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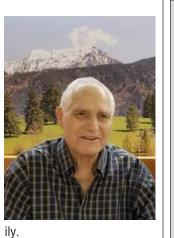
Our thoughts are with Nels



It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of one of our founding members, and dear friend, Nels Rissling. After a hard-fought battle with cancer, Nels passed at the age of 89.

Nels lent his love of community to the efforts of building Kilkenny from the ground up. Nels helped start our first skating rink, with a garage for a shack, leading Kilkenny to dedicate one of our newer rinks in his honour. Nels was involved with the building of Kilkenny's community hall, from its humble beginnings, through all of its transformation, to the fantastic building we have today. Being so invested in the building itself, he remained on, doing odd jobs around the hall, tinkering here and there, well into his 70s. On almost any given day, you could go by and see his truck parked outside.

You could find Nels at most Kilkenny events. From the Stan Gantar Hockey Tournament and annual general meetings, to our Family Day Pancake Breakfast or Community League Day celebration, Nels was there with a smile, a hug, and a story of how proud he was of his fam-



His dedication didn't end at Kilkenny. Nels helped build softball, in Alberta, from community involvement, all the way up to the provincial level, Nels shared his passion for the sport. He has received awards from Northeast Zone Sports Council and was inducted as a "Sport Builder" in 1987, with Softball Alberta.

Nels most definitely had an impact on those around him. While his smile and stories will be missed at Kilkenny, his spirit will long be with us.

Nels Rissling - January 5, 1933 - March 8, 2022





Promoting Fun with Soccer in McLeod

As we prepare for the upcoming season, I remember conversations I had with parents and players during the soccer registration sessions. One common comment was they register for soccer to have fun. Let us talk about fun and how as parents we can promote fun.

Coaches can promote fun to a certain degree, but coaches cannot do it alone and we need parents to help achieve FUN. A recent study showed that one of the major reasons kids withdraw from sports is the fear of making mistakes, which leads to not having fun, and that usually comes from pressure. Let us picture this; a parent and child are getting ready to leave for a practice or a game, or in the car on the way to a game, a parent (with good intentions) might start a conversation to cover some of their child's supposed deficiencies and give them advice or say something along the lines of "score a goal for me". "be the best". Kids who are talked to in this way, tend not to play

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badly, they just tend not to play, mostly to avoid making mistakes. So as parents let us help promote fun and this can start with saying the following 6 sentences before and after each practice or game:

Before: I love you. Good luck. Have fun. After: I loved watching you play. Did you have fun? What do you want to eat? Todd, McLeod Soccer Di-

rector

Recruiting a Newsletter Editor for McLeod

After three years working on the McLeod newsletter, volunteer Holly is moving out of the neighbourhood. First, we would like to thank Holly for her contribution! The newsletter is a valuable source of information for many residents of Northeast Edmonton. The good news is that this opens another volunteer opportunity.

If there is anybody out there who would like to put together 10 issues of the newsletter per year, we would love to hear from you. Please email facility@mcleodcl.ca.

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handled by our publisher. All the editor must do is solicit articles from interested contributors, compile and edit those articles, and send them to the publisher. It's a rewarding job, but not a huge time commitment. Some proficiency with Microsoft Outlook and Word is required.



McLeod Community League News

McLeod Safety Director's April Message

Alberta Traffic Safety Calendar Month of April 2020 focus is speed. Speed kills. Simple.

As your speed increases so does your reaction time and stopping distance. In addition, the force of impact also increases, and likelihood of serious injury or death is especially high if pedestrians, bicycles, or motorcycles are involved.

Please do your part and follow the posted speed limit when weather and roads conditions are ideal.

Edmonton Police, RCMP, CN and CP Police, Alberta Sheriff's, Community Peace Officer's, Conservation Officers and Fish and Wildlife Officers will be making this a focus to ensure vehicles are following the speed limits. Violation Tickets come with fines and demerits. In addition, your insurance premiums can increase.

