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McLeod Soccer Registration Continues

McLeod Community League and CGSA continue to accept registrations for the 2021 outdoor season. Currently, government restrictions limit soccer participation only to immediate family members. We expect the restrictions will relax in June, allowing greater participation. Our current plan is to start the season with

soccer camp style sessions and hopefully transition to games at some point during the summer.

2021 outdoor soccer fees are as follows.

Please see the McLeod (www.mcleodcl.ca) or CGSA (www.cgsa.ca) websites for registration information.

Feel free to contact me at soccer@mcleodcommunity-

Age Group	Soccer Fee	Game Night
U5	\$65	Monday
U7	\$75	Tuesday
U9	\$100	Wednesday
U11	\$125	Thursday
U13	\$130	Monday
U15/U17	\$130	Tuesday

league.ca or contact CGSA at info@cgsa.ca if you have any questions or concerns.

Todd, McLeod Soccer Director

Evansdale receives support from Oilers Foundation



This winter Evansdale Community League was super pleased to receive support from the Edmonton Oilers Foundation to help fund a pull-behind Zamboni and run a skating program through the winter in times of COVID-19.

The program was a big help assisting community leagues continuing to run programs as revenues declined due to COVID-19.

We had more than 500 people/families use the social and hockey skating rinks this winter. Rinks were able to facilitate to host up to 10 individuals or family cohorts and Evansdale's facilities were busy all winter.

Running outdoor rinks was especially important this winter since indoor rinks were not always available due to the pandemic.



"It's so cool to receive support like this from the Oilers Foundation since community leagues started hockey programs in Edmonton many years ago," says Jeff Muise-laar, president of Evansdale Community League.

The Edmonton Federation

of Community leagues is celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year and today there are 162 community leagues in Edmonton with 120 outdoor rinks. The program helped many of them stay open despite difficult circumstances surrounding the pandemic.

Little Free Library – McLeod Boundaries

Have you seen the Little Free Library in our Matt Berry Community? You might have seen it while driving or walking at the corner of 156 avenue and 62B street and wondered what it could be. Denise and Frank, residents of Matt Berry, began the initiative with the goal of creating a little library for the neighbourhood to enjoy.

"We just love seeing our neighbours at the library, especially with their families.

We started out with a small library box and it has grown to what it is now", said Denise. One of the most popular items you can find are kid's books. While going for your walks, bike ride, or driving by, please stop and check it out. Feel free to take a book for yourself or leave a book for others to enjoy.

Many thanks to Denise, Frank and their kids, for inspiring the love of reading with this initiative.



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Evansdale Community League News

Serving: Evansdale – Belle Rive – Eaux Claires



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Waste Trivia

Test your waste trivia by deciding where the following waste items would go.

A: broken toy; B: loose dog poop; C: coffee grounds; D: broken mirror; E: watermelon peel; F: cat litter; G: chicken bones; H: coffee pods; I: plastic clamshell container; J: expired magazines; K: Styrofoam



food containers; L: fish bones; M: propane tanks; N: used plastic utensils; O: pet food bags; P: bagged dog poop; Q: shredded paper; R: paint cans; S: tires; T: glass bottles and jars; U: aluminum foil; V: aerosol can (empty); W: broken chair; X: empty shampoo bottles; Y: diapers; Z: metal

Waste Wise – New Waste Collection System Rollout in City of Edmonton

As the new City of Edmonton waste collection system being implemented to single-unit and some multi-unit homes, majority of the Evansdale residents have received our garbage carts, which by default include a large (240L) black garbage cart, a regular-sized (120L) green food scraps cart and a small food scrap pail at no cost.

The new waste collection system includes:

A black garbage cart that will be collected every two weeks

A green food scraps cart that will be collected weekly spring, summer and fall and every two weeks in winter

Recycling blue bags that will be collected weekly with no limits on volume

Two seasonal yard waste that will be collected in spring and two in the fall with no limits on volume

Food scraps:

How: collect materials in your food scraps pail and empty into the cart. As well, only paper or BPI/BNQ certified compostable bags are allowed. Regular kitchen bags are not acceptable.

What goes into the green food scraps cart: scraps and peelings, spoiled food dairy products, meat, fish, bones, egg shells, coffee grounds with filters, tea bags, food-spoiled napkins, wet paper towels and yard waste if there is extra room in the green cart.

