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Home for Heroes Foundation

9320 ATCO Veterans Village - Evansdale

Construction Update

As follow up to our September 27th construction update, Homes For Heroes would like to advise the Evansdale Community League about the following construction activity at our Evansdale tiny home community:

- On Site Development
- Concrete work is wrapping up on site
- Siding is being put onto the tiny homes currently
- Landscaping will be underway in the near future

- Road Closure Status
- 94A Street
- H4HF has been advised that the EPCOR Water scope of work is slightly behind schedule. Their site supervisor anticipates that the road will be fully open on October 25th

Once this work is completed, 94A Street will remain permanently open.

- 153 Avenue
- The southerly westbound lane is left to be paved
- Our construction team at PCL anticipates that the northerly lane will be closed until ap-



proximately October 25th

Should you require any additional information at this time, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,
Jacqueline Howard, RPP, MCIP

Homes for Heroes Foundation - e. jacqueline@h4hf.ca

Community Facebook group focuses on crime in our neighbourhoods

If you are keen on keeping tabs of what crimes are happening in our neighbourhoods, you may want to join the Pilot Sound Crime Facebook group.

The Pilot Sound Facebook group is a place where community members can keep informed about crimes happening near their homes and post if they've experienced a crime themselves.

Charles F. Gray created Pilot Sound Crime in January 2020 when he saw a necessity to begin a group that focused on theft, vandalism and

other crimes happening in our community. The primary focus of the group is property crime, but you'll find posts about hit and runs, teens being jumped by groups of other teens, vandalism and many others. Keeping up with posts from the group is a way to stay aware of what is happening in the community, how to avoid becoming a victim and hopefully help prevent some crimes from happening.

As Charles F. Gray states, "The knowledge of crimes can help people better protect

themselves, their loved ones, their neighbours, and their property. Knowledge is indeed power and hopefully over time crime can be reduced in our neighbourhoods."

The neighbourhoods included in the group are Brintnell, McLeod, Hollick-Kenyon, Matt Berry, McConachie, Cy Becker, Gorman, Miller, Ebbers and Casselman. If you're a member of one of these neighbourhoods and are interested in joining, visit: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/471846503718483>

Zumba with Marksman and Courtney at Evansdale

Have you ever tried Zumba? It is a heart-pumping, fun, International and Latin music-infused dance workout. No dance experience necessary - all you need bring is your energy, towel, water bottle and a big smile.

Date: Oct. 27 to Dec. 15
Time: 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (Wednesday evenings)

Cost: \$80 for 8 classes or \$12/drop-in

Registration Contact:
c.ladybell@gmail.com

To ensure the safety of everyone participating in Zumba classes at the Hall, we will follow the Guidance for Sports, Physical Activity and Recreation - by Government of Alberta. We will check for COVID vaccine record and take appropriate measures to reduce risk of exposure and transmission. We will ensure a minimum distance of 3 metres is maintained in all directions of each participant.



McLeod Indoor Soccer Update

The indoor season has finally started with all games being played Saturdays. Practices will be on Fridays or Sundays. Frequency and

exact day will vary by age group. Thank you to those who volunteered to coach this season.

We have a mix of seasoned

coaches and a few young adults making their coaching debuts.

Given their soccer backgrounds, I'm sure they'll

have no issue mentoring our young players. For those looking to attend soccer games, all facilities are abiding by the provincial govern-

ment REP program, which requires spectators to show proof of vaccination.

Please be respectful to facility staff who are asking for

proof of vaccination. We look forward to seeing you at the games.

Todd, McLeod Soccer Director

New Playground For Evansdale

Wouldn't That Be Nice ---- It Can Happen

I have spent numerous summers watching my grandsons play soccer through out the City and in my travels had the opportunity to see many playgrounds. Hence, the reason for my article.

We are long term residents of Evansdale; my daughters attended Evansdale School. Our playground remains much the same as it was in the 1980's, and sadly the equipment is outdated with some pieces having been removed

over the years and never been replaced. Most playgrounds I viewed had asphalt tiles as a base --- not sand and playground equipment which is totally awesome. I recently took my five-year old grandson to the Evansdale playground. It was when we were playing tag I really took notice of the beautiful surroundings. The magnificent evergreen trees and the gentle hills that surround the actual playground.

