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2019 Strathcona Neighbourhood Renewal Construction

The years of waiting are over and construction finally begins on Strathcona's neighbourhood renewal this spring.

Work will continue through the summer and fall, pick up again in 2020 and conclude in 2021. Epcor is also going to be in Strathcona this summer, in addition to the neighbourhood renewal construction, so please make sure you review the details in this post to know if you'll have construction on your street in 2019.

It takes a lot of work to renew a mature neighbourhood like ours!

This year, neighbourhood renewal construction will take place in central and west Strathcona. All roads, sidewalks and street lights will be replaced between 107 and 101 Streets, from 82 Avenue to 87 Avenue. If you live in this area, expect to receive a construction update from the City of Edmonton in the mail.

Since all streets and sidewalks will be replaced, anyone living in this area will lose access to their home from the front street at some point this year. If you have any questions about this, or you have any specific issues of accessibility that need to be addressed, please contact the construction project manager, the Building Great Neighbourhoods department or phone 311.

Strathcona construction project manager:
Aladdin Benayad

Phone: 780-496-4057

Email: aladdin.benayad@edmonton.ca

Building Great Neighbourhoods:
buildinggreatneighbourhoods@edmonton.ca

If you'd like to see what construction will look like near your home and throughout Strathcona, you can find plan details, and project history, at the dedicated page for



our neighbourhood renewal at the City of Edmonton's website

For any questions about the plan or construction, visit edmonton.ca/buildingstrathcona or call 311.

Please note, any official notices from the City of Edmonton will include the city's logo and contact details for Building Great Neighbourhoods and/or project managers. It will also likely include the neighbourhood renewal branding you may be familiar with from previous mailouts and newsletters (see attached, or our page at the City website). Notices will also be mailed to your home or left as a door-hanger as has been the case over the last two years.

Ahead of neighbourhood renewal construction in east and north Strathcona, Epcor is going to be replacing water mains and completing system upgrades (fire hydrant installs and valve replacements) to improve water system reliability. This work will

begin in late summer and should last for approximately 6-8 weeks for construction.

The water main renewal has been accelerated as part of the City's neighbourhood renewal construction. All water mains with a minimum of one break in the past five years are reviewed for replacement in advance of City paving. This work includes areas that are not part of the City's neighbourhood renewal construction in 2019, so it could affect you if you live outside of the 2019 construction area (that's 107-101 Streets between 82-87 Avenue).

For further information regarding Strathcona's neighborhood renewal projects, EPCOR will be updating project specific information at epcor.com/strathconawatersystemupgrades

If you have questions about any of Epcor's planned work in Strathcona, you can contact them by phone at 780-412-3599 or email waterprojects@epcor.com

Shop Ritchie for cool crafts

What artisan offerings tempt you when shopping? Water colours? Craft beer and spirits? Silkscreen T-shirts? Handmade jewelry? Find these crafts and more on offer from more than 10 Ritchie creatives at the Makers Market: June 15, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Ritchie Hall.

Celebrate Ritchie School June 22

As the Joseph Moreau replacement school nears completion, it's time to reflect on what the old Ritchie School next door has meant to the community.

Stantec and the Ritchie Community League invite you to a celebratory BBQ June 22, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hotdogs, hamburgers and vegetarian options will be available. Please bring any photos and memorabilia you would like to showcase. Attendees will also be able to request materials like bricks be set aside for them when demolition of old Ritchie School begins. (More Joseph Moreau news inside.)



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Board meetings are held second Monday of the month, Sept - June, 7:00 p.m. Community league members are welcome. For more information phone 780-439-1501 or email info@strathconacommunity.ca. Check us out on Facebook. Follow us on Twitter @StrathconaCL

Submission deadline for the Aug/Sep issue is July 29. Contact Donna Fong, Editor, at 780-433-5702, or e-mail at donnafong@shaw.ca

Hall Rentals

Main Hall: Capacity 105

Seats 60 to 80 depending on table arrangement
Amenities: 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: bar, fireplace, piano, tables and chairs. \$75 - \$260

Concession/Meeting Room Seats 8 to 10

Amenities: kitchen. \$20 - \$75
For rental availability and rates, visit www.strathconacommunity.ca

www.strathconacommunity.ca/facilities/hall-rentals

To rent the facilities, download and review the PDF Hall Rental Agreement Form and contact Scott Wright, Hall Manager, at 780-439-1501 or email rentals@strathconacommunity.ca.