Garbage:

How: garbage can go directly in the black garbage cart without bag. Cart lid must close.

What goes into the black garbage cart: snack wrappers, snack bags, foil, plastic wrap, single-use utensils and plates, take-out containers, drink cups, straws, lids, coffee pods, Styrofoam (all types), hygiene items, disposable gloves, masks, diapers, bubble wraps, padded envelopes, shredded paper, worn-out clothes and toys, cat litter and pet hair.

Recycling:



How: Flatten boxes and place loosely into a blue recycling bag. Bundle large pieces of cardboard and set out underneath the bag.

What goes into the blue recycling bag: plastic containers (jugs, tubs, bottles and jars) with caps lids and straws removed, stretchy plastic bags, meal beverage and food cans, cardboard boxes, pizza boxes, newspaper, flyers, office paper, paper egg cartons, paper trays, glass bottles and jars, drink pouches and cartons, and milk cartons.

Yard waste:

How: set out for seasonal collection by putting them in a paper or clear plastic bag OR top up the green food scraps cart OR drop-off at an Eco Station.

What: leaves, grass, fallen tree fruit, garden trimmings, dead plants, bark, branches and twigs.

Hazardous waste:

Where: drop-off at Eco Station (NW: 11440 – 143 St. NW; NE: 5355 – 127 Ave. NW; Central: 5150 – 99 St. NW)

What: light bulbs, fluorescent tubes, batteries, paint and stains, chemicals and cleaners, motor oil, oil filters, automotive fluids and fuel, propane tanks, fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, needs (in container), fridges, freezers, air conditioners, computers and electronics, appliances and power tools.

Oversized waste:

Where: drop-off at Eco Station (NW: 11440 – 143 St. NW; NE: 5355 – 127 Ave. NW; Central: 5150 – 99 St. NW)

What: tires, small furniture, large furniture, scrap metals, construction and home renovation materials,

lawnmowers, windows and mirrors, tree stumps, roots, trunks, washing machines, dryers, dishwashers and stoves.

Extra resource:

WasteWise App: free app that can be downloaded via Google Play, iTunes Store or Edmonton.ca/waste.

Telephone: 311 within the City of Edmonton and 780-442-5311 for the outside of the City.

Email: wasteman@edmonton.ca

It has been a few weeks since we are enrolled in the new waste sorting and collection system. After talking to various residents from different areas within Evansdale Community, I have collected the following feedbacks:

"It's a great sorting system that separates my kitchen scraps from the rest of the garbage. I was dreading at first but the new system is really easy. Good to do my part!"

"Get the App! You can search any item in the app when in doubt. That is a great tool!"

"there is just not enough space for the bins. I have to place them in my flower bed."

"I hope the City can collect the garbage weekly instead of bi-weekly. For the size of my household, every two weeks is just not enough! This is not a well-thought-out plan."

"I am curious to see how to place the bins when it comes to winter when there is 15 inches of snow on the ground. It will be a challenge for us AND the City crew!"

"I think the City is smart to roll out the new system in spring so that we have a few months to get used to it before snow on the ground."

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Dear Northeast Voice,

Thank you for running the second annual Evansdale Easter Colouring contest. I am so excited that I won the Toys R Us gift card!

Thank you, Louise, for getting my prize. I will enjoy using the gift card and will share it with my sister Heidi.

I hope you continue running colouring contests because they are fun to do and I hope other kids will have a chance to win a prize, too. Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

Holly (age 10)



Forests planted by Edmontonians for Edmontonians

Root for Trees is safely returning in 2021, inviting volunteers of all ages to take part in expanding the beauty of Edmonton's urban forest by planting 45,000 trees and shrubs each year.

"The City of Edmonton is proud to have adapted volunteer programs, such as Root for Trees, to be able to operate safely during the pandemic," said Lydia Fialka, Community Greening Coordinator. "As our planting teams are following all COVID-19 safety precautions we encourage everyone to sign up and learn about Edmonton's urban forest."

Root for Trees aims to increase tree planting in Edmonton through continued partnerships with corporations, residents and community groups. Volunteers will not only participate through planting, but will learn more



about naturalization and the benefits to our city.