Did you know – You cannot exceed the maximum speed limit to pass another vehicle? Additionally, please prac-

tice the rules of the road:

Leave sufficient space between you and the vehicle that is travelling in front of you.

Use your turn signals when changing lanes or making turns.

Come to a complete stop (vehicle motion ceases which means tires stop not keep rolling) at stop signs and ensure it is safe to proceed. The three second rules are a myth.

Come to complete stop (vehicle motion ceases) at red lights if you are turning right. Ensure it is safe to proceed.

Ensure your head lights and taillights are clean and are on during poor lighting or weather conditions.

Clean your windows and mirrors to assist in visibility and help with the glare of the sun.

Motorcycles

Motorcycles will be coming out onto the roadway as the snow goes away. Please be mindful of this and ensure you are doing your shoulder checks and are aware of what is behind and beside your vehicles.

Motorcycle drivers, please be cautious of other drivers not being used to you being on the road and watch for less-than-ideal road conditions with gravel and sand still being on the road from the winter.

Reminder to check your registration and insurance is up to date and valid copies are with you while driving. Vehicles

Ensure your valid driver's license, valid registration and valid insurance card are with you or in your vehicle while driving. Only your insurance card can be in electronic form such as a photo of email on your cellphone.

If you are driving someone else's vehicle or renting a vehicle, ensure the copies of the registration and insurance are in the vehicle. If you get stopped, you are responsible to be able to produce these documents on demand of a Peace Officer.

The Government of Alberta changed the requirement to use Validation Tab stickers on your license plates. If you purchase a new license plate you will notice, there is no longer stickers on them.

What to do if stopped by Police, Peace/Fish and Wildlife/Conversation Officer or Sheriff

When blue and red lights are behind your vehicle you are required to slow down and immediately pull over to the right and stop when safe to do so. This does not mean you can continue to drive until you find a location that's more suitable for you. Failing to stop forthwith for a Peace Officer is a \$405.00 ticket.

Place the vehicle in park.

Have your driver's license, insurance, and registration ready for the officer when they approach.

Remain calm, getting stopped doesn't mean automatically you are going to get a ticket. Be polite and respectful. An Officer might ask more questions such as where you are going to and where you are coming from. The Officer might be trying to figure out if there could be a reason as to why the traffic infraction occurred and the situation you might be going through. Remember Officers are people too.

Have your hands where the Officer can see them and avoid reaching under the seats, or in compartments. An Officer does not know whether you're reaching for a weapon to harm them or hiding illegal weapons or drugs.

Do not get out of the vehicle for any reason. This includes any passengers. This is for your safety and the Officer's. If you need to get the Officer's attention honk or wave.

If you do receive a ticket for an offence this is not the time to argue with the Officer. The Officer does not have to show you their radar, laser, or video at the time of the stop. The court has ruled on this with case law being set. Your court date you can ask for disclosure from the Crown which will provide you with any evidence against you.

If you feel that the Officer or vehicle stopping, you is suspicious you can call 911 and they will confirm whether the officer is real. In this situation, keep your doors locked and roll your window down slightly. Provide the officer with your driver's license, insurance and registration regardless. The 911 Operator will provide any other instructions required if it is ruled you are stopped by someone that may not be a real Officer.

I get asked all the time how the best way is to get out of a ticket? My response is to be polite and respectful, have your license, insurance, and registration ready to give to the Officer when they approach. Take responsibility for what you did and do not ask for a reduction or a warning. If the traffic offence is not egregious and there are not multiple offences found, there is a chance this could be an educational opportunity and only receive a warning. I can't speak for every officer



but most of the ones I know follow this approach as well. Now saying that not everyone can receive only a warning as the deterrent to not break the traffic laws would not be as strong.

Now Radar Detectors are not illegal in Alberta but if you're stopped for speeding chances of you getting only a warning by myself is slim to none. People don't put Radar Detectors on their dashes for the look of it.

Regarding speeding, if you know you have a heavy foot and road conditions are good, I highly recommend using cruise control. If you have modified your vehicle with different rims or tires, I would have your speedometer checked to ensure it is accurate. Contact your local mechanic shops which offer this service.

