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A colorful illustration featuring silhouettes of diverse people and a town skyline. From left to right: a person in a wheelchair, a person walking with a cane, a person walking with a backpack, a person walking with a dog, and a person walking with a child. In the background, there are stylized houses and a tree. The entire illustration is set against a background of overlapping colored triangles in shades of green, yellow, and red.



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EVANSDALE Community League News



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If you are interested in a vacant position please reach out to the President

Community League Memberships

Get your community league membership anytime! Membership makes you part of an amazing community of people who care and help look after our community. Free community swimming times at local City of Edmonton facilities, discounts on community programs and on Edmonton City wellness programs along with hall/sports building rentals and the enjoyment of ice skating in the winter and pickleball in the summer at outside of our hall!

Your Community League membership

is valid for one year from September 1st to Aug 31st.

\$25 Family

\$15 Single Family/ Senior Couple

\$10 Single Person

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.

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

Venue Rentals at Evansdale Community League

Looking for a venue for your next event? Our main hall and sports building can accommodate a variety of capacities for your gatherings. For more information including booking please contact Teri Muiselaar by phone at (780) 222-0474; or by email at hallrentals@evansdale.ca

Main Hall – Capacity 230	Rates	Damage Deposit
Hourly Bookings	\$75/Hour	
Individual Weekday/Weeknight (Monday-Thursday)	\$400/day	\$400
Single Day Over Weekend (Friday-Sunday)	\$500/day	\$500
Full Weekend (3 Days)	\$700	\$700
Use of Dishes	\$100	

Community League Swimming

Show your valid 2023-2024 Evansdale Community League membership card at any of the following City of Edmonton Leisure Centres and enjoy FREE swimming during the times listed

Facility	Day and time
Grand Trunk Fitness and Leisure Centre 13025 112 Street	Friday 7:15-9:15PM Sunday 4:15-5:45PM
Londonderry Leisure Centre 14528 66 Street	Sunday 4:15-5:45PM
O'Leary Leisure Centre 8804 132 Avenue	Sunday 4:00-6:00pm

Pickleball at Evansdale

To start off our Evansdale Pickleball League, 2024 season we are having a opening season meeting to discuss Pickleball at the Evansdale Community League facilities.

The meeting is scheduled for Wednes-

day, May 8 at 7:00PM at the community league hall 9111-150 Ave. Hope to see as many returning and new players in attendance! Please visit our website for more up-to-date information. <https://evansdale.ca/programs-events/pickleball/>

Sudoku Easy

9		6		1	3			8
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	3						1	
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4			9	6		3		1

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2	8	4	1	5	3	7	6	9
7	3	8	9	2	1	6	4	5
5	9	1	6	7	4	3	2	8
4	2	6	5	3	8	1	9	7
9	1	5	8	6	7	4	3	2
3	6	7	2	4	9	8	5	1
8	4	2	3	1	5	9	7	6

KILKENNY Community League News



Kilkenny Community League Main Hall



Times	Main	Meeting Room	Both
Weekday/ Weeknights	\$200	\$100	N/A
Fridays (after 5pm)	\$400	\$100	\$500
Saturdays	\$550	\$100	\$650
Sunday	\$400	\$100	\$500
Two Day Wedding Sat/Sun	\$750	N/A	\$850
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We're prepared. Are you? The City is ready for the 2024 wildfire season



The City is assuring Edmontonians that with the potential for a dry summer and increased fire risk, we're prepared to respond to emergencies—and reminding everyone that it is a team effort.

"Last year, wildfires across Alberta and Canada made headlines for much of our spring and summer. Municipalities and areas across the country were evacuated, and forested areas and infrastructure were destroyed," said Fire Chief Joe Zatylny, Edmonton Fire Rescue Services. "In Edmonton and surrounding areas, significant grass fires came close to communities, and many occurred right within our city limits. These fires encroached upon buildings and put a strain on fire-fighting resources."

Across Edmonton, there have been over 145 wildfires since January 1, 2024. These have occurred from the outskirts of the city and into our river valley, one of Edmonton's most expansive assets that stretches across 7,300 hectares of urban forest. While its size, composition and beauty bring thousands of visitors a year, it also brings significant concern and risk for fires and the potential for devastation to forestry and infrastructure.

"City Administration, including Edmonton Fire, works diligently throughout the year to prevent,

prepare and respond to fires in this area. Our response can be scaled according to the size of the fire, and we reallocate resources to deal with the specific emergency," said Chief Zatylny. "Our fire-fighters and dispatchers are of the highest quality, they are highly trained — and will always continue to train — in disaster response. Edmonton has processes and procedures in place, along with watching and learning from other municipalities, to ensure that we remain at the ready."

The weather conditions, including the amount of precipitation and winds, play a large role in the ignition and reaction of wildfires. The City of Edmonton constantly monitors conditions and wildfire activity to help determine the need for a fire advisory or a total fire ban.

