

# NORTHEAST VOICE

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## Kilkenny Community League General Meetings

Become a part of your community and get involved! Board meetings are held the second Tuesday every month (excluding July & August) from 7:00pm – 9:00pm in the Meeting Room of Kilkenny Hall.

## The McLeod Dance Program

The McLeod Dance Program is taking registrations for our 2021 New Year Program! Don't miss your chance to join this amazing dance family! We offer classes in Ballet, Hip-Hop, Jazz, Lyrical, Mini-Movers & Adult Classes! We would love to have you join our expanding dance program! Our New Year program will be running classes on

Monday & Wednesday evenings dependent on the style of dance you choose. We follow social distancing protocols to make all dancers feel safe to come into our space. If you'd like more information on our affordable dance program, or to register, please e-mail [dance@mcleodcommunityleague.ca](mailto:dance@mcleodcommunityleague.ca) or call Amy at 780-893-5151.

## McLeod Rinks and COVID

The McLeod Community League Board, based on the advice of Alberta Health Services, the City of Edmonton, and the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues, has developed a public skating plan for 2020 and 2021. We have tried to strike the best balance between getting the maximum number of skaters on the ice and respecting public safety.

As such, our plan is to have skaters sign up for cohorts. The skaters will be assigned to that same cohort for the entire skating season. Each cohort will be assigned one hour and 45 minutes of skating



time on a weekday evening and 50 minutes on a weekend afternoon. There will be a public

skating cohort and a shinny cohort. There will be 15 skaters in each cohort.

Sign up will be done via Eventbrite. We expect that, by the [Continues on pg6](#)

## Evansdale

### POTENTIAL NEW DEVELOPMENT

St. Olga Park is the green space situated along 150 Avenue and 87 - 88A Street. I was recently informed that in August 2019 soil testing was being done on this site. Wanting to obtain more information I reached out to Jon Dziadyk's office on October 26, 2020. I received the following response from his Senior Assistant, Cole Kander:

"In regard to St. Olga Park, would you be able to send me more information regarding this topic. Perhaps where you saw this "pre-sale investigation" so I can look into it for you?" I forwarded him the email I received advising of the soil testing being done. This was his response to that email:

"At this time, the work that is occurring on site is environmental testing so that in the future, when the land is sold, a buyer would be able to have the necessary information to make an informed purchase decision and proceed with a development in a timely fashion.



In terms of what purpose the site would be sold for, that will really depend on who sub-

mits an offer for the site and what they propose to do. I will say [Continues on pg3](#)



Dear Community Resident,

The purpose of this letter is to update you about the future of the Evansdale surplus school site located at 150 Avenue and 87 Street NW.

### BACKGROUND

In 1969, a future public elementary school site was set aside on a 1.23 hectare parcel located at the corner of 150 Avenue and 87 Street NW, within the Evansdale neighbourhood. The planned school building was never constructed and the site has been used for temporary sports fields. In 2013, the Board of Trustees of Edmonton Public Schools declared the school site as surplus to its district needs. As the Edmonton Catholic School Board and the Greater North Central Francophone Education Region Board (Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord) did not express an interest in the site, the Edmonton Public School Board transferred title to the City according to the Joint Use Agreement. The Minister of Alberta Education approved this in fall 2015.

### INTENT

As a municipal use for this land has not been identified, City Administration intends to offer the surplus school site for sale and present an opportunity for development. A subdivision application was submitted on November 25, 2019, proposing to separate the approved surplus school site from the overall park site as shown in red on the reverse side of this page. However, the City found the subdivision proposal would impact the premier baseball diamond (Diamond #3 on the map) and raise other issues. As a result, an alternate subdivision site has been proposed, shown in blue on the reverse side and the original site will remain as parkland.

### NEXT STEPS

City Administration will be submitting a new subdivision application for the alternate site this fall and will proceed with a report to City Council requesting removal of the reserve designation. This must occur before the sale of the land. The residual lot will be re-designated as municipal reserve land upon registration of the subdivided site. The Council report will be presented at a public hearing to be held in the first quarter of 2021. Community residents and the public will have an opportunity to submit a request to speak at the public hearing.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Bwale Bwalya, Planner with the Real Estate Branch via email at [bwale.bwalya@edmonton.ca](mailto:bwale.bwalya@edmonton.ca) or by phone at 780.496.9623. Thank you.

Regards,  
The City of Edmonton Real Estate team



# Evansdale Community League News

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## Evansdale Community League Board & Committees

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## Community League Memberships

Get your membership anytime! Membership makes you part of an amazing community of people who care about and help look after our community. Get free community swims, discounts on community programs, discounts on Edmonton City wellness programs and hall rentals, and enjoy skating in the winter!

\$25 family  
\$10 single  
\$10 seniors

\$15 single parent

\$15 couple with no children

Contact Elaine Sarac at [membership@evansdale.ca](mailto:membership@evansdale.ca) or 780-476-7442 to get your Evansdale Community League membership. Please leave a voice message if you cannot reach Elaine by phone.

If you are in a rush, you can buy memberships at the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues website: [www.efcl.org](http://www.efcl.org)

## Evansdale Hall Rental Information

Hall capacity follows Gathering Restrictions.

\$50/hr meeting

\$350/day Mon-Thur, \$350 damage deposit

\$450/day Fri/Sat/Sun, \$400 damage deposit

All weekend \$650, \$600 damage deposit

Dishes \$100

BBQ \$75

Sports Building capacity follows Gathering Restrictions from Stage 2 of Alberta's Relaunch Strategy published by Government of Alberta

\$25/hr meeting



\$35/hr function

\$125/day, \$100 damage

Weekend \$350, \$300 damage deposit

References may be requested. Discounts available for community members of one year or more. Contact Terri at 780-478-4444 or [hall-rentals@evansdale.ca](mailto:hall-rentals@evansdale.ca).

