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## Open Letter: Urgent Concerns at Former Southwoods Development

To Whom it May Concern:

On behalf of the Hazeldean Community League and the residents we represent, I am writing to express our deep concern over the recent rent increases at the former Southwoods development. This property, now under new ownership, is home to many of Hazeldean's most vulnerable residents, including low-income individuals, single parents, seniors, and young families. The decision to raise rents places these residents at risk of displacement and further exacerbates the ongoing affordability crisis in our community.

This development has already been the source of significant disappointment for Hazeldean residents. The former owners, Christenson Developments, failed to deliver on the scope of the project as originally committed to both the City of Edmonton and our community. Furthermore, Christenson Developments previously sold a southern portion of the Southwoods development, now known as Hazeldean Heights.

The new owners of Hazeldean Heights have since invested in upgrading units with new windows, flooring, furnaces, hot water tanks, and paved parking lots. Despite lacking these critical upgrades, the new owners of the Southwoods development are proposing rent increases of \$500 or more beyond the costs in Hazeldean Heights, justifying these hikes as an attempt to align with local market prices.

Compounding these financial burdens, residents in the former Southwoods development are being met with confrontational and underhanded business practices by the new management company. There have been multiple reports of residents being threatened with eviction for refusing to sign up for automatic withdrawal, declining to enter long-term leases, or voicing concerns about the upkeep of their units. Such tactics are not only unethical but create an environment of fear and instability for the residents who call this development home.

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## Strathcona Hall and Grounds Renewal Committee Update



March 2025 - The Hall and Grounds Renewal Committee is **very pleased to announce that we have secured the full funding** for our community project!

In February, we received word that we have been awarded the provincial Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) grant for \$848,000. This, coupled with the municipal Community League Infrastructure Program (CLIP) grant for \$425,000 and the League's reserves of \$385,000 as well as contributions from Strathcona Nursery School, the League has secured a budget of almost \$1.7 million dollars for our Renewal Project.

We are grateful to the Province of Alberta

(and Minister Turton for presenting us with the big cheque!), the City of Edmonton and all the volunteers who have worked to support this project.

Next steps:

With funding in place, the committee is working hard to finalize the concept drawings for the interior ground floor renovation. We will then move forward with engineered drawings; City permits and approvals and selecting contractors. At this time, we are tentatively expecting construction to commence in late 2025.

If you have any questions about this project or would like to be considered as a contractor, please email [info@strathconacommunity.ca](mailto:info@strathconacommunity.ca).

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Board meetings are usually 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, e-mail [president@strathconacommunity.ca](mailto:president@strathconacommunity.ca)

The Strathcona Centre Community League is on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/StrathconaCL/>. Follow on X @StrathconaCL Instagram @strathconaleague BlueSky @strathconacl.bsky.social

The copy deadline for the June-July 2025 issue of Community League News South is May 20, 2025. Please contact Donna Fong, Newsletter Editor, at 780-433-5702, or by e-mail at [donnafong@shaw.ca](mailto:donnafong@shaw.ca).




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## Community Times at Commonwealth Community Recreation Centre

The Strathcona Community League is pleased to offer free times at the Commonwealth Community Recreation Centre, 11000 Stadium Rd. Just show your current membership card (digital or printed) to the attendant at the facility for free entrance to the pools, fitness centre, and gymnasium during the community league time. Use of amenities are strictly during the two-hour period (no extensions) and subject to capacity limits in each area.

Saturdays Until August 30, 2025 - 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Sundays Until August 31, 2025 - 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Community times at Commonwealth

Recreation Centre will not be available on the following dates:

**Ap 19, Jul 6, Jul 13, Jul 19, Jul 20 and Aug 2.**

The Recreation Centre has a 4-lane fitness pool, leisure saltwater pool with spray features, water slide, aquatic climbing wall, whirlpool, steam room, fitness centre and gymnasium.

Participants in the Community Swim Program should review the Use of Premises and Pool Safety Rules provided by the City of Edmonton as part of its agreement with the Strathcona Centre Community League. Visit our webpage <https://strathconacommunity.ca/community-swim>

## Green Initiatives Events

Watch for the league's social media posts and digital newsletter about proposed events this spring: Mill Creek Ravine Cleanup, Big Bin, weed pull, and bike events. For more information, email [green@strathconacommunity.ca](mailto:green@strathconacommunity.ca)

## SPRING LEAGUE PROGRAMS

Registered Adult programs are held in the main hall on the 2nd floor of Strathcona Community League, 10139 87 Avenue (up the ramp on the north side of the building). Programs will be announced on the league website, social media, and e-newsletter.