Public registration for this year's Root for Trees program is open and residents of all ages are invited to participate. Bookings can be made through a submission form at [edmonton.ca/root-](http://edmonton.ca/root-forests)

forests.

To ensure greater resiliency and sustainability in a changing climate, Edmonton continues to expand and preserve our extensive urban forest with a goal of planting two million trees in the coming years.

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Diagnosis, treatment of a common eye disease

World Glaucoma Week takes place Mar. 8 to 14, 2020.

Glaucoma is a leading cause of blindness in Canada. It is the name for a group of eye diseases that damage the optic nerve. This nerve carries information from the eye to the brain. When the nerve is damaged, you can lose your vision.

Glaucoma is one of the most common causes of legal blindness in the world. At first, people with glaucoma lose side (peripheral) vision. But if the disease isn't treated, vision loss may get worse. This can lead to total blindness over time.

What causes glaucoma?

The exact cause isn't known. Experts think that increased pressure in the eye (intraocular pressure) may

cause the nerve damage in many cases. But some people who have glaucoma have normal eye pressure.

Some people get glaucoma after an eye injury or after eye surgery. Some medicines (corticosteroids) that are used to treat other diseases may also cause glaucoma.

How is glaucoma diagnosed?

Glaucoma can be diagnosed:

During routine examinations with your eye doctor.

When you go to your family doctor because of an eye problem. Your doctor will ask you questions about your symptoms and do a physical examination.

If your doctor thinks you have glaucoma, you will then need to see an eye doctor for eye examinations and tests.

How is it treated?

Glaucoma can't be cured. But there are things you can do to help stop more damage to the optic nerve.

To help keep your vision from getting worse, you'll probably need to use medicine (most likely eye drops) every day.

You may also need laser treatment or surgery. You'll also need regular checkups with your eye doctor.

How do you cope with glaucoma?

If you have vision loss, you can keep your quality of life. You can use vision aids, such as large-print items and special video systems, to help you cope with reduced eyesight.

Support groups and counselling may also help you deal with vision loss.

Pilot for alcohol consumption in select River Valley parks begins

Edmontonians are now able to consume alcohol at designated picnic sites in select River Valley parks during a 19-week pilot project that launches today.

Beginning this morning, adults may consume alcohol safely and responsibly at 47 designated picnic sites in seven River Valley parks between the hours of 11 a.m. and 9 p.m., seven days a week. Please remember to follow current public health measures for outdoor gatherings.

The selected parks for the 2021 pilot project include: Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Whitemud, William Hawrelak, Government House, Victoria, Gold Bar and Rundle. Picnic sites include both bookable and "first-come, first-served" options.

Alcohol consumption is still not permitted at any other pic-



nic sites or park spaces unless part of an approved festival and event licence. A map of all designated picnic sites is available online.

Edmonton's river valley is extremely valuable to everyone. If you choose to consume alcohol at one of our designated picnic sites, please respect the peace of others around you, ensure you leave the site in good condition and drink responsibly. Park rangers will

be monitoring these locations as part of their regular patrols in parks.

The pilot project will run from May 28 to October 11, 2021. The City of Edmonton will closely monitor how the project is going and will report final results to city council by the end of this year.

For further information on the pilot and to provide feedback, please visit edmonton.ca/alcoholinparks.

McLeod Community League News

Questions and Answers with a McLeod Board Member

Please introduce yourself, your role with the community league, and which part of McLeod you live in.

I'm Richard Arnold, I'm the Membership Director with McLeod Community League and I live in Hollick Kenyon.

How did you first get involved with the league?

I first got involved with McLeod Community League in February, 2017. I initially joined the board as the Softball Director.

What do you enjoy the most about volunteering with McLeod?

I really enjoy meeting folks in the community and creating opportunities and programs that add value for people. This past winter, we were able to partner with the City of Edmonton and arranged for school aged children to shovel sidewalks for seniors and those with reduced mobility.

It was really rewarding to see how much the seniors appreciated this program and how much pride that the kids took in making sure that the driveways were taken care of.

Another highlight for me was the coach pitch and T-ball tournament that McLeod hosted in the 2018 and 2019 years. It was enjoyable to see young kids having a great time playing ball. The 2019 event also had a charitable focus and brought in 300 pounds of food for the Ed-



monton Food Bank.