## Visit Our Website and Facebook Page

Get the latest information, our most recent newsletter, contact information and lots of other great stuff! Also get involved, join us on Facebook!

Website: [www.evansdale.ca](http://www.evansdale.ca)

Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/evansdalecommunityleague](http://www.facebook.com/evansdalecommunityleague)

## A Message from the President of Evansdale

There are many ongoing obstacles imposed by the global pandemic that makes our lives challenging this year. Due to new COVID-19 restrictions announced by the Government of Alberta, group fitness classes are cancelled until November 28th (or further restrictions when the December issue goes to publication whichever is the latest announcement by GOA). That means Zumba, yoga and Kids' Tae Kwon Do classes at Evansdale Community League are temporarily cancelled until restriction is lifted. Meanwhile, the skating rink at Evansdale Community League is almost ready to go for another season! I know how important it is for everyone to get outdoors to skate and play a little hockey especially this winter!

We will proceed with great caution this season. There will be new regulations posted and



enforced at the rink to ensure the health and safety of our community members. Please read signs posted outside of the skating room prior to entering.

And there will be a maximum capacity allowed on ice. Due to COVID-19, we will not be loaning out skates, so you will have to bring your own

equipment such as helmets and skates this year. Also, masks are mandatory in the skating room. For updates regarding our opening hours and new rules, please call 780-478-2577 OR monitor Evansdale's Facebook Page and website. We look forward to seeing everyone!

Jeff Muiselaar

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of other great stuff! Also get involved, join us on Facebook! Website: [www.evansdale.ca](http://www.evansdale.ca)

Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/evansdalecommunityleague](http://www.facebook.com/evansdalecommunityleague)

## Seek help for the Baby Blues

Becoming a parent can be a difficult transition, for both partners.

Postpartum Mood Disorder is a term that is used to describe a range of mental health symptoms.

About 50 to 80 per cent of women have postpartum blues or "baby blues" the first two weeks after a baby is born. Keep in mind that your body has just gone through a large amount of stress. Hormones are regulating, and you are transitioning into parenthood.

After the first couple of weeks, many women feel symptoms of depression and heightened levels of anxiety and worry. The most common scenarios include worrying about something happening to the baby, her partner, or herself.

Her partner may also experience symptoms of postpartum mood disorder. In fact, studies suggest that if a woman is experiencing symptoms of depression or anxiety, her partner is 50 per cent more likely to have their



own symptoms.

One in 10 men will experience symptoms of postpartum blues -- most commonly depression and/or anxiety.

Men, however, often don't experience these symptoms until four to six months after the baby's birth. Signs include:

### Being quick to anger

Working longer hours

Experiencing more physical symptoms, such as headache or stomach pains

Avoiding activities/hobbies that they were once interested in

Having a new baby adds extra stress to the relationship. Many describe a decrease in marital or relationship satisfaction

during the first year after a baby is born. With that in mind, it is important to:

### Communicate needs to one another

Engage in self-care

Find time to participate in activities of interest together, and separately

Access professional support when necessary

Find ways to connect with other new parents, family, and friends

If you are struggling to manage your mental health after the birth of your new baby, call 811 or the Mental Health Helpline at 1-877-303-2642 or your local Addiction & Mental Health office for support. Help is available.



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that we have heard from one group that is interested in this site specifically for the development of a private school. With that said, the land has not been listed for sale and we will see what the market

comes back with in terms of proposals.”

In late October we received a letter from the City of Edmonton. The letter was addressed “Dear Community Resident” and came in an unaddressed envelope.

We assume that everyone within Evansdale would have received the same letter. Did you receive yours? I have taken the liberty of including the letter in this edition of the paper. I would like to draw your attention to the paragraph

“NEXT STEPS”.

The purpose of this article is to make you aware of the upcoming changes within our community – yet again. Most importantly though it is to keep you informed, so that we, the residents of Evansdale

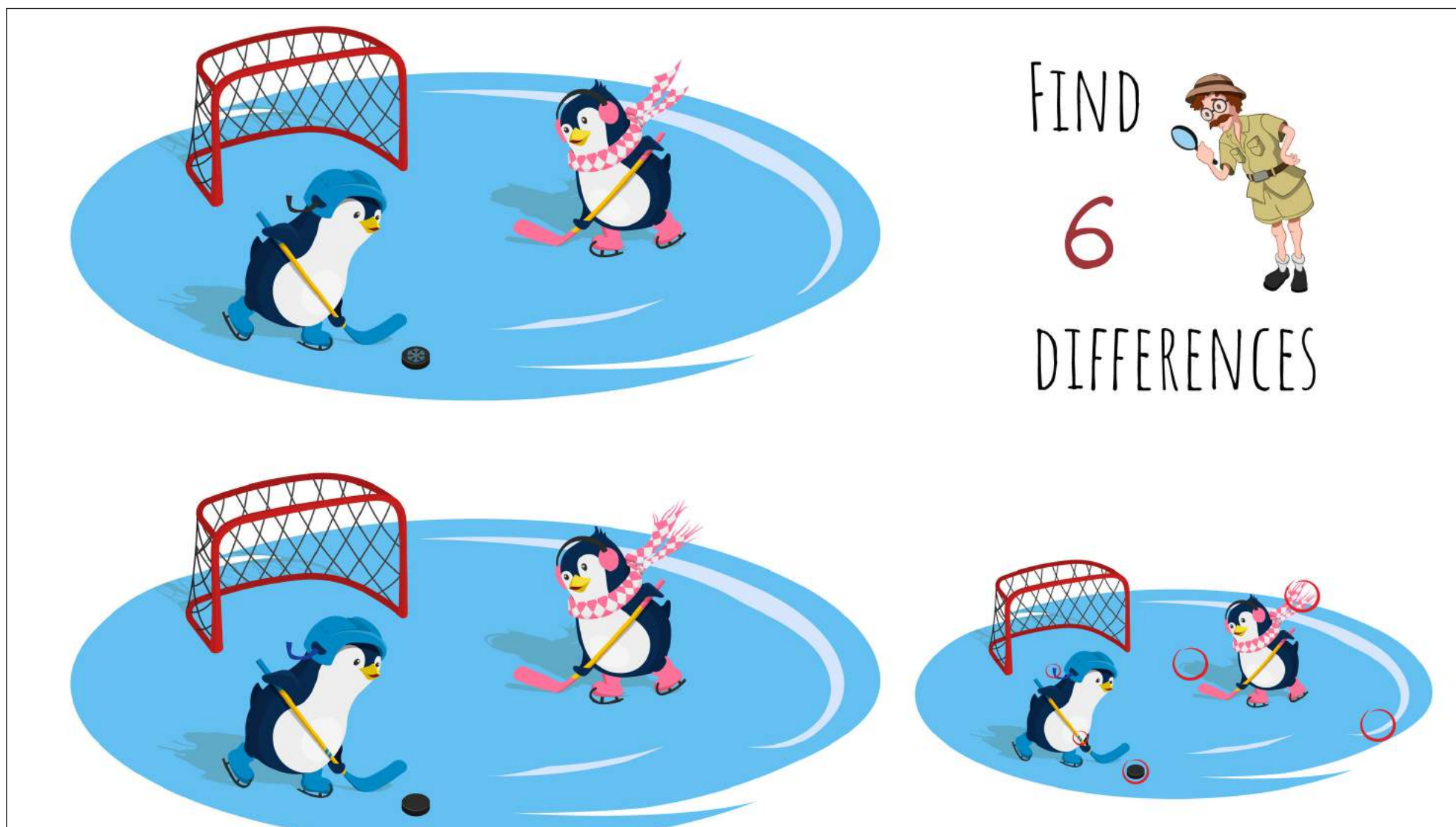
can become involved in future discussions regarding the development of this site.

