

COMMUNITY LEAGUE NEWS SOUTH

Serving the community leagues of
Argyll, Bonnie Doon, Hazeldean, Ritchie and Strathcona.



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Snow Angels

Snow Angels is a broad, community based education campaign about snow removal which recognizes those citizens who shovel regularly or who help a neighbour out. Community Leagues participate in the program in order to help promote better sidewalk clearing, recognize people who shovel on a regular basis, as well as those who help their neighbors in need. Argyll Community League is a participating member. Residents who participate in the Snow Angels programme can receive prizes as well as recognition from our community league.

As a community, we want to encourage everyone to keep their sidewalks free of snow and ice. We also want to encourage residents to consider helping a neighbour. Many people in Argyll need help due to mobility or health issues and might not always ask for help. If you need help shoveling your walk, please contact Dave Trautman at 780.463.9310.

If you are a senior needing help with your walk this winter, please contact the South East Edmonton Seniors Association: 780.468.1985.

This is our opportunity to make sure Argyll residents keep sidewalks safe for everyone and to help out our neighbors who might need assistance.

Volunteer "Snow Angels" will be eligible for a prize pack from Boston Pizza. Become a



Snow Angel by:

Keeping your walk free of snow and ice

Shoveling a neighbour's walk

Starting a conversation with neighbours about the importance of clear sidewalks

Making a plan with your neighbours to share the shoveling

Let's work together to keep our sidewalks clear. If you wish to report the fine work of a Snow Angel for recognition contact Dave Trautman at the number above.

Bonnie Doon Centennial Celebrations!

In 2019 Bonnie Doon will be celebrating 100 years! Bonnie Fest will celebrate 10 years and we'll also celebrate the launch of Bonnie Doon's History book. We are looking for community members to be part of a

team to plan how to celebrate our centennial. Would you like to be involved? And how would you like to celebrate this big year? Please email president@bonniedoon.ca to be on the team.

Hazeldean Lantern Parade

Back by popular demand, the 4th annual Hazeldean Lantern Parade will take place on January 19th. Make your own lantern at the Hall (supplies provided) and parade along the greenway to Millcreek for a truly magical experience. Construction of the lanterns will take place in the Hall from 3pm to 5:30pm, with the parade starting at 5:30pm. Anyone interested in volunteering for the event please contact Toby-Anne at craft.sale@hazeldean.org.



Enjoy a night of holiday music!

Dec. 15: A Very Merry Christmas at Ritchie Hall

Tickets: \$10 on Eventbrite.com.

12 and younger free.

A LIMITED number of tickets will be available at the door.

Ritchie Community League is pleased to present an all-ages concert showcasing a variety of local talent.

Have any extra holiday treats that you'd like to share? Feel free to bring along your famous Christmas cookies and festive appetizers or just help your neighbours to eat theirs! Light refreshments will be provided by Hazeldean Bakery.

Who'll be there?

JAY GILDAY

As the 2017 Edmonton Music Awards Singer-Songwriter of the Year and Artist to Watch, as well as Indigenous Artist of the Year from the 2017 Western Canadian Music Awards, Jay Gilday uses his mix of folk, blues, traditional and rock to bring a unique voice to the Edmonton music scene.

MARTIN KERR

Coming fresh off his sold-out show at the Winspear Centre, independent folk artist Martin Kerr still regularly goes back to his roots, busking around the city. His latest single "You're Amazing" has earned radio airplay and is moving up the charts.

OTHER ARTISTS:

Amy Van Keekan

Kayla Hotte

Shelley Fosse

Backbeat Music School

Calvary Baptist Church

Indulge your inner elf

Help Ritchie host its all-ages concert Saturday, Dec. 15: A Very Ritchie Christmas. There are several positions to choose from starting at 3:30, 5 or 8 p.m. None are longer than three hours, leaving you time to enjoy the event as well as help it run smoothly. All shifts wrap up by 10 p.m.

Contact Tracy: volunteers@ritchie-league.com or leave a message at the hall 780-433-7137.

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Community Leagues...where neighbours meet and great things happen!

Board meetings are held on the second Monday of each month, September to June, at 7:00 p.m. All community league members are welcome to attend. For more information phone 780-439-1501 or e-mail at info@strathconacommunity.ca

The Strathcona Centre Community League is on Facebook. Follow us on Twitter @StrathconaCL

The copy deadline for the February-March 2019 issue of Community League News South is January 28, 2019. Please contact Donna Fong, Newsletter Editor, at 780-433-5702, or by e-mail at donna.fong@shaw.ca



Annual General Meeting

The Community League had a large turnout for our annual general meeting on November 26th. League business included the presentation of the 2017-2018 financial statements and 14 director and committee reports followed by board elections during the two-hour meeting. Reports had been posted at the league website prior to the AGM.

Congratulations to the following individuals who were elected for two-year Board positions unless otherwise noted:

President: Maureen Duguay
Vice-President: Delianne Meenhorst (one-year term)

Treasurer: Carole Olafson (one-year term)

Secretary: Anya Manukyan
Civics and Planning Co-chairs: John de Haan and Derek Kaplan

Membership Co-chairs: Lois Hameister and Jeanie McDonnell

Programs: Donna Fong
Soccer Co-chairs: Jenn Costigan and Cheryl West-Hicks

Occupational and Safety Officer: Yixi Song

For a full list of the members of the 2018-2019 Board, see Page 2.

Welcome to the new Board Members

and Appointee:

Carole Olafson, Treasurer

Carole has been a resident of Strathcona community since the spring of 2000. She retired a few years ago from the travel industry after 25 years and was an educator prior to that. The Treasurer is for managing and administering all finances of the Strathcona Community League. Carole is committed to serving our community to the best of her ability.

Anya Manukyan, Secretary

Anya Manukyan has recently graduated with a degree in Criminology from the University of Alberta. She currently works with young people in the criminal justice system and is interested in law, human rights work, and the criminal justice field. Anya spends her free time snowboarding, doing various martial arts, and is an avid reader.

Derek Kaplan, Co-Chair, Civics and Planning

Derek is a relative newcomer to Strathcona, living here for the past two years with his wife and two children, but in that time has developed a great appreciation for both its amenities and neighbours. Starting from a homebase in the fine arts, he has a degree in phi-

losophy and a masters in architecture, and 11 years of professional experience in architecture firms in Vancouver and Edmonton, and has taught as a sessional at the UofA. He previously volunteered on the board of the Yal-town Roundhouse Arts and Recreation Centre in Vancouver, and looks forward to contributing to the Strathcona community's efforts to manage change toward a better urban future.

