

Community League Day Surpasses Expectations

Over 93 leagues held an event on or around September 18 and the publicity Community Leagues received went beyond expectations with coverage on every major print and televised media.

A few key promotions helped ramp up the event. A very good visual for the scope of the events being held city wide was our Google map of Edmonton which was covered in markers for League Activities. Advertising in 4 major publications listed the leagues involved. The Media Event on September 13 for the kickoff of Community League Day was an unexpected success. A roof full of photographers on top of Stanley A Milner Library positioned themselves to capture the quilt that 53 leagues and many volunteers contributed to.

And most impressive of all was the variety and ingenuity of events that leagues hosted around the city. View pictures on the next page and online at [www.efcl.org / resources / league photo gallery / efcl in action](http://www.efcl.org/resources/league-photo-gallery/efcl-in-action)

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*Photographers capture the quilt from the roof of Stanley A Milner Library
Photo courtesy of Rob Agostinis*

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SAVE THIS DATE
for your next Community League Day:
September 17, 2011

Date chosen at EFCL's RGM. Details on page 5

Playground Costs Under Scrutiny

The EFCL – in conjunction with Castle Downs MLA Thomas Lukaszuk – is hosting a meeting to review the costs of building a playground and associated facilities like spray decks.

Community leagues that have recently built a playground or are in the project planning stages are most welcome to attend, particularly if they have any cost-cutting suggestions to make. We would also welcome any suggestions groups have relative to streamlining the process and making it easier for groups to construct a playground and/or spray deck.

City representatives have been invited to attend as well.

The meeting will be held at **5:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 22 at the EFCL office (7103-105 Street).**

Please RSVP to Joanne Booth at (780) 437-2913 or at Joanne.Booth@EFCL.org as dinner is included.

The Great Community League Quilt



Above, Riverbend League Members Sherri and Sheryl pose by their quilt contribution at Churchill Square.
Photo courtesy of Rob Agostinis



Left, Shannon from Lynnwood serges away at the quilting bee at Parkdale.
Below, Sarah of Parkdale and Judy of Queen Alex wrestle the river fabric into place in EFCL's board



EFCL 90th Anniversary Project: Finish the Quilt



The quilt project, though put together in a very short in time frame, proved to be quite popular among our leagues and the media. It also proved to be a beautiful way of representing the sense of community and pride held by our member leagues.

The quilting bees were well attended and 53 leagues submitted their own squares rustled up by ambitious volunteers with a wide **variety of fantastic results**. Many leagues would have liked more time to improve their square and others would **have liked to have participated but just couldn't organize it** within the time frame.

EFCL has now undertaken to finish this project by inviting the remaining leagues to submit a square. We would hold several social/quilting bees leading up to the great unrolling of the final mosaic project. We intend to enlist the help of local quilting clubs and hobbyists for those leagues that are still unable to participate within the next set of timelines.

The result will a wonderful product that we can all be proud of. We would like to hoist it at a location where we could take **photos and celebrate the federation's 90th anniversary**.

We would frame the photo and use it for promotional purposes in the future.

EFCL is encouraging all leagues to join us in this project to finish the Community League Quilt for unveiling on Community League Day promotion week next September. If a league wants to replace their square they are welcome to submit a new one.

PROJECT GUIDELINES:

- ♦ The square must be 5 feet by 5 feet (purchased from the large rolls at any fabric store – be sure to confirm it is 60 inches and not 56 or some other larger or smaller measurement) **DO NOT BUY OR USE STRETCHY or SLIPPERY FABRIC PLEASE.** Cottons, or cotton blends work best.
- ♦ Leave $\frac{3}{4}$ " without artwork around the edge of your 5 foot square for seam allowance. Finish the cut edges. No need to finish selvage edges.
- ♦ Do not glue items on – they did not survive the manhandling required for this project. Iron on scanned photos looked great but did crack somewhat with the handling.
- ♦ Quilt or Paint – some paints do not adhere to fabric. You may need to test. For ideas we have pictures of the squares submitted so far: [Efcl.org / Resources / League Photo Gallery / EFCL in Action / 2010 Community League Quilt](http://Efcl.org/Resources/LeaguePhotoGallery/EFCLinAction/2010CommunityLeagueQuilt)

SUBMISSION DETAILS:

We will assign quilting bee dates to outstanding leagues starting in February. You may submit your square on or before your assigned date. If a league does not show up with a square by the designated sewing bee date, we will complete a generic square to replace the painted name. There will be no extension to this deadline so please suggest the project at your next board meeting and get your volunteers working on it. This is a fun thing to participate in with beautiful and memorable results!

SEPTEMBER 18 - COMMUNITY LEAGUE DAY



Brookview

Left, Burger Flippers Unite

Photo by Rob Agostinis

Blackmud Creek

Right, Mounds of trash collected by clean up crews

Below, Environmental Passport Challenge



Ermineskin

Below, Hall party



Blue Quill Scrapbooking



Riverbend ART IN OUR PARK

Right - Lending a Hand

Below- Line Dance fun

Photos courtesy of Rob Agostinis



Highlands

Right, Horse Drawn Rides through Historical Highlands
Photos courtesy of Christine & Tom Bremner



SEPTEMBER 17 2011 is the Next COMMUNITY LEAGUE DAY

Plan Next Year's Membership Event Now!

SEPTEMBER 18 - COMMUNITY LEAGUE DAY



Lansdowne

Left, the league loves their Pie Lady



Empire Park

Right, Street Hockey was a great draw for a fun afternoon



Ritchie Brunch

Above, kids enjoy crafts
Below, Medieval Troupe shackles EFCL Executive Director, Allan Bolstad at his home league event.



Beverly Heights Park Grand Opening

Left, commemorative stone plaque is unveiled.
Above, wanderer enjoys arbor.
Photos courtesy of Christine & Tom Bremner



BALLOONS!

Above **Beacon Heights**

Below **Newton / Montrose**

Photos courtesy of Christine & Tom Bremner



Queen Alexandra Pool Party

Above, Good ol' fashioned Tug O War
Right, BBQ at the pool



Parkdale Fall Fest

Above, Local band entertains
Photo courtesy of Christine & Tom Bremner

Pleasantview Family Tennis

Left, an evening of tennis fun



Photo Montage of Willowby Community League Day

*Photos courtesy of Alla
Ternikova, EFCL Director
for District D*



Third Saturday In September:

Annual Community League Day Picked:

Mark your calendars and get ready to have some fun.

Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011 is our next Community League Day in Edmonton, now that the members of the EFCL have decided that the third Saturday in September is a good time to hold an annual celebration.

In a vote at the Oct. 25 Regular General Meeting, league representatives unanimously supported the continuation of community league day, reflecting the huge success of this year's event. More than 93 leagues participated in Community League Day 2010, with events ranging from block parties to harvest fairs to community clean-ups, mini-carnivals and anniversary celebrations.