What are some of the challenges you face within your role?

The benefits far outweigh the challenges, but unfortunately there are always a few barriers. You do run across some people that like to criticize specific decisions or programs that the board offers.

My experience has been that the most frequent and loudest complainers are the least likely to do anything about the "problem" that they have identified.

I would really encourage people to think twice before offering unsolicited advice related to programs that volunteers have spent hours putting together.

Has volunteering in general positively or negatively influenced your professional career, personal life, or your community relations?

Being a part of the McLeod board has been a great experience for me. I have met some great people on the board and met many other individuals through sports registrations and other board events. We do have a very great board that is very accepting and open to new ideas.

Any suggestions or advice you would like to give to new volunteers?

I would encourage folks that are interested in volunteering to contact their local Community League. Almost all Community Leagues have vacant board positions and there are also some opportunities to volunteer in the background if someone does not want to immediately join the board. I would also encourage new volunteers to bring new ideas forward and work with experienced board members to implement them. Finally, the most important thing is to have fun with the role.

Any last comments?

Although we do have a great board at McLeod, we could use some youthful exuberance to join our team. Also, if you are new to our community, our board would love to get to know you. Whether you are interested in volunteering or accessing some of the programs we offer, it would be great to hear from you.

Making positive steps toward your health goals



To make a change, use goals to chart your path to success. Two types of goals can help you do this: long-term and short-term.

Don't forget to write down your goals. They may change, but you'll want a record. Writing them down is a great way to start your plan to improve your health.

No matter what your health goal is, creating a specific plan can help you succeed. Follow the steps below to create your plan. This will put you on a path toward meeting your goal. With the help of goals, you can go as far as you want!

Step 1: Know your reason.

Why is this change important to you? Make sure it's something that you really want to do.

Step 2: Set a specific long-term goal.

A long-term goal is not something you can do all at once. It's the goal that inspires

you and that will show how far you've come when you complete it. It's usually a goal you hope to reach in six months or a year.

A long-term goal could be to walk for one hour, three times a week. To keep going, think how proud you'll be when you reach this goal.

When you reach your long-term goal, you can keep things fresh by setting new goals.

What is a long-term goal that you can reach in about six to 12 months?

Step 3: Set your short-term goals

Short-term goals help you accomplish your long-term goal. They keep you going day to day. They are usually goals you hope to reach tomorrow or next week.

One example would be to start using the stairs at work, or to take one 10-minute walk and build up to walking three times a week. Short-term

goals should be easy to do and will grow as you make progress.

How can you create short-term goals that you take week by week to reach your long-term goal?

Step 4: Prepare for slip-ups or setbacks

What might get in the way of your reaching this goal? You may already know that things like time, money, or emotions could get in the way. How might you get around these things?

Step 5: Plan for support and rewards

Who can help you meet your goals? Maybe friends, family, or a support group? And how will you reward yourself? A movie, a special meal, an hour to yourself can be a treat.

Step 6: See your success
How will your life be different after you make this change?

McLeod President Message

According to Statistics Canada, a study published in June 2020, a total of 12.7 million Canadians engaged in formal volunteering in 2018, with a total of approximately 1.7 million hours of their time given to charities, non-profits, and community organizations. However, during the pandemic, volunteer organizations – like any other sector – have been impacted in terms of the number of volunteers who are willing to step into some voluntary positions.

McLeod Community

League is no different, and we still have several volunteers within our board who are filling multiple positions. We do have some entry level positions within our board, and we would be happy to hear from you if you are interested in joining our board.

In addition, McLeod Community League is thinking of starting programming for our senior residents. We are trying to come up with certain programs that our seniors might enjoy or need. Of course, this is all dependent on the status

of the pandemic and any federal, provincial, or municipal restrictions and health guidelines. If you have any suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

On a final note, kudos to our soccer director, Todd, and his McLeod soccer committee on their hard work during the pandemic. They always try their best to successfully overcome the various challenges due to the pandemic.

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McLeod Community Safety Director Message

The month of June Alberta Traffic Safety Calendar focus is Commercial/Passenger vehicle safety.

Here are some tips to the Commercial Vehicle Drivers to help keep you and others on the road safe:

Pull over when feeling tired.

