COMMUNITY SERVICES

What's Up In East?

A monthly newsletter to keep Northeast and Central residents informed on the social and recreational services provided by Edmonton Community Services. We encourage you to share any of this information.

"Neighborhood and Community Development Branch"

JUNE 2008

TO REACH "KENNEDALE" FRONT DESK
PLEASE CALL 442-4972
(to reach someone specifically,
see page 4 of this Newsletter)

LEISURE ACCESS PROGRAM

Best deal in town!

The Leisure Access Program gives low-income individuals and families the opportunity to use City of Edmonton recreation facilities for free or at a reduced cost.
For more information on the Leisure Access Program or to obtain an application form, please visit: www.edmonton.ca/wellness or call 496-4918.

VITALIZE 2008 WORKSHOPS

Take in sessions on strategies for the volunteer sector, planning and marketing, technology and more. The conference offers a variety of developmental opportunities that you won't want to miss.

- Board Recruitment and Succession Planning
- Ignite Innovation
- Funders Forums: What's available for your organization and more, much more

From: June 12th to 14th, at the Shaw Conference Center, 9797 Jasper Avenue.
Cost: $120
Register with Leah Paton, Conference Coordinator (780) 422-2247 or www.vitalizeconference.ca

FISHING

GET HOOKED ON FISHING

Hermitage Park, located in Northeast Edmonton is stocked with more than 3,000 Rainbow Trout and the 'Back 40 Pond' (pond located in the off-leash area)with more than 1,600 Rainbow Trout. There us a limit of five Rainbow Trout per Person. Non-motorized boats are allowed. These ponds are free for public use and all Sport Fishing Regulations apply. An Alberta Sport Fishing License is required if you are 16 to 65 years of age. There is a cost for the license. Call 780-944-0313 or visit a sporting store to receive your copy of the Alberta Guide to Sport Fishing Regulations.

RIVER DAY – JUNE 14
June 14 from 10:00am 10 4:00pm – FREE water filled day of fishy fun at Rundle Park Family Recreation Centre, 2909 – 113 Avenue. Enjoy a pancake breakfast while you decide on what activity to do first. Discover the fun of water science. Learn about the importance of the North Saskatchewan River and how to catch a fish. Free hands-on activities that everyone can enjoy. Call 780-496-2950.

HERMITAGE PARK FAMILY FISHING EVENT – JUNE 14
Test your new skills by going downstream to Hermitage Park and join the fishing fun!
The event is from 2:00 – 4:30pm with entry cost of $5.00 per family. Enjoy live entertainment, food and prizes.
Call 780-496-1901.

WHAT ARE THE DOG GONE RULES?

Are you uncertain what the rules are for walking dogs in the City of Edmonton? The City of Edmonton has very specific rules for dogs set out in the Animal Licensing Bylaw and the parkland Bylaw.

Rules for Dogs are in place for the safety of your community and the safety of your pet.

It's pretty simple….

- In the City of Edmonton you must license your dog.
- You must clean up your pets defecations
- You can walk dogs on parkland so long as your dog is:
  - Leashed and on a trail;
  - Leashed and on a boulevard;
  - Leashed and in an area governed by signage permitting dogs.

Unless at designated off-leash areas, dogs must be on a leash at all times.

How do you know you are walking on parkland?
Parkland means any property, whether developed or not, owned, controlled or maintained by the City of Edmonton. Any properties in your neighborhood that is intended for use by members of the public for recreation or general enjoyment – any green areas, groomed parks, naturalized roadway buffers, boulevards, river and ravine lands and community leagues – are parkland. When walking in these areas, **you must keep your dog on a leash and pick up after it.**

REQUEST FOR COMMUNITY INPUT ON
Annually identified needs for sports fields, playgrounds and hard surface repairs (walkways / asphalt surfacing on parkland) are requested to identify budget priorities and areas requiring attention. You can assist this process by letting your CRC know of any issues or needs in your community.

HERBICIDING INFORMATION
Phone Spray Line Phone 496-8733 (one stop shopping on various pesticide information) or for information on where all daily pesticide applications are being done.

Graffiti Management Program

FOUR STEPS FOR YOU TO GET INVOLVED IN GRAFFITI MANAGEMENT.

