

COMMUNITY LEAGUE NEWS - WEST

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Apr/May 2015



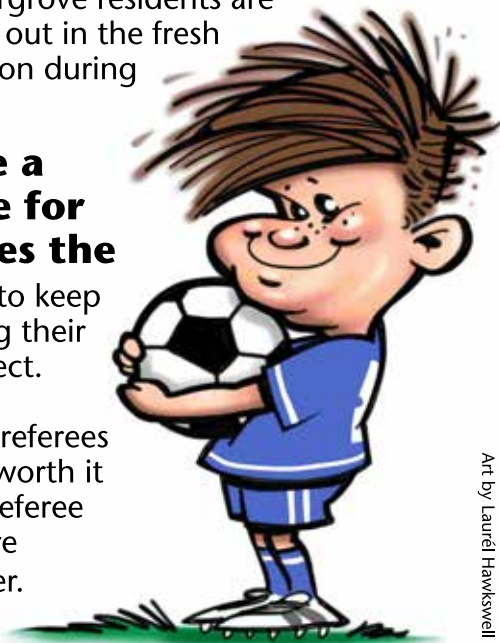
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ALDERGROVE COMMUNITY LEAGUE SOCCER SEASON!

Outdoor soccer season is here. Well, once the fields dry up enough that is! Many Aldergrove residents are looking forward to getting out in the fresh air and cheering their kids on during outdoor soccer season.

We want this to be a positive experience for all and that includes the referees.

We urge you to keep in mind that they are doing their best. Treat them with respect. Abuse by onlookers is the leading cause for budding referees to decide that it's just not worth it and quitting. It's simple: a referee shortage may result in there being no community soccer.



Art by Laurel Hawkswell

AGM

Mark your calendars for La Perle's Town Hall Meeting (AGM)

**April 19th, 2015, 7:00 PM
La Perle Hall**

All community members are welcome to attend!

Make a difference in YOUR community!

To have a vote you must have a current La Perle Community League membership (Memberships will be available for purchase)

Items on agenda include:

- Approval of \$12,000 to cover expenses for major events (eg. Community League Day)
- Future of La Perle Skating Rinks
- Approval of \$12,000 for a security camera system to increase safety and reduce crime around the community hall
- Approval of up to \$27,000 for new HVAC system
- Approval to purchase new Round Tables and chairs for the community hall



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E-mail: aldergro@telusplanet.net www.aldergroveonline.com Facebook: AldergroveCommunityEdmonton

OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Wednesday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Thursday - Sunday Office Closed

Aldergrove Community League Executive

PRESIDENT	Kathy Katzenback
VICE PRESIDENT	Laurél Hawkswell
TREASURER	Steve Colquhoun
BLDG. & GRDS.	Aaron Clark
SPORTS	Damigu Djabare
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SOCIAL	Kathy Katzenback
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WEBSITE	Susan Berezowsky
CIVIC AFFAIRS	Gary Adams
Non-voting Positions:	
SOCCER	Damigu Djabare
CHILDCARE DIRECTOR	Lori Engman
SECRETARY	Connie Bowie

- No good deed goes unnoticed -

**Please consider
giving a bit of your time.**

Find out what's happening at our monthly meetings.
Call 780-481-1588 for the next meeting date.

*In Memory of
Sharon Daubert*

We would like to recognize the passing of longtime community league volunteer, Sharon Daubert. Volunteering for our community for over 20 years, Sharon's brilliant smile and Laughter will definitely be missed.



Aldergrove Community League CHECK IT OUT...

ZUMBA TUESDAYS, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Contact Leah @ 780-472-6238 to register.

Stretch, strengthen, relax, enjoy . . .

HATHA YOGA

with Audrey

WEDNESDAYS, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Contact Connie @ 780-481-1588 to register.

FREE STYLE YOGA

with Krista

Beginners Welcome!

THURSDAYS, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Contact Krista @ 780-758-9642



NEED VOLUNTEER HOURS?

Are you looking for Volunteer Hours for your Leadership Program? Volunteering in your community is a great way to do it! Please contact Connie at the community league office at 780-481-1588 if you'd like do some good close to home, in your own community!

Aldergrove Community League

SWIM FOR FREE!

SUNDAYS,
4 - 6 p.m.

FREE swimming at Jasper Place Pool when you show a current community league membership card.

CHECK JASPER PLACE POOL WEBSITE
TO CONFIRM DATES & TIMES



COMMUNITY LEAGUE MEMBERSHIPS

Purchase memberships at Aldergrove Community IDA or at the League office during office hours (see Aldergrove header info). Receive skate tags for community skating (closest one is in Belmead). Use it to access the free swim at Jasper Place (see above info) You must have a current membership to register for soccer or basketball. Memberships support Aldergrove Community League, strengthening the community.