The federation also garnered a good deal of publicity for the day, in major media (Journal, Sun, Global Television) and significant pieces in the Examiner, Real Estate News and Shaw TV. In fact, it is hard to recall an EFCL promotion that attracted that much attention.

The only point of contention at the meeting was the selection of the actual date, as some leagues wanted to select a different Saturday.

However, a majority of those in attendance recognized that third Saturday in September seemed to work well. It is far enough back in September that it gives leagues some time to get settled, after the summer break. It is the middle of most community league membership drives. And it is not so late in the fall that cold weather should be an issue.

It was also recognized that this decision will give leagues ample lead time to plan their events. The advance notice will also help the EFCL attract sponsors and develop a multi-year promotional program.

**Take Advantage of the
Advertising
Opportunities and Get
your Event Name, Details,
Address, and Contact
Info to EFCL as early as
possible**

EFCL Welcomes New Board Member



Lindsay Smith, President of Grandview Heights is the newest member of the EFCL Board of Directors as District I Representative. Thanks for stepping up for this important role.

Packed House for Presidents Dinner

The invitations have gone out and we have a completely booked event. We are looking forward to a recognition of presidents that is long overdue. EFCL has decided that this year we won't wait for presidents to nominate themselves for the recognition, we are doing it for them.

Dinner, Dance, Guest Speakers, all to be hosted at the Italian Cultural Center. Please contact april.kiely@efcl.org if you have any questions.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH, 2010

AT 6:30 PM

ITALIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY OF EDMONTON
14230 133 AVE EDMONTON



Right, Andrea Patershuk of Servus attends RGM and speaks to leagues about community support and of opportunities available to leagues.

Photo Courtesy of David Dodge

Prince Rupert Pleased with Servus Service

Hi Allan and Valerie,

Your recommendation to work with Servus Credit Union was one of the best things we've done for our community in a long time. Not only have we made a connection with them for events (they volunteered for our annual 50/50 Indy fundraiser and our PRCL - community league day) but they were our major sponsor for our Sept 18 event, and have actively placed several ads with our newsletter.

We are even in the midst of a bank transfer to bank at Servus. The Kingsway Branch has also decided to be the first to pilot selling community league memberships!

This is the first business location in PRCL that is doing this for us, so it's such a great opportunity for the community (plus we have it set up so when a person purchases their membership their name is entered on our membership only account so we can cross reference everything at the end of the year - absolutely fantastic!).

Anyways, I thought I would share my good news story for you this week too. Community leagues really do benefit in you doing recommendations for service providers and I thank you for doing the leg work for all of us and encourage you to do more of these types of projects (as we also use FPB for our insurance from your recommendation). ~ Laura Thygesen, PRCL President



Workshop on Integrating the Arts Community:

Leagues Encouraged to Reach Out To Local Artists

The EFCL is encouraging its member leagues to reach out to artists in their area, as a way to develop new programs and attract new members.

Whether they be musicians, dancers, sculptors, painters or poets, many artists are looking for venues to showcase their talent. They also need space to hone their talents and projects to work on.

Community leagues can often help fill that void.

Those leagues with halls can offer local artists space to practice and perform, as well as hold classes. Other leagues might want to help sponsor a mural or art-in-the park project.

"We know some leagues, like Alberta Avenue and Belgravia, are well along with developing a relationship with local artists," noted Allan Bolstad, EFCL executive director.

"However, we think there is a significant potential for many more leagues to get involved."

In order to help the process along, the EFCL hosted John Mahon, the executive director of the Edmonton Arts Council (EAC), at the federation's Regular General Meeting on Oct. 25. He gave the leagues a taste of what they can do. In order to expand upon these ideas, a workshop has been scheduled for **November 24, 7:00 pm at Alberta Avenue Hall, 9210 - 118 Avenue.** Alberta Avenue, Belgravia, and Riverbend Community Leagues have been asked to make a presentation along with the Edmonton Arts Council.

Below, John Mahon's presentation highlighted photos of Evelyn Berg, photographer. She captures the unique character of communities around the city



Joint EFCL/City of Edmonton Project

Work Starts on "Living Local" Conference

The EFCL and City of Edmonton are starting to put plans in place for a one-day "Living Local" Conference.

The objective of the conference is to bring together various organizations that can help develop programs that make it easier for Edmontonians to do more daily activities closer to home.

For example, it is thought that recreational organizations, like minor soccer and minor hockey, might be able to place a greater emphasis on scheduling games closer to where players live.

Another option might be for the city to plan neighborhoods and sectors of the city that have a greater mixture of land uses (i.e. housing, shopping, recreation, schooling), so residents don't have to travel so far to conduct daily activities.

"Our first step will be to identify potential partners," said EFCL executive director Allan Bolstad.

"Ideally, we'd like to see some of these organizations help plan the conference."

The advantages associated with "Living Local" are many. In a draft position paper, presented to Edmonton City Council last summer, the EFCL noted that living local can save residents a significant amount of time, reduce travel costs, promote healthy living (walking and biking), create safer communities through more eyes on the street, reduce social isolation and strengthen neighborhood networks, reduce energy consumption and help recreate that friendly, small town feeling in numerous pockets of a major metropolitan city.

Early objectives for the conference are to create a "Living Local Action Plan" and the resources required to implement such a plan.

The conference is expected to be held in mid-to-late 2011.

EFCL applauds Minister's Stance:

Casino Changes Put on Hold

The Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues was pleased to hear Solicitor General Frank announce that further study is needed before any changes are made to Alberta casino operations.

The federation, along with a host of other Edmonton non-profit organizations, were concerned that the province was going to bring in a new set of rules that would see funds from Edmonton casinos dispersed to groups outside of our city.

These concerns were validated when the province finally released its study of casino operations. Prepared by three government MLAs (including Edmonton-Calder MLA Doug Elniski), the report recommended that groups in a region around Edmonton be eligible to host casino nights at Edmonton casinos. It also said that revenues from electronic games (VLTs) in Edmonton casinos be distributed to non-profits groups in the region around Edmonton.

While the report didn't define the Edmonton region, it is likely that it would include groups currently using the St. Albert casino where electronic proceeds are much lower than those earned at Edmonton casinos (\$17,085 - \$51,081 per event). It might also include groups using the Camrose casino, where electronic proceeds are also \$17,085 per event.

The net effect of these recommendation would be to significantly reduce the revenue realized by Edmonton non-profit organizations. This would include the EFCL and most of its member leagues.

Recognizing the impact of this decision, Minister Oberle announced on Oct. 12 that the province would conduct further studies before making any changes to casino operations in Alberta.

Upon hearing the news, the EFCL quickly fired off a letter to Minister Oberle, with copies to all Edmonton MLAs.

"The loss of casino funding would be devastating to many leagues, to the point that it would bring much of their programming and capital construction projects to a halt," EFCL president David Gibbens said in the letter.

"We echo your concern that the ramifications of changing the casino boundaries needs further study before any changes are made."