Community League members of at least 6 months receive discount rates.

Rentals are only confirmed when 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.

Big Bin event

Strathcona will hold our Big Bin event on Saturday, July 20, 2019, 10:00 am – 4:30 pm. The bins (dumpsters) will be located in the league parking lot, 10139 87 Avenue. The following items will be accepted: furniture, yard clean-up items, renovation materials, electronic waste, and household items too large for regular collection. Mattresses, deep freezers, and refrigerators will not be accepted.

A small fee will be charged in order to recuperate part of our costs: \$5 for small loads and \$10 for big loads. A community



league membership is required for drop off. Memberships will be sold on-site: \$20 family, \$15 single, \$5 senior. For more information, please contact Vahid Ayan, Green Initiatives Director, at green@strathconacommunity.ca

YEGyouth 2019 Summer Events

Youth, 13-17, are invited to check out the City of Edmonton's summer events for a variety of activities such as creating music, playing sports, or simply having fun in the

sun! These free drop-in events will be held at the City of Edmonton Recreation Centres and Community Drop-In locations. Visit edmonton.ca/youth

Development Update | 1932 by Bateman

May 21, 2019

Hello Strathcona Community.

I would like to update you on the progress of our development on 99 Street.

You may have noticed that we fenced the site last week and are getting ready to begin the de-construction process. We will be starting abatement inside the building this week. Because of the age of the building we have to manually remove any asbestos-containing materials; this will take a few weeks to complete.

Our next step is to de-construct the building. We hope to start this in the first two weeks of June and it will take about two weeks to complete. We will be boarding off 99 Street and 89 Avenue sidewalks while this is underway. We will be filling in the hole and the site will be flat until we begin construction next year.

We will be opening our sales center at Ritchie Mill on Saskatchewan Drive on June 16th, however, there will be no walk in traffic allowed and sales/viewing can only be done by appointment only for the first few weeks of our opening. This is to have a soft opening and allow our sales team to get familiar with our offering and give clients a one-on-one experience. We are selling people their future home with many details and want a smooth and comfortable purchase process.

Appointments will be able to be booked starting early next week. Please register on the website and the sales team will contact you directly to set up a meeting time and date.

The website address is

www.1932bybateman.com

When I started the process to redevelop the site back in August of 2015, I had no idea it would take this long. There are many factors when doing a development of this magnitude and I am sure you can appreciate what goes into something of this nature. Our entire team is working diligently to bring an awesome project to this community and are moving as fast as we can. Our next hurdle is getting enough pre-sales to make this project a reality. Bank financing is dependant on pre-sales and we will work hard to get under construction as soon as possible. Our goal is to be under construction some time in 2020.

We are still contemplating opening the retail portion of the building before we complete the condominiums and will keep you posted on this as well we will inform you when we firm up the tenants that will be operating businesses in the main floor retail.

Thank you for your patience and understanding and I look forward to seeing you at the sales center or a 1932bybateman event!

Yours truly,

Mike Bateman

Pub Nights

Pub nights are typically the third Friday of the month unless otherwise noted at 8pm in the upstairs lounge, 10139 87 Avenue. Use the south door.

Friday, June 17

No pub nights in July and August.

Friday, September 20

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 Facebook (Strathcona Centre Community League) to get reminders! Contact Melissa at social@strathconacommunity.ca with any questions.

Civics and Community Planning

The Strathcona Community League maintains a database of building developments, planning and transportation issues, urban design projects, and community initiatives. Derek Kaplan is the chair 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 Derek at civics2@strathconacommunity.ca

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.

Outdoor Pools

For the third year in a row, the City of Edmonton is opening its five outdoor pools for free again this summer:

Borden Park Natural Swimming Pool, Fred Broadstock Outdoor Pool, Mill Creek Outdoor Pool, Oliver Outdoor Pool, and Queen Elizabeth Outdoor Pool. Closures for

outdoor pools are determined by temperature (below 18°C), extreme weather (stormy, heavy rain, lightning / thunder), and private bookings.