Parking Tips

Edmonton Traffic Bylaw 5590 Fire Hydrants Section 8 (1) states:

Except as permitted in this section a vehicle shall not be stopped on a highway within 5 metres of a fire hydrant or, when the hydrant is not located at the curb, within 5 metres from the point on the curb nearest the fire hydrant.

(2) A taxi may stop within 5 metres of a hydrant identified as a taxi zone only if:

(i) the operator always remains in the vehicle; and (ii) the operator imme-

diately removes the vehicle from the taxi zone upon the direction of a peace officer or a member of the City's Fire Rescue Service.

Use of Highway and Rules of The Road Regulation Fire Hydrants Section 44 (i) states: Vehicles cannot park within 5 metres from any fire hydrant, or when the hydrant is not located at the curb, within 5 metres from the point on the curb nearest the hydrant.

Fine under this regulation is \$81.00 and can be issued anywhere in Alberta.

Either fine may be issued. Edmonton Traffic Bylaw 5590 Intersections Section 7 states:

Unless a traffic control device permits or requires, a vehicle shall not be parked:

(a) at an intersection within 5 metres of the projection of the curb or edge of the roadway.

(b) within an intersection other than immediately next to the curb or edge of the roadway in a "T" intersection; or

(c) within 1.5 metres of an access to a garage, private road or driveway or a vehicle crossway over a sidewalk.

Fine under this bylaw is \$50.00.

Alberta Use of Highway Rules of the Road Regulation Parking Restrictions section 44 states:

A person driving a vehicle shall not, unless:

(j) within 1.5 metres from an access to a garage, private road or driveway or a vehicle crossway over a sidewalk. Fine under this regulation is \$81.00. Either fine may be issued.

Either fine may be issued. If you have any parking complaints, you may download the City of Edmonton 311 app on your smartphones and make the complaint on your app or you can call 311. You need to obtain the description of the vehicle including colour, make and model, location, and licence plate information.

Home Safety Tips

Here are some tips to keep you, your family and home safe

If you are working in your back yard do not leave your front doors unlocked.

Trim trees and bushes from blocking your windows or doors

Put locks on your gates, sheds and do not leave bags or bottles or anything of value easily visible in your yard

Do not hide spare keys in your yard or in your vehicle

Install motion detector lights and/or security camera's

Have security bars on basement windows

Point Knives and Forks down in the Dishwasher Basket

Store Medications and Chemicals in a safe location away and not accessible from Children

Never leave a child or infant unattended in a bathtub or pool

cle Parents or Guardians know where your children are. Enwww.communityleaguenews.com sure they are not on any body of water (Storm Water Ponds, Lakes, Rivers, Creeks) as the ice melts away.

Before going to bed at night please check all doors and windows that someone could get access to are locked and secure. In addition, check your doors on all vehicles as well.

Addresses on Garages in Alleys

Edmonton Police are offering limited quantities of free numbers at their Northeast, Downtown, Southeast, Southwest, West, and Calder community police stations to

put on garages that face back alleys to assist them, EMS and FIRE when responding for calls for service or emergencies. Please help them out and take advantage of this great program. If you do not have a garage, I would still get these numbers and put them on your fence.

If you see suspicious persons or vehicles in our community, please report it to police at 780-423-4567. If you see a crime in progress or suspicious persons around schools, please call 911 immediately.

Bicycle Safety

I have already seen kids back on their bikes which is great. However, parents/ guardians I am still seeing lots not wearing helmets. This concerns me. Not only is it the law but this can prevent serious injury to your child. Please ensure they have a helmet on and properly adjusted. Here are some tips on helmets:

Make sure the helmet is level from front to back when put on.

Check that the front edge of the helmet sits 1 to 2 fingerwidths above the eyebrows. Adjust the straps to form a the earlobes.

Do up the chinstrap, adjust the chinstrap so that there's only 1 finger-width between the chin and the chinstrap.