Yixi Song, Occupational and Safety Officer (Two-year term)

Yixi Song and his wife, Zhenzhen Lu have lived in Strathcona for more than four years. He is responsible for ensuring that all Occupational Health and Safety Standards are being met for the league. Training of staff and volunteers would be a responsibility as well as ensuring that proper licensing and signage is posted. Yixi has two undergraduate degrees in different majors: electromechanical engineering and computer software. He is working as safety manager in a construction company. In addition, Yixi is coaching some teenagers to code an Artificial Intelligence program in 3D game building as an officer with the Alberta Artificial Intelligence Association.

Adults Yoga

Monday Evenings with Corinne

Jan. 7 - Feb. 25, 2019

6:30-7:45pm (new time)

7 weeks. Fee: \$84 (cash or cheque, please bring exact change or cheque)

Drop-in Fee: \$14

Community League membership required (any league), membership available on-site.

Contact Corinne at corinnemcnally@gmail.com, 780-239-6164.

YOGA

Tues. & Thurs. 9:30-10:45 am

Tues. Jan. 8 to Feb. 26

Thurs. Jan. 10 to Feb. 28

9:30-10:45am

Fee: \$96.00 for 1 class per week, \$176.00 for 2 classes per week.

Drop in: \$14.00. Sign up for both Tuesday and Thursday classes for \$154.00.

Drop in Fee: \$14.00

Community League membership required.

Contact: Kyla at fischerk@telus.net or 780-430-0229.

YOGA (Dawn Lamothe)

Sundays 9:30 am-10:45 am

January 13, 20, 27; February 3, 10, 24;

March 3, 10, 17. (9 classes)

Fee: \$108, cash or cheque. Drop-in: \$14

Please bring exact cash only.

To register or for questions, contact Dawn at iamtsunami@gmail.com.

Vinyasa will vary and progress. It is more challenging as it flows continuously. Classes will have a warm up, standing sequences to strengthen the legs; balancing sequences various options for backbends and back strengtheners. The class will include adaptable inversions (including legs up the wall) and finish with cool down and rest and meditation.

Please join us along with Dawn Lamothe ERYT (Experienced Registered Yoga Teacher). These classes are for intermediate to advanced practitioners. Beginners who like a challenge are also welcome.

URBAN POLE WALKING

Wednesday mornings 7:30 am

Thursday evenings, 6:30 pm

Cost: Free

Join the Strathcona Pole Walking Group. Meet one of the walk leaders, Melanie Kidder (Wed.) and Delianne Meenhorst (Thurs.) inside the league hall. All fitness levels welcome. Dress in layers for the winter weather and wear a clip-on light if you wish. Walks are between 45-60 minutes. Several sets of poles are available for use or bring your own. Walks will be cancelled due to temperature below -20C, icy streets, etc.

Melanie, 780-722-7558 (call or text) or

ZUMBA



Wednesdays with Mel Kidder

Jan. 16-Mar. 27/19, 6:30-7:30 pm

Fee: \$88; Drop-in fee: \$12.00 per class

Community League membership required.

Register: Contact Melanie at 780-722-7558 or email melstrand_5@hotmail.com

There are no "wrong moves" in Zumba! Melanie lives in Old Strathcona and has been teaching Zumba Fitness for five years. She is licensed to teach many Zumba formats from Zumba Kids to Zumba Gold and everything in between.

email melstrand_5@hotmail.com
Delianne, 587-986-7832



McDougall United Church

"In the Heart of the City"

Come Home To Christmas

Sunday Services 10:30 a.m.



Christmas Music at Noon Benefit Concerts

12 noon – 1 p.m.
Wednesday,
December 5
A Jazzy Christmas
Frosty and
His Snowmen,
a.k.a A/B Trio

Wednesday, December 12

A Celtic Christmas
Keri Lynn Zwicker, harp

Complimentary coffee by Starbucks,
hot apple cider, Christmas treats –
bring your lunch!

The Benefit Concerts support
the E4C School Lunch Program
Admission free.

McDougall United Church
10025 – 101 St. & Macdonald Dr.
Phone: 780-428-1818
www.mcdougallunited.com



Light In The Midst Of Darkness The Longest Night

A time of prayer, reflection,
remembering, and solace in
a quiet space

Thursday, December 20 – 2 p.m.
Chapel/Lounge (please use south
entrance 10086 Macdonald Dr.)

Christmas Music Service

Sunday, December 23 – 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Eve Candle Light Service

Monday, December 24 – 7:30 p.m.

New Year's Eve Benefit Concert

7:30 – 10:30 p.m.

A family night of folk music,
refreshments, kids activities.
Admission: donations to the
Edmonton food Bank

Draw and Paint for Teens

Saturdays

Jan. 12 Mar. 23/19; 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Fee: \$180. Fee includes all instruction, art
materials, and a sketchbook (Payment can be
broken up.)

Classes take place at the Strathcona Com-
munity League hall, 10139 87 Avenue. Con-
tact Berna Ponich, B.Ed., at berna@telus.net
or phone 780-433-8929 for information and
to register. Facebook @artagogo

KIDS ARTAGOGO - ART AT THE HALL

Young Masters: Draw/Paint: Ages 6 and Up
Wednesdays; Jan. 9 - Feb. 27/19; Fee: \$160

Young Masters: Draw/Paint: Ages 6 and Up
Wednesdays; Jan. 9 – Mar. 20/19; Fee: \$220
Time: 4:00 - 4:15 pm - drawing warm-up
4:15 - 5:15 pm - instruction and course work
(for those who need a little more time to
make it after school)

Fee includes instruction, art materials, and a
sketchbook (Payment can be broken up)

Young Masters: Draw/Paint: Ages 6 and Up
Saturdays; Jan. 12 - Mar. 23/19
10-11:30am

Fee: \$180

Fee includes instruction, art materials, and a
sketchbook (Payment can be broken up.)

Pub Nights

Pub nights are typically the third Friday of
the month at 8pm in the upstairs lounge. In
January and February, we'll hold an extra
family-friendly pub night starting at 5pm.

Upcoming pub nights:

Friday, Dec 21st (8pm) – Christmas, music
by Nathan Carroll, bring an appie to share
Friday, Jan 18th (8pm) – theme TBD – may-
be Scotch Tasting?

Friday, Jan 25th (5pm) – Family hotdog/
skating night – note early start time

Friday, Feb 15th (8pm) – theme TBD

Friday, Feb 22nd (5pm) - Family hotdog/
skating night – note early start time
Kids are welcome (except on Trivia night,
as we don't have room). Pub nights are for
community league members and guests.
Memberships available on site.

