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Old Strath Mini Folk Fest



The Strathcona Community League held its 6th annual Old Strath Mini Folk Fest on September 21st, the last day of summer. The afternoon event was a great success with mostly sunny weather and good vibes.

A huge thanks to the team of volunteers that made this event possible, from planning and coordination to all of the various roles and tasks that made everything run smoothly. Our league is one of many leagues in Edmonton that host annual events in September to celebrate Community League Day where you can buy/renew your membership, meet your neighbours, and learn about the league and volunteer opportunities.

Thanks to our wonderful musical acts for gifting us with their unique styles and songs:

- Paul Jensen
- Messages
- Halfway Home



- Morgan Hanna
- Rosina Cove

Thanks to the various community groups that came and enhanced the event by setting up info tables, offering giveaways, doing demonstrations and bringing awesome energy to the day: Amanda Art Station, Edmonton Weavers' Guild, FireSmart (supported by Edmonton Fire Department), Forever Canadian, Kookum Donna, NET (Neighbourhood Empowerment Team), Palestinian Olive Oil, Pride Corner, and Strathcona Nursery School.

Thanks to our amazing food trucks – Blizzard Bites, El Mero Mero Taco and RoxDogz.

And, finally, thanks to the generous prize donors, and emcee Grant Stovel who is proud to be part of our neighbourhood!

What an amazing afternoon! We look forward to next year to celebrate Community League Day

Hazeldean Halloween Dance

Get ready to have a spook-tacular time at the Annual Hazeldean Halloween Dance!

Join us on **Saturday, October 25th, from 5 PM to 8 PM** at the Hazeldean Community Hall for a frightfully fun evening.

Ghoul-friends and Boogiemen welcome!

It's a fang-tastic opportunity to show off your costumes, dance like nobody's watching, and enjoy some delicious treats. Whether you're a little monster or a seasoned scare, there's fun for everyone.

So, put on your dancing shoes and let the ghoulish times roll! Don't miss out—it will be the highlight of our haunted season. Come for the tricks, stay for the treats, and help us make this a night to remember.



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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

The Strathcona Centre Community League is on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/StrathconaCL/>. Follow on X @StrathconaCL Instagram @strathconaleague BlueSky @strathconacl.bsky.social

The copy deadline for the December 2025-January 2026 issue of Community League News South is November 17, 2025. Please contact Donna Fong, Newsletter Editor, at 780-433-5702, or by e-mail at donnafong@shaw.ca.

AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Strathcona Community League will be held in person on Monday, November 17, 2025, in the hall lounge (2nd floor), 10139 87 Avenue, starting at 7:30 p.m., following the regular Board meeting. The AGM is open to league members and community residents. League business will include a presentation of our 2024-2025 financials, director and committee reports, and board elections.

The Strathcona Community League Board of Directors is made up of a group of amazing volunteers who give their countless hours to make Old Strathcona an incredible place to live. Each person on this board strives to create an inclusive, welcoming neighbourhood, filled with a diverse range of programs to spark joy in

all residents of Strathcona.

The following positions will be elected for a two-year term (2025-2027). Co-Directorships are always welcome. If you would be interested in working together in a role, please reach out to Gord Lacey, President, at president@strathconacommunity.ca.

- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Communications
- Social
- Building and Grounds
- Hall Use
- Green Initiatives
- Community Wellness and Safety

Descriptions of each position can be found at <https://strathconacommunity.ca/officers-committees/>

Programs

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

If you are interested in a new program, please review this webpage.

<https://strathconacommunity.ca/programs/suggest-a-program-or-service/>

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Please email Donna Fong, Programs Director, at programs@strathconacommunity.ca. A minimum number of participants are required in order to launch a new program.

Fees for full session and single classes are to be paid online (credit card or debit) at the league's website (Programs tab) <https://strathconacommunity.ca/>

Diversity and Inclusion

The Diversity and Inclusion Committee is pleased to offer the following free activities at the Strathcona Community League, 10139 87 Avenue.

Baby Playtime - Mondays

12 noon-2:00 p.m. Upper hall Drop-in

For details, contact Macy at gretermc@gmail.com.