Outdoor pool status is updated daily at 10am and 2pm. Check <https://www.edmonton.ca/outdoorpools> or call 311.

LEAGUE PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

ADULTS

-POUND FITNESS

Mondays

July 8-July 29, 2019

5:45-6:30 pm

Age Group: Adults and Teens 16+ can attend with an adult.

Fee: \$48.00, drop-in available if registration is not filled, \$14.

Equipment cost: One-time fee to buy RipStix \$25.00

Bring a yoga mat to class. Use the ramp to come up to the lounge.

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

Description

Pound is a cardio and strength class that is inspired by the energizing, infectious, sweat-dripping fun of playing the drums. Come make some NOISE with us! Participants report they improve their coordination and core strength. No previous fitness or drumming experience required. Participants can modify the moves as needed.

Registration and Questions

For more information contact Melanie Kidder at 780-722-7558 or melstrand_5@hotmail.com To register contact Melanie Kidder. Registration and RipStix must be paid prior to first class. Can pay in person or by e-transfer. Due to space, there are only 12 spots available for this class.

-YOGA - Monday Evenings with Corinne McNally

Spring Session 2

Mondays, until June 24, 2019

6:30-7:45 pm

Drop-in \$14 (please bring exact change or cheque)

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

For more info, contact Corinne McNally at corinnemcnally@gmail.com, 780-239-6164.

Website: www.lotusmoonyoga.ca

Description:

Yoga is a holistic practice that can open & strengthen your body, revitalize your energy and bring peace to your mind. Hatha Flow & Yin styles of yoga are taught by certified yoga instructor Corinne McNally. These classes are perfect for

both beginners and seasoned practitioners, and are taught in a friendly and supportive environment. Instructor Corinne McNally lives in Old Strathcona and has been teaching for over 10 years. She is a member of the Yoga Association of Alberta and has experience in various styles of yoga including Restorative, Yin, Hatha, Ashtanga & Pre/Postnatal.

-YOGA - Tues/Thurs Mornings with Kyla Fischer

Tuesdays until June 25, 2019

9:30 – 10:45am

Drop-in fee: \$14.00

Thursdays until June 27, 2019

9:30 – 10:45am

Drop in Fee: \$14.00

Requirement: Community League membership required (any league).

For more info, contact: Kyla Fischer at fischerk@telus.net or 780-430-0229. Fall yoga classes will resume in September.

Description:

These holistic yoga classes are perfect for beginners as well as those with previous yoga experience. Yoga postures, breathwork and meditation will be taught to promote balance in the body, mind and spirit. Throughout the session, students will develop an understanding of alignment and breath while developing physical strength and flexibility. All levels are welcome!

-SUNDAY MORNING YOGA with Dawn Lamothe

The spring session ends on June 9th. For info about future classes, contact Dawn at iamtsunami@gmail.com.

-ZUMBA – Wednesdays with Mel Kidder

Wednesdays

June 26 – July 27, 2019

6:30-7:30 pm

6 weeks

Fee: \$60

Drop-in fee: \$12.00 per class

Children 14+ are welcome to attend with an adult.

Requirements: Community League membership required (any league). Wear comfortable shoes that do not have a sticky grip.

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

Registration can be paid on the first day of

the class or through e transfer to Melanie prior to the class.

Description:

Let the Music Move You! Using Latin and International rhythms these Dance Fitness classes are fun, energetic and make you feel amazing. In a Zumba class, participants do what they can, making it perfect for people of all fitness levels. There are no “wrong moves” in Zumba! Melanie Kidder lives in Old Strathcona and has been teaching Zumba Fitness for seven years. She is licensed to teach many Zumba formats from Zumba Kids to Zumba Gold and everything in between.

-URBAN POLE WALKING

Wednesday mornings 7:30 am

Thursday evenings, 6:30 pm

Cost: Free

Requirement: Community League membership required (any league).

Description:

Stay active and meet some new friends! Join the Strathcona Pole Walking Group. Meet one of the walk leaders, Melanie Kidder (Wednesday) and Delianne Meenhorst (Thursday) inside the league hall and then head out for an energizing pole walk through our friendly neighborhood.

All fitness levels are welcome. We will be on sidewalks and river valley paths. Walks are between 45-60 minutes. Several sets of poles are available for use or bring your own.