1. **Record:** Take a photo for evidence and note when the graffiti occurred (be specific as possible and take more than one picture if necessary). The Police will need this information later.
2. **Report:** There are a couple of things that can be reported either graffiti in process (a phone call to 911) or as a property owner or citizen after the fact. Property owners are encouraged to call the Police at 423-4567 and all reports can be followed up through the Graffiti Management Program (496-8200)
3. **Remove:** It's important to remove graffiti in a responsible time frame. As of April 1, 2008 property owners who fail to do so can be fined $250.00. Removal sends a message that graffiti will not be tolerated and you can even obtain free paint (up to 4 can per visit) at City of Eco Stations.
4. **Prevent:** One way is to restrict access to walls, roofs and other surfaces with fences, shrubs or rails. It is also worthwhile to assess the exterior lighting which can prevent graffiti and other acts of vandalism.

Graffiti Management on the City of Edmonton's Website

SUMMER BLOCK PARTY!

Pull out your lawn chairs, picnic tables and wiener sticks and meet new neighbors, re-establish old friendships, promote safety and learn about your community history!

If you are interested in organizing a block party or for more information, call East 442-4972 to get a "Neighbourhood Block Party Kit"

WADING POOLS AND WATER SPRAY PARKS

Open weekends in June – weather permitting
Open 7 days a week – July to September, 11:00am - 6:00pm

Borden Park
74 Street $ 112 Avenue

City Hall
1 Sir Winston Churchill Square

Kinsmen Park
9100 Walterdale Hill

G. Edmund Kelly Water Spray Park
79 Street & 150 Avenue

Castle Downs Water Spray Park
117 Street & 153 Avenue

Millwoods Water Spray Park
66 Street & 23 Avenue

Neighborhood wading pools and water spray parks will open July 2nd. Please visit them for the hours of operations.

What is Happening to our Wading Pools?

The City of Edmonton has been working on an initiative to transform all community wading pools to spray decks, known as a wading pool retrofit. This is a mandatory retrofit that is the direct result of changes to provincial legislation that standing water without filtration was no longer acceptable. None of the community wading pools have a filtration system and are therefore, needing to be modified.

The City is supporting community leagues by providing a basic wading pool retrofit packages to all groups who currently have wading pools which includes 6-8 spray heads being installed. Enhancement and upgrades to the basic package can be made and the Community Leagues will be involved in making those determinations and raising any additional funds that would be required for those enhancements.

TREES
If you are interest in donating a tree to the city or have a question about having a city owned tree pruned, call Forestry at 496-TREE. They even provide tips for pruning your own trees!

SUMMER'S COMING!

Summer programs will run from July 2nd – August 15 or 22nd, 2008. There are many playground, registered, and youth program opportunities to participate in. Here are some key dates for summer.

- Summer brochures have been delivered through the schools. You may pick up a brochure at any of our facilities or offices.
- Summer programs begin on July 2nd
- Registration number for registered programs is 496-4999.
- You may also register at any Leisure Centre

LEADERS IN TRAINING PROGRAM

Are you 13-17 years old and looking for a fun and fulfilling way to spend some of your summer? Then the Leaders in Training program is for you! As a member of the team you will receive:

- Valuable work experience
- Essential employment skills
- Leadership training
- A minimum 2 week placement in an exciting outdoor environment
- Opportunity to meet new people

If you are interested in becoming a Leader in Training, please call (780) 944-7413 for more information.

HOW:

1. Complete an L.I.T. application form and return it before June 17, 2008
2. The program fee of $20 must be paid prior to the participant's interview.
3. Attend an Open House night for an interview or call (780) 944-7413 to arrange an alternate time.
4. Attend the L.I.T. training.
5. Complete a placement of two weeks (min.) during the summer.

Interview Nights:

May 28 City Arts Centre 10943-84 Ave. 6-8:00pm
May 31 O'Leary Pool 8804-132 Ave. 12-4:00pm
June 4 Jasper Place Ave. 9200-163 St. 6-8:00pm
June 10 Londonderry Pool 14528-66 St. 6-8:00pm
June 17 Mill Woods Rec. Centre 7207-28 Ave. 6-8:00pm

For everyone's safety, and at all times, dogs must be kept at least ten meters from any playground, sports field or picnic site. Your dog must be on a leash no longer than two meters in length.

Visit www.edmonton.ca/parks for more information about dogs. For bylaw information, call 496-2950. For information about getting an off-leash areas in your neighborhood, call 780-944-1474.

FRONT YARD IN BLOOM

Edmontonians are invited to recognize their neighbour's beautiful front yards by nominating them for Front Yards in Bloom. Every nominated yard receives a Front Yard in Bloom sign and will be judged as part of the City-wide competition to find the most beautiful front yards in the city. Nominations close on July 4, 2008, so send in nominations today.