Teen Movie Night - The Sixth Sense

October 24, 7:00-9:00 pm

Lounge. Popcorn + drink provided

Halloween Dance Party

October 25, 3:00-5:00 pm. Upper hall

With Drag performance by Jojo Mojo

Magic show by Jay Flair

For more information about the October events, email diversity@strathconacommunity.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 Direc-

tor attends monthly meetings of the Old Strathcona Area Community Collaborative including our league, the Edmonton Public Library, Edmonton Police Service (EPS), Old Strathcona Business Association, YESS, and others. This position is up for election at the AGM on November 17, 2025. Acting Director Gord Lacey can be reached at safety@strathconacommunity.ca.

Yoga Programs with Corinne McNally

-Gentle Yoga - Mondays

Until October 27. Single class (or multiples): \$15.00 per class
6:00 - 7:15 p.m.

November 3-December 15, 2025, 7 classes
Fee: \$90.00 for complete session (\$162 combined rate for both Gentle & Hatha Flow Yoga)

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

-Chair Yoga Wednesdays

Until October 29, 2025 1:00-2:00 p.m.
Single class (or multiples): \$15.00 per class
November 5-December 17, 2025, 7 classes

Fee: \$90.00 for complete session

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

Hatha Flow Yoga Thursdays

Until October 30, 2025 9:30-10:45 a.m.
Single class (or multiples): \$15.00 per class
November 6-December 18, 2025 7 classes

Fee: \$90.00 for complete session (\$162 combined rate for both Gentle & Hatha Flow Yoga)

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

Tweens/Teens Yoga - Thursdays

November 6-December 18, 2025
6 classes 3:45-4:45 p.m. Fee: \$76.00
Requirements: Valid Community League membership (any league). Bring your own yoga mat and props, please refrain from wearing scented products

All yoga programs are taught by Certified Yoga instructor Corinne McNally. For inquiries about programs, email corinne@lotusmoonyoga.ca. Website: <https://www.lotusmoonyoga.ca/>

Slow Yoga with Janice Williamson - Tuesdays

Until October 28, 2025 10:00 - 11:15 a.m.
Single class (or multiples): \$15.00 per

class

November 4-December 16, 2025
7 classes including Remembrance Day, November 11, with the theme of ahimsa (peace) and truth.

Fee: \$90.00 for complete session. Single class (or multiples): \$15.00 per class

New! Beginner Yoga with Janice Williamson - Mondays

November 17-December 8, 2025
7:30-8:45 p.m. Fee: \$51.00

Requirements: Valid Community League membership (any league). Bring your own yoga mat and props, please refrain from wearing scented products.

For more information about the Slow Yoga and Beginner Yoga classes, contact Janice at janice.williamson@ualberta.ca. Website: <https://riseupyoga.ca/>

Full Moon Circle with Kaliegh Boyce 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Monthly dates: Monday, October 6; Wednesday, November 5; Thursday, December 4 (1:00-3:00 p.m.)

Fee: \$26.00 for each circle

Each Full Moon Circle will offer a theme based on the Zodiac Sign that the moon is in; supporting an opportunity to reflect on that theme in our own lives.

Mindful Movements with Kaliegh Boyce - Mondays

Until October 27, 2025. 7:30 - 8:45 p.m.
Single class (or multiples): \$15.00 per class

Connect to the breath as we build strength, flexibility and embodied awareness, helping us tune into our natural rhythms and find our own unique expressions on the mat. Contact Kaliegh at kaliegh.boyce@gmail.com.

Civics & Planning Report

The Strathcona Community League maintains a database of building developments, planning and transportation issues, urban design projects, and community initiatives. To learn more contact Sabine Roche, Civics and Planning Director, at civics@strathconacommunity.ca.

The City of Edmonton announced a free email subscription in August to notify residents about development permit approvals and proposed rezoning applications. Residents can sign up to receive the emails at my.edmonton.ca and can enter up to five addresses within the city. Notifications will be sent when certain types of development permits are approved near the address..

Pub Nights

Come out to see some old friends and neighbours, or meet some new ones. We meet once a month in the upper lounge of the league building, 10139 87 Avenue, starting at 8pm. Kids welcome. For members and guests (memberships available on site).