Adjust the helmet tighter if it moves when your child nods or shakes their head.

Please treat your helmets with care. It is recommended to replace the helmet if it dropped even one time onto a hard surface.

Replace helmet when expired.

It is the law in Alberta that everyone under 18 years must wear a helmet. The

McLeod Outdoor Soccer

"V" just below and in front of law applies to both riders and passengers, including children in bicycle trailers or carriers. You as a Parent or Guardian can receive a ticket.

Additionally, a bike must have a bell or horn and have a working brake.

The last few years have been a challenge for all of us and some more than others. I strongly encourage you to reach out to co-worker, friend, or family if you need help. If you are not comfortable with that, I am going to provide some contact information below to reach out to -Health Link (24 Hours)

Call 811 -Canadian Mental Health Association (24 Hours) 780-482-HELP (4357)

-Text and Online Chat options for all Alberta Youth through Calgary ConnecTeen Mon-Fri 3pm to 10Pm

Saturday and Sunday 12pm to 10 pm

Visit calgaryconnecteen. com or text 587-333-2724

It is also up to us to reach out to our co-workers, friends, neighbours, and family and do a check in. You may save a life.

Stay Safe Everyone!

McLeod Rink 2022 Summary

Thanks to all those who made the rink a success in 2022. Rink attendant Monty worked hard in a very tough weather year, and stayed open outside of regular hours

many times, to make sure skaters got the most possible time.

We were able to run a small Del Golinoski 3v3 tournament. Unfortunately, the Newcomer

Warm weather early in March saw the end of skating for the season. Thanks to all the skaters who came out to enjoy our great ice!

Skate never happened.

Pop-Up Community Gardens are back

The City of Edmonton is bringing back the Pop-Up Community Garden program for a third year. Pop-Up Community Gardens started in 2020 to help Edmontonians access fresh food and mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 on food security and wellbeing. Pop-Up Community Gardens are raised planters on City-owned or community league licensed land designed for community food production and to be a safe and healthy recreational activity.

From today until March 31, interested groups can submit an application for one of 30 available temporary gardens. Applicant eligibility guidelines have been modified from last season to support groups and individuals with the greatest need.

The City will deliver seven to 15 planter boxes, including soil, to selected sites. Planters will be used for growing edible plants only. While it is



preferred that sites have their own water source, the City will be able to provide a water supply for selected sites, if required.

Successful applicants will coordinate assigning volunteer duties and plot maintenance activities. Garden groups must provide plants, seeds, disinfecting products, personal gardening protective equipment and tools, as well as the gardening knowledge and commitment to support the garden. Once

harvest activities are completed in the fall, the City will remove the planters.

Community gardens promote healthy and active lifestyles, and safer, more vibrant and connected communities. The initiative also increases recreational opportunities and contributes to community building and beautification while helping Edmontonians access fresh and locally grown, fresh food. For more info: edmonton.ca/popupgardens



CGSA soccer is scheduled to start May 1, weather permitting. Our younger players are scheduled to play in community league rink areas of the participating CGSA communities. The rinks will be lined to contain soccer fields to give the players a sense of the play area. Our older players will play on CGSA selected north Edmonton soccer fields.

Once fields dry, teams and players can gather on greenspace to practice. Practices can not take place on soccer fields until the City of Edmonton officially opens the fields, which is typically May 1. The city can fine teams practicing on closed fields so please refer to the City of Edmonton Parks and Recreation website to determine if fields are open.

When using greenspace or a soccer field, please respect the area and take your trash with you at the end of the session. These areas are used every night and some nights there are back-to-back sessions in certain areas. Trash also attracts birds which compounds the problem. Teams shouldn't be expected to cleanup before they can play.

Finally, thank you to all the coaches who've volunteered their time to teach, mentor, and inspire our community members. They are the shining lights that make everything possible.

Todd, McLeod Soccer Director

Beginner Yoga & Fitness Classes are back at McLeod!