Leave adequate space between you and the vehicle in front of you.

Be aware of what other drivers are doing.

Know your units' blind spots.

Have your mirrors properly adjusted.

Ensure you are using your signal lights well ahead of your turn.

Complete proper trip inspections

Ensure your vehicle is properly maintained.

Ensure you are getting any re-torques on tires completed with the distance advised.

Do not overload your units.

Ensure your Commercial Vehicle gets its yearly inspection if required on time and the sticker is displayed with the copy of the inspection in the unit.

Ensure your Commercial Vehicle Cargo which includes tarps, dunnage, shovels, brooms are secured by straps with a Working Load Limit on them. Bungee straps are not permitted.

Ensure there is no loose gravel on your truck or trailers.

Passenger Vehicle Safety

A lot of the points above can also be applied to Passenger Vehicles. In addition, here some more tips:

Ensure your headlights and taillights are on during dawn and dusk or/and adverse weather conditions. I am seeing too many vehicles driving in the dark with no headlights and/or taillights on.

Ensure all passengers are wearing their seat belts.

Whenever possible have children in the back seat where they are safer due to air bags.

Do not allow passengers to put their legs on the dash or out the window. If you are in a collision, the air bags or force of the collision could result in serious injuries.

If your windshield has cracks in your sight lines have the windshield re-

placed.

Stay off your phones. Do not hold, view, or text while operating. This also applies at red lights. You can receive a \$300.00 fine with 3 demerits.

For more safety tips and information about Commercial and Passenger Vehicle Safety month, visit www.saferoads.com.

Bicycle Thefts:

Bicycle Thefts happen every spring and summer and I want to give you some tips to help ensure your bicycle is not stolen.

Ensure your bicycle is locked to a bike rack or in a secure building such as a locked garage or shed. Do not leave it in plain sight unsecured.

Ensure the frame and any easy quick release wheels are secured with a cable lock to the bike rack.

Register your bike-on-bike index or Project 529 Garage. You will need the make and model of the bicycle along with a photo to upload and the serial number. If your bicycle is stolen make sure you attend your closest police detachment and fill out a statement. Having a photo and serial number is crucial to help police get your bicycle back to you if its recovered.

Boating Safety

Ensure you have your boating license.

Your Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC) is like a driver's license and once you have your PCOC it is yours for life. The PCOC is mandatory for anyone operating a pleasure craft with any type of motor, and the operator should be sure to have their original PCOC card "on board". Violation Ticket can be issued if you do not have it on your person. Photo on your smartphone or photocopy is not sufficient.

Always check the local weather conditions before departure- TV, radio or weather apps on your smartphone can give you up to date and time of current weather conditions. If you notice darkening clouds, strong winds, or sudden drops in temperature, get off the water immediately and take cover on the nearest shoreline.

Ensure you and everyone on board is wearing a life jacket or personal flotation device. Ensure they fit properly. A large majority of drowning victims from boating accidents were found not to be wearing a life jacket or personal flotation devices.

Practice safe boating by not mixing alcohol, marijuana, or illegal drugs before or when you are on the boat. Just like driving under the influence, boating under the influence of alcohol, marijuana or illegal drugs is an offence under the Criminal Code of Canada. If you are planning to consume alcohol or marijuana on your boat, you must be anchored and have permanent sleeping, kitchen, and toilet facilities on board.

If you are going to be in and around the water, proper boating safety means knowing how to swim.

If you are not a strong swimmer, I encourage you to take swimming lessons before going out in or on the water.

Ensure your boat is running properly before heading out into the water. You can

purchase what is called ears. They consist of two flat opposing rubber cups, one with a hose connection, on both sides of a long U-shaped bracket that allows them to seal against both sides of the lower drive unit over the normally submerged water intakes. The two cups on the U-bracket look like earmuffs, and thus the term. You hook a water hose to them. If you have never used them there are great videos on YouTube that shows you what to do. If still not sure do not attempt and have a local marine shop, ensure your boat is operating properly.

Very important and many people forget, make sure your boat plug is in.

Make sure you have the safety equipment on your boat as required by law. Check Transport Canada Website to check what you need to have on your boat. Tickets can be issued if you do not have proper safety equipment on board.

