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Argyll Neighbourhood Improvements

A lot of work has been undertaken this spring and summer to move forward on three improvements to the neighbourhood which were voted upon in 2017 and approved by the Community League membership.

The first is continuing work on a Community Garden. This project has been prepared by a team of volunteers throughout 2019 and was on hold as the City dealt with the staff issues from the pandemic. This spring work resumed on fundraising for the project as well as continuing negotiations with the City regarding its location. Meeting in July proved fruitful as they have accepted our proposed location. The design and layout for the space is ongoing while the City works to re-purpose the space we are requesting for it. This repurposing stage will also include future public consultations, so look forward to seeing something in your mailbox in the coming months.

The second is a Basketball Court. As with our Garden plan this work is continuing in discussions with the City about ensuring it is in the right place and harmonizing it with all the other recreational activities in our neighbourhood. Some public outreach is also planned, along

Community League Swim returns Jan. 2 The Community League Swim program, which was suspended this fall, will resume shortage of lifegua Jan. 2, according to e-mail from the City of Edmonton received by community leagues in early December.

This program typically provides league members with free access to select pools weekly, paid for by their league. The program is optional and not all leagues participate.

Ritchie does! Swim times (to be confirmed) are Saturdays 3 - 5 p.m. and Sundays 1 - 3 p.m. at the Commonwealth Recreation Centre.

One of the primary reasons for not being

with fundraising opportunities, land allocation, and collaborative design with the City to ensure they can maintain the court. Our community partners will take a significant role in making this installation a success.

The third undertaking has been the design and installation of new street signage throughout the neighbourhood. We've been coordinating with the City's traffic and street people to work within their guidelines, consulted our favourite graphic artist for help with the design, and are preparing to present our options to residents with a survey (both online and on paper) where you can contribute to the selection of style, colour, typography, and mounting method. Look for something in your mailbox when this survey is made public. Once the votes have been gathered we will post something on our social media channels as well as the web site. Then the City will install the new signage through the fall or into next spring.

So, despite the building closure, the rebuilding of our storage space, and the postponing of programming for both Argyll Community and the Japanese Community, there's been a lot of time to address these other areas and work with the City to move them onward.

able to resume the program before now was a

shortage of lifeguards. Because staffing levels

are still low, the program may still experience

limitations. Check with your league for the

Everyone aged 12 and older visiting a city

recreation centre is required to provide QR

code proof of COVID-19 full vaccination, proof

of a medical exemption or a recent negative

Masks and face coverings are also required

indoors, when not participating in a physical

most up-to-date information.

test result.

activity.

A Little Bit Ritchie drops next month

By Elyse Colville RCL turns 100 in 2022! To commemorate the occasion, Ritchie Community League is working on a podcast series, A Little Bit Ritchie.

These monthly productions will bridge a gap in historical knowledge by sharing lesser-known stories to nourish our community's spirit of belonging, unity and mutual respect.

We hope to address Indigenous history, women's labour rights, social and political activism, transit accessibility, housing security and environmental activism. Understanding the evolution of our community will inform how we can better its future.

If you have a Ritchie story to share, get in touch with Linnea on our centennial celebration committee: community-planning@ ritchie-league.com. Maybe you volunteered at Oktoberfest or were a member of a winning league hockey team. Your memories and experiences are what have made Ritchie's last

Strathcona Update | What We Heard | The Baron/Archibald Block

Strathcona Community League received the City of Edmonton's What We Heard Report for the proposed rezoning at 8207 - 105 Street NW. The online engagement was completed December 7 – 21, 2020 through Engaged Edmonton. The report has been posted online engaged.edmonton.ca/thebaron as well as shared with City Council if this application proceeds forward to a Public Hearing.

As you have probably noted, it has been almost a year since this online engagement was done. On November 13, 2020, the Provincial Minister of Culture. Multiculturalism and Status of Women issued notice to the



December 2021/January 2022

100 years special. And they might just make it into a podcast. Premiering in January, A Little Bit Ritchie will be available on all major streaming platforms.

