



Brickyard's New Site Map Shows 27 Fewer Units

Over the summer a colourful site map went up across from the rink, courtesy of Brickyard developer United Inc. It displays various sites within the project: single-family homes and duplexes, apartment condos and posh single-family homes overlooking the bike path by the river. The builders in charge of the various areas are posted with their phone numbers.

Of most interest, the number of units has dropped from the 310 approved by Council to 282 plus the Little Brick House for a new total of 283.

The most visible change has been to Site A. Riverdalian who fought the good fight at City Hall earlier this year will recall that the problematic Site A was a bone of contention between the Riverdale Community League's planning committee and United. The developer's 79 row-housing units were approved by Council despite our objection that the plan was unworkable (the lots being so small that SUVs could not turn into driveways) and its precedent-setting density (70-per-cent site coverage being significantly higher than the Rosedale estate homes whose coverage was 59 per cent, Edmonton's densest development prior to approval of the Brickyard project).

Instead of the 79 row-housing units, Site A has been redrawn as 55 units: 15 single-families along the 90th Street extension and five blocks of eight semi-detached units arranged upon east-west avenues off 92nd Street. We guess the reason is that someone finally did the math and discovered no one would pay big bucks for units of sardine-can proportions.

THE RIVERDALIAN deadline is Friday, September 21st.



Alex Thomas-Haug led the parade as Riverdalian celebrated Canada Day with the annual bicycle parade down Riv's main Street.
Photo : Albert Felicitas

Another significant change is that the street of semi-detached next to Sundance has been redesignated single-family.

The large purple area on the site map represents the apartment condominiums. There are no numbers stated for these, although the plan passed by Council set their maximum at 150. They wouldn't be thinking of adding 27 units here, would they?

Given that the Riverdale Planning Committee had argued for 18 months for the Area Redevelopment Plan's maximum of 300 and that community surveys had favoured single-family over all types of development, this would appear to be good news for Riverdale.

So what was all the fuss about? "If they had come to us with this plan a year and a half earlier," said Larrie Taylor, a former RPC member, "we could have avoided a year and a half of wrangling." The RPC had said time

after time that if the developer would keep to 300 units and remedy Site A, the Riverdale Community League would have no objections. Everyone's time would have been saved, not to mention good will, and many of the units would be in the ground right now taking full advantage of a hot housing market.

Riverdale Community League

MEETING

Monday September 10,

7:30 p.m.

Volunteers required to coordinate the fall membership drive, as well as to assist with this year's programs.

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Instead, the community had to go through a bitter fight at Council involving ignored presentations, insults and humiliation. "It was a Mad Hatter's tea party," recalls Susan Anderson. "For what reason?"

This is a question to ask mayoral candidates Bill Smith and Robert Noce when they come calling before October's municipal election. The sitting Council members were both active supporters of the developer and ignored community input.

-Allan Shute, Riverdale Implementation Committee member

On the move



Photo: Jessica Wood

Despite delays ranging from soil-analysis to an architectural inspection, the rink shack is on its way. With a backup of building permits at city hall because of the feverish new home market in Edmonton, some delays were to be expected. Once the City's questions are answered regarding the land's stability (and since the Brickyard passed, why shouldn't our little rink shack?) a building permit is expected to follow shortly.

How Many Liquor Stores Is Enough?

The old dry cleaners at Jasper and 96th, just behind the Stan Daniels Centre, is about to become a liquor store. Some of our neighbours in the inner city tried to fight the arrival of another liquor store in the area but both city hall and the ALCB chose the liquor store over the wishes of the neighbourhood. Again.

You And Your MLA

My Constituency Office staff and I can assist you when you are having difficulty accessing provincial government services or by: providing the correct format for petitions and tabling your petitions in the Legislature; visiting schools to give them my perspective and answer their questions; meeting with your organization to listen to your concerns and ideas; as an MLA, I am a Commissioner for Oaths; and preparing congratulatory scrolls for significant anniversaries and birthdays.

Currently my Constituency Office sends out two MLA Reports each year to every household in the community. While budget restrictions keep us from communicating in this way more often, we would like to do more to keep in touch. Therefore, we are developing a new electronic newsletter which we will e-mail or fax to interested people, to supplement our biannual MLA Reports. If you know of anyone who would like to receive this newsletter, please contact our office at 414-0682, or e-mail edmonton.highlands@assembly.ab.ca

- Brian Mason, MLA, Edmonton Highlands

Light Pollution: Is It Possible?

In July, a citizen brought to my attention the issue of light pollution in urban areas. As a result, I made an inquiry to the City's administration asking how Edmonton can reduce light pollution and cut the cost of power for street lighting.

Some new steps have recently been taken to address this issue. Since 1999, new style flat-glass lamps that focus light down to the ground have been installed in all new residential neighbourhoods and wherever new street lamps are installed. These new lamps are also 30% more energy-efficient, saving the City thousands of dollars. In 2002, the City will look at the cost of replacing street lamps in older neighbourhoods. It is also plans to convert traffic lights to these more energy-efficient lamp types. But streetlights are only part of the issue. A lot of the problem has to do with commercial, industrial and residential lighting. We need light to see, for security and a sense of well being.

By reducing artificial light pollution not only will we see stars again, but also the City can save money through decreasing its power use. Less use of power will result in less greenhouse gas emissions which helps Edmonton meet the demands of the Kyoto agreement.

If you have any comments on this issue please contact me at 496-8146, or michael.phair@gov.edmonton.ab.ca

- Councillor Michael Phair



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Outdoor Soccer Season's Not Over Yet!