If you do observe any activity contact Jeff, President of Evansdale at [president@evansdale.ca](mailto:president@evansdale.ca).

We would like to point out

that, to our knowledge, the citizens of Evansdale were not notified of any soil testing being done on the property for the Homes for Heroes project.

Respectfully submitted  
Pat S. 780-984-8463  
Maxine P. 780-966-4068



## Evansdale Halloween Coloring Contest Winner



We thank everyone for participating in the Evansdale Halloween coloring contest this year: what a great turn out. Special mention goes to all the parents who helped these young talents submit their work: thank-you!!

The winner of 2020 Evansdale Halloween coloring contest is: Rana Amarkhil (13 years old)! We will be in contact with Rana's parents to reach a safe method to deliver the prize. Honorary mention goes to Preston Kong (10

years old) and Heidi Osinchuk (6 years old).

Extra special mention to lovely Connor Lalonde (6 years old) and Marek Felczak (6 years old) for putting a big smile on our panel judges' face.

Edmonton Catholic Schools  
Trustee Sandra Palazzo Ward 72

Wishes you and your Family a

MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
&  
HAPPY NEW YEAR

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How do I know what items come with the house I want to buy?



I just bought a house, and on possession day, I noticed the movable island from the kitchen, which I loved when I viewed the property, was gone. Was the seller allowed to take it with them?

The short answer is yes, the seller was allowed to take the movable island with them. A movable or detached island is an example of an unattached good—these are movable items that are not included in the sale of a property unless agreed to, in writing, by the parties.

Unattached goods include items such as wall art, area rugs, non-built-in appliances such as microwaves, and even curtains. Unless otherwise agreed to, sellers can take movable items from the property before the buyer takes possession.

The opposite of unattached goods are attached goods. Attached goods are items that you cannot remove from a property without causing damage to the property. For example, chandeliers, built-in appliances such as dishwashers, and curtain rods and brackets are attached goods. Unless otherwise agreed to, sellers are expected to leave attached goods behind.