If you have questions, call or text the walk leaders:

Melanie, 780-722-7558 (call or text) or email melstrand_5@hotmail.com

Delianne, 587-986-7832

KIDS

-ARTAGOGO

Summer Art Classes at the Hall

For ages 6 and up

Looking for something fun to do in the summer, without the commitment of a camp? Join me, Berna Ponich B.Ed, at the Strathcona Community League hall for a week of Drawing, Painting, and More. Explore the fundamentals plus have space to experiment and to try new things in an encouraging environment, all the while creating works of art!

The courses run from Monday to Friday for 1.5 hours each day and each week will be different projects for those interested in

coming more than once.

\$100 includes all instruction, art materials, and a sketchbook.

July 22 – 26

Monday to Friday

10:00 - 11:30 am

July 29 - August 2

Monday to Friday

10:00 - 11:30 am

August 6 - 9 (four days)

Tuesday to Friday

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Please contact Berna Ponich B.Ed at berna@telus.net for information and to register.

Register in one, two, or all three weeks!

Space is limited to 10 kids each week.

Check out my Facebook page @artagogo to see examples of my students' work

-Funball

Thirty children, 2-3 years old, are participating in Funball until June 12th. Thanks to Claire McCurdy-Watson for organizing the Funball program and to the parent volunteers who assisted with activities in the Strathcona rink area.

-Outdoor Soccer

Many thanks to the co-directors of the Strathcona outdoor soccer program, Jenn Costigan and Cheryl West-Hicks, and the volunteer coaches. Best wishes to the teams for the rest of the season!

-Playgroup continues to June 26th

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.

Summer Festivals in Old Strathcona

Several festivals will be attracting large audiences to Old Strathcona this summer. Community league members and neighbours are encouraged to visit the festival websites for details.

-Sand on Whyte

June 28-July 5, 2019

10:00 am-10:00 pm

Boardwalk Sand on Whyte is located on the CP Rail land in the northeast corner of Whyte Avenue and Gateway Blvd.

www.sandonwhyte.ca

-Whyte Avenue Art Walk

July 5-7, 2019

10:00 am – 5:00 pm

The event is a grand promenade along Whyte Avenue (82 Avenue) from 101 Street to 108 Street. New this year, artists tents will

line 81st Avenue between 104 street and 105 street and several other street closures, too.

<http://art-walk.ca/>

-StreetFest

July 5-14, 2019

11:30 am-11:00 pm daily

11:30 am-5:00 pm July 14th

<https://edmontonstreetfest.com/>

The 2019 edition of the Edmonton International Street Performers Festival (“StreetFest”) is once again unable to be on Churchill Square due to a number of ongoing construction projects in the Civic Precinct. StreetFest will return to Old Strathcona thanks to the warm reception from the neighbourhood last year.

Please note the following closures starting

8 am on July 4th with programming on the following streets:

83rd and 84th Avenue from 103 Street (Gateway Blvd.) to 104 Street (Calgary Trail)

the North-bound lane on 104 Street from 82 Avenue to the street car tracks (south of 85 Avenue)

the West-most lane on 103 Street (reducing 103 Street to 3 lanes from 4) from 82 to 85 Avenue

-Edmonton International Fringe Theatre Festival

August 15-25, 2019

<https://www.fringetheatre.ca/>

Stay tuned – more information will be available in early August.