Yoga & Fitness classes return to McLeod! Starting this April 2022: In-Person @ McLeod Hall, & Online at "namaste.as.me".

All Abilities are welcome in these beginner friendly classes that are great for your body, mind, and spirit! For schedule and more information please visit "namaste. as.me" or call/text Tegan at 780-904-1761.



Bonus! Free guided on Spotify & YouTube! meditations Look up "The Good Vibe and classnow available Tribe" and enjoy! es are

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

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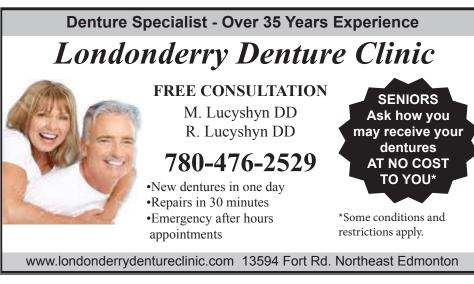
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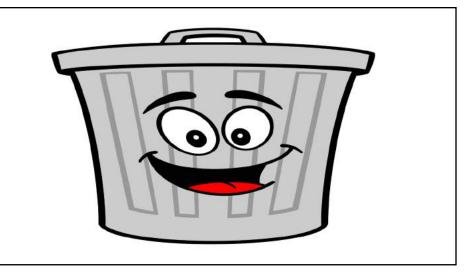
Contact Elaine Sarac at membership@ evansdale.ca or 780-476-7442 to get your Evansdale Community League membership. Please leave a voice message if you cannot reach Elaine by phone.

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If you are in a rush, you can buy memberships at the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues website: www.efcl.org



Spring/summer waste collection schedule begins March 29



With warmer weather around the corner, residents are encouraged to visit edmonton.ca/waste to confirm their waste collection schedule. Starting March 29, food scraps carts will be collected once every week. Garbage carts will continue to be collected every two weeks and recycling will be collected everv week. The spring/summer collection schedule runs until November 1.

Through weekly collection, the spring/summer collection schedule helps manage odours in the food scraps cart during warmer months and accommodates for higher volumes of yard waste. Seasonal adjustments to collection schedules also help control costs and maintain stable rates.

Every household with cart collection will also receive two yard waste collection days in the spring (between April 25 and June 20) and two in the fall (between October 3 and November 25). Yard waste collection will occur on Mondays, with specific dates included on your waste collection schedule.

Yard waste should be set out in see-through plastic or double-ply paper bags. There is no limit to how much you can set out. Yard waste includes leaves, twigs, branches, fallen fruit, dead plants, grass and other plant material from your yard or garden.

By setting out yard waste for seasonal yard waste collection, Edmontonians are helping produce valuable compost that will be available for free at the Ambleside and Kennedale Eco Stations from spring to fall. To learn more about City of Edmonton Compost, visit edmonton.ca/ ecostations. Alternatively, you can manage excess grass clippings by leaving them on your lawn. Doing so prevents them from becoming waste in the first place and adds nutrients to your soil. "Going Bagless" or grasscycling means simply removing the bag from your mower and leaving the clippings on the lawn while mowing your grass. Find more information at edmonton.ca/ gobagless.

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You can view your yard waste collection dates and collection schedule by:

Downloading the WasteWise app on the Google Play or Apple App Store

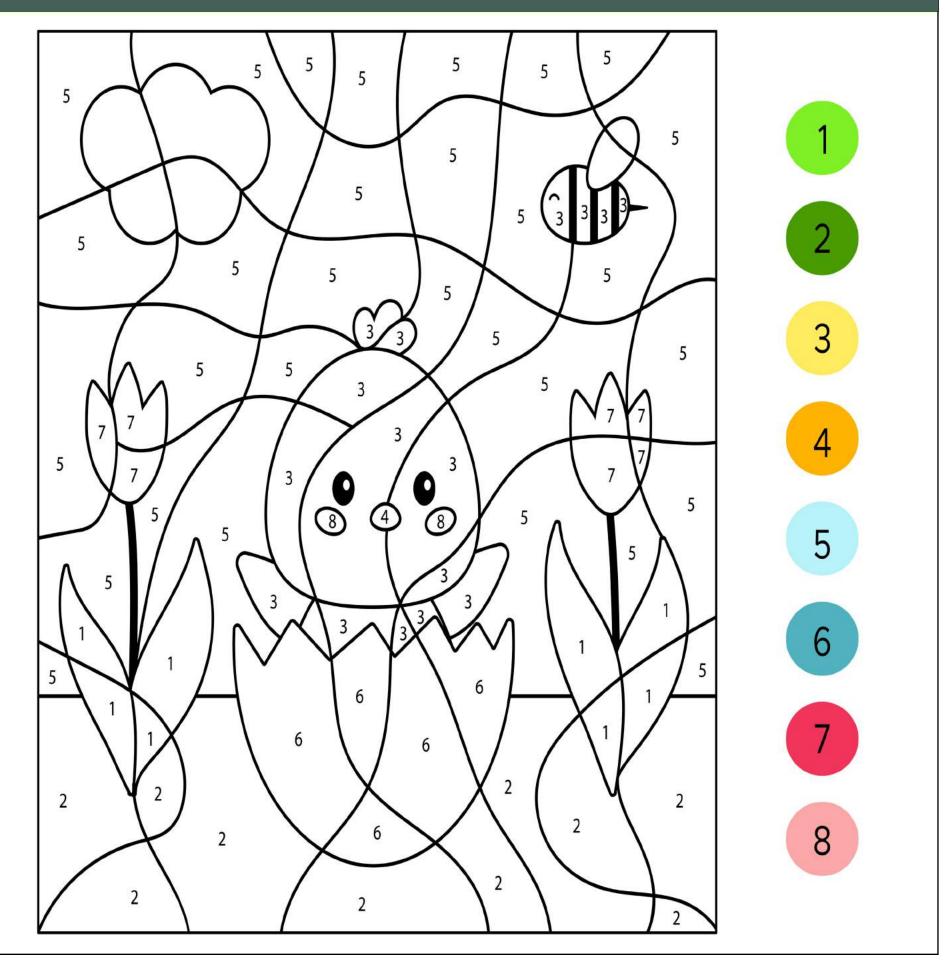
Visiting edmonton.ca/ waste

Referring to the printed collection calendar you received in the mail (unless you opted out of a printed copy)

For more information: edmonton.ca/waste



Colouring Corner!



What's Happening?

Edmonton Catholic Schools Trustee Sandra Palazzo

Edmonton Catholic School Division (ECSD) is wholly united in the spirit of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during Lent. As we continue our Lenten journey in the upcoming weeks, we continue to pray for peace in Ukraine. This heartrending situation touches ECSD deeply. Many of our schools are undertaking meaningful Lenten projects that demonstrate their support for Ukraine. The response of our schools and sites to this humanitarian crisis has been humbling. Students and staff alike are engaging in awareness campaigns, fundraising, collecting items, and writing letters. Thank you to all who have stepped forward to serve in any way that they can.

I was privileged to attend the Alberta Government's Throne Speech on February 22, 2022, and the 2022 Budget Announcement on February 24, 2022 to hear the priorities of government firsthand. We were extremely pleased with Government's announcement with construction funding to build the high school in north Castledowns/Dunluce and of a new west K-9 school in Lewis Farms. Both these schools are much needed to ease significant enrolment pressures in north and west Edmonton. Schools in these areas are overcrowded and students will benefit from vibrant new learning spaces to accom-



modate these growing communities. These two schools were the top priorities on the Capital Plan we submitted to the Government of Alberta last year. Our 3-year Capital Plan, which is updated and approved annually to indicate what our greatest infrastructure needs are can be viewed here.