Subscribe to the League email list (scroll to the
bottom of our website) or follow us on Face-
book (Strathcona Centre Community League)
to get reminders! Contact Melissa at social@

Wine, Art and Skating

Enjoy a night out doing a craft, having a glass
of wine and skating during the winter season.
Lots of laughter and fun! Each night is a dif-
ferent art or craft (sometimes a small charge)
When: Thursdays, 7:00-9:00 pm
Where: Community hall Kitchen.

Who: All above 18 years

The last night for 2018 will be Dec. 13 (dec-
orating cookies).

League membership required. For the 2019
schedule, phone Jan at 780 432-0577 or visit
the league's website, Facebook and social list.

www.communityleagueneews.com

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Strathcona Rink Hours

Regular Hours:

• Small rink

Skating from 3:30 - 9pm

Mon to Fri (starts at 2:30 on Thursdays)

Sat and Sun Noon to 9pm

• Hockey rink -

- Parent/children

Mon, Tues Wed 3:30 - 7pm

Sat, Sun Noon - 4pm

- Adult hockey

Mon, Wed 7-9pm

Sat, Sun 4-9pm

- Youth hockey

Tues 6:30 - 7:30pm

January 8-February 26, 2019

Fun skate (no hockey)

Fri 3:30-9pm

Learn to skate - TBD (Sat or Sun)

Christmas/holiday schedule:

During the school holiday the rink is open:

Weekdays from 1:00pm till 8:00pm:

Weekends as per the schedule.

- Exceptions:

Dec 24, 25, 26- No set hours

Dec 27 – 30 – 1pm to 8pm

Dec 31 – daytime, no set hours; New Year's
Eve 6:30pm to 9:00pm (includes hot choco-
late, cookies, noise makers)

Jan 1 – no set hours; Jan 2 to 4 – 1pm to 8pm

On January 5th, regular hours resume.

The rink will be closed when the temperature,
with wind chill, is -23 C or colder.

The City will not run the Learn to Skate pro-
gram at Strathcona until January-February
2021. Community Leagues received notifica-
tion in November that program locations will
be rotated over a two to three year-year cycle.
Strathcona hopes to offer free or low-cost les-
sons, pending the availability of a qualified in-
structor.

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Youth Hockey

By Cheryl West-Hicks

Strathcona Community Youth Hockey has become one of our family's favorite winter activities. "My favorite sport is hockey but only when we play it at the hall" Fiona (age 8). This is a great way to introduce the kids to the sport without the long drives or 6am rink times. Last year we regularly had over 20 skaters from 3 to 13 years old dropping in. With some parents on the ice as well it was a full rink, which is just the way we like it.

The third season will commence Tuesday January 8, 2019 and run until Feb 26, 2019 (rink conditions permitting) from 6:30-7:30. The instruction and game is geared to elementary aged kids but we would welcome



anyone! No experience is necessary and the only equipment needed is skates, a helmet and a stick (other protective gear such as gloves and pads are encouraged but not mandatory). A community league membership is required to participate and will be sold on site. Hope to see you on the ice!

Winter Festivals and Events

There are many fun things to do in our community over the holidays and throughout the winter including our annual WinterFest at Strathcona Centre Community League!

Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides in Old Strathcona

Sleigh rides between 12:00 pm and 4:00 pm

Saturday, December 15 & 22

Donations will be gratefully accepted, with proceeds going to The Mustard Seed.

Visit www.oldstrathcona.ca for pick-up locations

Boardwalk Ice on Whyte Festival

An ice carving festival with food, beverages, ice carving lessons and special activities.

Whyte Avenue & Gateway Blvd in Old Strathcona

January 24 to 27 & January 31 to February 3, 2019

www.iceonwhyte.ca

Flying Canoe Volant

Illuminated trails, Camp Métis, Trapper's Cabin, Indigenous Base Camp, Children's Activities and Winter Patio

Mill Creek Ravine and La Cité Francophone



January 31 - February 2
www.flyingcanoevolant.ca

WinterFest

Sunday, Feb 24, 2019

2 - 5pm

Strathcona Centre Community Hall

10139 87 Avenue

www.strathconacommunity.ca

Join a sleigh ride or put your skates on and enjoy some warm food and hot chocolate at the SCCL Annual Winterfest.

For other exciting active living, social, and creative events in our Winter City, see https://www.edmonton.ca/activities_parks_recreation/documents/WinterCityEvents-Guide2018.pdf

Civics and Community Planning

The Strathcona Community League maintains a database of building developments, planning and transportation issues, urban design projects, and community initiatives. John de Haan and Derek Kaplan are the co-chairs of the League's Civics and Planning Committee. When the City sends notices to the League announcing appeals to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB), or telling of rezoning applications, or outlining variances that are being requested by a property owner, the committee investigates. We try to determine what the neighbours think, poll our committee members and then decide whether or not to take action. To learning more about issues and development projects, please contact either John at civics1@strathconacommunity.ca or Derek at civics2@strathconacommunity.ca

The City of Edmonton invests in the infrastructure of its residential areas, their streets, sidewalks and street lights, through the Building Great Neighbourhoods pro-

gram. Communities are targeted for renewal in accordance with four-year capital budget cycles. Strathcona Centre Neighbourhood, located just north of Whyte Avenue, between Mill Creek Ravine and 107 Street, will be renewed during the 2019-2021 cycle. Sign up to receive news and updates on the Neighbourhood Renewal project at the City website www.edmonton.ca/buildingstrathcona

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT COMPLIANCE

The City of Edmonton does not do routine checks to ensure that new developments follow regulations. To a great extent, the city relies on leagues and nearby neighbours to report building developments which are not in compliance with regulations in the zoning bylaw and the development permit.

Call 311 with your inquiry if you suspect abnormalities. Perhaps a building appears abnormally large or too close to the property line, or you are concerned about other problematic irregularities.

2018-2019 Community League Membership

Be a community league member and help make our community a better place to live! Becoming a member supports our League, gives you a voice in our, entitles you to attend League programs, provides discounts on City recreation passes and gives you a discount on Hall rentals! The membership is valid until August 31, 2019.

Memberships are also available:

online through the EFCL at <https://efcl.org/membership> (the EFCL charges a \$5

admin fee)

at any Servus Credit Union

from one of our membership Directors (see contact info below)

at League events such as Pub Night

Membership fees: \$20/family, \$15/singe, \$5/senior.

Contact: Jeanie McDonnell (cell 780-803-0900) or Lois Hameister (cell 587-785-4174) or email at membership@strathconacommunity.ca

Hall Rentals

Main Hall

Capacity 105

Seats 60 to 80 depending on table arrangement

Amenities include hardwood floors, balcony, stage, bar, full kitchen, dishes and cutlery, tables and chairs.