Lastly, be courteous at boat launches. Safely and as quickly as possible get your boat in the water and remove

your vehicle and trailer so the next person can load or unload. If you see someone that is struggling lend a hand. Some people are new to boating and may need a few pointers.

Fire Prevention

Fire Bans come and go in the province. Before you light on check <https://albertafirebans.ca/> to determine if there is a ban or restriction in your area. Lighting a fire when there is a ban or restriction can lead to tickets being issued and you could be billed for the cost of the fire service to respond and put out the fire or any damage your fire has caused.

If you are having a fire let the fire burn down before you plan on putting it out. Spread the embers or ashes around in the fire pit and then add water or loose dirt and stir. Water is preferred. Any wood still burning add more water or loose dirt until you can no longer see smoke or steam. Do not bury your fire or leave it believing it will go out on its own. Embers will smoulder and can re-emerge as a wildfire especially if a wind

picks up. To ensure your fire is out, check and see if you feel any more heat from a safe distance. Do not stick your hands in or too close to the wood or ashes.

Parents/Guardians if you are having a fire in your backyard or at a campground, please do not leave children unattended or allow them to get close. This also goes for being near a waterway or pool.

Did you Know?

License plate covers are illegal.

Trucks and Sport Utility Vehicles are required to have mudguards if the body of the vehicle does not cover the width or does not come down to the center of the wheel.

Any tint on the front door windows is illegal.

Any tint added to the windshield is illegal.

Any aftermarket muffler that makes your vehicle louder is illegal.

Enlarged exhaust pipe or tips is illegal.

Tinted Taillights or Headlamps are illegal.

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Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, our office is closed to the public. Please call or email us and we can assist you remotely.

Chris Nielsen
MLA for Edmonton-Decore

My office is here to help address your questions and concerns with Government of Alberta programs and services, including Alberta Works, AISH and WCB.



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Important Notice To Property Owners In The City Of Edmonton

Edmonton

2021 Property Tax Notices Mailed Today

Your property tax notice includes:

- Municipal taxes, which help pay for civic services like police, fire rescue, public transit and road maintenance.
- Education taxes, which go directly to the Government of Alberta to fund education.

If you do not receive your notice by June 7, contact the City of Edmonton by phone at 311 or view your notice online at MyProperty.edmonton.ca.

Payment Options

- Property tax bills can be paid at most financial institutions, by telephone/online banking, and by mail. In-person payments at the Edmonton Service Centre will not be available at this time due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The City also offers a monthly payment plan; the normal administration fee charged to join the monthly plan has been waived for the rest of 2021. To spread 2021 tax payments over the rest of the year, you must sign up by June 30; otherwise, you will receive a five per cent penalty on any unpaid taxes on July 1. Please contact 311 or sign up at edmonton.ca/taxes.

Property taxes are due in full by June 30, 2021 if you are not enrolled in the Monthly Payment Plan. A five per cent penalty on any outstanding amounts will be charged to your account on July 1, with further penalties later in the year. Property taxes cannot be appealed.

For more information, call 311 or visit edmonton.ca/taxes. ■

Dated this 25 of May 2021

New beginnings and new opportunities in Ward 72

Edmonton Catholic Schools Trustee Sandra Palazzo

The snow is officially gone, and our children are once again playing outside as the days are getting longer and warmer. As we journey towards summer we remind ourselves to please slow down to keep children safe!

Edmonton Catholic Schools continues to provide our students with an excellent Catholic education, regardless of the difficult circumstances created by the pandemic. The month of May has seen us pivot to online learning and in-person learning. When our schools were last pivoted to an online environment, there were families who did not have adequate access to technology to support their children. The United Way once again stepped up and arranged for the donation of 128 Chromebooks to those families, who will now keep that technology to support their children's learning. Last spring, the United Way donated 640 Chromebooks to our families. We are indeed grateful for their support of our students!

The month of May was a time of celebration as our ECSD Learning Services Department shared the long held tradition of hosting our annual Celebration of the Arts virtually. This year's Gala was once again a spectacular showcase of our students' artistic gifts and talents. We are grateful to all involved in this remarkable production including our incredible staff and talented students!