Stay tuned for other exciting projects celebrating RCL's centennial anniversary!

property owner of the requirement to conduct a Historic Resource Impact Assessment (HRIA) prior to any changes being made to the property (including demolition). The HRIA has since been produced and provided to the Minister for review. Conversations are ongoing between the property owner and representatives from the province with regards to the future of the existing building and/or any redevelopment potential on the site.

Until those conversations conclude with a clear path forward, the rezoning application with the City of Edmonton has been placed on hold.



Strathcona Centre News

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Board meetings (virtual until further notice) are 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

The Strathcona Centre Community League is on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/Strath-conaCL/. Follow on Twitter @StrathconaCL Instagram @strathconaleague The copy deadline for the February-March 2022 issue of Community League News South is

January 24, 2022. Please contact Donna Fong, Newsletter Editor, at 780-433-5702, or by email at donnafong@shaw.ca

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

SCCL | Restrictions Exemptions Program

The Strathcona Centre Community League (SCCL), located at 10139 – 87 Ave., Edmonton AB, as an in-scope facility, has been operating under the Province of Alberta's Restrictions Exemption Program (REP) since September

20, 2021. Anyone (ages 12 years and over) entering the facility must provide proof of vaccination or proof of medical exemption. Further, and in addition to the provincial requirements anyone entering the facility must complete a

President's Message

Nathan Carroll, President Strathcona Community League

It is so exciting to step into a new year with a new Community League board! There are quite a few new and re-positioned members on our board. With these changes - alongside those excellent board members that are continuing in their existing roles - I sense a great deal of energy to continue investing ourselves, as a Community League, in making Strathcona a place of welcome, safety, beauty and connectedness for all who call Strathcona home. This is going to be a great year! I would like to extend my thanks to those that

have moved off the board in this season - you have served the League generously, offering your time and energies to fulfill your roles with excellence. In particular, thanks to Delianne Meenhorst for serving as President over this past year.

As always, our ability to pursue excellence as a Community League Board hinges on our ability to engage in a 2-way dialogue with our neighbours. So please make sure that you are connected to us through our various communication channels and please never hesitate to reach out with your thoughts, ideas, feedback and encouragement. All the best in 2022!

Meet the new SCCL Board Farhana Nurani, Social Director

Farhana has called Strathcona home since 2018. She is also a small BIPOC business owner, having

recently opened Local Legal; a stone's throw away from the community hall. Joining the board as the Social Director she is excited to add some new flavour to the long standing events that have brought the community together. "I am here to help create a lively space in which community members

can engage, connect and grow together." Landon Schedler

Building and Grounds Chair

Landon has lived in the Strathcona neighbourhood since 2015 with his wife and two young children and is excited to join the community league board! As a journeyman carpenter, he is looking forward to sharing his knowledge of carpentry and building maintenance to keep things operating smoothly. You may spot him in the front yard chatting with neighbours, biking year round, or heading out for a cross country ski in the river valley.

Darcy Stevens Green Initiatives, Co-Chair

Darcy Stevens and his family have been residents of Old Strathcona for almost 10 years. An engineer specialising in wind energy, he

Save the Date for Winterfest 2022

Enjoy an afternoon of outdoor and indoor activities! Winterfest will be held Sunday, February 13, 2022 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Strathcona Centre Community League (SCCL) Hall, 10139 - 87 Avenue. This year the SCCL annual Winterfest will feature sleigh rides, ice skating, chili cook-off competition, arts and crafts and indoor carnival games.

Join us as volunteer! Are you a BBQ Master? Have some great ideas about carnival? We are looking for volunteers to make a great Winterfest. * 1:00 p.m. | 4 volunteers | Set Up

* 2 Kitchen and BBQ volunteers per shifts | 1:30-3:00 p.m., 2:00-3:00 p.m., 3:00-4:00 p.m. and 4:00-5:00 p.m.

waiver. To visit the Province's webpage detailing the terms of the program (updated November 16, 2021), visit

open.alberta.ca/publications/covid-19-information-requirements-for-restrictions-exemp-

members (2021-2023) is looking forward to contributing to the Old Strathcona community league as co-Green di-

rector, building on the past success and recent solar panel installation!

