice a month to play board games! Keep an eye on our newsletter or social media for the 2024 dates and start times. No experience necessary, bring a game to play.

Open to members of any community league and their guests. You can buy your

Strathcona Community League membership here <https://strathconacommunity.ca/league/membership/> If this presents a barrier for you, please contact us at [info@strathconacommunity.ca](mailto:info@strathconacommunity.ca) for options.

Thanks to everyone who came out to the 2023 Board Game Meet-Ups.

## Civics and Planning Report

The Strathcona Community League maintains a database of building developments, planning and transportation issues, urban design projects, and community initiatives. When the City sends notices to the League announcing appeals to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB), or informing applications for rezoning, or outlining variances

that are being requested by a property owner, the committee investigates. To learn more about issues and proposed development projects, please contact Maureen Duguay at [civics2@strathconacommunity.ca](mailto:civics2@strathconacommunity.ca). For the latest news on Civics and reference documents, visit the website <https://strathconacommunity.ca/latest-news-civics/>

## How to become a member?

The SCCL is working hard to make our community a great place to live so please help us out by purchasing your 2023-2024 membership. Please visit the website <https://strathconacommunity.ca/league/membership/>

If you have any questions, email [membership@strathconacommunity.ca](mailto:membership@strathconacommunity.ca), or leave a voice message at the hall at 780-439-1501.

More about a membership

A membership year starts September 1st and ends August 31, and is for those living within our boundaries. The cost is:

Family \$20 – A family is any group residing in one household, acting as a family unit, with a maximum of two votes per household.

Single \$15

Senior \$5 An individual of 65 years or older.

Student \$5

Benefits of a Membership:

Why be a SCCL member? There are many reasons:

A voice on issues in our community (transportation, zoning, housing, etc.)

A connection to news and events in the community (e-mail list, website, newsletter, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram)

Social events like Winterfest, Mini Folk Fest, BBQs, Trivia Night, pub nights

Free skating at our two top-notch rinks  
Free access to Community Swim Program at Commonwealth Community Recreation Centre

Up to 20% discount at City of Edmonton Recreation facilities (e.g., Kinsmen Sports Centre)

Discounts on hall rental  
Children's soccer and skating  
Access to Programs such as Barre, Escentrics, Yoga, Art, and more

Free one-year Membership at the Edmonton Tool Library

10% discount Pressd Sandwich Shop, 10377 78 Avenue

10% discount Global Pet Foods, 7904 104 Street

Be a community league member and help make our community a better place to live.

Discounts on Hall Rentals

Rental deals - another benefit of membership! Did you know that members of at least 6 months are eligible for a discount on hall rentals? And we are now providing the option to pay with a credit card. In addition, we are implementing a special kids' birthday party rate of \$50 on Sunday afternoons. (Note that renters for any event must obtain third party liability insurance.) Check out our rental info on our website, or call 780-439-1501.

## Leisure Access Program

The Leisure Access Program (LAP) allows eligible Edmontonians access to the City of Edmonton recreation facilities and attractions at a free or reduced cost. All applicants will also automatically be considered for the Ride Transit

Program. The LAP programs are now

offered in 1-Year, 2-Year, and 5-Year terms depending on documentation submitted with your application. Income thresholds and the application form are available at [https://www.edmonton.ca/programs\\_services/leisure-access-program](https://www.edmonton.ca/programs_services/leisure-access-program)

## Winter Community Events and Rink Activities

The Strathcona Community is excited about hosting the 2nd Annual Helen Gillespie Rink Party on Sunday, January 14th, 10139 87 Avenue, time (TBD). Last January, Helen was honoured for her 40+ years of working and volunteering at the hall and rinks.

The rink party will feature a DJ and refreshments courtesy of a contest award from EPCOR for raising awareness about safe skating and staying off stormwater facilities during the winter. The event will be postponed due to either ice or weather conditions.

The league's annual Winterfest will be held at the hall and rink on Sunday, February 25th. Watch for social media announcements in the new year. Emily

Graca, Social Director ([social@strathconacommunity.ca](mailto:social@strathconacommunity.ca)) will be seeking community members to volunteer for various tasks: donation solicitation, set-up, kitchen crew, penny carnival, arts and crafts, rink activities, cook off judging, and cleanup.