If you are interested in a new program, please review this webpage.

<https://strathconacommunity.ca/programs/suggest-a-program-or-service/>

Please email Donna Fong, Programs Director, at [programs@strathconacommunity.ca](mailto:programs@strathconacommunity.ca). A minimum number of participants are required in order to launch a new program.

**Fees for full session and single classes are to be paid online (credit card or debit) at the league's website (Programs tab)**  
<https://strathconacommunity.ca/>

### (1) Yoga Programs with Corinne McNally

#### Gentle Yoga

Mondays Until April 28, 2025  
6:00 - 7:15 p.m.

Single class (or multiples): \$15.00 per class

May 5-June 23, 2025

7 classes 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.

Full session: \$90.00

Single class (or multiples): \$15.00 per class

#### Hatha Flow Yoga

Thursdays

Until April 24, 2025, 9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

May 1-June 26, 2025, 9 classes

Full session: \$114.00

Single class (or multiples): \$15.00 per class

\$174.00 combined rate for both Gentle & Hatha Flow Yoga

#### Chair Yoga

Wednesdays

Until April 30, 2025, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Single class (or multiples): \$15.00 per class

May 7-June 25, 2025, 8 classes

Full session: \$102.00 Single class (or multiples): \$15.00 per class

#### Yoga for Tweens/Teens

Wednesdays

Until April 30, 2025, 4:45-5:45 p.m.

May 7-June 25, 2025

7 classes: Full session: \$90.00

Requirements: Valid Community League membership (any league). Bring your own yoga mat and props, please refrain from wearing scented products

All yoga programs are taught by Certified Yoga instructor Corinne McNally. For inquiries about programs in May and June, email [corinne@lotusmoonyoga.ca](mailto:corinne@lotusmoonyoga.ca). Website: <https://www.lotusmoonyoga.ca/>

### (2) Full Moon Circle with Kaliegh Boyce

10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Dates: Sat, April 12; Mon, May 12; Wed, June 11; Thu, July 10; Sun, Aug 10; Sun, Sep 7; Mon, Oct 6; Wed, Nov 5; Thu, Dec 4 (1:00-3:00 p.m.)

Fee: \$26.00

What to bring:

- A pen and a journal
- Something to sit on (yoga mat, pillow, bolster, backjack)

• A vessel for tea

What to expect:

- A gathering of lovely humans
- Embodied movement / yoga flow (jazzy and soulful tunes)
- Guided meditation
- Journaling prompts
- Group share
- Warm beverage

Kaliegh's wellness programs and community events are rooted in both personal and professional backgrounds in visual arts, music, outdoor education and wilderness guiding. Kaliegh has spent a decade coaching and guiding a variety of outdoor sports such as white-water canoeing, rock climbing, mountain biking and snowboarding in Alberta and British Columbia. She is a musician, a singer-songwriter and a mixed-media visual artist. In 2018, she completed her yoga teacher training after receiving a diploma in Adventure Tourism and Business Operations and went off to spend the next 5 years traveling and developing her diverse offerings into group programs.

#### Mindful Movement

Classes on Monday evenings are on pause until further notice. Kaliegh can be reached at [kaliegh.boyce@gmail.com](mailto:kaliegh.boyce@gmail.com).

### (3) Slow Yoga with Janice Williamson

Tuesdays - Until April 22, 2025

10:00 – 11:15 a.m.

Single class (or multiples): \$15.00 per class

May 6-June 23, 2025

8 classes Fee: \$102.00

Requirements: Valid Community League membership (any league). Bring your own yoga mat and props, please refrain from wearing scented products.

Register and pay online.

In Slow Yoga's accessible classes, our theme is "only connect." We listen to the intelligence of our body, our limits and possibilities. No perfect poses, only a deepening awareness and focus. To mesh mind and body, we integrate poetry and yoga philosophy into our meditation and movement. In grounding ourselves, we enhance balance and steadiness. In holding the pose, we uncover stillness and

strength. In working towards our edge, we cultivate resilience. Through joint mobility gestures, we ease our pain. In letting go "like a leaf" we surrender ourselves to the present -- the here and now. Invite yoga's joy into your life. Remind your senses of everyday pleasures.