Jason Unger Green Initiatives, Co-Chair

Jason Unger first moved to Old Strathcona in 2000 from Halifax for a summer job. He returned in 2005 and has resided here since. Jason is excited to take on a role as co-Green director for the community and looks forward to seeing new and familiar faces out at future green events. Jason is a lawyer and has worked at the Environmental Law Centre since 2005, a charitable organization focused on ensuring laws and policies protect the environment. Prior to becoming a lawyer, he conducted biological field work involving several species of bats.

Gord Lacey Community Wellness and Safety (new posi-

tion) Gord and his wife have lived in Strathcona since 2009, and have enjoyed visiting the Tubby Bateman playground with their two boys, and walking their dog around the neighbourhood and the ravine. He's excited to join the community league board to find ways to increase safety in our neighbourhood for all residents, housed or unhoused.

* 2 Head BBQ volunteers per shiftl 2:00-3:00 p.m. and 4:00-5:00 p.m.

- * 2 volunteers for membership table
- * 1 volunteer as Carnival games supervisor

* 1 Carnival games helper early shift (1:30-3:00 p.m.)

- * 1 Carnival games helper late shift (3:00-4:30 p.m.)
- * Cook-off Committee 4 to 6 volunteers
- * Clean up after event 4 volunteers

Help us to make Winterfest a great event for our community this year!

If you can help, or wish to enter the cook-off contact Farhana Nurani at social@strathconacommunity.ca

tion-program

The League appreciates your cooperation as we are doing our best to keep everyone safe and our hall open for programs, events, and activities.

Winter League Programs

The Strathcona Community League is pleased to offer the following indoor programs this winter subject to the requirements of the Province of Alberta's Restrictions Exemption Program. Please register and pay at the league website. strathconacommunity.ca/adult-programs Updates and any new programs will be announced on the league website, social media, and members social list.

Learn to Paint: Acrylic Painting Course

Keep the creative juices flowing through out the cold winter and sign up for our acrylic painting course with Krystal Peterson!

Saturdays, January 8-February 12: 6 classes -1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Ages: 12+ welcome. Bring family and friends and enjoy a great artistic experience!

Full Session fee: \$150.00 per person

Minimum number: 6 Maximum number: 11

Single class fee: \$25.00 per class, permitted only after the program has achieved a minimum of 6 full registrations

Location: 2nd floor Lounge, Strathcona Centre Community League, 10139 87 Avenue, Edmonton

Requirement: Provide your Community League membership number (any league) for the online registration.

Register and pay online strathconacommunity. ca/painting-course

Description: Our local instructor will take you on an artistic experience, guiding you through the various techniques and tips of acrylic painting! You'll have the opportunity to progress your skills, class by class, and complete the program with a final painting project done on canvas.

Take home all your own artwork! All materials

are supplied for you.

- Acrylic Paint
- Brushes
- Easels & Canvas
- Painting Aprons

Krystal's love for art started at a young age. Her art teacher was a great influence and inspired her to be an art teacher after being under her guidance. For the past 10 years, she's been teaching and selling her work locally. If you have questions about the program, please email Damian Borges at damian@startmeupmusic.com and copy programs@strathconacommunity.ca.

Flexibility, Mobility & Strength with Essentrics®

January 10-February 28: 7 classes: 11:00 a.m. - 12 noon

2nd floor, Strathcona Community League hall Full session: \$87.00: Single class fee: \$15.00 per class

Requirement: Valid Community League membership (any league).

Register and pay online strathconacommunity. ca/essentrics

Description: Essentrics is a fully body workout that rapidly tones and shapes your muscles through a dynamic combination of stretching and strengthening. The technique develops lean, strong and flexible muscles with immediate improvements to your posture and range of motion. Perfect for men and women of all fitness levels, this program rebalances the body, prevents and treats injuries and unlocks tight joints. With enjoyable music, this no impact, equipment free workout leaves you feeling energized, youthful and healthy.