Gibbens went on to note in the letter that significant funds are already dispersed from Edmonton casinos to points throughout Alberta via provincial organizations that are based in Edmonton and host casinos in Edmonton. In addition, Gibbens said social issues faced by groups in a large city like Edmonton are much more complex and challenging than the issues facing groups in smaller centres, which increases the demands placed on non-profit organizations in Edmonton.

Finally, Gibbens also noted that the casino review didn't take into consideration problems associated with hosting a casino in your municipality, such as problem gambling and crimes committed by gamblers attempting to finance their habit. These issues, which have to be dealt with by the local municipality and local non-profit groups, suggest that a review of casino operations should look at the costs as well as the revenues associated with having a casino in your community, Gibbens said.

Gibbens concluded the letter by noting that the federation was ready to take part in any further consultations the department might want to hold on casino operations in our province.



A New Face to Greet You at EFCL

We are pleased to announce that we have hired Joanne Booth for the position of Front Desk Receptionist. Joanne has worked in a variety of capacities in administration. Joanne also has an extensive volunteer background, including time as president (2006-2009) and planning committee chair (2001-2006) at Strathcona Community League. We quite look forward to having Joanne join our team.

New Deal Part of Tripartite License Negotiation:

More Funds For Leagues in Draft City Budget

Edmonton City Council has instructed its administration to include a new capital funding program and a significant increase in operating dollars for community leagues in the 2011 and 2012 draft city budgets.

If approved this fall and next, the city will make \$3.0 million in matching money available to community leagues, each year, for capital construction and renovation projects. It will also add \$1.34 million to the annual operating grants for community leagues, which represents a 80 per cent hike in funding.

Council instructed the administration to include half of the increase – for both capital and operating dollars – in the 2011 draft city budget. The other half will be considered next year.

The funding request was put together by an EFCL/Community Services Department task force that is reviewing the license agreement the city has with the EFCL and Edmonton's 152 community leagues. The task force recognized that a new funding arrangement was critical to the success of a new license agreement, as community leagues cannot borrow money and fundraising is getting increasingly difficult.

"It represents a new deal with the city," noted EFCL president David Gibbens.

"Times are changing and we need to change with them."

Task force members noted that the days are gone when community league members would mortgage their house in order to raise funds for a new hall – which was the way a

number of halls were built 50 and 60 years ago.

Leagues also need to get more sophisticated when running their facilities. For example, many leagues now have tractor-mounted snowblowers and storage sheds to accommodate them – as the days of finding 12 people to man ice scrapers on a regular basis are quickly disappearing.

The task force has also recognized that it makes little sense to put significant dollars into new or renovated facilities if few people will use them. Consequently, for major projects, the league will need to show how the facility will be used and operational costs will be paid before the grant is approved.

The task force is also looking into the establishment of a clearing house that could match leagues with other non-profit agencies that would like to enter into a long-term rental or partnership agreement for the use of community league halls. This follows discussion the EFCL had with member leagues on July 8, when participants made it clear that they would like to explore long term rental/partnership opportunities, as opposed to one-off "party rentals."

Other agencies under consideration include arts, sports and cultural organizations.

City council is scheduled to consider the funding request in late November/early December. If approved, the new funds would begin to flow Jan. 1, 2011. They would be for new projects only – not projects that the leagues would be seeking to finance retroactively.

Federation Responds to Inquiry From Boysdale Foundation:

EFCL's Camping Days Are Done

The EFCL has sent a letter to the Boysdale Camp Foundation, confirming that it has no further interest in the summer camp operation.

It also wished the Foundation and Fort Road Victory Church the best of luck in getting the camp back in operation for needy Edmonton children.

The federation's letter was in response to a request from the Foundation, which wanted to know if the EFCL intended to get involved in the camp in any way, now that a deal with Fort Road Victory Church was close at hand.

The church has expressed an interest in reviving the camp operation for underprivileged children, so long as it can have complete control of the Sturgeon river valley facility.

In a settlement mediated in 2003, the EFCL agreed to relinquish its control of the picturesque, 50-acre camp property, which it purchased in the 1950s and ran for many years. Unfortunately, growing demands associated with operating the

camp property, coupled with a falling out among camp directors, lead to the facility's disarray and ultimate closure in 2005. Repair costs, including those needed to rectify a series of health and fire safety violations, were estimated to be \$500,000 at the time.

Since 2006 the EFCL has held the position that the operation of a summer camp is no longer part of its mandate. It has also chosen to stay out of the Foundation's affairs and do what it can to repair relationships with foundation board members, many of whom hold executive positions with north Edmonton community leagues.

In response to a motion made by community league members at the federation's Oct. 25 general meeting, a follow-up letter will be sent to the foundation, asking it to restrict any transfer of the property to a non-profit organization. Concerns were expressed about the possibility of the property being sold, given its appraised value of \$1.6 million. Federation members did not want to see any individuals profiting from the sale.



Hockey Corporate Fee For Community Leagues Shelved

Hockey Edmonton expressed good will over the past many years and have tried with many different methods to salvage the ability to sell Community League Memberships.

The last process of selling a flat rate membership was unruly and though some issues were solved even greater issues were created with distribution and dissemination of information.

After round one of distribution lists were sent toward the end of August, it was clear that this process too failed to deal with the issue that is the root of all hockey registrar problems. The hockey registrars simply do not have the resources to be managing the sale of community league memberships.

It was decided by EMHA at a meeting of Community League leaders, EFCL board members, and EMHA registrars and board members on September 28 that EMHA would no longer require community league memberships as part of their registration process. They will promote community leagues and are willing to cooperate with leagues should they wish to be present at a registration event.

It is important to note that hockey is ultimately moving more and more toward online registration and away from in person registration. It has been made clear to Hockey Edmonton that the database managed by the umbrella group Hockey Canada, under no uncertain terms, will not

accommodate the special needs of Edmonton and it's community league membership sales.

Moving forward, hockey has expressed an interest in developing a fund for outdoor ice programs. They have struck a committee which includes EFCL and we will work out the details of this new relationship. We will keep you posted on developments.

With respect to membership sales, many of the hockey families also play soccer and membership sales will not be completely lost. Leagues have contact information for the existing hockey families and can actively pursue their membership during their drive. To attract new hockey families, be sure to hold events such as shinny hockey or family day hockey to get the community members out..

We would like to thank the EMHA for their allegiance for all of these years.

For complete information on the process please visit our website under [activities / hockey corporate rate info](#). Also refer to the October 25, 2010 RGM agenda package available online. Any questions should be clarified there.

REMITTANCES:

We will be sending the final remittances and lists of members in January. If before then, you need to verify whether a family has paid the corporate fee or not please contact Valerie at communications@efcl.org with the details.



Let's Get Families Outside and Using our Rinks!

Host a Family Skating Party this Winter.



EFCL Vice President
David Dodge

David Dodge Appointed to Renewable Energy Task Force

EFCL Vice President David Dodge has accepted an invitation from the City of Edmonton to sit on its renewable energy task force.