Ben Henderson

Councillor, Ward 8

Contact me on city issues

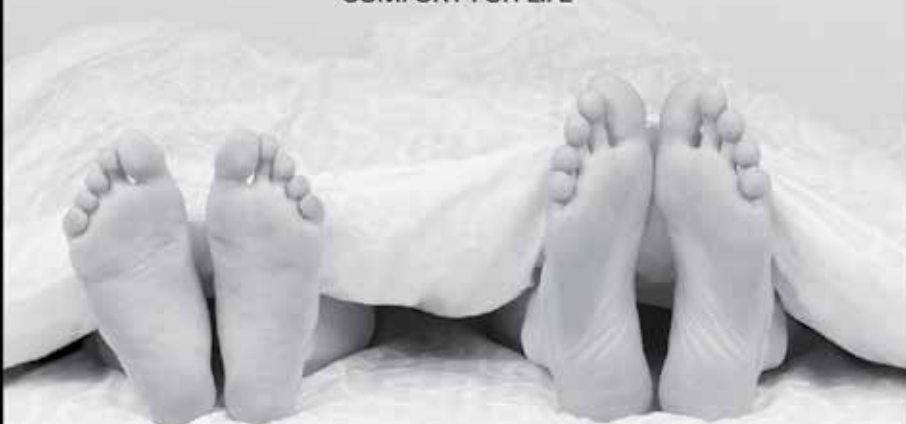
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If you wish to be added to our EVENTS e-mail distribution list get your name into argyll.social@gmail.com. There is a sign-up link on the EVENTS web page. Also look for our Twitter feed and the Facebook page for Argyll CL.

Soccer Nights

Thursdays through June 20, 6:00 – 7:00 PM
Just a reminder to come over to the hall with your kids & grandkids, (as well as a soccer ball and water bottle) to enjoy a beautiful evening outdoors together. It's a casual family-friendly night for Argyll residents. We play soccer games for 45 min, then move over to the playground for more fun & visiting. See you then!

Join the Argyll Social Committee

We are seeking a few additional members for our Social Committee for the coming year. It is a great way to get to know your neighbours and have a lot of fun. We plan 4 events per year, which are simple to run, and only require a small time commitment from each member. Think of it as the fun committee.

Please contact Erin Camponi at argyllsocial@gmail.com with your questions.

Argyll YOGA

Our Yoga Program is done for the season and we expect it to return in September. Keep an eye out for our announcement closer to September with times and dates for the classes. 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 September registration call Renee at 780.431.1916 and leave a message.

What? No Barcode?

If you didn't find the expected Barcode on the back of your Community League Membership card this year. There's no need to panic.

A quick call to the EFCL reports that the City has a set of barcodes behind the counter at each aquatic venue and when they see it is an Argyll Card they will "beep" a reference barcode for Argyll. This was what they told us they would do about four years ago when they "consulted" with us about how to manage the tracking. Now they seem to think it's a better idea to trust their staff. Okay. Well, let's see how that goes.

If you have ANY difficulty getting access with this new card - call Dave Trautman right away. Like right at the counter. My cell number is 780.966.9310 and I would love to hear whatever excuse they will offer for not allowing you in. EFCL is also watching closely, so it will be important for people to let me know so I can relay a problem to them for their future conversations with the City's venue people.

Parent & Tot Playgroup

Our Parent and Tots program returns on the last Friday of each month from around 10:00 AM - Noon-ish. This 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! If the weather is not good it moves indoors. This is a free program for community residents with no snacks & beverages. If you would like to help out contact: Erin Raudebaugh by e-mail at: mack_329@yahoo.com



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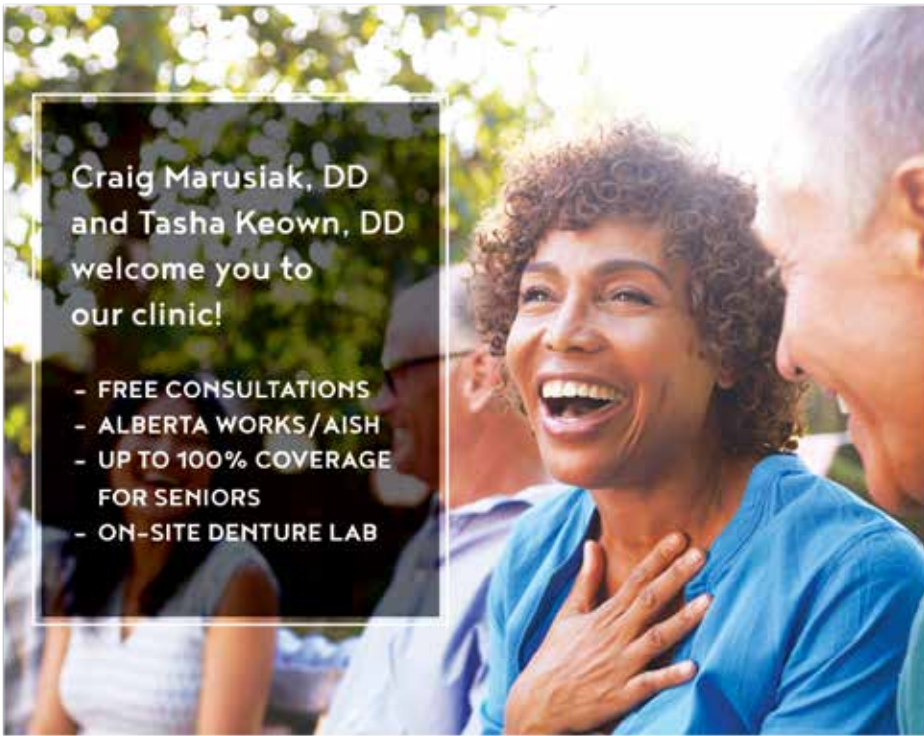
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Pedestrian access will be maintained throughout the closure.

