



2001-2002

Riverdale Community League Executive and Committee Chairs

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Community League Memberships

Membership Chair Steve Richardson will be contacting those on the current list of canvassers to request their services again this fall. Memberships will be available at your door soon.

If you would like to volunteer to help, please call Steve at 421-1311.

THE RIVERDALIAN deadline
is Friday, October 26th.

Soccer

Soccer Coordinator Derek Parker has confirmed that he will cash participation cheques for those not fulfilling their bingo obligation.

All Candidates Forum

Thursday, October 4th
7:30 pm

Hosted by Riverdale
Community League at the Hall for
residents of the 'dales - Riverdale,
Cloverdale, Rosssdale,

For more information contact:
Rocky Feroe 421-0975 or Rhea
March 426-3758. Babysitting avail-
able contact Derek or Myriane 426-
0301 if you plan to bring your chil-
dren.

How are you going to vote?

A fair question. The municipal election is looming on Riverdale radar and democratic ground troops will be making their way to the polls on Oct. 15. Make sure you are among them because democracy is one of those use-it-or-lose-it commodities.

Perhaps a more important question is how should one vote.

Unfortunately, the mayoral slate doesn't make voting an easy task. The major three candidates all represent the same pro-business agenda and they all carry a certain amount of baggage. Mayor Bill Smith and Councillor Robert Noce distinguished themselves as anti-community forces in the Brickyard issue that put Riverdale through the wringer for more than 18 months.

Smith is a likeable fellow and a hard worker for Edmonton. He's always on the job promoting, but his main failing is that he has no consistent policy and can flip-flop back and forth, then back again. Who knows

what his plan is for the day after tomorrow? One thing we do know for certain is that Smith was abysmally pro-developer in the Brickyard fight. His lowest point came when he tried to sucker Riverdalians into believing that a Top-of-Bank roadway would automatically take on the traffic volume of the River Valley Road by the Victoria Golf Course.

Noce adequately demonstrated his pro-developer bias in Council in January when he asked each Riverdalian presenter if he or she were "flexible"-- something he neglected to ask the developer. Noce's seemingly well-rehearsed question-and-answer with the developer's lawyer gave the impression that he was more interested in forcing a pre-determined outcome on the vote than listening for reasons to affect his own. His mind seemed made up.

Challenger Mike Nickel has been saying all the right things like "respect area redevelopment plans" and "let the elected representatives run the city," but one wonders if he would be any better than, or even any different from, the devils we know. Nickel is not an unknown quality. During the election campaign that saw Smith come to office, Nickel ran the somewhat unfair Stickmen billboard crusade against the incumbent mayor Jan Reimer, who was doing a perfectly good job of running the city. What has Nickel actually contributed to Edmonton to date other than negativity?

There are a number of minor candidates and fruitcakes vying for the slot, but one of the three mentioned above will most likely be our next mayor. Wouldn't it be great to vote FOR someone than guess who will do the least damage? Is there a mechanism for voting No for Mayor?

Sadly there is not. You'd just spoil your ballot. But there is no harm in

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leaving the mayoral vote blank. Why reward someone who is not right for the job?

Councillor for Ward 4

There is one certainty here. Riverdale--and Edmonton--desperately need Councillor Michael Phair back again. During the Brickyard fight, Michael was our major source of good advice, timely tips and good-hearted support. During the Council debate itself, he was the one Councillor who stood out by asking the right questions, seeing through vacuous arguments and making himself available for last-minute consultation. We owe Michael big time.

The replacement for his ward mate Jim Taylor is not so easy. There are 18 candidates vying for two seats, a number of attractive choices among them. Who's the best? It would not be fair to sound off here as I have not examined each and every one of them. I would recommend you do your homework. There is an all-candidates' forum on Wednesday, October 3 at 7 p.m. at Oliver School, 10227-118 Street and another at Riverdale Hall Thursday, October 4 at 7:30 p.m. Please check our Web site at riverdalians.net or the Tree Frog window for latest details.

And most importantly: Whatever your choice, make sure you get out and vote.

--Allan Shute, political commentator

Casino in 2002

Riverdale has been awarded a casino in the fourth quarter of 2002 at the Baccarat Casino. The Playground Committee has previously volunteered to provide some manpower for this casino.

Rink Shack Update

Gordon Coxson advised that the final engineering will be done upon completion of the analysis of the borehole data, and then the foundation will be laid. Current estimates place the project approximately \$11,000 over the amount approved by the League. According to Terri Johnston, City of Edmonton, there is a Construction and Renovation Grant that be allocated to this project. There are also accessibility grants and utility grants available.

Free Swim: Use it or Lose it

The free community swim is back but just barely! The last League meeting saw a motion to renew the program for one more season, but that an assessment be done to test its cost-effectiveness.

It turns out the program was under utilized last year. "The fault is all mine," said Kathy Shute, the swim's volunteer organizer. "I should have publicized the program more, but I didn't get the word out." The program has been well used in the past, so the League is allowing one more kick at the cat.

All Riverdalians holding a valid 2001-02 Riverdale League membership card, you and your kids (and one guest) may swim free Sundays beginning October 7 at two local pools:
Hardisty Pool 10535-65 St.
1:15-2:45 p.m.
Bonnie Doon Pool 8648-81 St.
3:30 - 5 p.m.

You can also bring one guest per membership!

Memberships are available at Tree Frog or through volunteers who will be canvassing the neighbourhood.

SOCIAL NOTES

Riv's longtime milkman **Ken Frechette** of Nu-Maid is no longer delivering on his route. No reason has been given nor any good-byes made, but Ken leaves behind many pleasant memories for his many years of faithful moo-juice delivery.

Get Well wishes to **Gordon MacGregor** who is recovering from heart surgery. We'll be seeing him at the rink soon, no doubt!

Playgroup

The Riverdale Playgroup is up and running at the Hall Wednesdays from 9:30-11:30 am. They are planning a Hallowe'en Party for pre-school aged children in the neighbourhood on Hallowe'en Day. Please contact Chandelle Hagen for more information: 424-4481.

Bingo Coordinator Needed

Contact Rocky if you are able to take this on. In the meantime, a schedule of bingos will be posted on the Website, and a list of available workers compiled. The community has nine bingos annually.

CLASSIFIEDS

Lost: One red-gold antique ring with rectangular orange-brown stone, silver short necklace with sparkly stones and orange-brown stone, gold band, old silver watch, etc. Call Bonnie Owen 421-1311.

Moving? Subscriptions to the Riverdalian are available for \$20/year. Call Adam 426-4384 for details.

To place an ad call Adam 426-4384. \$1 per line.

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If you're interested in placing an ad, please contact **Adam Wisheu** at 426-4384, or email him at rivrdaln@telusplanet.net.

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