Alberta has one of the best education systems in the world and we are proud to have celebrated Catholic Education Week in Alberta from May 10 to 14 as it is a time when we focus on the gifts found in an education grounded in our Catholic faith. We are blessed to live in a province where we have the choice as parents to choose publicly funded Catholic education.

The Board is pleased to announce the names of our two newest schools: Joan Carr Catholic Elementary/

Junior High School in Keswick and Father Michael McCaffery Catholic High School in Heritage Valley. We received an overwhelming response for these namesakes from the community highlighting and celebrating the difference they made to Catholic education, Edmonton and beyond!

With the Board having approved the Division Plan for Continuous Growth, our schools are now creating their School Plans for Continuous Growth. As part of the move to Assurance, the school plans will now be posted on school websites by May 31. This will allow schools to start their strategic work as the new school year begins to formalize their plans.

The Edmonton Catholic School Division is required to submit its 2021-22 operating budget to Alberta Education by May 31, 2021. As stewards of public funds, the Board is required to approve a budget which aligns with the vision of excellence in Catholic education that has been created in consultation with our stakeholders.

Beginning with a facilitated strategic planning session with the Board to discern Division priorities, Principals, Administration, Division leaders, as well as our Community of School Councils and our Student Voice membership provided rich insight and invaluable feedback to determine the board priorities: Growing in Faith, Student Success, An Excellent Place to Work and Learn, and Building Our Future Together. We have worked with our stakeholders to ensure that these public funds are directed towards providing the greatest impact for student success, and the most optimal learning environments for our teachers and staff.

Alberta Education implemented a new Assurance Framework and funding model in September 2020. This model represents a significant change to how school divisions are funded and how they are expected



to report student success and achievement to Alberta Education. We are pleased that through advocacy efforts, Alberta Education has agreed to hold harmless the 2020-21 school year due to the uncertainty surrounding enrollment numbers that was brought on by the pandemic.

It is unfortunate that due to the pandemic our 2021 Grade 12 graduation ceremonies for all ECSD High Schools will not be taking place in their typical large-scale fashion. We wish to recognize, congratulate, and celebrate the Class of 2021 and wish them all the best as they journey this next chapter in their lives!

We would like to applaud all our staff who have provided exceptional service in the face of the pivots that have occurred over the past many weeks. It has been an unbelievably challenging year for school staff who have fearlessly filled their role as frontline workers.

The skillful way in which they have managed uncertainty and change is truly amazing!

In closing, I want to take the opportunity to share my appreciation for the continued outstanding dedication of our staff, students, and families for being incredible stewards and ambassadors of our Division during these extraordinary times.

I welcome the opportunity to engage with our school communities as I am committed to making decisions that are in the best interests of our students and ensuring the well-being of our Division is at the forefront of all that we do!

Sponsored By Sandra Palazzo



Kilkenny News

Do you have a special content you would like to see??

Do you or someone you have content that you would like in the North East Voice? We would like to hear from

you!! Feel free to send in a picture and the appropriate information and we will include it in the next news-

letter!! Please send it to Lindsay, Kilkenny Publicity Director at publicity@kilkenny.ab.ca.

Kilkenny Community League Memberships

Memberships are sold in person during the spring (March) and fall (September) sports registration dates (please bring proof of address [utility bill or drivers license]). However memberships are sold year round through the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues (EFCL) website. Membership types and rates are listed there.

Benefits of membership include:

Free community league swim at:

Londonderry Fitness & Leisure Centre, located at 14528-66 Street NW, every Sunday from 4:15 pm – 5:45 pm.

Grand Trunk Fitness & Leisure Centre, located at 13025-112 Street NW, every Sunday from 4:15 pm – 5:45 pm and Fridays 7:15 pm – 9:15 pm.

10% discounted Annual, Multi Admission, or Continuous Monthly passes to ANY City of Edmonton Recreation Centre.

Free outdoor skating at

ANY Community League rink (ensure you have current skate tags).

Free indoor skating at Londonderry Fitness & Leisure Centre, located at 14528-66 Street NW, every Sunday from 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm.

Voting rights at the Kilkenny Annual General Meeting (AGM) held in November.

Please come out and support your community!