The task force will review ways in which renewable energy can be enhanced, through the promotion of wind, geo-thermal and solar production systems.

Director of Communications for the Pembina Institute, Dodge is well positioned to call upon his professional contacts for information and advice, as well as community league members.

The EFCL also hopes to use the work of the task force to enhance its Green Challenge exercise, where leagues are asked to find new ways to conserve energy in their halls, on their grounds and on the properties of their members.

For example, it has been noted that Enmax is launching a new program to install solar panels for an investment by homeowners of only \$1,000.

Leagues Asked To Set Up Direct Deposits

All of the federation's 154 member community leagues have been asked to make arrangements with their bank to allow direct deposits from the EFCL.

The request was formalized at the federation's Oct. 25 regular general meeting, where it was recognized that electronic banking arrangements would not only speed up financial transactions but also reduce their cost.

This situation has become an increasingly important issue, now that the EFCL is selling community league memberships online. As many leagues do not have a paypal account, community league registrants send their money to the EFCL's paypal account. These funds must then be forwarded, cheque by cheque, to each of the leagues.

To date, the Federation has been mailing all of these cheques to each league. This has become a cumbersome and time consuming process, given the increased number of cheques that have to be written. The EFCL is also responsible for the cost of the cheques and postage.

In addition, the federation has run into problems with stale-dated cheques, when the cheques are not cashed within six months. Various factors play into this, including the fact that the cheque isn't always sent to the current league treasurer, when the names in the EFCL's data base get out of date.

EFCL Sets New Rules:

Infrastructure Assessment Program Changes

The EFCL has amended the rules of its infrastructure program to let leagues use the funds for detailed examinations of their hall deficiencies.

The rules changes were made in response to leagues that had discovered serious problems in their hall, such as faulty foundations or mould contamination. In each of these cases, the cost of the investigation was beyond the scope of a general infrastructure review, which the EFCL had been helping to subsidize with city funds.

The new rules call for the league to contribute 20% of the cost of the investigation, with the federation providing the rest (to a maximum of \$20,000 per review).

Any league interested in pursuing this opportunity is asked to contact federation executive director Allan Bolstad. The EFCL will utilize MHPM Project Manager's Inc. to find contract consultants able to do the work.

Long Standing League Volunteer Arlene Meldrum Passes Away



Arlene Meldrum

First female
EFCL President
1972—1974

Arlene Meldrum was a life-long volunteer who continued her passion to the end. Her long association with the Federation, being its first female president in the 1970s, was only one of many interests she pursued during her lifetime. Her spirit of community led her to initiate and contribute to many activities, encouraging others to become involved, and passing the torch to those she trusted so she could create new ventures elsewhere. Her family life revolved around her husband, Jack, her three daughters, Leigh, Wendel and Karen, and later her grandchildren.

As a long-time resident of North Glenora she contributed to the vitality of the North Glenora Community League. It was in her dining room in 1992 that she conceived of holding a "Garbage Fair" to collect and redistribute common household items for re-use. These Fairs developed into city-wide events and led to the City opening the Reuse Centre downtown.

She taught figure skating and power skating, was involved in civic affairs, the City's centennial celebrations, the World Dinosaur Show in 1993, and sat on the University of Alberta Senate. Seniors' affairs were her recent passion. She helped develop the Senior Friendly program at the Alberta Council on Aging, and was active with the Edmonton Seniors' Coordinating Council. She personally has been a help to many of her senior friends.

A spirited lady. A passionate volunteer. A friend to many. Our loss.

~ Bill MacDonald, friend and colleague

Terwillegar Community Recreation Centre Takes Bookings

The City is in the process of booking time for various aquatic user groups at the new Terwillegar Recreation Centre. The swim programs are starting in January 2011.

So far it appears that most leagues are interested in sharing a 5:00 -7:00 p.m. time slot on Sundays. Each league would be charged an equal share of the cost.

Some leagues may also want to find their own time slot.

For more information or to make a request for a time, please contact Shahriyar at 780-437-2913, e-mail Shahriyar.khan@efcl.org or Gina Holowach Senior Booking Coordinator at Gina.Holowach@edmonton.ca

Common Community League Swim Program Investigated

Community Leagues and City of Edmonton are looking into a new pool allocation strategy that features all leagues sharing the cost of using pools on a specified day and time. This suggestion arose at the EFCL's Sept. 29 pool allocation meeting, when leagues were looking for cost-effective, simple ways to offer recreation benefits to their members.

The city intends to develop a proposal and send it to the leagues for their review. Another meeting will be held in a couple of months to get feedback from the leagues.

The new proposal will represent another option for leagues, in addition to weekly rentals at specific pools by one or more leagues and drop-in swim programs, where leagues buy multiple admission passes for their members to use during public swim times at any pool.

South West Community Leagues Split Swim Costs

On November 1 a number of South West community leagues will be ready to sign a new rental agreement at Confederation Pool that sees each of them pick up an equal share of the cost.

The present practice of paying per league visitor had caused a lot of problems, as some leagues didn't believe the figures they were seeing and objected to the size of the bill. Consequently, the leagues will give this new option a try for the next three months.

The City also suggested a 1 ½ hour swim slot instead of 2 or 3 hours, to reduce swim cost. These slots can be booked on Saturdays or Sundays.

If you have any questions regarding this issue please contact Shahriyar khan, Community Development Officer at shahriyar.khan@efcl.org, or Gina Holowach, Senior Booking Coordinator at Gina.Holowach@edmonton.ca

Girl Guide Silver Thanks Award Presented to Blue Quill

Girl Guides of Canada – Betty Martin District presented Silver Thanks Award to long standing partner Blue Quill Community League in a ceremony on Thursday, October 14, 2010

2010 marks the 100th Anniversary of Girl Guides across Canada. For 100 years, over 7 million women and girls have participated in our program in community centers across Canada. In Edmonton, the Betty Martin District nominated Blue Quill Community League for their unending enthusiasm and commitment to ensuring Girl Guides has had a place to run its programs. No-one can really remember how long Guiding has been bringing the Girl Guide program to families in the Blue Quill area. It is too many to count!

All we know, is that Blue Quill should be commended for their support of this community centered program for girls and women. Often girls come to Guiding, as it is the only program their parents can afford, and it is accessible because they can walk to the community hall. Also in this era where many families go outside their communities for



Janet Melnyk, Girl Guide District Commissioner and Brownie Guider Jenny McGrath present award to Andrew Happer, Blue Quill President

services, Girl Guide programs provide an opportunity for girls in the community to make friendships, do service projects for their community and build a sense of pride for the neighbourhoods they live in. "Girl Greatness Starts Here!" at Blue Quill Community Hall. There is definitely a Silver lining to the benefits of community leagues.

EFCL Officially Welcomes New Leagues Formed in 2009 –10 at RGM



At the RGM on October 25, EFCL President David Gibbens presented new leagues formed in 2009 to 2010 with a certificate welcoming them to the Federation and congratulating them on the perseverance they displayed in the formation of the league.