Friday pub nights:

October 17, 2025
November 14, 2025*
December 19, 2025

* November 14th is Trivia Night: no kids, meet in the upper hall, doors at 7pm.

Volunteers are needed to help run this ongoing event. It's fun, and a great way to meet people. If you can help (occasionally or on a regular basis), contact either hall@strathconacommunity.ca.

Sport and Fitness

Enjoy a Sunday morning walk? Want to build connections and community? Love coffee? The Community League needs a volunteer to coordinate the monthly event, Sip & Stroll. The event started early this year and

involves leading a monthly 4-5km stroll in the Old Strathcona. If you are interested in seeing Sip and Stroll continue, please email sport@strathconacommunity.ca for more details or to express interest.

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 or renewing your membership. Please visit the website <https://strathconacommunity.ca/league/membership/>. 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.

-Student \$5

Benefits of a Membership:

Why be a SCCL member? There are many reasons:

- A voice on issues in our community
- A connection to news and events in the community (e-mail list, website, newsletter, Facebook, Instagram, X)
- Social events like Winterfest, Mini Folk Fest, BBQs, Trivia Night, pub nights

-Free skating on our rinks

-Free court use for pickleball and tennis

-Free access to Community Swim at Commonwealth Community Recreation Centre

-Up to 20% discount at City of Edmonton Recreation facilities

-Discount on hall rental

-Children's soccer and skating

-Access to Programs such as Mindful Movements, Yoga, Art, and more

-Edmonton Tool Library (over 800 tools)

-Branded toques for purchase (\$20)

-10% off at Blowers & Grafton, 10550 82 Ave

-10% off at Global Pet Foods Strathcona location, 7904 104 St

Community league members receive 15% off rentals at Totem Outdoor Outfitters, 7430 99 St. The League has a limited supply of 5-punch cards for pick up (more to be printed, if needed). Please email membership@strathconacommunity.ca for pick up location and hours. Pick up is not likely to be same day, so please plan ahead. One per household per season. Summer and Winter punch cards available To redeem, you must present the punch card in person to Totem staff.

Movie Events

Thanks to community members for attending family-friendly events during the past year. Our league will resume movie nights resume in the fall, subject to the availability of the hall and event volunteers.

Movie events for participating commu-

nity leagues are made possible through the Edmonton Federation of Community League's license with Audio CinéFilms. For more information, contact Emily, Social Director, at social@strathconacommunity.ca. Watch social media posts for future movie events.



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Hall and Grounds Renewal Committee Update

The pickleball, tennis and badminton courts have been installed and are in use several times a week. A bin with nets, paddles and balls is available next to the courts.

To obtain a code to the lock, contact the hall manager at rentals@strathconacommunity.ca. Community members are welcome to bring their own net if they wish.

Construction on the interior ground floor of the Hall will begin this fall. Ice will be installed in the rink during the winter season but the change area will be affected by the construction.

Stay tuned for updates. If you have any questions about this project, please contact us at info@strathconacommunity.ca.

Community Times at Commonwealth Community Recreation Centre

The Strathcona Community League is pleased to offer free times at the Commonwealth Community Recreation Centre, 11000 Stadium Rd. Just show your current membership card (digital or printed) to the attendant at the facility for free entrance to the pools, fitness centre, and gymnasium during the community league time. Use of amenities are strictly during the two-hour period (no extensions) and subject to capacity limits in each area.

Saturdays: 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Until June 27, 2026

Sundays: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Until June 28, 2026

Community swims do not take

place on statutory holidays or days when the facilities close early (October 11, 2025 and April 15, 2026). The Recreation Centre has a 4-lane fitness pool, leisure salt water pool with spray features, water slide, aquatic climbing wall, whirlpool, steam room, fitness centre and gymnasium.

Participants in the Community Swim Program should review the Use of Premises and Pool Safety Rules provided by the City of Edmonton as part of its agreement with the Strathcona Centre Community League. Visit our webpage <https://strathconacommunity.ca/community-swim>

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.

Small Meeting Room - Seats 8 to 10

Amenities include a kitchen.

To check availability and for a virtual tour, visit the website <https://strathconacommunity.ca/hall-rentals/>

Contact Scott at rentals@strathconacommunity.ca or 780-439-1501.