To update our playground is by no means a quick, easy task; it is a long-term project

probably taking a year or so to complete, with a big price tag attached to it. There are grants available through the City of Edmonton and Federal and Provincial Governments which can be accessed. In addition, the League has a Parks and Recreation liaison person who is available to provide guidance in getting this project underway. Obviously the first step is for a community resident to step up and volunteer to spear head the project and recruit other volunteers to form a Playground Committee.

As you are reading this, you are probably saying "so why don't you volunteer?". Well in all honesty because of my age, I really can't make this kind of time commitment. I am however willing to help out from time to time.

Many young families have purchased real estate in our community and have become the new generation of Evansdale. As you are reading this article, I urge you to think about the future of this community and how you envision it. I hope that part of the vision

is to have a playground that provides many hours of entertainment for your children and enhances our community. In addition to the Pickle Ball courts installed by the community league, a new upgraded state-of-the-art playground would certainly enhance the area making it a great place for adults and children. Maybe something for parents to enjoy while their children enjoy the playground. Perhaps more picnic tables so parents and children can enjoy a summer picnic while enjoying the fa-

cilities. These are some things that come to my mind.

So, the next time you are getting together with your friends or neighbors, I hope you will talk about this project and maybe even make a "wish list". Hopefully there is someone out there that could step up and consider taking the lead. If you are that person, please call our league President, Jeff at 780-478-1759 or give me a call at 780-984-8463.

Submitted by
Pat Stein

Evansdale Community League News

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Community League Memberships

Get your membership anytime! Membership makes you part of an amazing community of people who care about and help look after our community. Get free community swims, discounts on community programs, discounts on Edmonton City wellness pro-

grams and hall rentals, and enjoy skating in the winter!

\$25 family
\$10 single
\$10 seniors
\$15 single parent
\$15 couple with no children
Contact Elaine Sarac at membership@evansdale.ca

or 780-476-7442 to get your Evansdale Community League membership. Please leave a voice message if you cannot reach Elaine by phone. If you are in a rush, you can buy memberships at the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues website: www.efcl.org

Visit Our Website and Facebook Page

Get the latest information, our most recent newsletter, contact information and lots of other great stuff! Also get involved, join us on Facebook!

Website: www.evansdale.ca

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/evansdalecommunityleague

Evansdale Hall Rental Information

Hall capacity follows Gathering Restrictions from Stage 2 of Alberta's Relaunch Strategy published by Government of Alberta

\$50/hr meeting
\$350/day Mon-Thur, \$350 damage deposit
\$450/day Fri/Sat/Sun,

\$400 damage deposit
All weekend \$650, \$600 damage deposit
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\$35/hr function
\$125/day, \$100 damage

Weekend \$350, \$300 damage deposit

References may be requested. Discounts available for community members of one year or more. Contact Terri at 780-478-4444 or hallrentals@evansdale.ca.

New beginnings and new opportunities in Ward 72

Edmonton Catholic Schools Trustee Sandra Palazzo

I am honoured to be returning as Edmonton Catholic School's Trustee for Ward 72 and to continue my commitment to champion Catholic Education. I also wish to extend heartfelt Congratulations and Best Wishes to all new and retiring elected officials!

From parents and guardians to communities and government, our Board will continue to foster nurturing relationships with a wide range of partners in a collaborative, inclusive and respectful manner to ensure students have every opportunity to succeed in our Catholic schools. We look forward to working with our outstanding Chief Superintendent and his exceptional administrative team and staff as we pursue our collective mission of providing students with a Catholic education that inspires learning and promotes academic success.

Edmonton Catholic Schools is a remarkable Division where administrators, teachers, staff, students and families have demonstrated an unwavering dedication over the past year. Everyone involved in the delivery of Catholic education participated positively in the



overall success of the Division out of a spirit of collaboration, by caring about the well-being of everyone in their community, and with a commitment to making a difference in the lives of our students.

In cooperation with all vested parties, we will continue the important work of providing a positive environment for delivering an excellent Catholic education and ensuring that our students are successful, that students and staff are well and spiritually full, and that learning and working environments are optimal. We will be good stewards of all resources required to achieve the above.

Our Board will continue to demonstrate effective governance, ensuring that the interests of the Catholic communities we serve - students, staff, parents and guardians - are at the forefront of all board decisions

and we will work together to promote transparency, accountability, and responsible governance.