Meaghan Hipkin is a Level 4 certified Essentrics

instructor, retired athlete and artistic swimming coach who has been teaching since 2017. She is passionate about fitness and health and loves to witness the rewarding changes that the focused, effective mobility work of Essentrics creates within her students bodies. For more information, contact Lynn Bohuch at essentricsworkoutswithlynn@gmail.com.

Gentle and Hatha Yoga with Corinne McNally Gentle Yoga

Winter I Session

Mondays, January 10–February 28: 7 classes: 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.

2nd floor, Strathcona Community League hall Full session: \$87.00

Single fee: \$15.00 per class

*Hatha Flow Yoga

Winter I Session Thursdays, January 13-February 24: 7 classes:

9:30 – 10:45 a.m.

2nd floor, Strathcona Community League hall Full session: \$87.00: Single fee: \$15.00 per class

Requirement: Community League membership required (any league). Bring your own yoga mat and props.

Register and pay online: strathconacommunity. ca/gentle-yoga-and-hatha-yoga

Description: Yoga is a holistic practice that can open and strengthen your body, revitalize your energy, and bring peace to your mind. Gentle Yoga and Hatha Flow are taught by Certified Yoga Instructor Corinne McNally. These classes are perfect for both beginners and seasoned practitioners, and are taught in a friendly and supportive environment. Corinne lives in Old Strathcona and has been teaching yoga for over 16 years. lotusmoonyoga.ca If you have any questions, contact instructor Corinne McNally at corinne@ lotusmoonyoga.ca, and copy programs@strathconacommunity.ca

*Gentle Hatha Yoga with Laura Harvey

Winter session

Tuesdays, January 11 – March 1, 2022

8 classes

9:30-10:45 a.m.

2nd Floor, Strathcona Community League Hall Full session: \$99.00

Single (or multiples): \$16.00 per class

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

With a fusion of gentle hatha yoga, joyful exploration, and calming mindfulness meditation we will share a morning each week in a safe space. Give yourself a renewing shot of peace, clarity and body-release that will follow you throughout your week.

Register and pay online: strathconacommunity. ca/yoga-meditation

For more information regarding Laura's classes: insightfulconnection.com/yoga-meditation

Please note: Limited Space is available so please register early.

Certified Yoga Instructor Laura Harvey has been teaching restorative, reflective and insightful yoga since 2002. In addition, Laura owns Insightful Connection (Mental Health Practitioner/ Meditation Facilitator) and Inspired Mental Performance (guiding athletes to discover their full potential).

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There is something new on the roof of the Strathcona Community Hall! Contractors completed installing a solar photovoltaic system on the roof, which will produce approximately 35,000 kilowatt hours of electricity, offsetting all of the hall's annual electricity consumption. This system will reduce the hall's greenhouse gas footprint by approximately 20 tonnes of carbon dioxide per year, and help reduce operating costs for the Community League. The

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 membership. Please visit the website strathconacommunity.ca/ league/membership

Memberships are also available online through the EFCL at efcl.org/membership (the EFCL charges a \$5 admin fee).

If you have any questions, email 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. Benefits of a Membership:

Why be a SCCL member? There are many

solar project is part of league's ongoing efforts to make the hall more sustainable and energy efficient.

Congratulations to Darcy Stevens and Jason Unger who were elected as the co-directors of Green Initiatives at the November AGM. They can be reached at green@strathconacommunity.ca. Thanks to Kasia Caputa, past Green Initiatives Director, for leading this solar project during her term.

A voice on issues in our community (trans-

A connection to news and events in the

community (e-mail list, website, newsletter,

Social events like Winterfest, BBQs, Music

Up to 20% discount at City of Edmonton

Recreation facilities (e.g., Kinsmen Sports

Access to Programs such as Acrylic Paint-

Free one-year Membership at the Edmonton

10% discount Pressd Sandwich Shop at

Be a community league member and help

make our community a better place to live.

Free skating at our two top-notch rinks

portation, zoning, housing, etc.)