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- Bring a friend to camp and you **both** will get **\$20 off** your total fees.
- Register by June 15th** and the Early Bird registration will get you **another \$20 off**.
- Rental groups** will receive a **10% discount**.

2019 Summer Camp Programs

- July 21-24** LIT Girls age 12 and up. Fee: \$216
- July 28-31** Junior Girls age 8-12. Fee: \$216
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday June 1st – Community Garage Sale
 Join us for the 9th annual Ritchie + Hazeldean Community Garage Sale in the parking lot of Calvary Baptist Church. Featuring over 30 tables, you're guaranteed to find a great deal or stumble upon a rare find you've been trying to track down on Kijiji for the last 2 years (but couldn't). While browsing, enjoy a bite to eat from our BBQ or step into Calvary and visit our espresso bar for an iced latte. Have kids? This is a great event to bring them to, there will be a bouncy castle and other activities for them to enjoy.

Thursday June 27th – End of School BBQ
SCHOOL IS OUT! Kick off your summer with the Hazeldean Community League End

of School BBQ. The BBQ starts at 4 pm at the Hazeldean Community Hall. Food and beverages will be available for purchase at reasonable prices. This family friendly event is open to everyone and is great chance to meet more of your neighbours.

Saturday June 30th – Canada Day Weekend BBQ

Thrive Foundation invites you to join us for a Canada Day Weekend BBQ at Hazeldean Community Hall and Park on Sunday, June 30th between 11 am - 3 pm (food served between 11am - 1pm). Come out and celebrate Canada Day with your neighbours and friends. There will be a free BBQ lunch, craft table, exotic bird display, DJ, games and activities for all ages!

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The land on which we live, work and play is Treaty 6 territory and a traditional meeting ground for many Indigenous groups. Today, it remains home to Cree, Blackfoot, Saulteaux, Métis and other Indigenous peoples. The Community League acknowledges that we are all beneficiaries of this peace and friendship treaty.

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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 welcome. AGM and elections in May.

• Newsletter: Keri Walmsley newsletter@ritchie-league.com

• Hall Managers: Dee Armstrong/Stephanie Tremblay
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Website: www.ritchie-league.com

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DANCEPL3Y & Adventure Camp

DANCEPL3Y returns to Ritchie Hall in August as part of a week-long Dance and Adventure Summer Day Camp.

Six to nine year olds will dance all morning and explore the neighbourhood in the afternoon. An ensemble performance for family and friends will round out the week. Aug. 12 - 16.

Children will discover the joy and fun of movement, learning dance through an engaging and playful approach. Dance styles will include hip hop, jazz, to name a few.

Afternoon adventures will bring campers to the Mill Creek ravine, around the community and to area parks. If the registration fee (\$175) is a limitation, please point this out when registering.

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Ritchie fills all 17 board positions



Four new people were elected to Ritchie's board at the May 23 AGM attended by 40 league members. Avnish Nanda is the new Membership and Volunteers Director, Cristian Munoz is one of two Directors at Large, and Keesa Elickson and Karl Jensen will jointly hold the role of Communications Director. A few veteran board members were elected to new positions: Peter Willetts takes on Vice-President,

Tracy Price moved to Program Director and Amanda Bird is now Community Engagement Director.