Above from left to right, Ellerslie Vice President, Stephanie Plouffe, Second President, Dean Oscar, Oak Hills President, Warren Sheydwasser, Cameron Heights Vice President, Guy Croome. Summerside was unable to attend.

Teach Kids to Appreciate Nature as an Asset:

Dunluce Play Rangers Take Ownership of Forest

If you visit Dunluce forest on a Thursday afternoon you may be in for a surprise. Forty or fifty Play Rangers have been descending into the wooded area for the past six Thursday's for exploration, learning and play.

Janna Kowalchuk is a Play Ranger program leader. She says Play Rangers is so popular because the program offers everything from learning about survival skills and nature photography to becoming a real Park Ranger and because it is different from regular after school activities.

"Every week at Dunluce we have 40 to 50 kids coming out, so it's been really successful here," says Janna.



"I think it's just different from the things they get to do each day, if they're inside playing video games or just inside at school. They get to come and to learn a whole lot of things they might not normally participate in like building your own fire when you're six, seven, eight... 12 years old is a pretty cool thing."

Dunluce forest was becoming a concern because of negative activities that were going in the tree stand. Some residents thought it was just an undeveloped lot and some — including a local MLA were suggesting it should be cut down.

"There are residents who — believe it or not — have lived here for 20 years who did not even know this natural area existed. So when they walk in they are quite shocked at what they did not know existed in their neighbourhood."

Carla Korpesio is with the Dunluce Community League. She says they help share the cost of the free program with the Dunluce Crime Prevention Council and the city. The cost to the league is about \$800.

She is a big fan of Play Rangers and was anxious for her children to attend.

"My ten-year-old is learning about the forest right now in

Grade 6 and he gets to come to the forest with his class. He enjoys nature anyways, so he really has a good time and my daughter enjoys it. They did outdoor cooking and they did some crafts and they learn about the nature that was here before all the concrete was here."

"It's one of the only natural areas left in the city; it's one of the largest and it's a positive experience for the kids and they get to see what's going on in nature."

Ten-year-old Brayden Korpesio says he likes the games best and Predator and Prey is his favourite.

Rebecca Lavallee says she likes the fun activities and learning how to play lots of games. She has also enjoyed learning how to build lean-to and other survival skills like making a plastic bag tent.

Sherry Wallace is the community recreation coordinator for Dunluce. She says "The program is a great way to create value and celebrate the beauty of the natural area...It's a self-fulfilling prophecy; if you don't use the area and it's not being used for positive usage then it sometimes allows other people that you don't really want using the tree stand."

"The best way to address some of that is to have people engaged in the forest and provide some education about what a natural area is. There are several natural areas across the city of Edmonton — Dunluce is the third largest— and so it's right in their neighbourhood. It's a great opportunity to address two things: get the community engaged and educate them about the importance of natural areas, as well as to address some of the concerns about the research that's been done about the disconnect between children and nature."

The kids are now starting to call the forest "their" forest.



**Nancy Features league stories and posts community events on
SHAW TV, CBC Radio, and in the Edmonton Examiner.**

Share your story with her nancy.rempel@efcl.org

Oliver's Peace Garden Park Provides Oasis for Neighbours

If your community is interested in building a beautiful community garden Oliver's Peace Garden Park is a leader in beauty and creativity.

What makes it even more unique is that it is not only a community garden. It also serves as a community park. Located downtown at 102 Ave and 120th St the garden is home to more than 80 gardeners of all physical abilities because it has raised gardening beds.

Peace Garden Park is made up of concentric circles with benches in the centre to relax and enjoy the growing ambiance. There is even a burbling rock for when it rains. The unique garden park is the first of its kind in Edmonton and has been nominated for a National Communities in Bloom Award because the land it sits on used to be considered an eyesore.

Longtime gardener Faith Fernalld, who had just harvested zucchini from her plot, says the seed for the garden was planted in 2006 when a group of gardeners approached the city about getting a permanent home.

"In the 90's there was this garden over by the Sidetrack Café and the owner, who was lending us the land, decided to sell it and so we had to close the garden. Meanwhile, we borrowed some land from Grant MacEwan, which is now a parking lot, and then this area became available when the Catholic School decided to halve their former playground."

Fernalld says the city paid \$1.4 million for the land and then donated it to create the garden and park.

Fernalld, who lives in a condo, says she's happy to be able to grow more than just a few plants in containers on her deck, but more than anything she enjoys the chance to socialize.

"This is a very transient community and everybody who has



a plot has to join the community league so we're really happy. That's 84 people who are now members of the community league — it's hard to get a sense of community in this kind of transient neighbourhood. "

"It's really fun to compare vegetables with other people — people who are good gardeners give you tips. We came here at 10 pm one night and there were loads of people all sitting around this picnic table and it's just a very nice atmosphere and it's nice to know you're neighbours. I grew up in a small town and I miss that, living in a condo."

Megan Rogers is the garden coordinator. She says this has been the first full year of gardening for the group.

Rogers grew up on a farm and shares her plot with her fiancé Rodney Al, who was busy digging up fingerling potatoes.

Rogers says aside from enjoying her favourite vegetable beets, the garden helps her reconnect with the fact that food doesn't just magically appear in the grocery store.

Anna Vasela has lived in Oliver for the past six years. She was so inspired by the garden she led a bicycling tour to other neighbouring gardens.

She's hopeful they will win the national award.

"I really think that Oliver has a chance because before this site was so decrepit and I would walk by here all the time and it was just terrible — cracked asphalt with nothing happening. It was fenced in right beside school, terrible for the kids playing

there. It's nice to see it way more lively, there's lots of people using it all the time and just looking at it is much more pleasant for the community in general, so I'm really excited to see what happens."

The National Communities in Bloom Award ceremony is on October 29th. Good luck to Oliver and kudos to the city for helping create such a beautiful downtown oasis.



The EFCL and Area Councils Explore New Partnership

The EFCL and representatives of the city's eleven area councils are exploring new ways of working together.

At meetings this summer, the organizations determined that it would be helpful to have a written agreement that outlines the role of each party and grounds for mutual cooperation.

The representatives also decided it would be beneficial to have a paid staff person coordinate the activities of all of the groups and improve communication between them. This would include the collection of input from community leagues on the many issues the city wants feedback from Edmontonians.

"The EFCL and the area councils serve the same members – community leagues," noted EFCL president David Gibbens.

"It only makes sense for all of us to work together."

A draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is now being circulated to all of the area councils for their review. It touches

on the sharing of information, joint usage of monthly meetings and the recognition of each other's volunteers. One notable differentiation between the EFCL and the councils is that the federation is to focus on policy issues that affect at least 51% of its members. Area councils will focus on issues that affect the leagues in their area.

Area councils currently range in size from six to 24 leagues. The MOU suggests an optimum range of six to 15 leagues.

The EFCL, on behalf of itself and the area councils, has submitted a request to the city for \$55,000 for the District and Area Council coordinator position. City council will consider this request during its 2011 budget deliberations this fall.