The opening of the ice rinks will depend on weather conditions and maintenance. A schedule will be posted at the league website <https://strathconacommunity.ca/rink-hours/> and hall for the hours of open skating, parent/children hockey, adult hockey and special events. The rinks will be closed when the temperature, including wind chill, is -23 C or colder. For the safety of little skaters; no sticks and no pucks will be allowed on the small rink.

## Hall Rentals

Main Hall  
Capacity 105  
Seats 60 to 80 depending on table arrangement  
Amenities include hardwood floors, balcony, stage, bar, full kitchen, dishes and cutlery, tables and chairs.  
Lounge  
Capacity 60  
Seats 30-35 depending on table arrangement  
Amenities include a bar, fireplace, piano, tables and chairs.

Concession/Small Meeting Room  
Seats 8 to 10  
Amenities include kitchen.  
To check availability and for a virtual tour, visit the website  
<https://strathconacommunity.ca/hall-rentals/>  
To make a booking or for more information contact Scott at [rentals@strathconacommunity.ca](mailto:rentals@strathconacommunity.ca) or 780-439-1501.  
A/V equipment available to rent. Community League members of at least 6 months receive a discount on rates.

## Community Safety Data Portal



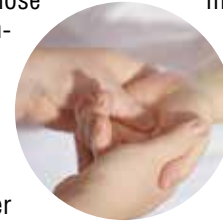
The Edmonton Police Service (EPS) has an information sharing platform designed to increase transparency, facilitate community engagement, and support the safety of citizens and the city. The Com-

munity Safety Data Portal offers access to comprehensive data including crime statistics and trends occurring in Edmonton. Visit <https://communitysafetydataportal.edmontonpolice.ca>

## Community Wellness and Safety

The Director of Community Wellness and Safety is an advocate for those aspects that make our neighbourhood welcoming, secure and desirable to residents and visitors.

This includes attention given to matters of crime prevention, but also extends to other aspects of neighbourhood wellness such as accessibility, safety around roadways and care for our community's most



vulnerable. The Director attends monthly meetings of the Old Strathcona Area Community Collaborative including our league, the Edmonton Public Library, Edmonton Police Service, Old Strathcona Business Association, YESS, and others.

Director Gord Lacey can be reached at [safety@strathconacommunity.ca](mailto:safety@strathconacommunity.ca). Gord is a member of the Hall and Grounds Renewal Committee.

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## Argyll CL Salutes our Neighbourhood Resource Coordinator

I wanted to take a few moments to say how important the work of our NRC has been over the past year or so. Rebecca Henuset (said "Hennessy") started with us just as the pandemic was easing off. Not that the danger has completely passed, but just that people were wanted to get back into our community work and restart our programs.

She began by listening to our needs and learning our history. From there she worked tirelessly to explain all the ways the City of Edmonton has changed their policies, enacted new requirements, adopted different directives, while all the time hearing from us about the load volunteers carry in all our Leagues. She's helped a lot to smooth out some of the new wrinkles and bring a new understanding to our relationship with City Departments.

Over the past year Rebecca has helped Argyll find a location for a proposed gathering space, helped us re-purpose a park area with a "change of use" request, guided us along the strange and wonderful path toward establishing a Community Garden, and made sure we were prepared for all the requirements and obligations for installing a Basketball court in the neighbourhood. She's been a resource for us at our AGMs, many committee meetings, and been available on short notice to answer our questions and clear up our misunderstandings.

Because we are such a small neighbourhood it's often assumed we don't do much. But during the pandemic our residents formed a support group to help each other with small tasks, accessing health services, and providing transportation where others needed it. Rebecca helped us apply for funding to repair serious damage issues with our facility and also coached our Events volunteers on what permits and approvals are necessary for our Community Day events. She has been a very helpful and experienced guide for many of us as we interface with City departments or have issues with paving, parking, and security.