On March 14th, school council executive members were invited to meet virtually with their Ward Trustee representative to share the Board's Advocacy Plan and the themes that the Board will be advocating for on behalf of the Division. Parents were encouraged to provide feedback on the themes presented and provide additional themes for the Board's consideration. Parents and quardians also provided their feedback on the best ways for them to share their voice with the Division, and how we can improve parent and guardian participation in our surveys and school

engagement sessions. The Board values input received through the Community of School Councils' meetings and is looking forward to receiving the full report with the feedback and recommendations.

We are also delighted to share our ECSD Assurance Survey that demonstrates high stakeholder satisfaction as well as the extraordinary commitment and dedication of our administration, staff, parents, families and students. It is through the collaborative efforts of all that we continue to make a difference in our pursuit of excellence for all.

We believe that all students deserve to have safe and fun outdoor play environments. We are proud to be a leading school board in outdoor play implementation and to have nearly reached our goal to have all Division playgrounds accessible and inclusive.

As we prepare our hearts for the Tridium we are reminded a bright light is shining in the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. It is in this light that we rest our hope that God is always with us. I wish you and your family a blessed and Happy Easter!

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 Division and ensuring the well-being of our students is at the forefront of all that we do! *Sponsored Article*



We would like you to help Kilkenny

Looking to become a bigger part of our community? Needing to fulfill volunteer requirements? Have a passion you would like to share? Kilkenny Community League is looking for amazing community members join our team!

We currently have a vacancy for our Baseball/Softball Director. The position would come with training from our outgoing director. Questions, always feel free to ask any of our amazing team! Are you that "techy" person? We aren't! Our website is looking for some TLC. If you love mixing tech with a touch of design, have we got a position for you! We would need some items updated periodically, which are provided by our various directors. Not looking for a specific position? Have some ideas you think we would love to hear? We also have Directors-at-Large positions open. This position gives you a chance to join the board, and see if you can find your place within it! Our board meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month. If you're interested, but not sure, let us know and we can give you more detail. You can even come to a meeting to see if it is a good fit for you! We hope to see you soon!

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 driver's 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 & Lei-

sure 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 7:00pm – 9:00 pm.

O'Leary Pool Fitness & Leisure Centre, located at 8730-132 Ave NW, Every

Sunday from 4:15 pm –

5:45 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.

Applications open for Clean Energy Improvement Program

Edmonton residents interested in upgrading the energy efficiency of their homes can now apply for low-cost financing under the City's new Clean Energy Improvement Program (CEIP).

The two-year pilot program provides access to low-cost financing to help Edmontonians make a minimum of three energy efficiency and renewable energy upgrades to residential homes. A second pilot for commercial properties will roll out later in 2022. The process involves the City providing \$11.25 million in financing and rebates to address most upfront costs. The financing is



then repaid by the property owners through the owners' property taxes.

The City received a \$9.69 million loan from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Green Municipal Fund to develop and launch the program.

Alberta Municipalities will administer the pilot. The CEIP aims to advance efforts to improve environmental resiliency as part of Edmonton's Community Energy Transition Strategy and Action Plan. The residential program is forecasted to support an estimate of 80 residential projects over the two-year pilot. The commercial retrofit pilot is anticipated to support approximately 20 projects when launched in 2022.

Residential Pre-qualification forms will be available beginning today and can be found, along with additional program information, at myceip.ca/edmonton/.