Facebook, Twitter, Instagram)

Fest, Trivia Night, pub nights

Discounts on hall rental

Children's soccer and skating

ing, Essentrics, Yoga, and more

Scona Market (10377 78 Ave)

Civics and Planning Report

The Strathcona Community League maintains a database of building developments, planning and transportation issues, urban design projects, and community initiatives.

Derek Kaplan is the chair of the League's Civics and Planning Committee. When the City sends notices to the League announcing appeals to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB), or telling of rezoning applications, 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 Derek at civics2@strathconacommunity. ca To read the Civics Chair report circulated for the AGM, visit

strathconacommunity.ca/sccl-agm-mon-november-8-19-30

Amenities include a bar, fireplace, piano,

Concession/Small Meeting Room (\$20 - \$75)

To check availability and for rate details, visit

strathconacommunity.ca/facilities/hall-rentals

To make a booking or for more information

contact Scott at rentals@strathconacommu-

A/V equipment available to rent. Community

League members of at least 6 months receive

tables and chairs.

Seats 8 to 10

Amenities include kitchen.

nity.ca or 780-439-1501.

Hall Rentals

The Strathcona Community League building is available to rent, subject to COVID-19 restrictions and the requirements of the Restrictions Exemption Program.

Main Hall (\$150 - \$400)

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 (\$75 - \$260)

Capacity 60

Seats 30-35 depending on table arrangement a discount on rates.

Community Wellness and Safety

The Strathcona Community League created the new board position, Director of Community Wellness and Safety, in the fall of 2021. The Director 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. Gord Lacey was elected for a two-year term at the AGM of November 8th. Gord can reached at safety@



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Strathcona Rink Schedule

SMALL RINK SKATING	Fun Skate	Holiday break Dec 20-Jan 2	A community league membership is required
Mon to Fri 3:30-9:00 p.m.	(No sticks/pucks)	Open skate (sticks/puck OK)	for skating. Check here strathconacommunity.
(Starts at 2:30 p.m. on Thursdays)	Fri 3:30-5:30 p.m.	Noon-5:00 p.m.	ca/league/membership for membership infor-
Sat and Sun Noon to 9:00 p.m.	Adult hockey	Youth shinny, 5:00-7:00 p.m.	mation. For those skaters outside the commu-
Holiday break Dec. 20 to Jan. 2	Mon, Wed, Sat, Sun 7:00-9:00 p.m.	Adult shinny, 7:00-9:00 p.m.	nity, a \$5/time or \$20/season fee is required.
Noon-9:00 p.m.	Youth hockey (tentative)	Hours are subject to change due to weather	The lights will be on from dusk to 9:00 p.m.
HOCKEY RINK	May start Jan. 4, 2022	conditions and required maintenance.	Check our website strathconacommunity.ca
Hockey parent/children	Tues 6:30-7:30 p.m.	Skaters are welcome on the ice prior to open-	or phone the hall at 780-439-1501 to find out
Mon, Wed 3:30-7:00 p.m.	Open skate (sticks/puck OK)	ing times if ice maintenance is not in progress.	building hours and any COVID-19 restrictions.
Tues 3:30-6:30 p.m.	Tues, Thurs 7:30-9:00 p.m.	Shoveling may be required.	December 31, New Year's Eve, 6:30-9:00
Thurs 2:30-7:30 p.m.	Fri 7:00-9:00 p.m.	The rink will be closed when the temperature,	p.m. If restrictions allow, hot chocolate, treats,
Sat, Sun Noon-4:00 p.m.	Sat, Sun 4:00-7:00 p.m.	including wind chill, is -23° C or colder.	and noise makers provided.

Strathcona Community Youth Hockey

By Cheryl West-Hicks

Inclusion and Diversity Director

Strathcona Community Youth Hockey Night was born in January of 2017. We started first thing in the new year and ran until the ice melted. The opening night was a chilly -25 C and only a few hardy kids came out. Week two brought a much warmer temperature and, with it, enough kids to get a game going after a few skill-building exercises. All sticks were thrown

in a pile and separated at random by Coach Jeff to form teams. Initial concerns about 4 year olds playing with 12 year olds were quickly relieved when the older kids instinctively watched out for and helped the younger ones. They all showed such a great sense of community.