The U18 Girls Storm, sponsored by Riverdale again this year, won Gold in the city finals in Division II went to the Provincials on August 25-26 in Sherwood Park. Managed by **Jakalin MacGregor**, the team included a good number of Riverdale Girls: **Beth Brunelle, Errol Coxson, Amanda MacGregor and Kate Duggan**.


The U16 Girls Storm represented by **Daltry Lemire**, and the U14 Boys Storm, with Assistant Coach **Gordon Wood** and Riverdale players **Stirling Wood** and **Sam Young** won Gold in the city finals and plays in the Provincials in Edmonton September 8-9.

Indoor Soccer

The final date for registration for indoor soccer is **Saturday, September 8, 2001**, 10am - 2pm at the Kenilworth Hall, 7104 - 87 Avenue. Registration Fees are: U8 \$120; U10, \$140; U12 \$160; U14 - U18 \$175, plus the participation deposit of \$75 and the uniform deposit of \$60. Don't forget to take the player's Alberta Health Care card, a copy of his or her birth certificate, and your 2001/2002 community league membership. **Derek Parker** is the soccer coordinator for Riverdale this year.

Change in Bingo Rules

Soccer parents take note: Due to the Smoking Bylaw passed by City Council this spring no one under the age of 18 is permitted to work or be present at the Crest Bingo Hall.

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SOCIAL NOTES

Low Commotion, the Campbell-Lemire family band consisting of **Riel, Jozel, Daltry and Ross Campbell-Lemire**, drove to Seattle via Hornby Island to perform at a wealthy relative's wedding. The Riverdale-based band assembled a medley of wedding songs in four-part harmony, including some rewrites such as new lyrics for "Let's Go To The Hop" (becoming "Let's Go To The Hitch"). Though originally asked to perform at the pre-wedding family gathering, the band was such a hit that they were then asked to do a repeat performance at the huge garden reception on Mercer Island.

Former Riverdalian **Tom and Val Sawyer** and their children **Ethan and Charlotte** moved back to Alberta this summer after several years in London, Ontario. They used to own the blue house with the beautiful front porch on the west side of 89th Street, one in from the corner, but for some inexplicable reason, the family has settled this time in St. Albert. Tom is a copy editor at The Journal again. The good news for Riverdale is that Val will be teaching Language Arts at Victoria School, and she'll see many familiar Riverdale faces in her classes. Lucky students.

Closer to home, congratulations to **George and Barb Heagle** of 88th Street who were married in a touching ceremony at the Muttart Conservatory on August 25th.

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While **Joe and Mandi Wisheu** along with boys **Adam and Patrick** were on holiday in the Gulf Islands this summer they were pleasantly surprised to run into **Linda Cameron, Blair, Drew and Rayna Malcolm** at the Filberg Arts Festival in Comox, BC. Mom Linda had a fine showing of her handmade hats there.

Condolences to **Kathy and Gordon Coxson**, and girls, **Errol, Hally, Claire and Whitney** on the death of Kathy's mother.

Alex Thomas-Haug, Riverdale's unofficial parade marshal, also demonstrated his stilt-walking ability to thousands at the opening Ceremonies of the world's in August. Thanks for the preview, Alex!



Kelly O'Neil and Megan Fawcett at Canada Day. Photo: Keith Wiley

Many Riverdalian were fortunate to catch up on things with **Lynda Gregson**, and daughters **Kelly and Erin O'Neil** while they were in Edmonton in July.

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Farewell to **Colleen** and **Bill Moore-Kilgannon** and their boys **Neil** and **Ian** who left Riverdale for Ottawa this summer. The school will be welcoming a new kindergarten teacher this fall.

The area around 88 Street and 101A Avenue has been a busy place this summer. Locals were sad to see **Liz Melanson**, **Paul Rusnock** and children **Sophie** and **Harry** moved to Ottawa in July.

Welcome to **Dean** and **Lisa Collins** who bought the Harland-Greer home in June. Dean has been spotted avidly digging dandelions at their new abode.

John Gorham, a longtime collaborator with **Cam Neufeld**, has moved into Riverdale.

Congratulation to **Chuck** and **Doreen Paches** of 87th Street. They celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on August 4 at the hall. Their kids threw them a bash they won't soon forget!

Rumour has it that **Al** and **Kathy Shute** are emptynesters and loving it! Daughter **Tamsin** has left the nest for the action and bright lights of Vancouver where brother **Cameron** has been for a couple of years now.

Further up the street, **Sascha Landskron** has begun her Dietetic Internship at the Lions Gate Hospital in North Vancouver, leaving Mom and Dad, **Margo** and **Alex** home alone with brother **Eric**.

One of our own contributed to beautifying Gateway Avenue for the World's! At the age of 12, Riverdalian **Zoe Luski** was one of the youngest students selected to participate in the Bison Project. Her bison, representing Australia is located in front of the AMA building on 104 Street. Except for three Hardisty students, all the others were high school students.

Michael Brinton of the doughty Riverdale Rats golf team putted his way past 31 competitors to a spectacular grab of the coveted Riverside Men's Club Golden Blade award over the Labour Day weekend. A longtime leader at the links across the water, our Michael brings home the trophy to the Dale, formerly won by **Richard Betkowski** who took it in 1999. Congratulations!

BIRTHS

Tessa Lee Caidan Hazelton-Cook was born at noon on Friday the 13th of July with midwives present. Weighing in at 8 lbs. 6 oz. she commonly goes by **Tessa the Tiger**. **Ramona** and **Amahl** would like to thank all their neighbours, especially **Myriane Parker** for taking **Kiho** out to play while mom laboured.

And around the corner on 101A Ave., congratulations to **Mike Popham** and **Sherri Karstel** who welcomed **Sidney Samuel Popham**. "Sammy" was born August 23 and weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz.

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