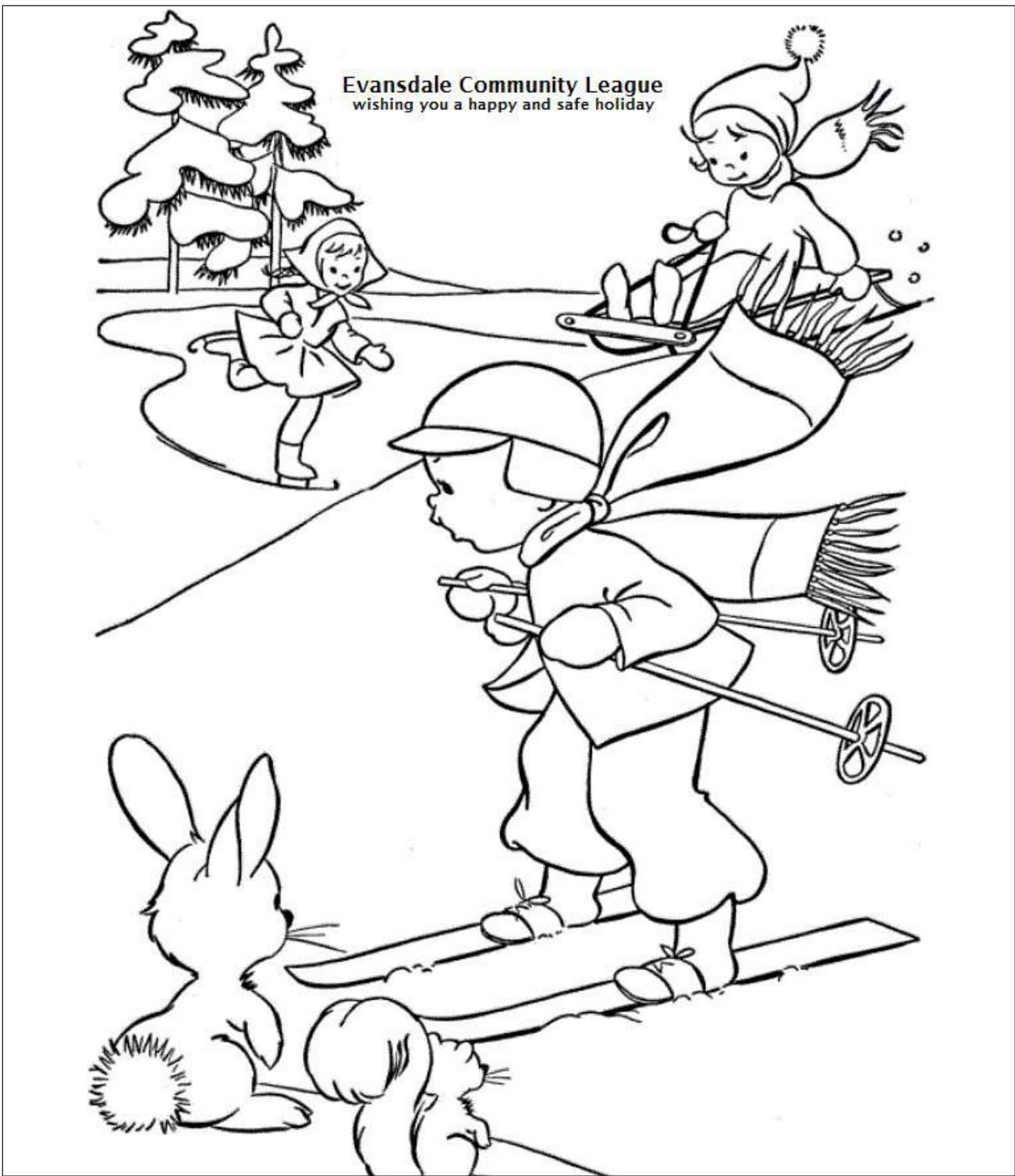
However, the good news for buyers is, if there is something you like in a property you are considering buying, but it's an unattached good, all is not lost. If you want a particular unattached good included in your purchase of the property, list it as an inclusion in your offer to purchase. Now, it's subject to negotiation between you and the seller.

The seller may agree, or they may remove it from the list of inclusions in a counter offer. It is up to the buyer and seller, with the help of their real estate representatives, to negotiate the transaction, and that includes what items are included or not.

When it doubt, write it out. This is the best way to ensure you know what is included when you're purchasing a property. For larger more expensive items, you may wish to include the make, model, and serial number. This may eliminate a seller's urge to switch nice appliances, for example, with less expensive, used items.

Now, what do you do in the event the seller was supposed to leave something behind, but didn't? If you don't find out until after possession, you need to call your lawyer as it is now a legal issue between you and the seller. Your real estate professional can attempt to discuss the matter with the seller's representative, but if things aren't fixed to your satisfaction, your only recourse is to speak to your lawyer.

"Ask Charles" is a question and answer column by Charles Stevenson, Director of Professional Standards with the Real Estate Council of Alberta (RECA), [www.reca.ca](http://www.reca.ca). RECA is the independent, non-government agency responsible for the regulation of Alberta's real estate industry. We license, govern, and set the standards of practice for all real estate, mortgage brokerage, and real estate appraisal professionals in Alberta. To submit a question, email [askcharles@reca.ca](mailto:askcharles@reca.ca).



Evansdale December Coloring Contest

Holiday season is upon us and we would like to continue the coloring contest fun in December! Open to young talents of all ages!!

How to enter:  
Print the sheet and color it.  
Once it's colored, submit it online by taking a picture of the finished photo and emailing it to [newsletter@evansdale.ca](mailto:newsletter@evansdale.ca)

Alternatively, you can post it on your own Facebook wall, but make sure it is visible to public and tag us so that we can view it.

Hashtag for this event is #evansdaledesign2020, you need to include the hashtag in your finished photo to enter the contest.  
Deadline is end of December 2020!

Please make sure you have your finished work submitted by that time.

When entering the contest, please include your kid's name and age.

The winner will be announced on Evansdale Community League's Facebook before we ring in 2021.  
Prize is \$50 gift card from

ToyRUs. We will be in touch with the winner after the announcement to reach a safe and efficient way to send the prize out.

By entering the contest, a Child's parent or guardian agrees to the rules outlined above as well as to the work being published on our Facebook afterwards.





# McLeod Community League News

## A Message from the McLeod Community Safety Director

### Distracted Driving

What you cannot do while driving (which includes being stopped at a red light):

- Hold, view or manipulate cell phones
- Use electronic devices such as laptops, video games, cameras, video entertainment displays, program audio players, enter info on GPS systems
- Read printed material, print or sketch
- Engage in grooming or personal hygiene

None of these activities are permitted when stopped at red light or in a drive thru. The fine is \$300 and three demerit points.

### Here is what you can do:

- Drink a non-alcoholic beverage
- Eat a snack
- Engage in conversation with passengers
- Smoke a cigarette (if there are no minors in the vehicle)
- Use hands-free devices
- Use two-way radios when a driver is required to remain in contact with an employer
- Use GPS (if mounted and information is entered before driving)
- Use a vehicle information system that provides information of location of vehicle and vehicle operating systems. Can be a gauge instrument or device.
- Use collision avoidance system
- Use alcohol ignition interlock device
- Use a dispatch system for transporting passengers or logistical transportation system that track location, driver status and/or delivery of commercial goods.
- Use portable audio system if set up to use before driving
- Hold your phone to make a 911 call in an emergency
- Under the Traffic Safety Act, an emergency vehicle includes Police, Peace Officer, Sheriff, Fire Response Units, Ambulance and Gas Disconnection Units. Drivers of emergency vehicles are permitted to use hand-held communication devices, or any other

electronic devices, when acting within the scope of their employment.