Email: front.yards@edmonton.ca

Fax: Attn. S. Lore 780-944-3300

Mail: Front Yards in Bloom
#203, 9828-104 Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
T5J 0J8

The winners will be announced and the Edmonton Bloom Celebration on July 31st.

2008 BIG BIN EVENT

Locations:
The City of Edmonton is hosting Big Bin events for household items that can't be regular waste collection. City residents will be able to drop off items such as old couches, chairs, mattresses & appliances free of charge. Computers and other electronics will also be accepted.

Note: Take hazardous waste like paint, varnish, household cleaners, and batteries to the ECO Stations.

All events will run from 9:00am to 5:00pm.

May 24 & 25	Stadium	112 Ave. – 90 St.
May 31 & June 1	Woodcroft	13915 – 115 Ave.
June 7 & 8	Blue Quill	11304 – 25 Ave.
June 14 & 15	Castle Downs	11520 – 153 Ave.
June 21 & 22	Northlands	11203 – 73 St.
August 16 & 17	Callingwood	17740 – 69 Ave.
August 23 & 24	Blue Quill	11304 – 25 Ave.
Sept. 6 & 7	Leefield	7910 – 36 Ave.
Sept. 13 & 14	Kennedale	12810 – 58 St.
Sept. 20 & 21	Stadium	112 Ave. – 90 St.

KEEP YOUR COMMUNITY CLEANER, SAFER, BRIGHTER

The City of Edmonton launches its third year of the Capital City Clean Up *Adopt-A-Block* volunteer program city-wide. Each summer since 2006, hundreds of Edmontonians from across our city have volunteered to brighten-up their community by patrolling sidewalks, parks and schoolyards to collect litter. The efforts of volunteer Block Captains have resulted in keeping 2200 city blocks (that's 218 neighbourhoods) looking sharp and removing over 4,000 bags of litter from neighbourhood streets. For more information on the *Adopt-A-Block* program visit the website, call 944-5470

RIVER VALLEY, FORESTRY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – TREES

1. Protecting trees around construction

Trees are important to the City and our communities and they increase property values. It is important to protect trees during construction by protecting the trunk, roots, and canopy from damage.

The City has brochures about both construction and hoarding around trees

(www.edmonton.ca>Environment>Beautification>CityTreePolicieess).

2. Invasive Pest

The City continues to monitor for invasive pests that would threaten Edmonton's plants and trees.

A list of invasive pest is available at:
www.edmonton.ca/pests

3. Water Trees in for Spring

Spring is a great time to boost our trees into the growing season. Edmontonians can help our trees with a deep watering around the full area of the tree.

For more information, contact City of Edmonton Parks at 496-8733, or visit www.edmonton.ca

TURF MOWING
Turf mowing crews will be in neighbourhoods cutting grass on an average of 10 times during the season.

OUTDOOR RINKS – GRASS CUTTING
Community Services will cut the grass inside outdoor rinks a couple of times during the summer if a section of the rink boards are removed (minimum access width of 6 ½ feet is required).

ASSESSMENT & SHORT-TERM COUNSELLING

We can help with such concerns as:

- Daily life stresses
- Issues with dating, marital or partner relationships
- Problems with family
- Parenting challenges
- Abuse or violence in the family

To Speak Privately With A Professional Social Worker Call: 496-4777

Our phone lines are open from 8:30 – 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday. Services are available at sites throughout the City. Evening appointments are also available.

WHO'S WORKING FOR YOU IN EAST?

Director: Harry Oswin 944-5465

Community Recreation Coordinators:

Sandi Draper	944-5431
Karen Kennedy	944-5432
Corinne Bishop	944-5426
Becky Redford	496-5589
Darrell Nordell	944-5424
Barb Ursuliak	496-3436
Judy Allan	496-1913
Norma Lorincz	496-3774
Gregg Cernes	496-5795
Al Richardson	944-7682
Cheri Onushko	944-7739
Rocky Pilisko	944-5423

Social Workers:

Dean McKellar	944-5542
Lynne Heidebrecht	496-6670
Cheryl Heiland-Chaulk	944-5477
Karen Saylor-Ray	496-5867
Katie Walker	944-5469
Debbie Dundass	496-4939
Dorian Smith	496-2993
Lise Robinson	944-5544
Margie Woo	944-5485
Barry Greenspan	496-5865
Larisa Kreider	496-6864
Lavonne Hailes	944-5570
Terry Roy-Brenneis	442-1392

An additional way to communicate with your city staff is through Email. The address for city staff is:
firstname.lastname@edmonton.ca

NOTICE:
Due to production difficulties registration for Summer Programs will not start until May 5, 2008