-All renters must purchase third party liability insurance.

-Kids' birthday party rate for members of at least 6 months, Sundays 1pm to 5pm: \$50

-Members of at least 6 months and non-profit groups receive a 25% discount on rates.

A/V equipment available to rent.

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?

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Annual General Meeting

Each year, around this time, the League holds its annual general meeting to review the past year, elect our executive group, bring forward issues from residents, and plan for the next year. These meetings are not very long as we do not

operate a lot of programs, and we have a small membership. This is an opportunity for any homeowner or tenant resident, to voice a concern or ask for help from the community league.

Wednesday, Sept 24 at 7:00 PM

Argyll Community Hall

6750 88 Street NW

The meetings are held in the community hall lounge where we make decisions about budgets, grant applications, and hear reports about our financial status as well as our projects. This year the president is stepping down and we also will elect our Secretary and Directors. Bring your nomination to the meeting for a vote.

Our meeting is also an opportunity to

visit with your neighbours, learn what's going to be happening in the future, and get some background on what the City is planning for our district. We don't hold regular meetings throughout the year so this is the best opportunity for you to find out whether you like what is going on or if you would like to make a contribution to operating our neighbourhood.

We would really like to see you there.

Community Day Music Event

Thanks to all the volunteers for their work on this amazing event. If you attended our event and wish to volunteer with other events you only need to check in with the social events committee and

they'll find a role for you. Contact: argyll.social@gmail.com. Thanks also to the many performers who made the evening memorable. These kinds of events are what make Argyll a real community.

Argyll Community Garden

It was a great first year for the Garden. Everyone helped and a lot of flowers and vegetables were grown. Some members may be offering some produce from their plot so, if you're interested in sampling some of the effort, get in touch with the group by e-mail and see what's on offer. The garden is a project which needs volunteers to sustain it, maintain it, guard it, and benefit from the harvest. We deeply appreciate all the input residents have provided and the generous donations the project received. Even if you can't manage a plot this year, they will be at it again next spring. The bottle drive continues to

generate funds for operating the garden and we encourage anyone who can contribute to contact the group and arrange for pickup.

If you're interested in helping next season, please reach out. There are lots of ways to sign up. Interested residents and neighbours can sign up and receive a dedicated plot for family or a small group for the next growing season. There are people with knowledge of gardening to help you if you need it. There is limited space. You can learn more directly from the Garden Group. Contact: garden.group@argyllcl.ab.ca

Community Swimming

Commonwealth Community Recreation Centre is the venue for our Community Swimming. Each Saturday from 3:00:PM – 5:00:PM members of Argyll community may swim in the pool. These bookings will continue each Saturday until September.

This is a free swimming opportunity for Argyll families to have a regular two

hour period of pool use, exclusively for Community League Members. Of course,

you must present your Family Membership card at the pool for entry. Health restrictions are posted and the usual behavioral rules apply for being in the pool area. There may be restrictions. If you contact the venue in advance they can explain any restrictions or changes. Access to other amenities is not free; just the swimming.

Argyll Community League is pleased to be able to offer this to our residents and families and we hope it is useful to you through the winter and into summer. Use of the pool does not include access to any other leisure facilities within the recreation centre.

Argyll in your Mailbox and Online

Our Facebook Page is a good source of up-to-date information about each of our public events. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/argyll-cl> to see what's happening in the run up to any event and see photos after the event.

Occasionally Argyll will drop a printed brochure into your mailbox regarding events, programs, or issues. Keep an eye out for the Argyll Logo on these brochures so they don't get missed in the bundle of advertising which usually fills our mailboxes.

Also, Check on our web site for issues affecting the neighbourhood and other related items. Send us a note about things you think our community would be interested in through our Contact page.

Look for it the next time you visit our site. Our web site address is: www.argyllcl.ab.ca

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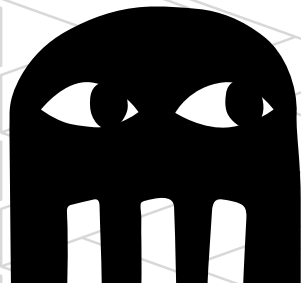
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HAZELDEAN Community League News



From the President's Desk: Fall Update

Dear Hazeldean Community,
Crisp mornings, golden leaves along Mill Creek, and neighbours gathering in the glow of fall events—it's a season of gratitude here in Hazeldean. As I look back on the past few months, I'm reminded again that our strength lies in how we come together, whether to celebrate milestones, share traditions, or prepare for the colder months ahead.