About Your Teacher:

Seeking relief from stress in 1979, Janice's introduction to asanas (postures), pranayama (breath work), and meditation during a four-month Sivananda yoga ashram residency demonstrated how yoga could uplift one's whole being. Since then she has explored various yoga styles: Hatha, Iyengar, Ashtanga, Yin, and Flow along with Pilates and Zen Meditation. After retirement from a 32-year career as Professor of literary/cultural studies and creative writing at the University of Alberta, she completed 500+hr Advanced Yoga and Restorative Yoga Alliance certified teacher trainings. She also interned and trained in Yin Yoga, Chair Yoga, Mindful Meditation, and Yoga for joint mobility, osteoarthritis and osteoporosis. Janice teaches group, semi-private, and private yoga classes, as well as Yoga Writes Workshops. See <https://riseupyoga.ca/> For more information, contact Janice at [janice.williamson@ualberta.ca](mailto:janice.williamson@ualberta.ca).

### (4) Beading Workshop with Be Silly By Silly

Saturday, April 26, 2025, 12:00-5:00 p.m.

All supplies and beading kits supplied.

Location: Strathcona Community League, 10139 87 Avenue, 2nd floor Lounge

Fee per workshop: \$41.00 League members and students, \$46.00 Non-members

Ilyana of Be Silly By Silly is a mixed-Cree artist from Amiskwaciywaskahikan (Edmonton) whose passion is creating high quality, lightweight, and eye-catching pieces of beaded jewellery. To learn more about the artist and her beadwork, visit [@besillybysilly](https://www.instagram.com/besillybysilly) on Instagram and [By Silly By Silly](https://www.facebook.com/besillybysilly) on Facebook.

### (5) Saturday Art Classes with Berna Ponich

Registration for the April-June classes on selected Saturdays has ended.

Watch for online registration in June for the summer art classes at the Strathcona Community League.

Mon-Fri, July 21 – 25, Mon-Fri, July 28 – Aug 01: 10:30 - 12:00 pm

Ages 6 and up: Maximum: 12 students  
Fee: \$130.00

For information about art classes, contact Berna at [berna@telus.net](mailto:berna@telus.net).

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**-Friday, April 25 - Trivia**

-Test your knowledge with Quizmasters Scott and Gordon at Pub Night! Battle for the title of Trivia Champion – plus a cash prize!

-Come early, get settled, and enjoy a drink. Craft beer, wine, and soft drinks will be available for purchase (debit/credit card available). Pens and paper are supplied.

-Doors at 7 p.m.

-Trivia at 8 p.m. SHARP

1-0139 87 Avenue in the Main Hall (use the ramp on the north side of the building)

-\$5/person

-League Members and Guests (sorry, no kids)

-Get your membership at strathconacommunity.ca or at the door

Note: You must live in the community to be eligible for a membership.

**- Friday, May 9 - wine tasting**

-Wine tasting with Bill from Color de Vino featuring flights of: 1 bubbly, 1 white, 1 rose, 2 reds. Bill is an expert from our local wine store, so don't miss out on this opportunity to try some new

wines and support local!

-Beer, cider, snacks and soft drinks also available.

-League Members and Guests (get your membership at strathconacommunity.ca or at the door)

-Kids welcome

-8 p.m.

-10139 87 Ave, in the Lounge (use the south door)

**-Friday, Jun 20 - last pub night of the season** (No pub nights in July or Aug)

--League Members and Guests (get your membership at strathconacommunity.ca or at the door)

-Kids welcome

-8 p.m.

1-0139 87 Ave, in the Lounge (use the south door)

Pub nights are for Strathcona Community League members and guests. Memberships available on site, or through our website <https://strathconacommunity.ca/membership> or in person at pub night. Cash, credit and debit are accepted. Subscribe to our mailing list or watch our social media for details as the dates get closer.

## Movie Events

Free movie events for participating community leagues are made possible through the Edmonton Federation of Community League's license with Audio Cinema.

Our league has renewed the annual license and plan to stream one film each month in the main hall (upstairs).

What would you like to see? <https://acffilm.com/en/infostream.php>

For more information or if you would like to volunteer, contact Emily, Social Director, at [social@strathconacommunity.ca](mailto:social@strathconacommunity.ca), or Donna Fong, Programs Director, at [programs@strathconacommunity.ca](mailto:programs@strathconacommunity.ca).

Snacks and beverages can be purchased, or movie-goers are also welcome to bring their own. Free popcorn and fruit



punch will be served at the next movie night. Blankets, pillows, bean bags and other cozy items are encouraged.