When Argyll experienced a scheduling conflict with some other organizations who use the district park our NRC stepped up and brought all the groups to the same table to work out a way of coordinating better, informing each other of our plans, and providing ways for us to anticipate any schedule challenges in the future. She established a central calendar from which any group (or resident) can see what is going to happen in the District Park weeks in advance. This has brought all park user groups to the same table and she's negotiated various agreements between these competing priorities for the past two years.

We are now on the road to expanding our licence area in order to have more direct control over the adjacent grass courtyard North of the building. Rebecca has been very encouraging and helpful in starting this process and will shepherd us through using the kind of gentle but firm approach to things she has used with us before. She's meeting more members of our community nearly every time she visits and she is now quite familiar with our partners the Edmonton Japanese Community Association. It's been a very productive year for us and we would like to give credit where it is due as well as show our appreciation for all she's done for us. I have seen the confidence our residents are feeling grow stronger each time we've needed her help. In the past we have found ourselves meeting a new NRC every year. We hope she stays in at this desk for a long time to come. If you find yourself needing help in dealing with the City, Rebecca's phone number and e-mail can be found on our web site.

On behalf of the residents of Argyll I want to thank Rebecca for her faith in us and we look forward another great year of progress with our events and on our future projects.

Most sincerely,  
Dave Trautman, president  
Argyll Community League

## Yoga Continues at the Hall

Argyll Yoga continues again this fall with classes on Wednesdays between 5:30 and 6:45 PM.

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## Still need a Maintenance Manager

Argyll's facility needs someone to take care of it. A detailed job description is on the Argyll CL website ([www.argyllcl.ab.ca/issues](http://www.argyllcl.ab.ca/issues)) but a short version of the requirements are:

Position: Part time, approx. 10-20 hours per week. Starting wage: \$23 per hour. Benefit: Vacation pay by %

Training will be provided.

ROLE: Facility Manager: Building Maintenance, Operations, Custodial

Familiarity with basic building maintenance with an awareness of when to call in professional help. Coordinate outside contractors and have small scale project scheduling experience. Repair damage on the inside and outside of the building;

graffiti, dents, broken windows, doors, using contractors as necessary. Help both organizations with selecting and supervising contractors as needed.

Produce periodic reports to EJCA and ACL using established templates.

To apply:

Send a cover letter including reasons for your interest. Your resume. Two reference names including their title, relationship to you, contact email, and telephone number. The position will remain open until an appropriate candidate is selected.

By email to: [secretary@ejca.org](mailto:secretary@ejca.org) - or - by mail to: EJCA c/o Brenda Madsen, 6750 88 Street NW Edmonton, AB, T6E 5H6

## Argyll Neighbourhood Babysitting

Argyll has a babysitting "registry" with qualified local teens ready to babysit kids within our neighbourhood. We are pleased to offer this service as a way for families and teens to connect. We are not responsible for matchmaking or interviewing.

A list of our qualified sitters can be acquired by sending an e-mail to: [argyllsocial@gmail.com](mailto:argyllsocial@gmail.com) with your home address and e-mail address. If you know of any other sitters seeking work, please e-mail their contact information to us, so they could be added to the list.





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## Community Garden

Argyll have established a small group to undertake the installation of a Community Garden in the neighbourhood. This committee will follow through on the initial efforts of our Improvement Committee to design and build a successful community garden, which we believe will provide some food security for residents, create a meeting space for neighbours to meet and work together, and help people learn how to grow food and other things for themselves. At this point the Committee is seeking to find people who would like the benefits of a garden and can dedicate some of their time to cultivation, routine clean up, and collaborating with others on building a sustainable autonomous organization in the future.

If you want to get in touch with members of the committee you can join them



at their next planning session on December 20th at 6:30 PM. They meet in the Lounge and the sessions are informal.

At some point you may see some preparations near the Chinese Church which might make you think you should sign up for a plot, but before actual building there are still a few things yet to be worked out.

Look for something in your mailbox in December or January with details about how you might have a space in the Argyll Community Garden.