Looking Back with Gratitude

This fall has already been rich with connection and community spirit:

Hazeldean's 70th Birthday & Community League Day

In September, we marked a major milestone with crafts, food, and fun. Seeing generations of neighbours—longtime residents and new families alike—celebrating together was a powerful reminder of our community's resilience and warmth.

What's Ahead This Season

Mindful Mon. Hazeldean Community Mixtape Yoga – until December 15

Music heals. Yoga heals. Why not bring them together? Let's practice to some sweet beats as we connect the community through breath. Join Sarah as she guides you through a yoga class accompanied by an intentional Mixtape "playlist". Each class Sarah will create a vibe that will elevate you and bring your awareness into your body with your breath. "Life is a mixtape, as is breath."

Annual General Meeting (AGM) – Tuesday, October 14

Join us for our year-in-review, Board elections, and an open conversation about Hazeldean's future. Your voice and participation make a difference.

Hazeldean Halloween Howler Family Dance – Saturday, October 25

Costumes, music, and dancing return at

the end of the month. This family-friendly tradition is always a highlight of the season—don't miss it!

Community Holiday Pancake Breakfast – Sunday, December 7

Start the festive season with a hot breakfast, good company, and holiday cheer at the hall.

Community Skating Rink

This year, we're looking for volunteers to help set up and maintain Hazeldean's snow-bank rink. If you'd like to be part of keeping this tradition alive for kids and families, please reach out—we can't do it without you.

Ongoing Advocacy & Action

Even as the seasons change, we continue to push forward key community priorities:

- Improving pedestrian safety and traffic calming.

- Supporting the health of Mill Creek Ravine. -Advocating for safe and inclusive housing in our neighbourhood.

How You Can Be Part of It

- Volunteer for the rink crew or at upcoming events.

- Invite a neighbour to their first League gathering.

- Renew or purchase your membership directly fuels the programs and advocacy that keep Hazeldean thriving.

As we head into the colder months, I'm grateful for the warmth that Hazeldean neighbours bring to one another. Whether it's a smile across the street, an hour volunteered, or a shared celebration, each act of connection strengthens our community. Thank you for all you do to make Hazeldean a place of belonging and joy.

*With gratitude, Kristopher Skinner
President, Hazeldean Community League
president@hazeldean.org*

Help Us Give Hazeldean Hall a New Lease in Life

If you've been to an event, meeting, or class at Hazeldean Hall, you know it's more than just a building, it's our neighbourhood's living room. For over 70 years, it's been the backdrop for birthday parties, weddings, dances, workshops, fundraisers, and countless moments of connection. But time and weather have taken their toll, and our much-loved hall now needs serious exterior repairs to keep it safe, welcoming, and beautiful for decades to come.

What Needs to Be Done

The exterior "envelope" of the hall—the original stucco, windows, and insulation—has reached the end of its lifespan. Without repair, these aging materials will continue to deteriorate, leading to energy loss, water damage, and higher maintenance costs. To preserve our hall, we need to:

- Replace the original stucco with durable, weather-resistant materials

- Install new, energy-efficient windows
- Upgrade insulation to improve comfort and reduce heating costs

- Repair and seal exterior walls to prevent water penetration and further damage

This isn't just about looks—it's about ensuring the hall remains safe, functional, and cost-efficient for the next generation of Hazeldean residents.

The Funding Challenge

The estimated cost for this work is over \$400,000. While that's a big number, it's achievable with the right plan and the right people on board. We will be applying for major funding through:

- City of Edmonton grants for community facility renewal

- Province of Alberta grants that support infrastructure and cultural spaces

- Donations from residents, businesses,

and local partners who believe in

Hazeldean's future to succeed, we'll need to combine all three sources—and that's where you come in.