Go to: <http://www.transportation.alberta.ca/distracted-driving.htm> for more information.

### Before you Drive in the Winter:

- Ensure snow, ice and frost is removed from your windshield and windows (Failure to do so can result in a ticket of \$162.00)
- Ensure your headlights are clean from dirt, snow or ice
- Ensure snow is removed from your hood and roof (Failure to do so can result in a ticket of \$486.00)
- Ensure your windshield washer reservoir is full with winter solution
- Ensure your license plate is clear and visible
- Failure to do so can result in a ticket of \$162.00.

License plate covers are not permitted and cause the license plate to become obscured. Reflective license plate covers that distort the view from the sides can cost you a ticket of \$486.00. In addition, Chevrolet and GMC truck owners, if your spare tire access cover is open and blocking your license plate, you can be issued a ticket of \$162.00.

### Abandoned Vehicles

Did you know that a vehicle can only be left unmoved for 72 hours on a highway, which includes a roadway? Now that the snow has fallen it is easy to spot the vehicles not moving on a regular basis due to snow on the vehicle and the dry pavement underneath.

If the vehicle is not moved every 72 hours, it is then considered abandoned and can result in a fine of \$324.00 plus the cost of the tow. If you are not driving the vehicle every 72 hours, I suggest putting the vehicle on a driveway or garage. If you spot an abandoned vehicle you can report it by calling 311.

### Parking Bans

Parking bans can be declared between November 5 and March 15, with 8 hours notice, to conduct snow plowing or removal. Bans remain in

effect until the City declares it is over. Please do not park on a plowed bus route until the ban has been officially lifted. Failure to comply with the parking ban may result in a fine of \$100 plus the cost of tow.

### Snow on Sidewalks

Please maintain your sidewalk adjacent to your property. It is your responsibility and failure to do so can result in a fine of \$100.00, plus the cost of the City hiring a contractor to remedy the situation, which then gets put on the homeowner's tax roll. I encourage you to help out your fellow neighbours who may struggle or cannot shovel or remove ice from their sidewalks due to injury or disability. Unfortunately, the City of Edmonton does not have a Snow Angels Program. If you choose to report snow covered or icy sidewalks that are the responsibility of a homeowner, business owner or the City, you can call 311.

### Putting Snow on Roadway

Snow from your sidewalk or driveway cannot be put on the roadway. This action violates Edmonton bylaws and could result in a fine of \$250. Putting snow on the road contributes to unsafe driving and walking conditions, increases the cost of providing winter road maintenance and can lead to blocked storm drains. If you do not have room for snow on your property, you can haul it to one of four snow dumps in Edmonton free of charge. Phone 311 or go to the City of Edmonton website to get locations.

### Parking on/across Sidewalks

Please do not park on or across a sidewalk. You could be fined up to \$100.00.

I encourage you as neighbours, if you have an issue and you feel comfortable talking to your neighbour, speak to them directly about the issue to find a resolution. If you do not feel comfortable, you can call 311 or download the 311 app and make a complaint.

### Electrical Cords over Sidewalk

It is an offence to put an electrical cord over a side-

walk as it is a tripping hazard. Your cord could be removed and you may be fined up to \$100.00.

Safety tips for extension cords/block heater plugs:

- Make sure you unplug your block heater by using the hard, rubber end. Pulling on the electrical cord can cause breakage and potential electrical issues.
- Do not drive over your extension cord. This can cause cracking/breaking during bitterly cold weather.
- Cover your block heater plug-in with its protective cover.
- Have your block heater cord inspected each fall by a qualified mechanic.
- Do not put electrical cords in between the hood. Pinching the cord could result in a short, which could cause a fire.
- Use a block heater timer to reduce your electrical consumption, which can really add up during extended cold weather.

### Running Vehicles in Garages

With the garage door open, a car can generate enough carbon monoxide to kill. It is not only dangerous for the person in the garage but also carbon monoxide can then leak into the house if the garage is attached to the house.

Be safe this winter. Do not run a car in the garage and do not run a snowblower in an enclosed garage either. The snowblower engines do not have catalytic converters and can easily fill a garage with fatal levels of carbon monoxide.

### Coyotes

My wife and kids were charged by a coyote in the field near Hollick-Kenyon Park. I also read of similar occurrences near the location on social media. I contacted the City and spoke to one of the City Park Rangers. They advised that a contractor was hired to remove two coyotes that were habituated and causing concerns with residents in area. If you encounter a coyote that charges at you, is aggressive or tries to attack you or your

pet, please report it to 311. If a coyote attack is occurring and you are able, call 911. Here are some tips to assist you from the City of Edmonton's website.

To avoid conflict with coyotes, follow these simple steps:

- Don't feed coyotes
- Secure your garbage in a protected container
- Clean up fallen fruit and spilled bird seed
- Keep pet food inside
- Keep your dog on-leash in areas frequented by coyotes
- Don't leave a small dog out in the yard unattended for long periods of time
- Don't leave cats out roaming
- Take These Immediate Steps if you encounter a Coyote

Clap your hands loudly and firmly towards the animal

Respond to its presence aggressively by making yourself appear large (wave your arms overhead or swing objects like a walking stick at the coyote)

Throw rocks, sticks or other objects to scare it away

Carry a whistle and blow it to startle the animal

Carry dog spray in areas highly frequented by coyotes

Shout in a deep voice and maintain eye contact

Do not turn away or run. This may trigger a natural predator/prey instinct and might encourage the coyote to chase after you

If the coyote continues to approach, back away slowly and move toward buildings or human activity. Coyotes may remain near a source of food or a den site, and this could be the reason they refuse to leave. Be mindful of situations like this, and remove attractants if possible.