\$150 - \$400

Lounge

Capacity 58

Seats 30 -35 depending on table arrangement

Amenities include a bar, fireplace, piano, tables and chairs.

\$75 - \$260

Concession/Small Meeting Room

Seats 8 to 10

Amenities include kitchen.

\$20 - \$75

To check rental availability and for rate details, visit

www.strathconacommunity.ca/facilities/hall-rentals

To rent hall facilities, please download and review the Hall Rental Agreement Form (PDF) and contact Helen Gillespie, Hall Manager, at 780-439-1501. If you need clarification on any item, please email hall@strathconacommunity.ca. However, all rental agreements are made with the hall manager.

Community League members of at least 6 months receive a discount on rates. Rentals are not confirmed until payment is made and the rental contract signed.

If your event is public, we can help you advertise. Contact the hall committee chair to have your event posted to our website.

PLAYGROUP

The Strathcona playgroup hosts a playgroup (September-June) twice a week at the hall, 10139 - 87 Avenue.

Day/time: Every Monday and Wednesday, 10am to noon.

Cost: free

Requirement: Community League membership required (any league). Memberships available on-site.

Register: Not required - just drop in when

you can!

Description: Parents/caregivers, are you looking for an activity for your young children during the week? The Strathcona Playgroup provides a safe and happy environment for babies, children and caregivers to meet, socialize and have fun. Please bring a snack for your child (nut free), and a coffee for yourself. Upstairs in the main hall - come up the ramp on the north side of the building.

2018-2019 Indoor Soccer

Strathcona has one team U13 Girls for the indoor season. The regular season play will end mid-February. Go, girls! For more in-

formation about the soccer program, contact co-directors Jenn Costigan and Cheryl West-Hicks at soccer@strathconacommunity.ca

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Parent & Tot Playgroup

Our Parent and Tots program operates in the lounge area of the community centre the last Friday of each month from 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon. This volunteer run program is for parents/caregivers and their young children (ages 0-5) to drop by and make friends with other

families in Argyll; as well as have fun together. This is a free program for community residents with no snacks & beverages. Grandparents are most welcome to join in. If you would like to help out contact: Erin Raudebaugh by e-mail at: < mack_329@yahoo.com >

Argyll YOGA

Register soon for the Winter and Spring Sessions in the new year.

We host a Yoga Program every Monday evening at Argyll Hall 7:30 – 9:00 PM. The style is “Hatha Yoga” with a focus on alignment, core stability and awareness of body and breathing. Our instructor is Renee Giammarioli who is a Yoga Association of Alberta certified yoga instructor and is also a physiotherapist. To inquire about our January registration just call Renee at 780.431.1916 and leave a message.



Toboggan Party on the Hill

Keep your ears tuned for a future announcement regarding plans for our annual Toboggan Party. Come join your neighbours for some gravity-fed fun in the ravine. There will be complimentary hot chocolate and marshmallows for roasting on a fire. All you have to do is bring your sled.

We will be located at the toboggan hill in the Mill Creek Ravine on 84 Street. The event is planned to go regardless of weather or snow conditions. Be sure to check www.argyllcl.ab.ca for updates, like us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter using the @ArgyllCL handle, and stay in the know.

Women's Karate

Sensei Dana Nawata is the founder and head instructor of The Edmonton Women's Gojukai Karate Club. She has studied karate since 1978 and holds a 4th degree black belt while training under the International Karatedo Gojukai Association (as established by Master Gogen Yamaguchi). She is a certified instructor with the International Karatedo Gojukai Association of Canada and a certi-

fied karate coach with the NCCPC. She also teaches self-defense courses at the University of Alberta. Classes are held on Tuesdays from 8:30 – 9:45 PM and Fridays from 7:30 – 9:30 PM at the Argyll Community Hall. For more information on the club, please visit Karateforwomen.ca or contact Sensei Nawata by phone at 780-803-2353 or by e-mail at dnawata@shaw.ca.

Argyll Online

As always our web site has current information. Check-in weekly to see what's changed. Send us things you think the community would be interested in. A new section has been added to the web site which features announcements and news about the Committee work various residents are in-

involved in. Look for it the next time you visit our site.

The web site address is: www.argyllcl.ab.ca

If you wish to be added to our EVENTS e-mail distribution list get your name into argyll.social@gmail.com.

Jammers Music

Each week a group of musicians spend a little time together playing songs and keeping time. They meet on Thursdays from noon until 3:00 PM in the main hall of the Argyll Community Centre. They welcome any instrument you are willing to jam with. Electric and Acoustic instruments are both welcome.

If you want to sit-in on what they get up to each week, then contact Ken by phone and get the details for their next jam. You can come and sing, play along or just relax and enjoy the music. Call Ken 780.466.8127 for more information. There is a \$2.00 fee for use of the hall.

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Regular league board meetings are held the second Thursday of the month in September, November, January, March and June, with the AGM in April. Meetings are held at the City of Edmonton offices in Bonnie Doon Mall, starting at 7:15 p.m. All Bonnie Doon Community League members are welcome to attend meetings.

Bonnie Doon Community League sends out monthly newsletters via email. To subscribe, visit bonniedoon.ca

New Social Chair

The League welcomes our new Social Chair, Samantha Kernahan!

Hall Rental

Looking for a venue for a social event, fundraiser, Christmas party, wedding reception, large meeting or birthday party? Bonnie Doon Hall has a stage, kitchen, bar, air conditioning, new windows and doors and seating for 275 guests. Rentals are very af-

fordable, starting at just \$50 for a Sunday afternoon rental, ideal for kids birthday parties. Please see bonniedoon.ca/hall-rental for details, photos, bookings calendar and information on how to make a booking. Or email hallrental@bonniedoon.ca

Memories of Bonnie Doon Book - Update

Our history book is in the final stages of editing. Thank you for your patience. We will announce details of the book launch as soon as the publication dates are confirmed. We will contact those who pre-ordered copies when it is ready. Pre-publication prices of \$25 for softcover and \$40 for hardcover books are still offered at bonniedoon.ca

1950's Bonnie Doon Map

Due to the popularity of our printed map of 1950's Bonnie Doon, we have now provided a copy online at

bonniedoon.ca/bonnie-blog

Community Heroes – Bryan and Alison

A big thank you to Bryan and Alison's No Frills grocery store for their continued support of our league. From donating food for Supper's On Us, to providing free leaf collection bags and even purchasing new coats for our refugee family, their generosity has made a positive difference in our community.