Join the Hall Revitalization Fundraising Committee

We're forming a volunteer **Hall Revitalization Fundraising Committee** to lead the charge in securing the funds we need. This group will:

- Research and apply for municipal and provincial grants

- Plan and host creative fundraising events in the community Reach out to local businesses and sponsors for support. Help share our story and rally residents behind the project

You don't need to be a grant-writing expert or a professional fundraiser—just bring your energy, ideas, and willingness to help. Whether you can commit to a few hours a month or take on a bigger role, your contribution will make a difference.

Why It Matters

Hazeldean Hall is more than brick and mortar—it's where we gather, celebrate, and create memories. This revitalization will ensure it stays that way for another 70 years. With your help, we can transform the hall's exterior into something that reflects the warmth, pride, and creativity of our neighbourhood.

Be Part of Hazeldean's Next Chapter

If you'd like to join the Hall Revitalization Fundraising Committee—or even just learn more about what's involved—please reach out to us at president@hazeldean.org. We'll be holding an information session in the coming weeks, and we'd love to see new faces at the table. Together, we can make this happen. Let's give our hall the facelift it deserves and keep Hazeldean's heart beating strong for generations to come.

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Looking for the Perfect Venue for Your Next Event or Business Gathering?

The Hazeldean Community Hall offers versatile indoor and outdoor spaces, ideal for everything from private parties to recurring business events. Whether you need a space for a few hours or a long-term rental, we're here to help make it happen!

Our recent upgrades make booking a breeze! We've introduced: DocuSign for easy, digital contract signing, Square Pay-

ments, and eTransfers – no more hassle with Damage Deposit or Rent cheques!

Plus, we offer exclusive discounts for Hazeldean Community League members and multi-day or recurring rentals. Did you know that the Community Room is only \$52.50, any day of the week! Ready to book or learn more? Reach out to us at rentals@hazeldean.org or visit our website at www.hazeldean.org to explore all our options. Let's create something amazing together!

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Hazeldean Community League AGM

Date: Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Location: Hazeldean Community Hall

Time: 7:00 PM

Hazeldean is more than just a neighbourhood—it's a community built by neighbours who care, connect, and contribute. On October 14, you're invited to our Annual General Meeting (AGM), where we'll reflect on the past year, share plans for the future, and elect new members to our Board of Directors.

This is your opportunity to get involved, meet your neighbours, and help shape what comes next for Hazeldean.

Board Positions Up for Election

- Treasurer
- Memberships Director
- Civics Director
- Facilities Director
- Volunteers Director
- Social Director
- Publicity Director
- Athletics Director
- Fundraising Director

No prior board experience is necessary—just a passion for building a welcoming, vibrant community. All of our current Board members are regular folks from the neighbourhood—busy parents, university students, small business owners, and long-time residents. **A typical time commitment is just a few hours a month**, and you'll be empowered to bring your own passions and vision forward to strengthen the League and the commu-

nity of Hazeldean.

Membership and Voting Eligibility

To vote in elections or run for a Board position, you must be a resident of Hazeldean and hold a valid

2025-2026 Hazeldean Community League membership.

Memberships can be purchased or renewed:

- In-person at Hazeldean Drug Mart
- Online through the EFCL: hazeldean.getcommunal.com/memberships
- At the door on the evening of the AGM

Why Join the Board?

- Build lasting connections with neighbours
- Develop leadership and organizational skills
- Contribute to events, programs, and advocacy that directly benefit our community
- Make a meaningful impact right here at home

How to Get Involved

- Attend the AGM to vote, connect, and learn more
 - Nominate yourself or a neighbour for a Board position
 - Spread the word by inviting friends and fellow residents
- Light refreshments will be provided.

Together, we can continue making Hazeldean a safe, inclusive, and connected place to call home. We hope to see you there.

Follow Us Online

Looking for the optimal way to get your Hazeldean Community League fix? There are a number of ways you can follow us online and stay up-to-date on everything going on at the League:

Website: www.hazeldean.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/HazeldeanCommunityLeague/

Instagram: [hazeldean_community_](https://www.instagram.com/hazeldean_community_)

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Twitter/X: @HazeldeanYEG

Please note, there is also a Hazeldean Community Facebook group, which is fantastic, but not run by, managed, or moderated by the Hazeldean Community League. Give it a follow, as well, to learn more about what your neighbours are sharing and talking about.