Coyote Information Line: 780-644-5744

### Pets and Cold Weather

The cold temperatures are here and in Alberta that can be dangerous for your pet. The best place for your pet is inside, except when you take it outside to walk it or get exercise, or if the breed of the dog is capable of surviving

cold weather. In saying that, there are requirements under the Alberta Animal Protection Act you need to follow to help keep your pet safe if they are left outside.

Shelter: Your dog needs to have a proper doghouse. Doghouses need to have proper bedding such as straw or blankets. Straw is recommended over blankets, which can soak up moisture and then turn to ice. The doghouse should have a door to stop any wind. L-shaped entrances work well to reduce wind chill.

Water: Your dog must always have access to water. Frozen water or snow does not count. Consider getting a heated bowl to avoid freeze up. Avoid using metal bowls that dog's tongues can stick and freeze to.

Food: Your dog must be fed food every day. When the temperatures get cold, ensure you add extra food to assist in the necessary energy to keep your dog warm.

If your dog is an indoor dog, ensure when you let them outside that you let them in right away during frigid temperatures once they are done going to the bathroom. Do not leave dogs in cold vehicles.

If you believe a dog or cat is in distress, please report it to 311 and if 311 is closed, please report to Edmonton Police at 780-423-4567. Dogs or Cats in distress can be one or all of the above issues. Signs of distress can be shivering excessively, lifting its paws, licking or biting its paws, whimpering, howling or excessively barking (dogs) and/or not moving.

Animal owners can be charged under Alberta Animal Protection Act, with fines up to \$20,000, and could be banned from owning animals. In addition, if the owner of an animal causes the distress, they could be charged criminally and could face jail time.

Consider using dog friendly ice salt on your sidewalks, even if you don't have a dog, to be a good neighbour. Regular ice salt can irritate dog's pads on their feet.



### Crime Prevention

When you leave, or go to bed, ensure all your doors and windows are locked. Ensure your vehicle doors are locked. If you have a security system, ensure it is armed. After Christmas is over, avoid placing high-ticket boxes or store bags out on the curb that are visible to everyone. Take larger boxes to the recycle depot and place store bags and wrapping paper in black garbage bags before putting in blue or clear recycle bags. Do not place presents under a Christmas tree that can be easily viewed from the outside of your home.

Be cautious with candles. Do not leave them unattended.

### Traffic Violation Tickets

If you received a speeding ticket in the last few months, please do not attend the courthouse unless it is a mandatory court appearance. If you wish to plead not guilty, you can by mail or call the courthouse for further instructions. You can pay tickets online or at any Alberta Registry office.

This is the season of giving and if you're able to support your favourite charity, or can donate to any of them (i.e. The Christmas Bureau, Santa's Anonymous, The Food Bank, Mustard Seed or The Hope Mission to name a few), please consider doing so. If you have already, I thank you.

Hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Be safe.

### McLeod AGM

On the 29th of October, McLeod Community League held its Annual General Meeting. Due to a public health order and concerns around COVID, the decision was made to move the AGM to Zoom. We were very grateful to get so many Community League members join us, as well as a couple new volunteers.

Thanks to Matt, who is the new Matt Berry rep, and Sativa, who is the new Vice-President.

We look forward to your contributions to the Community League! As always, there are plenty of volunteer opportunities available. Please email [secretary@mcleodcl.ca](mailto:secretary@mcleodcl.ca) if you're interested.

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time this newsletter is in your mailbox, cohorts will have filled up based on Facebook advertising. However, you can easily check at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/mcleod-community-league-31727884331>

We will also be maintaining a reserve/cancellation list. Please watch our Facebook page for details.

At this time, our plan is to run the Newcomer Skate on the 2nd of January. Unlike other years where it has been a drop-in event, the plan this year is to require advance booking on Eventbrite. Again, watch our Facebook page for details.

The Del Golinoski 3v3 Hockey Tournament is a bigger challenge. We expect that many of the players who normally play in this tournament are already in sports cohorts and would not be permitted under public health guidelines to join us. We also recognize the risk this represents for

our volunteers. We are currently discussing the plan with teams from past years, but we expect that the tournament will have to move to an online format this year.

Rules for the rinks for 2020/21 are as follows. These rules are subject to change as we figure out what works and what does not:

All entry and exit shall follow the planned route as laid out by the rink attendant.

Loaner skates will be loaned out for the season. Skaters who require loaner skates or helmets will be required to indicate such at registration.

Benches shall be set up outside where skaters can put their skates on.

The rink shack will not be open.

Washrooms will not be available.

Skaters are requested to arrive within 10 minutes of their scheduled start time and depart within 10 minutes of their scheduled end time.

There shall be no specta-

tors. Parents who are on hand to help tie skates shall take appropriate safety measures and exit the rink area as soon as possible.

On-ice benches shall be closed for the season.

Skaters who are experiencing COVID symptoms or have a recent exposure to COVID shall inform the rink attendant via email and not participate until they are clear in accordance with then-current public health authority instructions. Skaters who are required to quarantine due to COVID shall not lose their place in their Cohort.

The rink attendant will clean all required surfaces (benches, door handles, and board tops) after each Cohort's departure.

The rink attendant will have discretion to close the rink due to weather. While -20 degrees Celsius is the normal closing temperature, the lack of a rink shack will likely mean that -15 degrees Celsius is the required closing temperature.

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Our office will be closed from  
**December 18th to January 1st**  
for the holidays.  
Wishing everyone a safe and  
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## MERRY CHRISTMAS

Here is a quick recap of what I've worked on at City Hall:

- Pushed for 1% tax decrease
- Cut middle management
- Ward budgets reduced by 10%
- Voted against 40km/h speed change
- Enhanced the snow removal plan

**-Jon Dziadyk Ward 3 Councillor**

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# Kilkenny Community League News

## Do you have a special content you would like to see??

Do you or someone you have content that you would like in the North East Voice? We would like to hear from you!! Feel free to send in a picture and the appropri-

ate information and we will include it in the next newsletter!! Please send it to Lindsay, Kilkenny Publicity Director at [publicity@kilkenny.ab.ca](mailto:publicity@kilkenny.ab.ca).