Dragons, Tattoos, and Footballs! Oh my!

EFCL Celebrates at Heritage Festival!



Thanks again to all of the fantastic volunteers and visitors who made the 2010 Heritage Days festival awesome! For the second year the EFCL hosted a pavilion, "The EFCL Rest Centre."

Located at the entrance to the park, volunteers gave out community league information, prizes, tattoos and entertained thousands of children with our EFCL Football Toss. We even attracted a few exotic dragons from a nearby Chinese pavilion!



The EFCL is continuing to attempt to reach out to cultural groups and communities around Edmonton and Heritage Festival provided an excellent opportunity to talk with many new Edmontonians about the benefits of joining your local community league.

The EFCL is constantly looking for ways to raise the profile of the community league movement in Edmonton and help every Edmontonian learn more about their local community league and why they should get involved. Whether it's hosting a LAN party, teen dance or neighborhood block party, community leagues can be *anything you want them to be*.

The EFCL will be back at the Heritage Days Festival in 2011. Make sure you add it to your calendar for the next August long weekend!



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Local Motion: the movie ... and what's next? - November 18

In June 2009, Parkallen residents participated enthusiastically in Local Motion, a pilot project of the City of Edmonton and the Parkallen neighbourhood, designed to reduce car use and promote more sustainable forms of transportation: bicycling, walking, and using public transit. The program helped them win the 2009 Green Challenge.

A documentary film about Parkallen's experience of the Local Motion project will be screened at the **Parkallen Community Hall, 11104 - 65 Avenue on Thursday, November 18, 2010, at 7 pm.** Light refreshments will be served.

The film will be followed by a short discussion session around what Parkallen residents can do next, to move our community further away from fossil fuel dependence, towards local resiliency. The discussion will be led by Robert Kirchner, Sustainability Coordinator for the Parkallen Community League.

Grandview Heights - December 2

12603 - 63 Avenue, 7:00 pm Refreshments, & presentations followed by discussion.

Permaculture: Dustin Bajer

JP Permaculture is a resilient urban agriculture project at Jasper Place High School in Edmonton, Alberta Canada. Directed by Dustin Bajer, a teacher, Master Gardener, Composter, and Permaculturalist, JP Permaculture is largely possible through the help of student volunteers and funding provided by Alberta EcoTrust's Young Environmental Stewards (Y.E.S) Grant.

2nd speaker: to be announced

Transition 1.0 – film showing

Save the Date: January 22
The Tradeshow is back
and we need your help:

What kinds of businesses or services would you like to see at the tradeshow this year?

Have you had any positive experiences with businesses or services that we should approach to host a table at the Tradeshow?

Email: Michael.janz@efcl.org preferably by November 15th as space is limited.

Save the Date! January 22

Back by popular demand, the Community League Tradeshow creates your one-stop-shop for all of your community league needs. Bringing together businesses, non-profits, services, and suppliers from around Canada, any project you wish to undertake in 2011 can be assisted by your presence at this event. Target audience are community league leaders and volunteers. Attendance and

2011 Community League Tradeshow

Free Admission, Free Parking

9AM-4PM

Space is limited.

Questions or RSVP: Michael.janz@efcl.org

Help us spread the word:

Please post save-the-date in your league newsletter

Please post save-the-date on your league website

Please encourage your board members to block off this date and attend





Planning Matters

Bev Zubot

EFCL Community Planning Advisor

Sept. 25 Workshop a Success:

Envisioning Family-Friendly Multi-Unit Housing

The EFCL's September 25th Family Friendly multi-unit Housing Workshop got people talking about appropriate housing for families with children as we build a more compact city and redevelop our mature neighbourhoods. Thirty seven workshop participants discussed why it was important for higher density housing to accommodate families with children, what would make multi-unit housing "family friendly", and how we can promote more family-friendly infill housing..

Participants emphasized the importance of private outdoor space for families, a space large enough for families to eat together, grow plants and preschoolers to play under the watchful eye of an adult. The private outdoor space may be fairly small; some said it could be as small as 30m² for households with 2 children, and even as small as 15m² for one child households, if there is adjacent common outdoor space shared with other units. To be considered a secure play space, the common amenity area must be fenced or within a courtyard and be within visual and audio surveillance of the units.

There was also a general consensus that to be family friendly the dwelling units must have superior soundproofing of floors and walls, there must be in suite and out-of-suite storage space, laundry facilities, and at least 2 bedrooms with the flexibility to create 3 bedrooms.

Discussion also focused on the long term vision for family friendly housing. This has to include flexibility in design so that families can continue to live in



Above , Workshop participants visualize the size of yards in high density housing.

the housing as they grow and change. For example, a two bedroom unit should be designed so that it can easily be made into a three bedroom unit, and recreation spaces should be able to be transformed into spaces for children of all ages and adults. This attention to the lifecycle of families will mean greater stability for families and communities.

Another common theme in the discussions was the need for diversity in unit designs to accommodate diversity in family sizes and income levels.

Participants reviewed a summary of family/child-oriented housing guidelines used in other cities and were asked what was missing. Given Edmonton winters, many felt common indoor amenity spaces for gatherings and recreation should be available. Ideally the indoor common amenity space would be large enough for gatherings of the building occupants; however some participants thought

large indoor facilities were unnecessary, while one cautioned, "We have to take care that we do not create inward looking family friendly complexes that are so self-sufficient with large common outdoor and indoor amenity spaces that they do not connect to the community".

A few people mentioned that attention to lighting was missing from the draft family friendly guidelines. Given our dark

winter nights, some participants recommended motion sensitive lighting in play areas for ease of surveillance. They also wanted exterior lighting that did not shine into windows so residents could keep their curtains open at night to keep "eyes on the street".

The EFCL welcomes suggestions from its members about family-friendly, multi-unit housing.

Please send your comments to Bev.Zubot@efcl.org.

Also, please contact the EFCL for an update on meeting times for a group that is promoting family-friendly infill housing guidelines.

More detailed information on the planning workshop and related information is available at www.efcl.org under Planning Matters – Civic Documents. Search for the documents dated 100925, including the Draft Guidelines, [workshop discussion notes](#), [individual responses](#), and [background resources](#).

No limit set for projects near LRT stations and major Transit Routes:

High Density Development on the Way

The City is working on Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Guidelines and Standards which would allow more intense developments around stations, while improving pedestrian and cycling access to the LRT stations. Maximum densities are not specified in the TOD guidelines because higher density around LRT stations is being encouraged in order to maximize ridership. New construction of single-family homes would not be permitted, with the exception of home replacements. Row housing and low rise apartments would be the smallest buildings developed in the 400 m radius of an LRT station and in the 200 m radius of a major transit route.