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UPDATE: Community Swim

We are excited to announce our partnerships for the Community Swim Programs for our League Members! We now have 2 days and 2 locations where you can use your 2025-2026 HCL membership for FREE swimming.

#1: Commonwealth Community Recreation Centre

11000 Stadium Road Saturdays: 3:00pm-5:00pm

#2: Hardisty Leisure Centre 10535 65 Street NW Sundays: 1:00pm-3:00pm

Just another amazing benefit to being a Hazeldean Community League Member!!

Hazeldean Community League 2025-2026 Annual Membership Drive

We'd like to encourage all residents to **renew your membership—or join us for the first time!** In a close-knit neighbourhood like Hazeldean, every membership makes a real difference.

Your Individual or Family membership directly supports the many free and low-cost programs we offer throughout the year—programs that benefit not only members, but the broader community. From popsicles in the park to community BBQs, movie nights, and more, your support helps us create the vibrant, welcoming neighbourhood we all love.

Where to Get Your Hazeldean Community League Membership IN PERSON

-Hazeldean Drug Mart – 9611 – 66 Avenue

(Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–6 p.m. | Saturday, 9:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.)

-At any Hazeldean Community League event – Just look for our membership table!

ONLINE

-Visit the EFCL website: <https://hazeldean.getcommunal.com/memberships>

Why Become a Community League Member? SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY LEAGUE

Fees collected from membership sales provide much-needed funds for Community Leagues to accomplish their mandate of bringing community residents together and improving the community and the quality of life for all residents.

Leagues accomplish this through organizing various recreational, educational and sports programming, hosting community events, developing amenities such as water parks and community halls and by being the voice of the community when it comes to civic engagement with the City of Edmonton.

WHAT YOU GET IN RETURN

Your purchase of a membership provides you with reduced rates to city recreational facilities through the Community League Wellness Program, gives you the opportunity to know your neighbours through organized sports participation

and community events, plus gives you a voice in the shaping of your community.

Many Leagues also arrange further benefits with local non-city amenities and businesses. In many cases, members get reduced rates on their community hall rental, so make sure to check with your League to see what else they offer.

Periodically, special events happen within Edmonton and the organizers offer reduced ticket rates to Community Leagues members. Here's where you can view details, rates and facilities included in the City of Edmonton Community Wellness Program.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Holding a Hazeldean Community Membership provides you with:

-Voting privileges at meetings. The annual general meeting occurs in the month of October. In order for you to vote at this meeting, you must reside in Hazeldean with a current membership.

-A voice on local government issues such as development permit variances, re-zoning applications, and traffic issues.

-Free skating on Edmonton's League Outdoor rinks. The Avonmore Community League (four minutes drive away) has a hockey rink and a large public skating rink, as does Ritchie. Please remember to bring your membership card for entry into these facilities. Hazeldean no longer has an outdoor rink, but does have a smaller snowbank rink beside the playground.

-Free public skating at indoor city arenas. Please check the City of Edmonton website for the schedule to public skating times. The closest arena to our community is Donnan.

-Free swimming at designated pools.

-Your family can join up for programs offered by the Hazeldean Community League like hockey, soccer, and playgroup.

-Free or discounted access to Hazeldean Community League events which have a ticket or entrance fee.

-Additional city-wide savings and benefits, as listed on the EFCL website.



Become a valued volunteer!

In order to keep our calendar full of exciting events and activities year-round, Ritchie Community League depends on the generous support of our many volunteers. There's a job for everyone; to keep the League lively, we need volunteers for everything from hall maintenance to communications. The sign-up sheets are always open! Whether you prefer to volunteer for single events or participate in one of our ongoing teams, there is a place for you. Are you...

...a bona fide party planner? Join our Event Planning Team!

...a graphic design prodigy? Join our Communications Team!

...a street safety advocate? Join our Vibrant Streets Team!

...a networking virtuoso? Join our Volunteer Support Team!