While Edmonton Catholic may continue to be challenged by events stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic, we are equally certain that the collaborative efforts of our exceptional administration, staff, students and families will continue to embrace these challenges, and find opportunities to build the future of Edmonton Catholic Schools together.

As we continue with our 2021-22 school year, we are full of hope despite the continued uncertainty the pandemic imposes on us. I want to welcome all new and returning principals, administration, teachers, staff, students, and families in Ward 72 and Edmonton Catholic Schools this school year and 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!

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McLeod Community League News

McLeod Community Safety Director's Message

Alberta Traffic Safety Calendar November 2021 Focus is Child Safety Seats:

The correct use of child car seats and booster seats is one of the most important and easiest ways of reducing death and injury from vehicle collisions.

I am a certified Child Passenger Safety Technician and I want to provide you with some guidelines on how to properly install and use car seats.

Rear Facing

Before you install a rear facing car seat you need to do the following:

If the seat is not purchased new, ensure it is not expired. On the back of the seat there should be a manufacture and expiry date. Do not use a car seat that is expired or been in a collision.

Read the manual for the car seat on how to install. If you cannot locate it you can search for the manual online.

Read your vehicle's manual to find out which locations can be used to install the car seat.

Rear facing the harness must be at or below the shoulders of the child

Check the tightness of the car seat harness near the child's chest and shoulders once buckled. Attempt to pinch the webbing of the harness with your thumb and forefinger. If you can hold onto a horizontal fold of the harness, it is too loose. Tighten it further. Do not over tighten.

Chest clip should be placed at armpit level.

Harness straps have to be flat. Your child should wear thin, warm layers of clothing. After the harness system is fastened properly then blankets may be put on top. Bulky clothing may interfere with the harness straps. Rear facing seats are outgrown when weight limit or height limit has met the maximum of the seat. Some rear facing seats have a "fit requirement" which is the how close the top of the head is to the top of the car seat reference point. Typically, it is 1" (2.54 cm). You can find this information in your car seat manual. If it is less than the distance set in the seat's manual, then the seat is outgrown. Not every car seat fits well with every vehicle. Different approved locations in the vehicle work better than others.

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It is a myth that if your child appears to run out of leg room that the child's legs will break in a crash. Rear face as long as possible to the limits of the seat.

Forward Facing Car Seats

Before you install a forward facing car seat you need to do the following:

If the seat is not purchased new, check and ensure it is not expired. On the back of the seat there should be a manufacture and expiry date. Do not use a car seat that is expired or has been in a collision.

Read the manual for the car seat on how to install. If you cannot locate it, you can search for the manual online.

Read your vehicle's manual to find out which locations can be used to install the car seat.

In Canada, all forward facing harnessed seats must be tethered. The tether reduces the amount of a child's head can move forward in a crash.

Tethers must be connected to the designated tether anchor for the seating position being used. Do not use cargo hook or other vehicle components for tether anchors.

Harness straps must sit just above or at the child's shoulders.

Tips of the child's ears must be below the top of the shell (unless otherwise indicated in the car seat manual)

Check the tightness of the car seat harness near the child's chest and shoulders once buckled. Attempt to pinch the webbing of the harness with your thumb and forefinger. If you can hold onto a horizontal fold of the harness, it is too loose. Tighten it further. Do not over tighten.

Chest clip should be placed at armpit level.

Child's bum should be at the back of the seat.

Harness straps have to be flat. Your child should wear thin, warm layers of clothing. After the harness system is fastened properly then blankets may be put on top. Bulky clothing may interfere with the harness straps. Seats are outgrown when weight limit or height limit has met the maximum of the seat. Also, some seats have a "fit requirement" which is if the top of ears become level with the car seat

reference point or/and the shoulder's creeping above the top harness position then the seat has become outgrown.

Booster Seats

Before you install a booster car seat you need to do the following:

If the seat is not purchased new, check and ensure it is not expired. On the back of the seat there should be a manufacture and expiry date. Do not use a car seat that is expired or been in a collision. Read the manual for the car seat on how to install it properly. If you cannot locate it, you can search for the manual online. Read your vehicle's manual to find out which locations can be used to install the seat. Ensure the shoulder belt is centered over the collarbone and touching the chest, not on face or neck, not slipping off shoulder, not floating off chest. Lap belt should sit low on child's hips and touching thighs. It should not be far down on the thighs and should not be riding up on the belly.