## Events Committee Volunteers

If you have ever attended, or heard from others about some of our Community Events, you might consider participating in preparing and operating of some of these activities. The Events group are always looking for new faces along with new ideas and a willingness to serve the community. Fundraising is

not a significant concern for these open air events. Volunteers are how things get done around Argyll. Talk to one of our current volunteers about how to become involved. Or you can contact the Events group with questions through our Facebook page or by e-mail: [argyllsocial@gmail.com](mailto:argyllsocial@gmail.com)



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## Argyll Online



Send us things you think the community might be interested in. A Calendar section has been added to our web site which allows residents to see what rooms and times might be available for their family event at the hall. The calendar shows

open days and weekends. Look for it the next time you visit our site.

Our web site address is: [www.argyllcl.ab.ca](http://www.argyllcl.ab.ca)  
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Meet the Movers and Shakers of the 2023-2024 Season:

President: Ian Hussey

Vice-President: Kristopher Skinner

Treasurer: Karen Wong

Membership: Kristy Stewart

Communications: Jeff Cummings  
Social Director: Kylie Stang  
Athletics Director: Alexis Parker  
Casino Director: Dawn Banner  
Directors At Large: Christine Borchuk and Brian Wissink

We're on the lookout for more awesome folks to join our friendly and inclusive team. Positions still up for grabs include secretary, civic director, facilities director, volunteer director, and fundraising director. Wanna hop on board the fun train? Shoot us an email at [hazeldean-league@hazeldean.org](mailto:hazeldean-league@hazeldean.org). Can't wait to hear from you!

## Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that Hazeldean—where we live and gather—is on Treaty 6 Territory and is a traditional meeting

ground and home for many Indigenous Peoples, including Cree, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Metis and Nakota Sioux.

## Are You Book Club Curious?

Book clubs are like literary parties, and some Hazeldeaners are thinking of throwing one!

Imagine bonding over stories, laugh-

ter, and the occasional friendly debate. If you're curious and ready for some bookish fun, shoot us an email at [hazeldean-league@hazeldean.org](mailto:hazeldean-league@hazeldean.org).

## Take Advantage of Your Community Membership

Fun fact: Your community league membership saves you money. It's true. You can get 20% off discounts when purchasing your annual memberships of all City of Edmonton sports and fitness facilities.

Community league memberships are also affordable. Memberships are \$20 a

year for families and \$10 a year for individuals. Memberships can be purchased at the Hazeldean Drug Mart or from the Dairy Queen on 99 Street.

For more information about memberships, email Kristy at [memberships@hazeldean.org](mailto:memberships@hazeldean.org).

## The Hazeldean Artisan Market in February

Need a winter pick-me-up? Save the dates, Feb. 10 and Feb. 11, for the Hazeldean Community Artisan Market. Art,

crafts, local food, and killer tunes—it's a February fiesta! Learn more at [hazeldean-communitymarket.ca](http://hazeldean-communitymarket.ca). See you there!

## Mark Your Calendars for These Upcoming Events



Stay tuned, Hazeldeaners! Winter is coming, and so are more community updates and events. Don't miss out—follow Hazeldean Community League on Facebook.

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Halloween Hazeldean enthusiasts! In December, we flipped pancakes for a good cause, supporting the 4B Harm Reduction Society. You rock, Hazeldeaners! To learn more about 4B, check out [4bhr.org](http://4bhr.org).





## Get in touch!

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Hall Manager: [inquiries@ritchie-league.com](mailto:inquiries@ritchie-league.com)  
(780) 433-7137  
Events and Programming  
Many of our programs take a break in December. Please check our website for all current program information.  
Current Programs at Ritchie Community League Hall  
Ballet and Jazz 6-wk Program (ages 6-11), Mondays at 5:15  
Fit for Life, Mondays at 10:30 am  
Yoga, Mondays at 7:00 pm  
Start to Play Tuesdays 6 pm (age 6-7), 7 pm (age 8-9), 8 pm (age 10-12)  
4th Edmonton Sparks (ages 5-6) Girl