Other board members were re-elected to roles they already know, including the executive: Cecilia Oteiza Ayres remains president, Ehab Ziedan is treasurer and Maureen O'Neil is secretary. See Connecting with Ritchie for the complete list of board members, their positions and how to contact them.

Keep on, all summer long!

The following Ritchie programs continue throughout the summer:

Bridge
Crib
Fit for Life
Homeschool Playgroup
Intro to Taiji (ADDING a third weekly session)

Programs on break

The following Ritchie Community League programs are taking a break. Look for them to resume in the fall:

DANCEPL3Y. • Family Ukulele • Karate
• Pre-school Playgroup • Soccer
• Teen Shakespeare • Yoga • Zumba.

Play in the park

The Home School Playgroup meets outdoors after June 18. Dates will be cancelled in bad weather.

1 - 3 p.m. every second Tuesday.

Construction conflicts

Disruption around building sites can rankle even the most tolerant neighbour.

But concerns are best raised, at least initially, with those overseeing the project, not with workers in the midst of the action, for whom a moment of distraction could lead to serious injury, says Jonathan Mackay, the community engagement consultant for the Joseph Moreau replacement school project.

Email jonathan.mackay@stantec.com if you have a complaint about the ongoing project.

Sometimes, though, problems are more intractable than a quick email exchange can solve. What then?

The community league can help.

"The league can be a huge resource for you. We may not solve your problem, but we'll have some information and point you in a few directions," says Allan Bolstad, Ritchie's civic director.

It did just that in April, when neighbours to the Joseph Moreau building site had concerns about changes to the original construction plan likely to increase traffic congestion.

The league brought them together with MacKay as well as City Councillor Mike Nickel at a board meeting, resulting in a subsequent meeting with city planners. The issue remains unresolved.

Meanwhile, concerns about changes to planned landscaping of the school site, also discussed at the April meeting, are now headed to the city's Subdivision Appeal Board. The league will present a letter challenging those changes, supporting residents' concerns.

Another Keep Ritchie Green event!

This summer, learn about "green" retrofits for your post-war home, solar power and alternative materials to those that are "build grade." Details of this building science celebration will be posted to Ritchie's website and Facebook. Contact Carly if you're interested in attending and / or if you'd like to share energy efficiency wisdom. Contact Green Director Carly environment@ritchie-league.com.

Summer Nights BBQs. Dates TBA.

Of course, Mill Creek Pool is now open-and free!

And community league memberships continue to provide free access to Commonwealth Recreation Centre Saturdays (5 - 7 p.m.) and Sundays (1 - 3 p.m.)

Once Upon A Time

A City registered program at Ritchie Hall.. July 22 - July 26 1:30 - 4 p.m.

Ages 3-5 (must be toilet trained)

\$95. To register, call 311 or online at move-learnplay.edmonton.ca

Green Shackless

The City is not providing free supervision at Ritchie Park this summer. The closest Green Shacks will instead be found at Hazeldean and King Edward parks. Argyll and Strathcona parks will host city-run Pop-Up Play events twice a week for half days.



This follows the league's Civics Engagement Guidelines adopted in May and presented at the AGM. When an issue affects a sizeable area within the community (a block or more), the league will bring affected parties together at a board meeting before deciding what action, if any, to take.

Other guidelines apply when the issue affects everyone in the community, like the proposal to reduce residential speed limits, which city council will debate again January.

"On the big issues, we'll do our best to see what everyone wants to do about it and pass it on to the city," says Allan, adding that surveys or town hall meetings might be the tools needed in such cases.

Then there are issues that affect only a few individuals. In these cases, the league will provide advice to all involved to help them work through the problem themselves.

The full text of these three guidelines can be found on the league website: www.ritchie-league.com under About / The League / Civics Guidelines.

Taiji+ thrice weekly this summer

Chi-Gong, Meditation and Intro to Taiji is adding a session in July and August.

Contact Doug before attending: 780-224-5894 (call/text), e-mail dgauld@shaw.ca.

TUESDAYS: 11 a.m. - 12: 30 p.m.

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Work toward a new hall continues



Once upon a time, the Ritchie board dreamed of improving its hall. Well, the dream hasn't died! It drives volunteers on the Ritchie Hall Revitalization Committee, which was struck in 2014 to suss out options. The committee reported on its work at the May AGM.