This program became a great way to introduce kids to the sport without the long drives or 6 a.m. rink times. In 2018 we regularly had over 20 skaters from 3 to 13 years old dropping in. Those same kids came back with their friends in tow making 2019 and 2020 even more of a blast.

The instruction and game was geared to elementary aged kids but all were welcomed! No experience was necessary and the only equipment needed was skates, a helmet, and a stick (other protective gear such as gloves and pads were encouraged but not mandatory). A community league membership was required to participate and are now available on the website or at the rink.

We really missed that Tuesday night rink time last year. Now, as we're figuring out how to navigate restrictions, we are hopeful that 2022 will be the best year yet for Strathcona Youth Hockey. Stay tuned to the website and make sure you're signed up for the newsletter for details to come!

Social Gatherings

Sign up for mailing list at the website strathconacommunity.ca to keep up-to-date for social events at the hall or in the community. Pub nights are typically the third Friday of the month.

The Christmas pub night will be held on Friday, December 17, 2021, 8:00 p.m. Use the south door to access the lounge on the second floor.

If the rink is open, bring your skates and go for a spin. For more information, contact Farhana Nurani, Social Director, at social@ strathconacommunity.ca

On December 31, 2021 (New Year's Eve),

the ice rinks will be open, 6:30-9:00 p.m. If restrictions allow, hot chocolate, treats, and noise makers will be provided. We will be having an extra family skating pub night on Friday, January 14, 2022, starting at 5:00 p.m.

The Strathcona Community League hosted a reduce the impacts of COVID-19.

trivia pub night on Saturday, November 20th, with 35 enthusiastic community members. It was the first social gathering inside the hall in over 20 months.

Thanks to all participants for your cooperation in following public health restrictions to



Argyll News

Argyll Community Centre closure All indoor activities at the hall continue to be 780.466.81

All indoor activities at the hall continue to be in suspension. Rebuilding a portion of the facility has had a significant impact on regular operations since much of the space contains stored items from other parts of the building. Appointments are still preferred to speak with our facility manager. He can be contacted at

Construction at the Hall

During the summer you will likely see demolition work, fenced off areas at the rear of the building, and construction of the replacement walls and windows for a couple of months. We have been working with the Edmonton Japanese Community to deal with this problem as it affects both organizations and their access to the facility.

Construction like this can be delayed by a number of unforeseen events such as weather and structural damage discovered after demolition. Although many of the contractors who are submitting estimates are confident of a quick replacement we are prepared for the work to take longer than expected. It will prevent us from allowing outside rentals (as ev780.466.8166 – where you can leave a message. His office hours are posted on the Argyll Web Site.

We hope to be able to announce a resumption of programming in the autumn when the rebuilding work is completed. Until then we hope you are patient.

erything stored in there is now in other places around the facility) and will place restrictions on any indoor activities which might commence when health restrictions are lifted.

Families using our playground and fields can help by keeping watch on the construction area (which will be fenced in) for vandalism, theft of materials, or general unsafe behaviour. If you have a concern to report about the construction, contact Dave Trautman at 780.463.9310 and he'll take it up with the contractors.

We are continuing to hold off on resuming normal use of the hall until this work is completed because of the enormous impact it has had on the use of other spaces within the facility.

Yoga continues

Our Yoga programme resumed this past fall. To date the program is on Wednesday evenings from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Fees remain the same as previous years. Check in with Reneé by e-mail at: reneegiammarioli@hotmail.com or send her a text to 780.903.1911.

Pre-School Update

Argyll is moving forward with plans to operate a Pre-School Programme in our facility this fall if the facility is ready and if Health restrictions are lifted. We've been working with a non-profit organization to operate the program on our behalf. Parents who are interested in having their children attend such a programme may contact the Pre-School teachers directly to get questions answered from those who will be teaching the children. Argyll early education program potentially coming September 2020.