## Community League Memberships



Memberships are sold in person during the spring (March) and fall (September) sports registration dates (please bring proof of address [utility bill or drivers license]). However memberships are sold year round through the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues (EFCL) website. Membership types and rates are listed there.

Benefits of membership include:  
Free community league swim at:

Londonderry Fitness & Leisure Centre, located at 14528-66 Street NW, every Sunday from 4:15 pm – 5:45 pm.

Grand Trunk Fitness & Leisure Centre, located at 13025-112 Street NW, every Sunday

from 4:15 pm – 5:45 pm and Fridays 7:15 pm – 9:15 pm.

10% discounted Annual, Multi Admission, or Continuous Monthly passes to ANY City of Edmonton Recreation Centre.

Free outdoor skating at ANY Community League rink (ensure you have current skate tags).

Free indoor skating at Londonderry Fitness & Leisure Centre, located at 14528-66 Street NW, every Sunday from 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm.

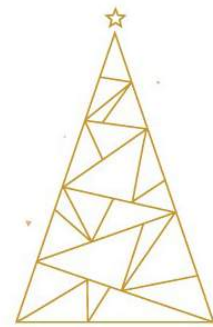
Voting rights at the Kilkenny Annual General Meeting (AGM) held in November.

Please come out and support your community!

If you have any other questions, please email [Membership@Kilkenny.ab.ca](mailto:Membership@Kilkenny.ab.ca)

## Thank you

We would like to thank everyone that attended our 2020 AGM. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year!



From my family to yours,  
wishing you a  
Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year!

*Nicole Goehring*

Nicole Goehring  
MLA Edmonton - Castle Downs

## Grannies Tackle Tech

A group of Edmonton-area grandmothers raise awareness and funds for grandmothers in Africa who are raising their orphaned grandchildren due to the AIDS pandemic. Due to COVID-19 they have moved their one day craft sale online.

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### How to save tax money

Tax planning for business owners and individuals to save tax money:

By Chandan Talukder, CN Tax & Accounting

Tax planning for business owners to save tax money before the year-end:

1. Try to avoid cash expenses and keep all the receipts. Separate personal expenses from business
2. If you are using personal credit card for business expenses do not forget to claim it.
3. If you are using personal vehicle for business use, you can claim vehicle expenses for business use. Keep logbook to separate personal mileage and business mileage
4. If you operate business from home, you might eligible to claim home office expenses for business use expense such as portion of rent or mortgage interest but not mortgage payment , home insurance, property tax, utilities
5. Keep more money in the business account to offset shareholder loan, it will help to pay less personal tax.
6. Consider to buy capital assets for business so that you can claim expenses as amortization
7. If you have higher personal income consider to contribute in RRSP
8. Tax planning for salary or dividends to find out less cost
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# Northmount Community League News

## Northmount Board of Directors as of September 15, 2020

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Secretary	Margaret Warwick	secretary@northmount.ca
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Bingo Director	VACANT	
Acting Bingo Coordinator	James Crocker	bingo@northmount.ca
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Memberships	Robin Wheatley	memberships@northmount.ca
Past-President	Terry Kitching	
Seniors Programs Director	VACANT	
Soccer Director	VACANT	
Sports Explorerz	Karen Plamondon	

## Desperately Seeking a Bingo Director

Northmount Community is in dire need of a new Bingo Director, this position is currently empty and if we don't fill it, we risk losing funding if we can't hold onto our bingo license. Bingos are still being run, even with COVID restrictions in place. Our license currently gives us a bingo about every 2 months, the next bingo we have scheduled is January 5th, 2021. Our most recent bingo (Nov. 19th) we gave away to a different group, as we have no one to

recruit volunteers or organize it. The job description of Bingo Director is listed below. If you are able to volunteer for this position or have any questions about it, please email our president Meagan at [president@northmount.ca](mailto:president@northmount.ca)

### Bingo Director

The Bingo Director will:

- be responsible for the organization, timing and completion of the assigned bingo dates
- keep an updated record of and maintain status of vol-

unteer membership lists and other records pertaining to Bingos

- ensure compliance with the Gaming regulations
- applies for licenses and permits to run Bingos
- help recruit volunteer workers
- review and prepare policy and procedures with respect to Bingos
- report monthly to the Board of Directors; and
- attend Bingo Association general meetings.

## President's Message

Hello everyone, I hope everyone is keeping safe and connected in a socially distanced way.

With things always changing, some programming will continue to be on hold to do our part as we keep the cases of Covid-19 down.

Yoga and Hapkido started up again, but with limited capacity to ensure everyone's safety. At this time we are not taking new registrations, but will keep class running for the current students registered. If you would like to be added to the waitlist once registration

opens up again, please email [president@northmount.ca](mailto:president@northmount.ca)

All future board meetings will continue to be held virtually and this will stay in place until at least April 2021. Board meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month, if you are wanting to attend a board meeting please email [president@northmount.ca](mailto:president@northmount.ca) by 5 PM the Thursday before the meeting to be added to the virtual invite list.

All the best and be well!

Meagan Plamondon (she/her)  
[president@northmount.ca](mailto:president@northmount.ca)

## Follow us on Social Media



Do you want to keep up to date on happenings in Northmount? Join our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NorthmountCommunityLeague/> Join in the conversations, RSVP to Events we are hosting, and connect with fellow community members. We'd love to see you there!

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## Online Safety: Signs That an Email Is Fraudulent

In the modern world, we can't live without email. But sadly, it has become a tool for cybercriminals that we need to be ever on our guard against.

There are a number of ways to spot a fraudulent email. Train yourself to not take emails for granted by looking at the points listed below.