The current idea is to leave the existing hall in place while a new hall is built roughly where the basketball court and rink currently sit. The rink would be rebuilt on the tennis courts and they, in turn, would be rebuilt on the site of the old hall, once programs move into the new building and the old is torn down. The early cost estimate for this multi-phase redevelopment is \$2 to 3.8 million.

That's a long way from the initial idea, which was to simply renovate the hall.

"We couldn't get a clear answer on how much a retrofit would cost and that made the committee uncomfortable," says Jeff Ollis, committee chair. A sinking floor and walls filled with asbestos are part of the problem. So, the committee turned its attention to building something new within the confines of the area it licenses from the city.

Here's where things stand on the idea to redevelop the whole site:

Since April, Ritchie's strategic plan has been making the rounds through City of Edmonton departments. Parks, Transportation etc. will look for issues the league needs to resolve BEFORE applying for a development permit.

"We're totally on board with this process," says Jeff. "(Our plan) is being circulated, but we need to hear back from the City before we can proceed."

This is the second time Ritchie has prepared extensive documents for City approval, but the process is new since the first time. And that's not the only shifting sands the committee has

had to negotiate. Others include provincial and federal elections that changed what grants are available. The league's board itself has changed five times and, at least once, done an about face on the project's scope.

The first proposal, in 2015, was to build a two-storey hall where the old now sits and put programs in church basements for 12-18 months during construction. Even adding the second storey, the hall would have been smaller than the existing one because there is simply no room to gain space except up, which is costly.

"The new board came in and said, 'Are you kidding? You can see the growth (in young families) and enthusiasm (for a new hall) in the community,'" says Jeff. That set the committee on the path it is now on.

Once City approval of the strategic plan is in place, the committee will move on to developing a business case and concept drawing for redeveloping the entire site. The design phase for the actual hall is at least a year away. As always, the final decision for what ultimately gets built rests, not with the RHRC committee, but with the community league board itself.



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Crib Club continues

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Chili cooked up winners

Photo by Angie Newby

Ritchie's April Chili Cook Off was a win-win event: the league made a profit, the Youth Empowerment and Support Services (YESS) received all the tips and an extra donation from Accent Infills. And bragging rights went to:

Accent Infills: People's Choice award
The Grindstone: Best Veggie
Knifewear with ACME Meats: Best Meat
Thanks to all sponsors and volunteers who made the night a success, once again.

New look: hall entrance



Ritchie Hall sees a lot of traffic. More than 1,000 people each month! But a little TLC and some new furnishings have perked it up, just in time for party season. Birthdays, reunions, nonprofit meetings and fundraisers, even the odd corporate family BBQ...they all fit at Ritchie. (Only commercial entities may not rent the hall to conduct their business in it.) Rental discounts for league members are available.



Join the fight against human trafficking

Adara Hair and Beauty Studio wants to raise \$10,000 to fight human trafficking in Alberta. For a donation during its tenth annual cut-a-thon July 7, Adara stylists will give you a new do. These donations, combined with proceeds from a BBQ and raffle the same day, will all go to the Action Coalition on Human Trafficking. ACT Alberta identifies and responds to incidents of human trafficking in Alberta whether the victims are from abroad or Canada, whether they are targeted for the sex trade or other reasons. Adara recently moved from Ritchie across Whyte Avenue into the Strathcona neighbourhood: #203, 9562 82 Ave.
Cut-A-Thon July 7, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Volunteers came through

It was down to the wire, but Ritchie volunteers filled all positions needed at the April casino. Thanks everyone who served their time! The payout won't be known until summer.

Neighbours cleaned ravine



Thank you to the more than 300 volunteers from Ritchie, Hazeldean, King Edward Park and Avonmore who tramped through Mill Creek ravine in May, picking up trash. The annual Clean Up was a huge success.

Thanks also to those who got their hands dirty helping with the BBQ, which was generously sponsored by C3 and Calvary churches and Hazeldean Community League.

Celebrate soccer ...and Dads!



Calling all soccer players! Individual and team photos will be taken Father's Day at Ritchie Hall. Bring dad and treat him to a free hot dog. The event is scheduled June 16, 1:30 - 4 p.m., but check in with your coach for a narrower window for your team's turn with the photographer.



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