One of the program's philosophies is learning through play. This focus on play helps to develop social, emotional, cognitive, and motor skills which will set the children on a path for successful entry into kindergarten. Another benefit is Learning Through Community. An exciting component of the program is where children experience community field trips throughout the year.

This programme is for children between the ages of 2 and 4.5 years old. Morning and afternoon options are available. Inquire today to save your spots . Limited spots available.

Argyll Online

As always, our web site has the most current information. Check-in weekly to see what's changed. Send us things you think the community would be interested in. A new section has been added to the web site which features announcements and news about the Committee work various residents are involved in. Look for it the next time you visit our site.

We encourage interested parents to e-mail the teachers if you have questions about their curriculum or rates. The program requires a

minimum number of children to be enrolled for it to operate. If the number of children is less than the minimum, then the program will be operated at a later date.

Send a message to: yegeducationalprograms@ gmail.com and ask them about the ARGYLL preschool. You might also be able to reach them at 780.964.1310 and mention Argyll in your message.

We encourage parents to share this information among their circle if they know of others, outside this neighbourhood, who might be interested in our programme.

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open to getting neighbourly.



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Community league walking program

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-Get to know others in the community.

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community.

For more information contact Kim Mah at Kim.mah@efcl.org

Community League Memberships

Get your 2021/22 memberships Available at The Hazeldean Drug Store and at the Dairy Queen on 99th street and 70 avenue If obtained prior to October 1, 2021 you will not only get a say at our AGM you will be able to vote on various matters.

ut your Community League Memberships will be at no cost to you! That is right prior to October 1, 2021 your membership is "FREE!" After October 1, 2021 there will be a charge of \$20.00 for a family and \$10.00for a single or senior membership

Hazeldean Indoor Playgroup

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Ritchie News

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

Board meetings are 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month. They will be held inperson as health restrictions allow, via Zoom otherwise. The AGM is typically held in May. Newsletter: Keri Walmsley (newsletter@ritchie-league.com) Hall Manager: Jaclyn Segal (inquiries@ritchie-league.com) Website: www.ritchie-league.com Facebook: facebook.com/WelcometoRitchie Twitter: @RitchieYeg Instagram: ritchie_league

RCL Bridge

COVID protocols: proof of vaccination, masks, frequent hand sanitizing. No food or drink. **Every Friday**

Doors open at 11 a.m. Games start at noon. Cost: \$3. Contact Stella 780-504-3972; sbgal@shaw.

ca or Dawn 780-705-8950.

Did you hear? The FSFA (La fédération du sport francophone de l'Alberta) will be using Ritchie rink in May for the Francophone Games. Bienvenue!



Güd Box delivers the goods

Gud Boxes provide affordable produce delivered into participating neighbourhoods through partnerships between a local Edmonton company and several community leagues. Your purchase of a Gud Box means your community league can do more for your neighbourhood. In Ritchie, proceeds go toward the league's hall revitalization fund.

For \$30, a Gud Box is a generous, curated assortment of fresh produce. Selection is always changing but features staples such as carrots, apples, potatoes and onions along with a variety of other fresh fruits and veggies in season. Boxes are generally available twice a month (That's true for Ritchie!). They are ordered online and are available for pick up from a central location (In Ritchie, pick up is from the Hall at 7727 98 Street.) Boxes that are not collected within the pickup times are donated to a person in need.

For a schedule of pickup windows and order deadlines, and to order, go online: thegudbox. ca and look for your league in the drop-down menu.

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RCL Book Club recommendations

For more than a year, the RCL Book Club has been meeting online every two months to discuss new, award-winning Canadiana. Their "Done" shelf makes a great book list when looking for gifts for the readers in your life:

Praying to the West: How Muslims shaped the Americans by Omar Mouallem

Mexican Gothic by Silvia Moreno-Garcia The Subtweet: A Novel by Vivek Shraya

Tainna: The Unseen Ones, Short Stories by Norma Dunning

Days by Moonlight by AndréAlexis

The Adventures of Isabel by Candas Jane Dorsey

Molly of the Mall: Literary Lass and Purveyor of Fine Footwear by Heidi M.L. Jacobs Son of a Trickster by Eden Robinson

If some of these titles caught your eye, consider joining the RCL Book Club when it reconvenes in the new year. E-mail host Erin at eefraser@ualberta.ca for the next title and meeting details.