Guides, Wednesdays at 6:15-7:15 pm  
2nd Edmonton Embers (ages 7-8) Girl Guides, Wednesdays at 6:15-7:30 pm  
2nd Edmonton Pathfinders (ages 12-14) Girl Guides, Wednesdays at 7-9 pm  
Ballet With Your Neighbour, Thursdays at 7:15 pm  
RCL Bridge, Fridays doors open at 11 am, games start at 12 pm  
Men's Shed, Saturdays at 10 am  
Ritchie Volunteer Meetup, Sundays at 4 pm  
REGISTRATION OPEN!! Acting for Kids (ages 9-12): Sundays, 11:15am-12:45pm  
REGISTRATION OPEN!! Drama Discovery 3 (ages 12-15): Sundays, 9:30-11:00am  
REGISTRATION OPEN!! Improv 101 (ages 18+): Mondays, 6:00-8:00pm  
COMING SOON! YEG Wheel Electric Unicycle Club

## Land Acknowledgement

The land on which we live, work, and play is Treaty 6 territory and a traditional meeting ground for many Indigenous groups. Today, it remains home to Cree, Blackfoot, Saul-

teaux, Metis and other Indigenous peoples. The Ritchie Community League acknowledges that we are all beneficiaries of this peace and friendship treaty.

## Upcoming RCL Workshops

On the 3rd Sunday of every month we open our doors to experts in our community to share their knowledge.

Here are some upcoming workshops that might interest you!

In January, we are hosting the Edmonton Public Library's pop-up library and

technology 'petting zoo'. And in February, learn some collage techniques and build your own vision board for 2024. Everyone is welcome to attend: Ritchie residents, Community League members, and the general public. Register on our website (if applicable).

## Acting Classes for All Ages at RCL Hall

The Grindstone Theatre School is bringing their wit and drama to Ritchie Hall and their new winter classes are NOW OPEN for registration! Three classes are "Acting for Kids" (ages 9-12), Drama Discovery - level 3 (ages 12-15), and Improv 101 (ages 18+). All students will finish with a showcase that will occur 7-14 days after the last class. Tickle your funny bone,

enter your main character era, and get in the spotlight! The winter session runs between January 13 and March 10, 2024. Early bird discounts are on now so visit our website to sign up before December 1 to save! Questions about programming? Get in touch with Jules Pepin, the Education Manager at [jpepin@grindstonetheatre.ca](mailto:jpepin@grindstonetheatre.ca).

## Happy Holidays from Ritchie Community League!

Come hang your hat at the hall on December 17, and celebrate the start of the winter season with your Ritchie community. We're hosting the Kompany Family Theatre and their production of A Very Merry Moosemas, we'll have some crafts

for the kids, and of course...snacks! We are still in the planning stages, and are looking for a few holiday helpers to make sure everything runs smoothly. Reach out to our Events Director if this sounds fun! [events@ritchie-league.com](mailto:events@ritchie-league.com)

## Rent the Ritchie Hall!

Looking for a great venue for your next event? Ritchie Hall has it all! We have 2 rental spaces within the building, and the court area outside. Accommodating up to 150 guests, we've hosted birthday parties, weddings, and markets. Whatever your rental needs, we'd love to chat about how Ritchie can help you out! Contact our



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## Where are we headed after the pandemic?

Dr. Anne Fanning has been a volunteer committee member, attendee, and course organizer for the Edmonton Lifelong Learning Association (ELLA) ever since she retired. With a background in infectious diseases, she became immersed in global health issues. Her latest course tackles broad issues. After the Pandemic: what have we learned to help us deal with the coming crises? is one of nearly 20 courses offered as part of ELLA's online winter session.

She's assembled quite a who's who of the health and government world, including the WHO's current Director General for COVID and Special Envoy, David Nabarro – discussing what went well and what didn't globally.

"This course is a tremendous opportunity to contemplate big issues assisted by the reflections of experts" Says Dr. Fanning.

After the Pandemic plus many other exciting courses are available to members of ELLA for a reasonable cost. Memberships are \$25/year. All courses are listed at [my-ella.com](http://my-ella.com), and registration opens December 5 with classes underway January 15 – March 8.