*Membership changes may occur.

ALDERGROVE COMMUNITY LEAGUE *President's Message*

Spring has sprung, or has it? As I am writing this message, the snow is falling again.

Our Family Day celebrations were lots of fun this year. Each year, it seems more people come out to join in the fun. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and made our Family Day celebrations a success! Check out a few of our photos in this newsletter from the day's activities.

Outdoor soccer registrations are complete and our teams are waiting for the season to start.

We will be having a Green Shack program again this summer for half days. This is a free City of Edmonton leader run, free program for children 6 - 12 years old.

Our next community league event is the Big Bin Event and Dance in September. This is your chance to get rid of unwanted items and to join with your neighbours for an evening of food and a dance. Hope to see everyone there.

With the coming of spring, please remember that our children will be enjoying the great outdoor areas of our community. Please drive slowly through our community and make our neighbourhood a safe place for our children to play.

- Kathy Katzenback Aldergrove Community League President

Thank You Volunteers!

Community league events would not be able to happen if it weren't for our great community volunteers. If you were at our Family Day Event, we hope you said thank you to the following volunteers:

Brenda Kaczor, Jeremy Kaczor, Shelley Cox, Lori Engman, Connie Bowie, Keivyan Hesselhurst, Rosehi, Phil Hawkswell, Keaton Hawkswell, Steve Colquhoun, Aaron Clark and Kathy Katzenback.

Apologies if anyone's name was missed!



Aldergrove Community League **HALL RENTALS**

PERFECT FOR YOUR NEXT PARTY OR GATHERING

Aldergrove Community League has:

- A meeting room
- A newly renovated boardroom with a kitchen,
- Half hall rentals
- Full hall rental with kitchen (200 person maximum capacity)
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La Perle News



La Perle Community Hall Rental Information

18611 97A Avenue Phone: 780 486-4426 Email: laperle@laperle-community.ca

www.laperle-community.ca

Seating for 150 people Wheel Chair Accessible

Full Kitchen (Fridge, Stove, Microwave and ample counter space)

Lockable Bar Area – Freezer, Stand up cooler and Coffee maker

Outside Patio, Playground, skating rinks, baseball diamonds, soccer fields and basketball nets

Pre-paid cleaning service available for a fee (\$175.00) and availability

LaPerle Community League provides cleaning products and equipment as needed

Not Provided: Dishes, cooking utensils, Linens, Decorations, Sound System, Projector or Screen

**THE USE OF GLITTER/SPARKLES/CONFETTI OR OPEN FLAME CANDLES
ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE HALL**

- All renters need to be over the age of 25, and provide Gov't Issued ID and valid credit card as well as a current Community Membership from within the City of Edmonton
- All rentals subject to a CASHABLE \$550.00 Damage Deposit with the exception of the Skate Shack \$200.00
- To secure a rental the Damage Deposit must be received at time of booking (cash/cheque only). All cheques will be cashed at that time.

- In order to serve alcohol during an event at La Perle Community League Hall you will need

1) A valid liquor license and

2) Third party liability insurance that names La Perle Community League as an “additionally Insured” party in the amount of \$2 million. Proof of above must be shown prior to rental and obtaining keys.

**To receive La Perle Member prices you must hold both a 2014 - 2015 and 2013- 2014 Membership
ALL RENTAL PAPERWORK MUST BE IN THE SAME PERSON'S NAME.**

WEEKEND DAY RATES:

9:00 am – 1:00 am FRIDAY / SATURDAY / SUNDAY

Main Hall / Kitchen / Bar Area /

La Perle Community Members \$350.00 / day Other Community Members \$450.00 / day

To set up the evening before please add \$50.00 (based on availability)

WEEKEND / WEDDING PACKAGES

From Friday 3:00 pm to Sunday 12:00 Noon

La Perle Members \$550.00 Other Community Members \$750.00

Mandatory Third Party Liability Insurance
Required

WEEK DAY / NIGHT RENTAL (3 hour minimum)

MON – THURS La Perle Member Rate
\$40.00/hour Other Community Members
\$50.00/hour

FRI / SAT / SUN La Perle Member rate:
50.00/hour Other Community Members
\$65.00/hour

Please contact us to inquire about Special Pricing for regular user groups

NO SPORTING ACTIVITIES ARE ALLOWED IN THE HALL

(EG SPORT BALL/FLOOR HOCKEY ETC)

SKATE SHACK (Washrooms, fountain)
La Perle Members: \$15.00 / hour Other Community Members: \$25.00 / hour Damage Deposit \$200.00

La Perle Community League reserves the right to rent only to those that meet or exceed the rental requirements. The La Perle Community League also reserves the right to cancel any function that is deemed inappropriate or harmful to community members and does not meet all contractual obligations.