To nominate a community hero, please email communications@bonniedoon.ca

Purchasing Bonnie Doon Community League Membership

Anyone can purchase a Bonnie Doon 2018/2019 membership. You do not need to live in Bonnie Doon to be a member. How to buy:

1. At the Bonnie Doon Convenience Store, 9104-88 Avenue, open 8:00 am to 10:00 pm Monday to Thursday, 8:00 am to 11:00 pm Friday & Saturday. At the store you must pay with cash or a cheque made out to Bonnie Doon Community League.

2. Online at the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues website efcl.org. The EFCL charges a \$5 handling fee for online purchases. For help with online purchasing you can call the EFCL at 780-437-2913, weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Membership fees:

Family: \$20

All others (individuals and senior couples): \$10

A membership runs from September 1 through August 31. If you have questions, write to membership@bonniedoon.ca

Membership Benefits:

Free skating at our rink at Bonnie Doon Park, 9240 93 St.

Free swimming during our Community Swim rental times.

You can register for community soccer and hockey.

Attend our preschool playgroup (September to June).

20% discount on annual & monthly passes at City of Edmonton rec centres.

You support community events like Bonnie Fest and Supper's On Us.

15% off food at Duggan's Boundary, Mon – Thur, 11:30 am to 4:00 pm.

The Community League would like to thank Sam and Yumna, the former owners of Bonnie Doon Convenience Store, for years of supporting Bonnie Doon Community League. We welcome the new owner, Marlene, who will continue to sell membership cards for us.

Free Community Swim

Bonnie Doon Community League provides members with free entry to Hardisty Fitness and Leisure Centre and Commonwealth Recreation Centre during our community swim rental times.

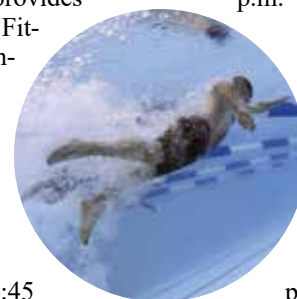
Use of the entire facility (gym, pool, hot tub, etc) is included upon presentation of a valid Bonnie Doon Community League membership card during these times:

Hardisty - Sundays 1:15 p.m. - 2:45

p.m.

Commonwealth - Saturdays 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Anyone can purchase a Community League Membership card to take advantage of community swim sessions. You do not need to live in Bonnie Doon to be a member. Call 311 for unplanned closure info. For more information please visit bonniedoon.ca/pools



Safety and Security Initiatives

A small team has formed of citizens interested in enhancing safety and security in Bonnie Doon. They are liaising with the City of Edmonton Neighbourhood Empowerment Team to develop a series of crime prevention seminars to be held in Bonnie Doon in 2019. They also plan to run a few 'meet the cops' sessions at local coffee shops. Details to be announced when confirmed. If you would like to be

on the Safety and Security Team, please email Ian at programming@bonniedoon.ca

Edmonton Neighbourhood Watch (ENW) is looking for a community representative for Bonnie Doon, to help share their programming and resources. ENW will provide free training to the volunteer. For more information, please visit enwatch.ca or call the ENW office at 780-433-7458.

Neighbourhood News

Flying Canoë Festival - Jan 31 - Feb 2

This winter festival takes place in 3 connected locations within Bonnie Doon: Mill Creek Ravine, Rutherford School and grounds and La Cité Francophone. Around 40,000 people are expected to attend the festival to enjoy music, ice sculptures, Metis dancing, Trappers Cabin, snow slide and much more. Keep a lookout for road closures and detours during this time, and be sure to stop by Rutherford School's 'Cafe Croissant' to support the local kids' fundraising efforts. For full programing and schedules, visit flyingcanoefestival.ca

A Taste Of Syria - Feb 9

Join the Bonnie Doon Community Refugee Sponsorship Group for A Taste of Syria, a fundraiser in support of the Marees, a refugee family from Syria now living in our neighbourhood. The event will be held on Saturday, February 9, 2019 at Bonnie Doon Hall. It will feature a silent auction, Syrian food and live music. Tickets are \$40 per

person and are available to purchase online. Visit www.bonniedoon.ca for the ticket link and details on how to get involved, including how to donate to the silent auction. Volunteer drivers are also needed to take the Marees to appointments. Please contact Carol at chtravels@gmail.com if you can assist.

Bike Index

Do you ride a bike? Consider registering it on BikeIndex.org, which is an online searchable bike registry, where anyone can register their bicycle for free. The Police recover many stolen bikes every year. Having a bike's serial number, photo and specs pre-registered on the Bike Index database helps get recovered bikes back to their owners.

Sand Box

A green wooden box containing free sand is located at the north end of the hall, 9240-93 Street. Bring a pail and scoop. If you notice it is empty, please notify the City at 311.

Community League Programming

Christmas Party

Thank you to all the volunteers who gave of their time to make the party on December 1 so much fun.

Yoga

Classes take place at Bonnie Doon Hall on Wednesdays from 7:30 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. Classes are suitable for all abilities.

Winter session: Jan 9 - Mar 13

Price: Community league members \$12/class drop in or \$80/session. Non-members \$15/class or \$110/session. Punch card options available.

For more information visit bonniedoon.ca/yoga

Playgroup

Children under the age of six and their caregivers are invited to our playgroup at Bonnie Doon Hall on Tuesdays 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. There is no cost, but a current community league membership is required. No playgroup Dec 25 and Jan 1. For more information please visit bonniedoon.ca/playgroup

Seniors Films & Lunch - Dec 13/Jan 17

The National Film Board monthly events for seniors are held at Bonnie Doon Hall. Screenings (no charge) start at 10:30 a.m. followed by a light lunch (\$2 per person) at 11:45 a.m.

On December 13 we will enjoy some short historical documentaries and Christmas at Moose Factory (1971). This animated production, written and directed by Alanis Obomsawin, is a girl's story about Christmas in Moose Factory located on the shore of James Bay.

Titles for January 17 are to be announced.