RCL Book Club recommendations

I saw on the news that fraudsters are being charged with unlicensed real estate trading. Why do you need a licence to buy or sell property?

First things first. You don't need a licence to buy or sell property; consumers are always free to buy or sell their own property. When you need a licence, though, is when you're helping someone else buy or sell property.

The individuals you've seen in the news are people who are not licensed as real estate professionals, who say they will help consumers buy and sell property, but instead, they are actually participating in various fraud schemes. That's why they're in the news.

Still, unlicensed trading in real estate remains a serious issue and not just because of the fraud that sometimes results. Under the Real Estate Act of Alberta, anyone trading in real estate, dealing in mortgages, performing real estate appraisals, or providing property management services requires a licence from the Real Estate Council of Alberta (RECA). It's the law.

Buying a home is one of the largest financial commitments most people will ever make. Why would you want to trust that transaction with someone who doesn't have education, experience, and a regulatory body behind them?

When you hire a licensed real estate professional, you can trust they've completed prelicensing education, their background has been reviewed, they carry errors and omissions insurance, they're required to complete ongoing education, and you can feel confident that a regulatory body will hold them accountable for their actions. All real estate licensees are required to carry errors and omissions insurance, and there's a Consumer Protection Fund available in the very rare event a consumer suffers a financial loss as a result of fraud, breach of trust, or a failure to disburse or account for money held in trust by an industry member.

Think about it, you don't want people driving on the road who don't have a driver's licence, right? If someone has a driver's licence, it means they passed a competency test, and there's an unwritten agreement that they'll follow the rules of the road. If they don't, they can be fined or even lose their licence. The same thing applies to licensed real estate professionals. If they violate the rules, RECA has the authority to discipline them, which can include licence suspension or cancellation.

When someone doesn't have a real estate licence, and represents a consumer in a real estate deal, the consumer has no assurances that the person has knowledge or training, and there's nowhere to go – other than Court – if something goes wrong.

You've got questions. He's got answers. Charles Stevenson is the Registrar at the Real Estate Council of Alberta. Charles knows that buying and selling a home can be confusing, but it doesn't have to be. "Ask Charles" is a question and answer column for consumers about buying and selling property in Alberta. If you have a new question for Charles, please email askcharles@reca.ca.



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League makes gift giving easy

Supply chain shortages aren't an issue when you shop for gifts on the Ritchie Community League website.

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RITCHIE CREW

Then, there's our subscription service: Ritchie Crew. (Subscribers commit to monthly payments between \$7/month - \$200/month and, in return, get special perks in addition to their league membership, including branded swag and a discount card.)

Because you don't have to live in Ritchie to enjoy the benefits of a subscription (we have associate memberships for non-residents), you can take out a subscription in someone else's name as their gift.

For example, were you to opt for the Elm Tier for \$50/month, your gift would include one locally brewed craft beer each month OR one locally roasted package of coffee per quarter delivered to the recipient's door! That's in addition to a RCL-branded tote bag, mug, pins, sticker, T-shirt, toque and mitts delivered throughout the subscription year.

The discount card that comes with all subscriptions provides special pricing at 18 businesses in and around Ritchie:

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BASIC MEMBERSHIP

Memberships without all the subscription bells and whistles are also a gift option especially if you haven't supported the league before.

They are always available at Ritchie Foods at 9606 76 Ave. (and online at efcl.org): \$15/ year for individuals (or associates/non-residents) and \$25/year for families.

All proceeds support the league, whose volunteers organize clubs, classes and events (as COVID restrictions allow) where neighbours can get to know each other.

League volunteers are also stewards of the hall, outdoor rink and sports courts where neighbours can get together, and they speak up on city issues that affect us all.

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