Our Vibrant Streets Team kicked off their season with a beautiful tour through the Ritchie community. The Volunteer Support Team celebrated a successful Community League Day with over 25 volunteers in attendance! The Comms Team is hard at work... writing this newsletter! Each volunteer team has different time commitments, activities, and goals. The best part is the friends you make along the way.

If you're still on the fence, visit ritchie-league.com/volunteer to find out more about all upcoming opportunities, or reach out to volunteers@ritchie-league.com and tell us how you'd like to get involved.

Catch up with friends at Ritchie Pub Night

Pub nights continue at Ritchie Hall, the last Saturday of every month. Join your friends and neighbours at the hall for a relaxing evening with your favourite Happy Beer Street beverage. We always have a nice selection of snacks, and non-

alcoholic bevies as well. If you're over 18, \$5 gets you in the door—and Ritchie members get a freebie! You'll find all the information online, including special details like which homegrown musical talent we'll have playing for you!

Support local for less with Ritchie Crew

Ritchie Community League is offering you exclusive discounts at beloved local businesses through the Ritchie Crew Subscription. For as little as \$10/month, Crew subscribers receive a thank you pack, an RCL membership, a yearly gift of RCL swag, and the perk that keeps on giving: an RCL discount card to present at participating businesses in the Ritchie neighbourhood. There's a discount for

everyone from music lovers to meat-lovers—from readers to refillers.

RCL is also inviting businesses in the neighbourhood to join the Crew! If you've got an offer your neighbours can't refuse, write to us.

The complete list of participating businesses as well as monthly subscription options are on the RCL website at ritchie-league.ca/rcl-support.

Ritchie Classes and Socials

Renaissance Dance is back this fall, and we're excited to share the charming Inns of Court's Almans and Pavanes with you. Don't know what that is? That's okay! All ages and skill levels are welcome to dance through time with your experienced instructors.

Isabelle Rousseau brings us another season of **Ballet With Your Neighbour**, and the parents and their kids from the summer are already snapping up the spots! In this class you can learn the basics of ballet or get back into it for fitness, fun and artistry. Class will include a dynamic warm-up, some up-to-date progressive

conditioning, barre and centre work and some accessible, satisfying choreography. New to Ritchie this year is **Thinking Body**, where Isabelle will teach you new ways to enhance your vitality, regulate your nervous system and improve balance and muscle elasticity. It promises both surprise and excitement.

Deb will get you moving to the oldies in **Fit For Life**, a mixed-level class offering exercise for everybody! Components of low-impact cardio, strength training, balance and flexibility make for a well-rounded one-hour workout!

Are you using your membership to the fullest?

The RCL Membership perks add up to some serious savings. Here are a few ways you can make the most of your membership:

- Borrow tools for free from the Edmonton Tool Library
- Access city recreation facilities for free (select times) or at a discount
- Get discounted tickets to events and classes hosted at Ritchie Hall
- Enjoy year-round access to the Ritchie skating rink and courts

In no time, a Ritchie Community League membership can pay for itself!

The 2025/26 memberships are now available, so it's a great time to renew yours or get one for the first time! You can purchase yours easily online, at an upcoming Pub Night, or at Ritchie Foods. Show your support—and love—for your community with a community league membership. Family: \$25, Single adult: \$15, Senior over 65: pay what you can



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EVENTS @ RITCHIE HALL



Are you looking for some social opportunities in the neighbourhood?

On Tuesday mornings a great group of folks meet in the hall for coffee. It's a perfect place for those neighbours who want to be social without all the talking. **Bridge** is one of our longest running programs at Ritchie, where every Friday you can sit down with your friends for coffee

and a game. On Saturday morning, head over to **Men's Shed** in the rear hall for (more) coffee and stories, and maybe a woodworking project or bike repair! Those guys sure keep each other busy... and connected to their community.

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Crafternoon

It's never too soon to plan for Crafternoon! Hosted every two months means double the opportunity to catch up on your project and make a new friend! Open to RCL members and non-members alike, Crafternoon is your chance to find inspiration and support for your projects. It's also the perfect place to refresh your supplies; whether you're drowning in googly-eyes or in desperate need of ribbon, the Swap Table has your back. Leftover materials are donated to the Reuse Centre. So, plug in that glue



gun, head to ritchies-league.com/events for upcoming dates.

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