Bonnie Doon Hall is wheelchair accessible. All seniors are welcome from any community. For more information, please contact Margaret at 780-982-8735 or visit bonniedoon.ca/programs-for-seniors

Paint A Masterpiece - Dec 16/Jan 27

Receive full instruction on how to paint your very own masterpiece on canvas. December 16 and January 27, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. at Bonnie Doon Hall. \$30/person, which includes all supplies and you will get to take home your masterpiece at the end of the

session. Open to anyone age 12+. For more information, please visit bonniedoon.ca or email hallrental@bonniedoon.ca

Lantern Workshop- Jan 6

La Cité Francophone is holding a free lantern making workshop on Sunday, January 6, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Sponsored by Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues, the lanterns will be used during the Flying Canoë Volant Festival, which takes place in Bonnie Doon and Mill Creek Ravine January 31 – February 2,

2019. For more information, please visit flyingcanoevolant.ca

Learn to Skate - Jan 7- Feb 17

City of Edmonton staff will be running a 6 week version of the CAN-Skate curriculum at Bonnie Doon Community League's outdoor rink. Classes are free drop-in style and run January 7- February 17, 2019, on Sundays from 2:30 - 5:30 pm. The goal is fun, fitness, and participation. The program is designed for beginner skater of all ages, children or adults, as well as for those wishing to improve their basic skills. Skates, CSA approved helmet and Bonnie Doon Community League membership are required. Details at bonniedoon.ca

Engineering For Kids Classes - Jan 9

We've partnered with Engineering For Kids to bring STEM programming to Bonnie Doon Hall. Another 2 six-week classes are being offered in January:

Jr Chemical Engineer - Crazy Concoctions (4-6 year olds)

Electrical Engineering (7-12 year olds)

Visit bonniedoon.ca for class details and online registration link.

Neighbourhood Potluck - January 13

Please join us for our next potluck supper at Bonnie Doon Hall on Sunday, January 13, 2019 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Bring a dish to share plus plates & cutlery. This is a great way to get to know your neighbours! An oven and microwave are available. Visit bonniedoon.ca for more information.

T.A.N.G.

YOUTH PROGRAM ages 11-15

WINTER PROGRAM 2019

Join us for fun workshops, creative activities, and recreational field trips.

Time: 2:00pm-5:00pm

Dates: Every Saturday on January 12, 19, 26.

February 2, 9, 23. March 2, 9, 16, 23.

Cost: \$30.00

HOMEWORK CLASS

Bring your homework and get tutoring from university and college students!

Time: 10:00am-12:30pm

Dates: Every Saturday on January 12, 19, 26.

February 2, 9, 23. March 2, 9, 16, 23.

Cost: \$10.00

NEED A BREAK?

Come with friends! Get help with homework, learn new activities, and play board games.

Time: Every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 4:00-7:00pm

Cost: Free!

Location: **ASSIST Southwest Office location**

Unit 2, 810 Saddleback Road Edmonton

Registration: Contact Megan Vuong @ **780.429.3119 ext. 115**

or email megan.vuong@assistcsc.org for further information.

Priority will be given to immigrant, refugee, and low-income families.



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The Board typically meets the first Tuesday of every month. The January meeting will be held on the 8th of January at 7pm. Meetings are open to all community league members.

If you are interested in filling one of the vacant board positions or just want to know more about what is going on in the community please join us on January 8th!

Stay in Touch

Phone: 780-439-0847

Email: hazeldeanleague@shaw.ca

Website: www.hazeldean.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/HazeldeanCommunity

Twitter: @hazeldeanyeg

Keep Our Greenway Clean

A friendly reminder to pick up after your pooches. The greenway (north of 68th Avenue) is an off lease area, but also used for lots of non-dog activities. Let's keep our Greenway clean for everyone's enjoyment.

Traffic Issues



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Upcoming Events



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For more information contact

Elaine: 780-983-1409, edyrberg@telus.net

Every Week at the Hall

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Monday & Wednesday

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Thursdays, 9am – 11am

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Call 780-439-0847 for more information

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Get Your Community League Membership Today!

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Sundays from 1pm to 3pm (Take the family swimming once and you have saved the cost of the membership!)

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Community Events and Activities

Thank you to everyone who provided input for our community league events and activities planning initiative. We have some great ideas and plans in the works in addition to the existing activities at the Hall. What we need now is some awesome community volunteers to help us execute these ideas! Interested in

starting up a senior's coffee day, drop-in soccer, knitting group, book club? With your enthusiasm and our support, we make your idea a reality. Want to see more great community events? We need volunteers to make them happen. Come by one of our monthly meetings or send us an email to get involved.

Ritchie News

Connect with Ritchie Community League

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

Board meetings are 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month at Ritchie Hall except in July and August. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. AGM and elections in May.

Newsletter: Keri Walmsley newsletter@ritchie-league.com

Hall Managers: Dee and Stephanie Tremblay inquiries@ritchie-league.com

Website: www.ritchie-league.com

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Margareta Mondays holiday schedule

Last class Dec. 17.

Resuming Jan. 21 through to April 29.

No classes on holiday Mondays.

Zumba punch cards bought before September 2018 are about to expire. New ones available!

TOTAL BODY CHALLENGE

9 - 10 a.m.

New name; same workout!

A full-body strength workout using your body weight and portable equipment. This class is stroller friendly but children must remain in the stroller at all times.

\$10 Ritchie Members

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Bring a mat.

CORE FIT

6:15 - 6:45 p.m.

Improve your strength, balance and stability in this 30-minute blast.

\$5 Ritchie Members

\$6 non-members

Bring a mat.

ZUMBA (R):

7 - 8 p.m.

\$10 Ritchie Members

\$12 non-members

No mat required.

New punch card available. Pay for nine classes get the 10th free.

ALL CLASSES are:

First class free for Ritchie members trying it for the first time!

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Welcome drop-ins.

Open to members of all community leagues, but Ritchie homies get a price break!

Backed by current music.

Require indoor shoes and a water bottle.

Pay a flat fee of \$50/month to take ALL Margareta Monday classes.

Margareta: zumbamj@outlook.com

Limited Edition prints make great gifts

Alberta artist Jason Blower cast his playful eye over Ritchie this summer, producing this image for the league's outgoing president. The limited edition print sells for \$65.



Mill Creek Framing will prep it for display with special pricing for Ritchie members: a \$30 black metal frame or 15 per cent off custom framing.

The prints will be on sale at A Very Ritchie Christmas concert Dec. 15.

You can also order directly from Tracy: volunteers@ritchie-league.com

or leave a message at the hall 780-433-7137.

Ready. Set. Skate!

Flooding Ritchie's outdoor ice begins when conditions are right: -10 C or colder at night; -5 C or colder during the day for several days.

The rink is open 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. weather permitting.

CLOSED when temperatures drop below -20 C (dangerous for skaters) or rise above 0 C (damaging for ice).

CLOSED when snow is accumulating and until it can be cleared.

Open to all community league members, from Ritchie and elsewhere.

Skate tags recommended (available from Ritchie Foods).

In general, the boarded rink is for shinny hockey or other games of speed with equipment.

Leisure skating outside the boards.

Use at your own risk. Helmets recommended. Dress appropriate for the weather.

No alcohol. No smoking of any kind.

Not available for rent or exclusive use.