**Rates are subject to change without notice.*

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MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US:

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THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS!

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2015 – 2016 Clinics at La Perle Community League

Saturday, August 1, 2015 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Saturday, January 2, 2016 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Call 1 888 2 DONATE (1 888 236-6283)

To book an appointment.

Canadian Blood Services

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President's Message

Spring is finally here and our community will soon be in full bloom. Many exciting things are coming to La Perle this year!

2015 has started on a high note as all four of the La Perle indoor soccer teams (U14 Boys, U14 Girls, U10 Girls, U10 Boys) have represented our community well. The U10 Boys and Girls and the U14 Girls went on to compete in City Finals where the U10 Boys and U14 Girls won Gold, while the U10 Girls won Bronze. The U14 girls then went on to compete in Inter-cities and finished with a Bronze medal! The U14 Boys and Girls as well as the U10 Boys participated in the Slush Cup Tournament at the end of February where the U10 Boys and the U14 Boys finished with Gold Medals! Congratulations to all our teams for your success! Good luck to all our teams participating in the outdoor season this year as well.

The Naturescape program is off to another ground-breaking year, starting with the bottle drive on March 21. We would like to thank the entire community for their generous support for the program! Melissa Urusky and her team collected an outstanding amount of bottles which will be extremely useful as they work on the next stage of their project in 2015! In conjunction with the bottle drive, we also ran games & activities for kids, held a hotdog BBQ, and showed Monsters U. We had over 50 people attend this very successful event. Look for this annual event again in March 2016!

Congratulations to Janae Kowalchuk, our 2014/15 recipient of the \$500 Dr. Manji scholarship awarded annually, for the past 27 years, to a member of our community who is attending post-secondary studies and significantly contributes to the La Perle Community League.

We will be hosting a Town Hall meeting at the hall on Sunday, April 19 at 7pm. One of the major decision items will be the future of our skating rinks. The cost to maintain and operate the rinks continues to escalate each year and the number of members who utilize the rinks remains low. The Board is considering redirecting funding to other programming that would better serve our community. We will also deliver the annual reports and hold the annual election for all Executive positions, including the vacated Vice President role. Coffee and treats will be served.

We will be looking for a community representative(s) to carry the La Perle flag in the July 17th K-Days parade along with other communities from across Edmonton. Nominate an individual or a group (e.g. soccer team) to carry our flag by sending the name of the individual and reason why you're nominating them to laperle.community@icloud.com. Also, make sure to circle July 26th on your calendars! This will be the date of our 2nd annual K-Days Classic Car Show at the La Perle Shopping Centre. To register your car or find out more information about our event, check out the webpage at www.kdaysccars.com.

Edmonton spring and summer are so short, so let's make sure we make the most of them!

Trevor Elliott

President – La Perle Community

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Family Fun Night: April 11 @ 5:30 - 8:00pm
Join us for a free dinner and activities for all ages!

KOT Kids Clubhouse (4-Gr.5) (childcare under age 3)
Shift Youth G.T. (Gr.6-10)

Mother's Day Tea—May 9 @ 2:00 - 4:00pm
Ladies, come be pampered with a special afternoon of refreshments and entertainment while your children participate in children's activities!

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18715-97A Ave



Afternoon Spots still available for the 2015-2016 school year
Waitlist maintained for Morning Program Spots

3 Year Program: Tuesdays & Thursdays

9:00-11:00am OR 1:00-3:00pm

*child must be toilet trained

*offers a staggered start for children who turn 3 from October-December 2014

4 Year Program: Monday/Wednesday/Friday

9:00-11:15am OR 12:45-3:00pm

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LaPerle Community Playschool offers:

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Parent Helper days

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Field Trips for 4 year old classes

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Free Play to facilitate social skills

Circle Time to facilitate attention

Gym Time to facilitate gross motor skills

For more Information please contact our Registrar at 1-866-927-6020
www.laperleplayschool.com

EDMONTON

Free Drop-In Bike Safety Program

LaPerle Community League
18611-97 A Avenue

Program will take place in the tarmac beside the community

For participants of all ages on 2 wheels or 4 wheels! Children 5 and under require a parent or guardian to attend. Families are encouraged to participate.

Fun and basic bike safety skills are the focus of this **free drop-in** program. Participants will enhance their bike safety skills while participating in stations and games. Participants can make a personalized bike plate.