Kilkenny Hall Rentals

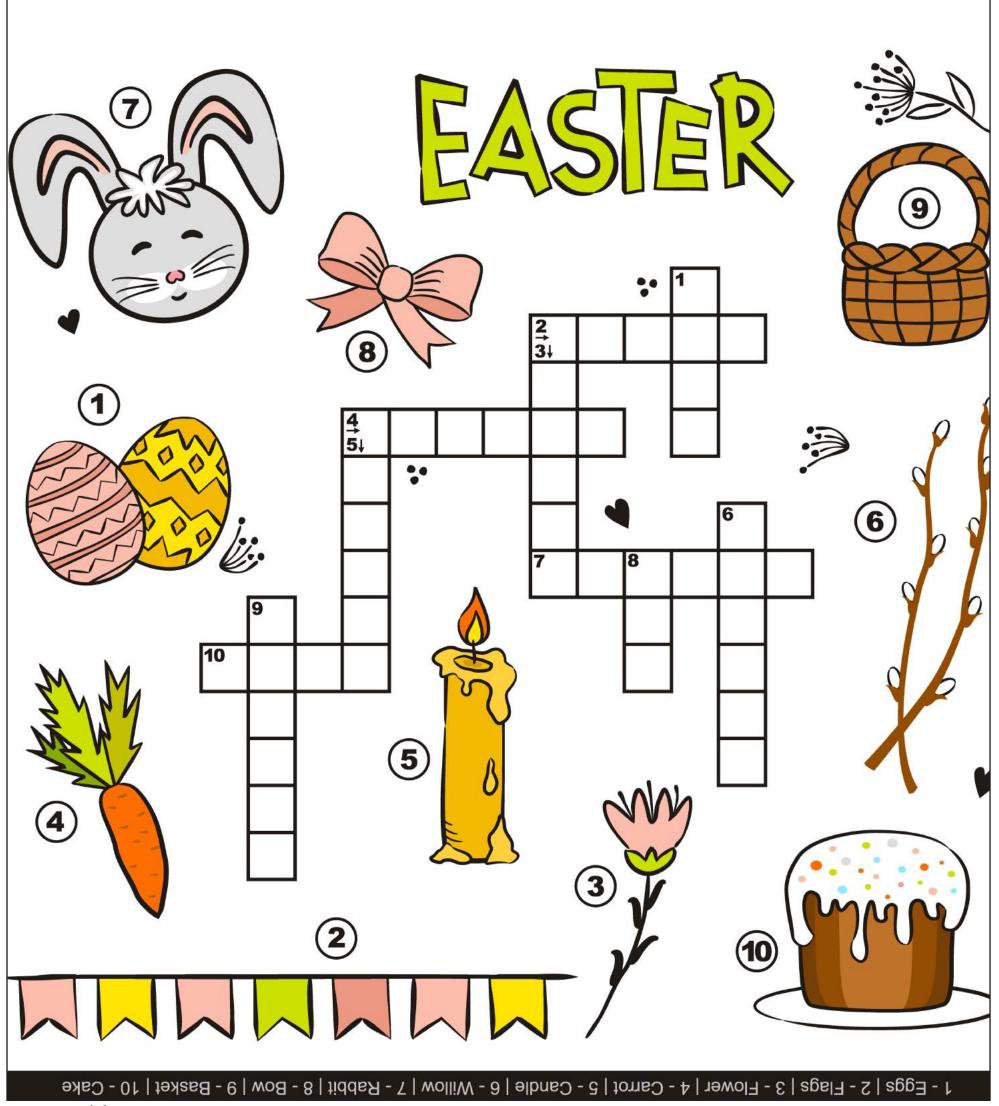


Times	Auditorium	Meeting Room	Both
Weekdays / Weeknights	\$200	\$100	N/A
Fridays (after 5 pm)	\$400	\$100	\$500
Saturdays	\$550	\$100	\$650
Sundays	\$400	\$100	\$500
Two Day Wedding & Gift Open- ing (Sat – Sun)	\$750	\$100	\$850
Full Weekend (Fri @ 5pm – Sun @ 6pm)	N/A	N/A	\$1000
Hourly Rate (4 hour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

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 bookings as well.

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



Ask Charles – Real Estate

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

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

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

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

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

When you hire a licensed real estate professional, you can trust they've completed prelicensing education, their background has been reviewed, they carry errors and omissions insurance, they're required to complete ongoing education, and you can feel confident

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that a regulatory body will hold them accountable for their actions. All real estate licensees are required to carry errors and omissions insurance, and there's a Consumer Protection Fund available in the very rare event a consumer suffers a financial loss as a result of fraud, breach of trust, or a failure to disburse or account for money held in trust by an industry member.

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

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

You've got questions. He's got answers.

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



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