When clearing the snow, push ALL snow INSIDE the boarded rink NORTH (side fence).

When clearing the snow, push ALL snow OUTSIDE the boarded rink EAST and SOUTH (side fences).

Ritchie Community League Presents

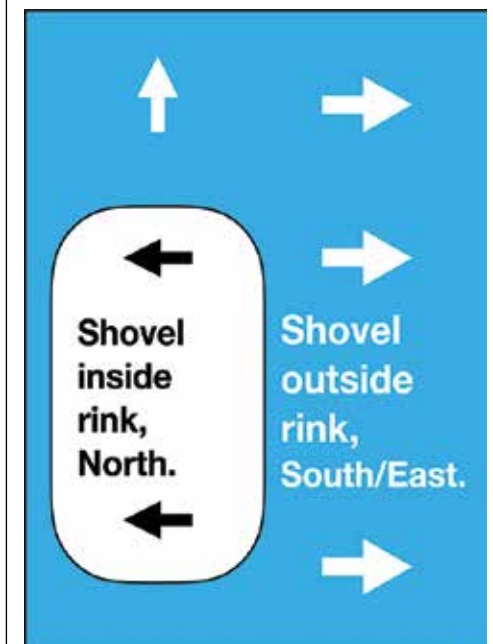
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Organizers Needed for Chili Cook-off

Ritchie's popular Chili Cook-Off takes months of preparation to pull off. If you want this event to return in 2019, contact Dan: events@ritchie-league.com. First planning meeting is in January.

300 volunteer hours to share running rink

When the leaves fall, the question is asked: When will Ritchie's rink be ready?

Len Wampler has been making the ice for Ritchie for 26 years, up to 300 hours per season each time. That's 7,800 hours! Almost an entire year of 24-hour days. All volunteer!

When he started, his young family was involved with hockey and ringette. Now, with his kids grown he does it for exercise and because he feels it's important that Ritchie have a rink.

"I know how much it is used and enjoyed by all ages," says Len.

WHEN WILL FLOODING BEGINS THIS YEAR?

When the weather forecasts -10 C or colder through the night and below -5 C during the day for several days. This is usually early to mid-December.

WHEN CAN WE START SKATING ON IT?

It will take about 30 hours of flooding plus the time to remove any snow that has fallen.

(A good ice base needs to be built up, layer by layer, freezing solid in between.)

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO KEEP THE ICE IN GOOD SHAPE?

Daily upkeep requires scraping at the end of the day which takes approximately 45 minutes. Depending on how much daily use there was, flooding after scraping (usually three to four times a week) takes approximately 1 ½ hours, plus time for any snow

removal.

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO GET THE SNOW OFF THE ICE?

Up to six hours, although one five-inch snowfall took me 10 hours over a two-day period. It depends on the number of helpers and the amount of snow. It is still mostly done with shovels and scrapers.

HOW CAN WE HELP?

Andy helps regularly, and last year Jeremy and Mark also pitched in. I leave shovels and scrapers out for snow removal.* But more volunteers are always welcome! **HERE HOW YOU CAN HELP:**

Remove snow after it falls.

Scrape the ice after 10 p.m. each night.

Flood (training provided).

Maintain the boards

*After so many years, Len has worked out the most efficient way to get the job done. (See diagram.) Snow is first pushed toward the closest FENCE: north boards within the rink; south and east edges on the leisure ice. Then the snowblower blows the resulting furrows clear. If this system isn't followed, it is more work for Len. If that happens, the shovels and scrapers he usually leaves out will be put away and the rink locked until it can be properly prepared for flooding.

MORE QUESTIONS FOR LEN? OFFERS TO HELP?

Contact Len: E-mail lwampler@ualberta.ca or 780-439-4416.

New school to open as other takes shape

ESCUELA MILL CREEK

Just shy of two years after it was announced, a brand new Escuela Mill Creek school (9735 80 Ave.) will open its doors to K-6 students. Staff anticipate access in December, a month ahead of schedule, but students will have to wait until Jan. 22 to see their new classrooms.

The neighbourhood is invited to tour the facility at the Grand Opening Feb. 7 at 6:30 pm.

Currently home to the International Spanish Academy, Mill Creek provides a bilingual education to more than 300 public school students from across the city. Provincial funding to replace the aging building was announced in March 2017. The public school board contributed dollars as well to secure space for after-school care.

Principal Ed Charpentier explains that the district will recoup those costs through a 15-year payback lease with Oliver Centre, chosen to provide the service.

Construction began in October 2017, with ongoing collaboration with the district, the school community and the province. By September 2019, the old school should be gone and the site landscaped to include parking and a bus drop-off zone.

Site plans are available online at <http://www.e-psb.ca/schools/spaceforstudents/millcreek/>

ÉCOLE JOSEPH-MOREAU

Meanwhile, six blocks south, the walls are going up on the new École Joseph-Moreau francophone junior high (9750 74 Ave.), after a summer and fall of weather delays.

A dry spell last month and extra workers meant work could begin on the steel frame and outer block walls. Earlier activity had poured the cement gym slab.

Wall materials were to be delivered early in December, according to a letter to the community league from Jonathan Mackay, Stantec's community engagement consultant for the project.

Weather-permitting, work crews may work past 5 p.m. until Dec. 21, though still within bylaw limits (7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Saturday and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sundays and holidays).

Access to the site is at the corner of 97 Street and 75 Avenue. Signs have been posted there for construction traffic to watch for pedestrians and cyclists, and a designated flag person is on hand to manage traffic whenever a heavy truck needs to enter or leave the site.

Contractors have been told to park on site via this gate or on the south side of 75 Avenue, east of the secondary gate, with additional parking being secured as more trades are brought on. EPCOR disruptions in the neighbourhood should be done.

Contact Jonathan Mackay: Direct: 780-969-2198, Mobile: 780-863-6451, jona-than.mackay@stantec.com

City winter programs skip Ritchie this year

Free, drop-in skating lessons for six-12 year olds are offered by the city in January and February, but not in Ritchie this winter.

With 224 neighbourhoods and only 36 skate programs, the city rotates lessons around so each area is served, on a two-three-year cycle.

The closest to Ritchie this coming skating season are in Avonmore (2.5 km).

Avonmore is also site of the nearest Winter Green Shack in January.

Like the skating programs, the city is rotating its 72 drop-in, afterschool, supervised

play programs around.

The closest to Ritchie are in Pleasantview (3.8 km) in December, Parkallen (4.6 km) in February and Grandview Heights (6.3 km) in March.