The program will be adapted to the age and skill level of the participants dropping into the program. The program will take place in a contained area.

Saturday June 13th, 2015

Time: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Participants can stay for the full 3 hours or drop-in for a short while!

The program may cancel due to inclement weather

Participants must have their own bikes. A CSA approved helmet is mandatory for participation

http://www.edmonton.ca/activities_parks_recreation/free-drop-in-bike-safety-program.aspx

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MEMBERSHIPS ARE VALID FROM SEPTEMBER 1ST – AUGUST 31ST OF THE NEXT YEAR

- Free Swimming at Jasper Place Pool on Sunday's from 4-6 PM September – June Remember to bring your membership card with you as they now scan the back of your card
- Free skating at Callingwood Recreation Centre. Call 311 for dates and times.
- Free skating at any community outdoor rinks in the Edmonton Area (Green Skate tags required)
- Allows you to register for Indoor and Outdoor Soccer, Basketball and La Perle Playschool
- Allows you to have a vote at our Town Hall Meetings
- Reduced rates on La Perle Hall rentals (must have held a membership from the previous year as well)
- Reduced rates on La Perle Sponsored Community League events / classes
- Green Shack at the La Perle Playground during the months of July and August – a joint venture with the City of Edmonton
- Yearly Community League Day (September) Big Bin Event, Fire-works presentation and more! Mark your calendar for September 19, 2015 for this year's event!
- February Outdoor Family Event!
- Movie Night in the Spring
- Access to the Community League Wellness Program, which provides admission discounts to City-operated Sport and Recreation Facilities. Show your league membership card at any one of the City of Edmonton's Sports and Fitness Facilities and you can get 10% off adult or a family annual pass, Continuous monthly Pass or Multi-Admission Passes
- All Community Events require volunteers. Please contact the office if interested
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Upcoming Community Events

Town Hall Meeting (AGM)

La Perle Community Hall - 18611 97A Avenue

- Sunday, April 19, 2015 at 7:00 PM
- Everyone welcome to attend!

Lewis Farms Rec Centre Design Open House

Winterburn School - 9527 Winterburn Rd

- Thursday, April 23, 2015, 4:00 - 8:00 PM

This is the first opportunity to discuss the planning of the new facility with City officials

Free Drop-In Bike Safety Program

La Perle Community Hall - 18611 - 97A Avenue

- Saturday, June 13, 2015, 1:00 - 4:00 PM

Program will take place on the tarmac beside the hall.

Children 5yrs old and younger require a parent or guardian to attend. The program may cancel due to inclement weather.

Blood Donor Clinics

La Perle Community Hall - 18611 97A Avenue

- Saturday, August 1, 2015, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
 - Saturday, January 2, 2016, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
 - Saturday, February 27, 2016, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- To set up an appointment call 1 888 2 DONATE
(1 888 236 6283) www.blood.ca

www.laperle-community.ca

Community League Memberships

Community Memberships are \$35.00 for a family membership or \$20.00 for a Senior or single membership.

Please make cheques payable to the **La Perle Community League**.

Drop off this form and payment in the secured mailbox at the front of the hall located at
18611 97A Avenue

If you have any questions please contact Cathy at the Hall ~ 780-486-4426 or
our Membership Director, Sujitha Sugunan at 780 484-9963

Membership cards/passes & skate tags will be delivered or mailed. Please note that WEM passes are only given with Family Memberships and the last day for distribution is December 18, 2014. Passes expire in February.

Date _____		
Adult #1	_____	
	Last Name,	First Name
Adult #2	_____	
	Last Name,	First Name
Address _____		
Postal Code _____		
Res. Ph _____	Cell: _____	
Email _____		
Children's Names	Y/M/D	M/F
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
Membership Type: Family _____ Single _____ Senior _____		
May we contact you if we need volunteers? Yes _____ No _____		
May we send you news by email? Yes _____ No _____		

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Thank you.

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**SUNDAYS 10-3
WEDNESDAYS 2-6**

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Are you a fair-weather scooper?

We all know we should pick up our dog's poop, but it's very easy to forget a bag or look the other way especially when no one else is around.

Don't be that kind of dog owner. Make a point of scooping your dog's poop every single time they go on public property. Carry a few bags with you so you're always prepared to pick up after your dog. It's also important to regularly clean up pet waste on your own property.

Neglecting to pick up after your dog could mean that someone else picks it up ... on their shoes. Far more seriously, it could expose people and other pets to bacteria, viruses and parasites in your pet's waste. You could also end up with a \$100 fine.

There's no denying that scooping up poop is an unpleasant job, but it's a responsibility that comes with owning your dog and a small price to pay for the joys of owning a furry friend.