### 1. The "From" Address

This should be from a site you recognize, and not a free site like Yahoo or Gmail. Hit reply to email the sender back and see what happens. If it bounces, it is in violation of CAN-SPAM email regulations that require each emailer to have a viable return email address.

### 2. Is the Greeting Strange?

Does it read as though it was written by a native speaker of English? Is it personalized, or just a hi? Most legitimate online marketers

will use personalization.

### 3. Are There Obvious Misspellings?

Check the From field, subject line, greeting, and opening paragraph. If there are errors, chances are the email is from overseas and could be a scam.

### 4. Is There Contact Information at the Bottom of the Email?

A full, legitimate mailing address is also required under the CAN-SPAM laws.

### 5. Are Dates in the Email Recent?

Some scams will get run over and over again and may have an old back date.

### 6. Is the Brand or Company Name Spelled Correctly?

Misspellings of either of these are a strong sign that the email is a scam.

### 7. Does the Link URL Included in the Email Look Right?

Scam emails will want to send you over to a URL to get phished or infected with malware and so on. If it is not a URL you are familiar with or it is misspelled, don't click.

### 8. Does the Link Take You to a Legitimate-Looking Page?

Spoof emails regarding banking and PayPal are all too common, as cyberthieves try to steal your security information and access your hard-earned cash. If the site looks odd in any way, click out. Also make sure the URL has https:// in front, which shows a higher level of security that most phishing sites won't have.

### 9. Beware of Images

A lot of malicious code is snuck onto computers through images in emails. Set your email client such as Outlook to suppress the images in an email. Only view images from a trusted source.



### 10. Never Open an Attachment

This is another way cybercriminals try to sneak malicious items onto your computer.

### 11. Keep Your Antivirus Software Up to Date

Get a reliable program like Norton 360 or McAfee. If you have Kaspersky on your computer, delete it and get Norton or McAfee. Kaspersky is known for having multiple security issues. Once you have Norton or

McAfee installed, take the time to upload all the updates and schedule the program to update itself automatically so you are always covered against the latest threats.

### 12. Asking for Too Much Information

No bank or financial institution like PayPal will ever ask for personal details such as your password, social security number, and so on.

### 13. Bad Presentation

If the email looks ragged

and unprofessional, it is probably spam or a phishing email.

### 14. Phony "Official" Language

Some emails will try to make it seem as if they are important and come from some sort of official body in order to try to intimidate you into taking the action they are insisting upon in the email. Most legitimate government entities will not be sending you email.

### 15. Time-Sensitive Emails

Emails that try to push you into taking action quickly for fear of some consequences when the time runs out will also usually be scams to try to bully you into doing something foolish.

If you suspect you have a scam email, report it here: <https://antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/report-signalez-eng.htm>

## Grants to help fill housing gap



The City is helping create safe, suitable and long term housing options for all Edmontonians by offering grants to developers for affordable and supportive housing.

"This pandemic has amplified deep inequalities that we must strive to address, including the issue of homelessness exasperated by the city's shortage of affordable and supportive housing," said Mayor Don Iveson. "By encouraging the development of affordable and supportive housing this grant program brings us closer to our goal of ending homelessness in Edmonton by providing the safety, stability and oppor-

tunity that only housing can provide and that all Edmontonians deserve."

The second round of the Affordable Housing Investment Program will offer grants for new construction projects as well as the refurbishment of existing housing units. The grants will cover up to 25 per cent of capital construction costs and are available to eligible nonprofit and private sector organizations. Applications are due by February 18, 2021.

"COVID-19 has shown how quickly and unexpectedly health and employment status can change. Stable, affordable housing helps pre-

vent housing insecurity and homelessness, particularly in times of uncertainty," said Christel Kjenner, the City's Director of Affordable Housing and Homelessness. "The City is committed to working with housing providers to fill the affordable and supportive housing gap."

The \$133 million Affordable Housing Investment Plan was approved in 2018 with the goal of creating 2,500 new units by 2022 through grants, surplus school site redevelopment and supportive housing development. The City surpassed the halfway mark in fall 2020, with support approved for 1,307 new units.

## City renews mask bylaw until December 31, 2021



City Council has renewed the bylaw requiring the use of face coverings in all indoor places and public vehicles until December 31, 2021.

"I've been pleased to see how well Edmontonians are complying with the mask bylaw since it was introduced on August 1," said Interim City Manager Adam Laughlin. "Wearing a proper face covering can assist in preventing the spread of COVID-19 and it's a simple but powerful action everyone can take to protect their family and friends."

Face coverings refer to any medical or non-medical mask or other covering that fully covers the nose, mouth and chin. Indoor public places means any property, whether publicly or privately owned that members of the public can access. This includes retail

stores, entertainment venues, recreation centres, restaurants and transit stations. Business owners can decide for themselves if they wish to refuse service to patrons not wearing face coverings. The bylaw does not apply to schools, health care facilities, hospitals or child care facilities.

Public vehicles refers to buses, LRT vehicles, taxis and other vehicles for hire. The fine is \$100.

Face coverings can be removed when consuming food as part of ceremony, or in another designated space. They can also be removed when engaged in water activities or physical exercise and in spaces where physical barriers have been installed between the employee and patrons.

There are exceptions to who must wear a face cov-

ering in public places. They include those who cannot put one on or remove it without assistance, children under two years of age, people who are unable to wear a face covering because of mental or physical concerns or protected reasons under the Alberta Human Rights Act, people providing care or assistance to a person with a disability when wearing a face covering would affect that service, and people engaging in services that require the temporary removal of the face covering or mask.

Everyone can help protect themselves and others from COVID-19 by practicing good hygiene, maintaining physical distancing and wearing a face covering in public. Learn more at [alberta.ca/prevent-the-spread](https://alberta.ca/prevent-the-spread).



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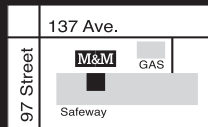
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