Ritchie's turn to host city winter programs are later in the cycle: Learn-to-Skate in Jan.-Feb 2020; Winter Green Shack in Dec. 2020 and Oct. 2021. There's nothing stopping the league from organizing its own winter programs for kids. Nothing, that is, except a volunteer willing to pull them together. Ritchie's Program Director position is currently vacant.

Join the team! Direct Ritchie programs

With 12 programs underway and demands for new ones--ukulele lessons anyone?--Ritchie could use someone special who's ace at keep things running smoothly.

Touch base with the program leaders about what they need. Make sure their paperwork is in order. Help get the word out to

new participants.

It's a volunteer position that plugs you into a network of dedicated, community-minded folks. If that is your thing, get in touch!

Contact Cecilia: president@ritchie-league.com or leave a message at the hall: 780-433-7137.

Membership pricing at Biera

Biera has introduced Community Sunday afternoons. Show your community league membership and get 50 per cent off a food item. This offer continues through spring. Thanks Biera!

RCL Bridge welcomes you



The Bridge crowd at Ritchie is a friendly bunch. You hear the murmur of partners celebrating points correctly bid, the click of tricks being set aside to be counted, and the laughs shared at a joke that sets the tone for the day's play.

Plus, there's always room at the tables (and cookies) for more players!

Contract Bridge has been played in Ritchie Hall on Fridays since 1999.

The fun doesn't stop over the holidays. Games will be played Dec. 28 and Jan. 4.

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Doors open at 11 a.m.

Games start at noon.

Call Rose-Marie 780-439-4884

Or Stella 780-504-3972.

RCL Home School Playgroup

Last gathering Dec. 11.

Resuming Jan. 15

Every second Tuesday. Free.

1 - 3 p.m.

Karen: karendwhitehead@gmail.com

League not going to pot

The legalization of cannabis this fall didn't change things at the Ritchie Community League. The skating rink, sports fields and playground continue to be NO SMOKING zones--free of cigarettes, vaping as well as cannabis, according to city rules.

Smoking is permitted ONLY 10 metres OUTSIDE the hall's FRONT door. No smoking of any kind inside the hall.

Light up the ravine

For the third straight year, Ritchie creatives 10 and older can design and construct paper lanterns for display at the Flying Canoë Volante festival in Mill Creek Ravine (Jan. 31, Feb. 1 & 2).

The Lantern Making workshop is tentatively scheduled for Jan. 5, noon-4 p.m. in Ritchie's small hall. A fee for materials will be charged. Watch Facebook and the league's website for info on how you can sign up.

RCL Bingo ends Dec. 19

Ritchie's long-running Bingo program comes to an end Dec. 19 after 13 years. If you would like to see it continue, e-mail Joanne_j_niederhaus@hotmail.com.

Rent Ritchie Hall

Ritchie Hall is under new management. Remember that on Friday evenings, the large room is discounted 25 per cent for Ritchie Community League members. Dee and Steph have the details: www.ritchie-league.com (submit a Hall Rental Request form) or phone 780-433-7137.

SCONA Seniors

Not technically a league program, but an active part of the community! Run by the Senior Citizen Opportunity Neighbourhood Association (SCONA) out of a Strathcona house-converted-to-centre. Larger socials held in Ritchie Hall. Thurs. noon to 2 p.m. Some fees may apply. Call 780-433-5377

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Mondays: 4 - 5:30 p.m. (Last class Dec. 17; Resumes Jan. 7.)
Tuesdays: 11 a.m. - 12:30 pm (Last class Dec. 18; Resumes Jan. 8.)
Doug: dgauld@shaw.ca

RCL Yoga (vinyasa flow)

Resuming Wed., Jan. 9. 7:15 - 8:30 p.m.
First class free. Mats available or bring your own.
Kristal: kristalcforrest@hotmail.com

RCL Crib Club

Last games before Dec. 19.
Resuming Jan. 16. Meets biweekly.
Doors open 12:30 p.m. Games begin 1 p.m. Cost \$5.
Coffee and light luncheon served.
Charlotte: 780-465-6222

RCL Fit for Life

Classes Dec. 18, 21, 28 and Jan. 4
9 - 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Fridays
Lynn: lynn.lindsay828@gmail.com
Call 780-996-2182

Snow. Melt. Rain. Repeat

Interrupt this cycle and make your side-walks passable, with sand available free for pick up at Ritchie Hall. The sandbox is filled regularly by the city. You can find it near the ice rink entrance, curbside of the parking lot.

RCL Preschool Playgroup

Last meet up Dec. 19. Resuming Jan 9.
Wednesdays. Free. 10 a.m. to noon
em: couture.stephanie@hotmail.com

RCL Teen Shakespeare

Classes resume Jan. 3. Prior registration required. Public performances of Macbeth Jan. 12 & 13.

Casino in April

April 15-16, 2019: Ritchie Community League will be looking for volunteers to work Argyll Casino. Mark your calendar!

Give the gift of league membership

For a modest fee, a community league membership provides access to all programs running in the hall, many of which are free, invitations to community events, use of the outdoor rink and free access to the Commonwealth Recreation Centre twice a week. The fee helps cover costs and ensures participants are covered by league insurance.

GET YOUR MEMBERSHIP:

- 1) In person at Ritchie Foods (9606 76 Ave)
 - 2) Online at EFCL.org
 - 3) E-mail volunteers@ritchie-league.com to arrange for pick up.
 - 4) In person at Ritchie events.
- COSTS: Single: \$15, Family: \$25
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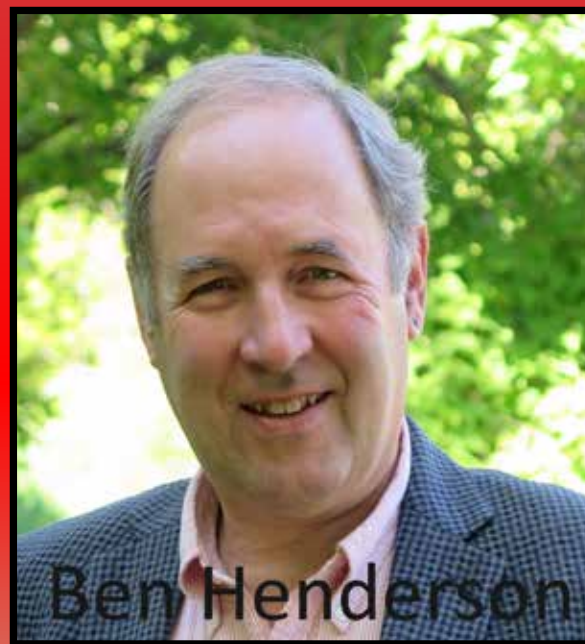
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