## Events

Ritchie Holiday Party, December 17, 12:00-4:00pm

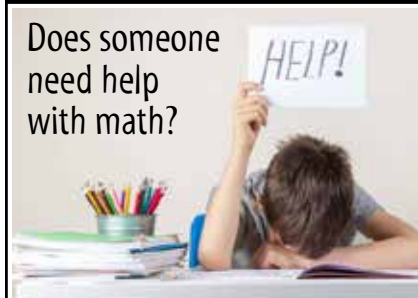
RCL Presents, January 18, Well-Being Economy with Bob Ascah

RCL Workshop, January 21, Pop Up Library with Edmonton Public Library

Crafternoon! February 11, 1:00-4:00pm

RCL Presents, February 15, Seniors Health with Dr. Adrian Wagg

RCL Workshop, February 18, Collage and Vision Board with Not Ladylike Community



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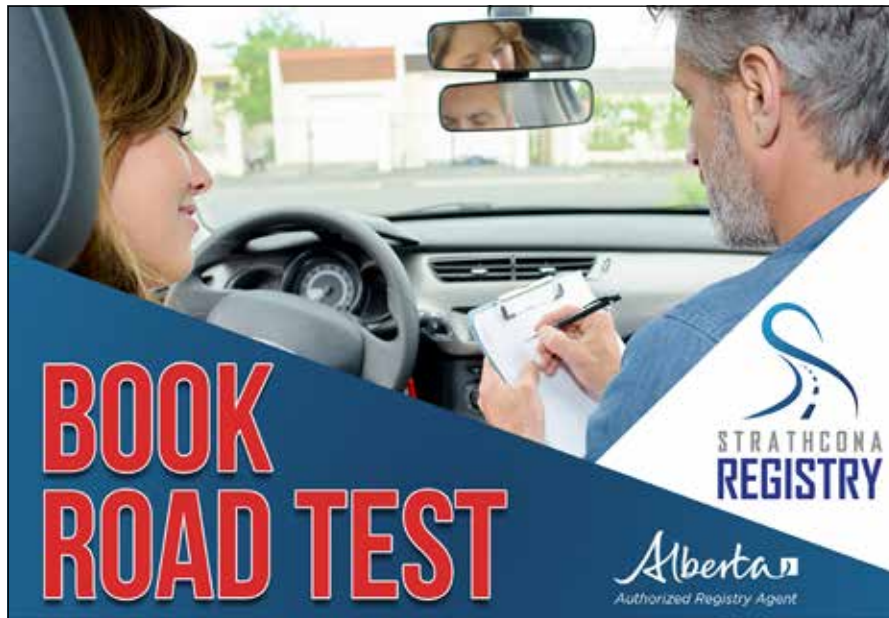
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nesses!

Sign up online here: <https://www.ritchie-league.com/membership>

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Get your Ritchie Crew subscription here: <https://www.ritchie-league.com/rcl-support>

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## FEEDBACK SURVEY



Fill out the survey here and return to Ritchie Hall or scan the QR code to fill out the Mission and Vision survey online.

A mission statement answers the question "What do we do and how?" It should include what the RCL's objective is, and how we will approach that objective.

On a scale of 1 being the most important and 4 being the least important, please rate the below RCL objectives:

Being responsive to the individual and collective needs of its people
Facilitating a dynamic meeting place for people to gather
Creating a welcoming and inclusive community for all
Enhancing our sustainability

On a scale of 1 being the most important and 4 being the least important, please rate the below RCL approaches:

Advocacy, activities, programs and support resulting in a safe and vibrant community for all
Attracting and enabling volunteers looking to contribute to the social fabric of the community
Being a league that is conscious and responsive to environmentally conscious initiatives, and fiscal responsibility

Maintaining and upgrading our community hall and providing sports facilities that are accessible, functional and comfortable for people to gather

A vision statement answers the question "Where do we want to be in five years?" The statement should give a clear picture of what a successful future state for RCL would be.

On a scale of 1 being the most important and 4 being the least important, please rate the below RCL goals:

Build a hall that will operate as a central space for the community and meet the needs of our diverse community
Welcome and empower all community members through a variety of rewarding volunteer experiences
Build an inclusive board of directors that maintain effective board decision making, and sustainable funding models
Support Ritchie residents with opportunities to know their neighbours and have a sense of belonging within the community

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