The EFCL has been asked to provide feedback on the draft TOD Guidelines which will be revised in the next few weeks. Your Community League District representatives on the EFCL Planning Committee have already provided some preliminary feedback to the City on the proposed Transit-Oriented Development policies. In general they have expressed support for moderately increasing density around transit stations and improving pedestrian and cycling accessibility. They have said that higher density housing around LRT stations should be family friendly, especially when there is a school within 800 m of the station. Infill housing should meet the family friendly housing guidelines being developed by EFCL.

In addition, they believe there should be limits on density in order to address quality of life issues and predictability. They support the mandatory 30 m separation of houses from larger scale housing; however, the 30 m separation is greatly opposed by the development industry, thus this requirement may be removed from the TOD standards, unless there is significant public demand.

Furthermore, EFCL Planning Committee members have expressed support for the mandatory pedestrian and cycling enhancements around stations, including shorter blocks, wider sidewalks and dedicated bike lanes.

Finally, they have asked that historic buildings on the LRT route be identified and protected, believing that the historical character of each neighbourhood should be honored.

Before finalizing its response to the city the EFCL would like to hear from community leagues.

Do you support the ideas of the EFCL Planning Committee? What are your recommendations? Please take the time to review the [draft TOD framework](#) and send your comments to the EFCL Planning Committee. Also, you are invited to join the TOD discussion group or the December 1 city workshop by contacting Bev.Zubot@efcl.org, 780-437-6930.



Learn More About City Planning

Understand the urban planning process in Edmonton and be an effective voice for your Community

Join the Planning Academy! EFCL's Edo Nyland Scholarship Worth \$70 Available to Community League Members upon completion of 3 core courses and 1 elective. Courses are 3 or 6 hours each. To register, search for the [Planning Academy](#) on www.edmonton.ca

Creating a New Style of Low-Rise Apartments

Low rise apartments being built in mature neighbourhoods could take on a different look if a new set of regulations in a Medium Scale Residential Overlay is adopted.

Based on interpretations of the Residential Infill Guidelines, city planners are proposing a number of new regulations for infill apartments. For instance each apartment unit is to have a private outdoor amenity space – a yard or balcony. Presently this is not required.

Ground level units are to have a minimum 15m² of private amenity space, as well as private entrances. Common/shared outdoor amenity space would be required if the building had 20 or more units.

The Overlay also calls for additional setbacks and architectural treatments.

The EFCL Planning Committee is currently analyzing the first draft of the regulations and we need your input. Please contact Bev Zubot if you want to review the draft Overlay draft or attend a presentation by the Planning Department.

The Overlay is scheduled to go before City Council in December.

EFCL Welcomes Comments:

Row housing without yards

More compact row housing with small front yards, and perhaps no back yards, may be the norm if Council accepts a new set of regulations on December 13th.

EFCL has been meeting with the city Planning Department and the development industry to try to shape the new regulations for row housing. Negotiations have been challenging because EFCL's vision of family-oriented row housing on pedestrian-friendly, treed boulevard streets is not the vision of the development industry. Ultimately the development industry wants row housing zones with maximum flexibility, including the ability to build three-storey row housing with no rear yards and minimal front yards.

EFCL has been successful in convincing the Planning Department not to reduce the minimum ground level outdoor amenity space from 30 m² to 15 m². The Planning Department also accepted our suggestion to eliminate driveways from the calculation of outdoor amenity space. Plus we have been able to introduce the requirement of a treed boulevard when the front yards are under 4.5 meters.

We have not yet been able to eliminate the no-rear-yard, rear attached garage option from the standard row housing zone. We believe this non-family oriented option should have a separate zone and be restricted to specific areas. EFCL is arguing that this style of row housing should not be placed across from schools. On the other hand, the Planning Department believes this style of housing is perfect when built close to a park/school because the park provides green space for the occupants.

We need to hear from you with your opinions. **Are we on the right track?**

The October 8th drafts of the revised old RF5 row housing zone and the new Urban Character Row Housing Zone are available by visiting www.efcl.org under [Planning Matters – Civic Documents](#). Another draft will likely be available before the amendments go to Council.

Let EFCL know if you want to receive the latest draft when it becomes available.

Planning & Development Committee Growing Strong

With the newly elected District members, Jamie, Cora, and Deepali, the Planning Committee has representatives from nearly every District. The Committee members are: Shelley Tupper (District A), Bernie Zolner (B), Jamie Post (E), Bryan Kapitza (F), Cora Shaw (G), Barry Davis (H), Elaine Solez (I), Lori Jeffery-Heaney (J), Deepali Medhekar (K), Shafteek Ali (L). District C (Horsehills/Clareview area) and D (west Henday) positions are vacant.

The Planning Committee addresses land development policies which impact a majority of community leagues. They are often the first group of citizens consulted when the city is thinking of making policy changes. The Committee studies the issue, informs community leagues via District meetings or EFCL news, receives feedback, and makes recommendations to the EFCL Board. The EFCL position is then taken to City Council.

Got a land development concern? Contact your District representative or contact the EFCL Community Planning Advisor, Bev Zubot.



Planning Committee
Meets on the
4th Wednesday

Do you have concerns about the consultation process for development permits or rezoning in your community? You are invited to a meeting with community league representatives, developers and city planning staff to:

Improve Early Land Development Consultations

Wednesday, November 3, 7 – 9 pm

at the EFCL Office, 7103 105 Street

Land developers and home owners are encouraged, and in some instances mandated to consult with Community Leagues and neighbours prior to applying for a building development permit or rezoning.

While there are many benefits to having a consultation at the pre-application stage, there are some concerns about the process. Your input will be used to improve the process and perhaps prepare an information package.

Feel free to invite your neighbours who have been through the building process either as a home builder/renovator or as a neighbour who has been asked to review a development proposal.

All input is welcomed and helpful.

Please let EFCL know you are attending. Contact Bev.Zubot@efcl.org or 780-437-2913.

Early Release of City Reports now Possible

Did you ever wish you had more time to review city administration reports before they went to Council? A few days is just not long enough for you as a volunteer to read the report and get your league executive together to prepare a response for a City Council meeting. Under a new procedure, supported by EFCL and adopted by City Council, you can now request a longer time to review a specific report. To request an early release of a report, contact your ward Councillor and cc the Office of the City Clerk by contacting Colleen.Johnston@edmonton.ca (780-496-8160). The Agenda Review Committee will decide whether or not your request is granted. If granted, the report will be put on a Council or Council Committee agenda but will not be discussed until a later date. If you request more time to review a report, please let us know how it went.

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Let us know when your rink opens and for what hours!
Please include name of league and rink address if different than hall or league meeting place. communications@efcl.org

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If you are new or if you have forgotten your account access information, memberships are being sold at efcl.org and you need to distribute your cards and skate tags. Please contact our office for your login information. communications@efcl.org

Also: watch for supply order info in upcoming news.

Ice Making Workshop 2010

Ice Making and Routine Maintenance of Outdoor Rinks

Thursday November 18, 2010

6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Spruce Avenue Community Hall 10240 115 Ave

Receive hands on training and tips to help you with your local rink.

Cost: Free!!