Booster seat is outgrown when weight or height limit has been met, fit requirement when the child's ears are above the shell of the seat or the vehicle head restraint or belt fit becomes poor.

Adult Seat Belt:

A person may safely ride in a lap/shoulder belt when all FIVE conditions of the Five-Step Test are satisfied:

Back must be able to fully rest against the vehicle seat back.

Knees bend comfortable at the edge of the vehicle seat with feet touching the floor.

Shoulder belt makes contact with chest and is centered at the collarbone.

Lap belt must sit low across the upper thighs and make contact with the hip bones.

Person must remain seated in position as described in steps 1-4 for the entire ride.

Lights

Still seeing lots of vehicles driving around in the early morning or at night when its dark with no taillights on. The most common reason I find is the driver is not familiar with their vehicle and their headlight switch is to the off position. With newer vehicles, the dash

lights and daytime running lights will be on but the taillights will not be. Before you drive ensure you physically turn the headlights on with your switch or even better leave your switch if equipped to the automatic position. Refer to your owner's manual if you are unsure.

Vehicle Safety

While warming up your vehicle, only use remote starters. Do not leave keys in the ignition. Do not leave children unattended at any time in a vehicle. If you observe a child left unattended in a vehicle, please call the police at 911. Please do not leave until police or the parents arrive. Do not engage the parents.

While away from your vehicle doing your shopping, if you need to leave bags or packages ensure you leave them out of sight. This also applies to loose change, garage door openers, wallets or purses. Ensure your vehicle is always locked.

Winter Driving

I recommend getting an app on your cell phone and keeping up to date on the weather conditions. This will help you to

plan ahead. When the weather takes a turn for the worse here is some tips to help keep you safe on the road.

Slow Down. The speed limit listed is for ideal conditions.

Give yourself extra space between vehicles.

Slow down approaching icy intersections.

Avoid spinning when attempting to accelerate from an intersection when the light goes green. This creates ice.

Do not use cruise control in winter conditions.

Signal well in advance before turning

Turn on your headlights and ensure your taillights are on.

Unless travel is necessary during storms, please stay off the roads

In addition, as the temperatures start to go down ensure your vehicle is in good operating condition. Take it to a trusted mechanic or shop and have it serviced. Now while saying that, now is the time to ensure you have an emergency safety kit in your vehicle. Things to include are:

Food that won't spoil, such as energy bars

Water—plastic bottles that won't break if the water freezes

Blanket

Extra clothing and shoes/boots and thick socks as well.

First aid kit with seat belt cutter

Small shovel, scraper and snow brush

Candle in a deep can and matches

Flashlight

Whistle—in case you need to attract attention

Road maps

Sand, salt or cat litter (non-clumping)

Antifreeze and windshield washer fluid

Tow rope

Jumper cables

Fire extinguisher

Warning light or road flares

Cannabis in vehicle

Edmonton Police did a great campaign advising to put your "Skunk in the trunk". Cannabis cannot be in open packaging and/or within reach of an occupant in the vehicle. A ticket may be issued and your Cannabis can be seized.

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Kilkenny Community 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 newsletter!!

Please send it to 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

Casino Volunteer

Kilkenny is looking for volunteer for our Casino for the November 1 and November 2 at Century Casino on Fort Road.

Please contact Anna 780-478-3269 if you can help. Big thank you.

Hall Rentals

The Kilkenny Hall is available for rental!! It is the perfect space for your special event, meetings, weddings and any other social event. Please go to <http://www.kilkenny.ab.ca/facilities/> view to have a look and click on "Book Facility" to...you guessed it... book the facility!

The website will also show you when the hall is available.

Feel free to call 780-478-2481 to leave a message for

Times	Auditorium	Meeting Room	Both
Weekdays / Weeknights	\$200	\$100	N/A
Fridays (after 5 pm)	\$400	\$100	\$500
Saturdays	\$550	\$100	\$650
Sundays	\$400	\$100	\$500
Two Day Wedding & Gift Opening (Sat – Sun)	\$750	\$100	\$850
Full Weekend (Fri @ 5pm – Sun @ 6pm)	N/A	N/A	\$1000
Hourly Rate (4 hour min.)	\$50	\$25	N/A

bookings as well.

Discounts available for those who hold a consecutive membership for a minimum two years with Kilkenny Community League.

Save The Date

Kilkenny AGM – Thursday, November 4, 2021 @ 7:00pm at Kilkenny Community Hall

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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