The City of Edmonton is prepared but we need Edmontonians' help.

"With the unpredictable and natural causes of wildfires, we must also consider accidental and — unfortunately — intentional wildfires. These can often be caused by the illegal use of fireworks, improper use of fire pits and the dangerous disposal of smoking materials," said Chief Zatylny. "We want Edmontonians to know that their actions can have consequences on their own property, those



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Backyard Play Safety

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) would like to encourage parents and caregivers to ensure that their backyard play area(s) is made safe for children. Although direct supervision is the best method to reduce the chance of injury, always ensure play equipment in your yard is in good repair and is suited to the age and skill of the children using it. Check the equipment often; replace or repair any worn or broken parts.

Water hazards

- Drowning contributes to unintentional injury-related death among young children.
- Children can drown in just a few centimetres of water if it covers their mouth and nose.
- Ensure all backyard swimming pools are fenced. The fence must be at least 1.8 metres (*) high and have a self-latching, self-closing, lockable gate.

(*Alberta Building Code)

Lawn and garden tools

- Keep young children away from outdoor power equipment.
- Serious burns may result from touching hot engine surfaces.
- Ensure that all sharp tools, fuel, chemicals, and other hazardous substances are stored in a secure, locked area. A simple latch may not be sufficient.

Insect bites and stings

- Minimize the risk of attracting insects by not wearing strong perfumes or scented lotions.
- Avoid wearing brightly coloured clothing outdoors.
- Consider destroying or relocating hives and nests situated near your home.
- To avoid injury through inadvertently stepping on a stinging insect, always wear footwear outdoors.
- If your child has received an 'EpiPen Junior' prescription from your physician (for anaphylactic reactions) ensure they understand when and how to use it.
- If your child experiences a severe reaction to an insect sting, or other environmental cause, seek medical attention, or call 9-1-1.

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of their neighbours, their community and across the city. There can also be consequences to human safety and, in some cases, human life."

What can you do?

Become FireSmart - Everyone, including homeowners, property owners, and communities, can become FireSmart. FireSmart is more than a

collection of best practices, programs, resources, and tools. FireSmart is a way of living with and managing the risk of wildfire. It is a shared responsibility between government, community leaders, neighbourhoods, and residents. Check the FireSmart Alberta website for more information on what you can do to reduce the risk

of wildfire impacting your home.

Follow all rules around fireworks, fire bans or restrictions. We know that these can affect the enjoyment of activities, but we initiate these for the safety and protection of people, property and our resources.

"If a wildfire should happen, the City of Edmonton

is prepared. However, we need everyone to play a role and help us. We want Edmontonians to know the actions they can take to prevent wildfires," said Chief Zatylny.

To find more information about preventing fires, preparing for an emergency, and taking FireSmart actions, visit edmonton.ca/wildfires.

Promoting Fun

In talking to parents at recent games, one of their primary objectives when they registered for soccer is for their children 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 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

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Springtime is compost time



Get free, high-quality horticultural compost for personal home use at the Ambleside and Kennedale Eco Stations while supplies last.

Each year, the City of Edmonton produces horticultural compost from yard waste dropped off at Eco Stations and collected as part of the residential curbside collections program. Compost adds nutrients and microbes to soil to enrich plant mixes and enhance the growth of turf, ornamental plants, vegetables and fruit trees. Its low moisture makes it easy and light to work with, and this compost is safe to use, lab-tested and weed-free.

Compost pickup is self-serve. People are required to bring their own shovel, protective gloves, pails or containers and tarps for securing and transporting the compost. Residents may want to wear a dust mask and protective eye-wear on windy days. We ask visitors to take only what they need to ensure fair access for others.

Tips to get the most out of compost:

Use a little, not a lot. Compost is similar to a slow-release fertilizer. Use one part compost for every three parts soil for best results.

Mix compost with soil. You should not plant directly into pure compost.

For topdressing and mulch, spread a thin layer of finished compost on the garden, around plants, or on a lawn. Compost will

slowly mix into the soil, adding nutrients for plant roots.

Wear protective gloves and wash hands after use.

For larger projects, horticultural compost is also available for bulk purchase and in pre-packaged bags (30 L / 11 kg each) at select retailers.

Compost School Temporary Closure

For more than 30 years, the City of Edmonton's Compost School has provided free workshops to help Edmontonians gain hands-on experience with a variety of composting methods. And now Compost School is growing to serve residents better!

The facility, located beside the John Janzen Nature Centre, will be temporarily closed for construction to make it more accessible, more inviting and, ultimately, more of a gathering place. Construction is anticipated to start in mid-May and wrap up in the fall.

Over the summer, composting workshops will be available to residents virtually through the Edmonton Public Library and at various locations around Edmonton. Check edmonton.ca/Compost for details.

WasteWise

Not sure how to dispose of grass, leaves, branches or food scraps? Use the WasteWise app on edmonton.ca/WasteWise or download it for free from Google Play or the Apple App Store to find out.



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