If you have any other questions, please email Membership@Kilkenny.ab.ca

Kilkenny Community League General Meetings

Become a part of your community and get involved! Board meetings are held the second Tuesday every month (excluding July & August) from 7:00pm – 9:00pm in the Meeting Room of Kilkenny Hall.

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Northmount Community League News

Northmount Board of Directors as of April 20, 2021

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Northmount, Beyond COVID

At this time, we are asking members to seriously consider volunteering for board positions. The community league can only be run with YOUR help.

All programs and functions have been on hiatus because of provincial health restrictions, but when COVID restrictions change, and social gatherings and sports

start to resume, we will need to have plans for programming and events in place. We desperately need help from community members for this!

Become a Community League Member!!

Community League Memberships are now on sale. Purchasing a membership helps support the programs that you see being run in your neighbourhood.

Community League's are special to Edmonton. It is a place where community members are understood and valued, and where we can build a great neighbourhood together and advocate for the city we want.

We are inviting you to explore and become involved in your community!



Discover what community can offer to you and your family.

Create supportive networks and friendships with

people who live in your Neighbourhood.

Ensure that everyone living in Northmount feels welcome and a chance to feel that they belong to a community.

Increase safety and security in our Neighbourhood.

Belonging to a community can improve your health.

Discover a place to socialize.

To purchase a membership please contact Robin at 780-473-8634 or purchase online at <http://efcl.org/membership>

Follow us on Social Media

Do you want to keep up to date on happenings in Northmount?

Join our Facebook page

at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Northmount-CommunityLeague/> Join in the conversations, RSVP to

Events we are hosting, and connect with fellow community members. We'd love to see you there!

President's Message

Hello Northmount,

My name is Kim Manzo and I am the new president of the community league. I moved to Northmount 16 years ago and have loved this community ever since. I would like to say a quick thank you to our past president, Meaghan Plamondon for her dedication over the years and wish her the best.

I know it has been a tough year and a half due to the pandemic, but we will bounce back

as a community and are looking forward to the day we are able to open our hall and welcome everyone in. Our board is working diligently to come up with new programs for our community once we have reopened. If you have any ideas on a program that would be welcomed by our neighbours, please contact me at president@northmount.ca. Make sure you visit us on our Facebook page and website for updated information on pro-

grams and hall openings.

The board is also looking for new members to join. It may sometimes feel daunting but the sense you get from helping the Northmount community is uplifting and fulfilling. Please do not hesitate in reaching out if you are interested in joining the board, let's chat. I look forward to the day we can all come together.

Kim Manzo
President

Our Community Needs you!

Do you want to live in a vibrant community? One with programs for our seniors and young families? With recreational programs for all ages? With fun and exciting events to attend (once we can)? Then reach out to our new president Kim Manzo at president@northmount.ca. You do not need to have experience, just an interest in making your community a

better place to live!

Northmount Community League can only keep the doors open by relying on dedicated volunteers. That is why we need your help!

Board Members meet every third Tuesday of the month, except for July and August – Our meetings are now virtual – you can attend from the comfort of your couch!

Each position will require a

different level of commitment depending on tasks required.

We desperately need a Treasurer, Secretary and Bingo Director. These positions are being held temporarily, but the volunteers can only commit a few more months. The Treasurer and Secretary are Executive positions, and the board cannot run properly without all Executive positions filled.

Beautify Your Community with Front Yards in Bloom

The City of Edmonton is launching a new year of Front Yards in Bloom—a beloved tradition for gardeners, yard enthusiasts and community members. Since 1999, the Edmonton Horticultural Society, Canadian Union of Postal Workers and the City of Edmonton have celebrated citizens who work hard to make their space beautiful.

Even though we must stay physically distant from each

other at this time, Front Yards in Bloom allows communities to come together and stay connected. You are encouraged to safely explore your neighbourhood and acknowledge spaces that brighten your day.

Even without a green thumb or space to design, everyone can participate! Pat a neighbour on the back, from a safe distance, with a nomination. Nominees will receive a yard sign and a chance to be recog-

nized in one of six categories as a household that promotes neighbourly connection and beautification. Categories include General, Natural, Edible, Public Spaces, Tiny Yards and Balconies in Bloom.

To nominate a front yard, public space or balcony and for more information on the program, visit frontyardsinbloom.ca. Nominations accepted from May 20 to June 30.