A light supper will be provided

Please dress for the weather - You will be outside for a portion of the training!

This workshop is free but spaces are limited so be sure to register early. Priority will be given to those who are attending the workshop for the first time.

To register, contact: NCDEastEvents@edmonton.ca

Please indicate if you are a first time attendee of the workshop when registering.

For more information, call Rocky Pilisko 780-496-3782

Neighbourhood Watch Offers Strategies for Stress Areas

Within our business plan initiatives one of the areas that we felt support should be afforded our community partners and groups is around criminally stressed or challenged areas in the City of Edmonton. With this in mind Edmonton Neighbourhood Watch would like to offer the following services and partnership;

Should your particular area be experiencing an increase in crime and criminal activity in any specific area or a combination of areas we would be pleased to meet with you, your Board of Directors or group. On examination and discussion in regards to the events that are taking place we would recommend specific strategies and together arrive at long and short term goals to measure our success within the area and/or neighbourhood. Developing, delivering information and recommendations to the general public within these specific areas would also take place thus creating the solution locally with the community residents taking part in the process.

Should your organization or group wish to discuss this opportunity please do not hesitate to contact me at 780-974-0491 or by e-mail at

ed@watch.edmonton.ab.ca

Edmonton Neighbourhood Watch is also available to make generic presentations to your community league Board of Directors, members or groups.

Yours in community spirit.

Paul J. Lepine, CHRP

Executive Director

Communities urged to apply for crime prevention grants

Funding criteria, application forms, and a list of the first-year and second-year SCIF projects are available at <http://www.safecommunities.gov.ab.ca/scif>. The deadline for applications is November 5.

Crime Prevention Program Seeks Venues

The Crime Free Multi-Housing program is looking for space to hold its Safety Social, either at a reduced rate or free of charge. Community Leagues interested in hosting the program are requested to contact Dale Brenneis of the EPS at Dale.Brenneis@edmontonpolice.ca

Managing Interpersonal Conflict Workshop Series

This series is an introduction to interpersonal conflict communication. The workshops are designed to provide you with knowledge and tools for how to approach difficult interpersonal situations. Registration: www.mrjc.ca or call 780-423-0896

Note: The series is comprised of 3 workshops: Communicating Through Conflict, Style Matters, & Conflict Communication Skills Practice. Please see our website for individual workshop descriptions. It is recommended to take the workshops in sequential order.

November 2010 Series on the 9th, 16th, and 23rd

Early Childhood Project seeks community league support:

A five year research project has been launched by Alberta Education to examine ways in which communities can help young children reach their potential. Called the Early Childhood development Mapping project (ECMap) more information in efcl.org / [news / community classifieds](http://news.comunityclassifieds) Contact at sfulawka@ualberta.ca

Icemakers Needed

Bonnie Doon and Strathcona Community Leagues are looking for icemakers. For more information contact Nancy at rempeln@gmail.com or Ph: 780-440-9727

Seniors Snow Shovelling Services

Find this and other information on our seniors page at [efcl.org / resources / Seniors Resources](http://efcl.org/resources/SeniorsResources) or call EFCL at 780-437-2913 [Link to pdf of contact information](#)

Are you concerned about Edmonton's Environment?

The Way We Green Public Forum



Learn. Discuss. Contribute.

Wednesday, November 3, 4 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 4, 7:30 a.m.—6 p.m.

The City Room, Edmonton City Hall

Enjoy children's activities on Wednesday evening.

Alberta Thai Association is looking to partner with a community league on the development of a new building or sharing space in an existing one. The contact is Maurice Rousseau and he can be reached at Rousseaum@shaw.ca or (780) 643-1487.

Cancer Society's Information on Pesticides — make educated choices about your yard maintenance

Cancer Society [Web page on Pesticide](#)

Telus World of Science Promotion for Leagues

Has your League Claimed Your Freebie from Telus World of Science?

Details online at [efcl.org / News](http://efcl.org/News)

Winterlight Festivals

Flashpoint Jan 22

Illuminations Jan 29

Common Ground Feb 4-5

Family Day Feb 21

Mill Creek Adventure Walk Feb 25-26

Star Party March 5

www.winterlight.ca

Preschool Learn to Skate Lessons Winter 2011

The program is designed for children aged 4-6 yrs old who have never skated before. This program offers learn to skate instruction for your Preschooler. We'll focus on fun, participation, achievement, some songs, and of course the basics of ice-skating. Canadian Standards Association Hockey helmet is a must for child! Parents are welcome to join children on the ice but it is not required. Callingwood Arena - Vern Davis Rink 17760 69 Avenue January 17 to March 14 (excluding Family Day) Mondays 10:30 to 11:00 am (362226) 11:00 to 11:30 am (362227) 11:30 to noon (362228) Crestwood Arena 9940 147 Street January 20 to March 17 (No program March 3) Thursdays 10:30 to 11:00 am (362231) 11:00 to 11:30 (362232) 11:30 to noon (362233) Castledowns Arena A 11520 153 Avenue January 20 to March 17 (No program March 3) Thursdays 12:45-1:15 pm (362234) 1:15 to 1:45 pm (362235) 1:45 pm to 2:15 pm (362236) \$30 for each 8 week session

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By Phone: 311

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SERVICES & CONTACTS

Online League Directory - Contact Information, Hall, board, meeting location information. Provide updates and additions to Valerie below.

Executive Director Allan Bolstad - Manages all EFCL operations, initiates programs and carries out policy directions from the board.

Planning Advisor Bev Zubot - Guides Community Leagues in the consultation process and assists with zoning, bylaw, transportation, planning & development issues.

Finance Advisor Linda Crosby - Provides training to ensure an easy transition for new treasurers and is full of expert advice for setting up books, accounting programs, grant applications, and more.

Marketing Director - Michael Janz - Promotes Community Leagues and raises the awareness of the role of Community Leagues in wellness of the city. Current projects also include Involving the Next Generation & the EFCL Business Plan.

Community Development Officer Shahriyar Khan - Develops and promotes programs as dictated by our members needs. Focus at the moment is on Aboriginal groups, Newcomers to Canada

Asst Director, Communications & Special Events Valerie Pachal - Facilitates communications with leagues, organizes events, offers technical support for online services and advises leagues for web development of their own.

Receptionist - Joanne Booth
Answers public and league inquiries. Coordinates Membership Supplies.
Provides administrative support to EFCL staff

League Interviewer - Nancy Rempel
Contact Nancy with your league events for media coverage.

Check online for programs and
Information at Edmonton.ca or efcl.org
[Graffiti Clean Up Kit](#)
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www.gettinginvolved.ca
www.OurSharedResources.org

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***January 15 - date to be confirmed
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***January 22 -
EFCL Trade Show***

***February 28 - date to be confirmed
Membership supplies order deadline!***

***April 4 -
Annual General Meeting***

**SAVE THIS DATE
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Membership Event:**

**Community
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September 17**

*Date chosen at EFCL's
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