Watch for social media posts about movie nights on Fridays, 6:30 pm: April 4 (Moana 2), May 2 (TBD).

## Community Wellness and Safety

The Director of Community Wellness and Safety is an advocate for those aspects that make our neighbourhood welcoming, secure and desirable to residents and visitors.

This includes attention given to matters of crime prevention, but also extends to other aspects of neighbourhood wellness such as accessibility, safety around roadways and care for our community's most

vulnerable.

The Director attends monthly meetings of the Old Strathcona Area Community Collaborative including our league, the Edmonton Public Library, Edmonton Police Service (EPS), Old Strathcona Business Association, YESS, and others. Acting Director Gord Lacey can be reached at [safety@strathconacommunity.ca](mailto:safety@strathconacommunity.ca).

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## Building Faith, Community, and a Brighter Future

*Edmonton Catholic Schools Trustees reflect on Lent, new school investments, and strengthening Catholic education*

As we journey toward Easter and the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus, the Board of Trustees is thankful for all the ways the Lenten season has deepened our faith and strengthened our community. Students and staff in our schools have embraced the call to serve by engaging in retreats, acts of service, and initiatives that embody the values of compassion and justice. We are amazed by how our schools have inspired and supported one another during this season of reflection and growth.

We are also pleased to share exciting news about school infrastructure. The Government of Alberta has announced Planning Funding for two new high schools and a K-9 replacement school, a significant step in addressing the growing needs of our Division. With enrolment exceeding 50,000 students and many high schools at or over capacity, these investments will help alleviate space shortages and enhance learning environments for our students. Pending approval in Budget 2025, these projects will add approximately 4,500 new and updated

student spaces.

- **New Catholic High School – Lewis Farms/Rosenthal (10-12)**

This school will provide space for 1,800 students, helping to relieve overcrowding in West Edmonton high schools.

- **New Catholic High School -The Meadows/Silver Berry (10-12)**

A much-needed high school to accommodate rapid population growth in Southeast Edmonton.

- **K-9 Replacement School – Oxford/ Palisades**

This new school will serve the community of Oxford and introduce the first Catholic junior high northwest of 132 Avenue. These projects represent an important step forward in ensuring our students have access to modern, faith-based learning spaces that support their academic and spiritual development. In March, the Board of Trustees was delighted to host a Community of School Councils (COSC) evening. This in-person event was a valuable opportunity for families to connect with Trustees, the Chief Superintendent, and Division



Trustee Laura Thibert, Trustee Alene Mutala, Board Chair Sandra Palazzo, Vice-chair Lisa Turchansky, Trustee Debbie Engel, Trustee Terry Harris

leaders, providing opportunities to engage in sessions on various aspects of student learning and encouraging meaningful dialogue between home and school. The COSC evening fostered a sense of community and collaboration, reinforcing our shared commitment to supporting the success and well-being of every student.

As we continue through the school year, the Board of Trustees remains dedicated to advocating for quality Catholic education and supporting the needs of our students, staff, and families. Should you have any questions, please contact us at [boardoffice@ecsd.net](mailto:boardoffice@ecsd.net).

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#### Degrees of burn

- **1°:** Affects the top layers of the skin; appears red like a sun burn; discomfort is generally tolerable;
- **2°:** Deeper and much more painful than 1° burns; broken skin or blisters commonly develop;
- **3°:** Severe: the deepest layers of skin and tissue are injured; may appear charred or leathery.

#### First Aid for burns

- Skin may continue to burn if not cooled. Immediately douse burns with large amounts of cold water.
- Cover the burn with a sterile dressing, or at least clean material to protect from infection;
- Over the counter medications may be used for pain. Adhere to directions given on the label;
- Seek further medical attention, as required.

#### Prevention of burns

- Check the temperature of your hot water tank. Temperatures as high as 60°C / 140°F will scald a child in just seconds;
- Use placemats instead of tablecloths. Tablecloths can be pulled downward by a child causing hot drinks or food to spill onto them;
- Turn pot handles to the back of the stove and ensure cords from kettles, slow cookers, and other electrical appliances cannot be reached;
- Avoid picking up a child while holding any hot liquids;
- Ensure electrical outlets are made secure by installing commercially available safety devices which prohibit access, if not already built in;
- Try to keep children away from areas where appliances are in use (kettles, irons, hot stoves, etc.).

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For the Secondary Suite Incentive Program, the suite must be rented to a non-family member to qualify and may not qualify for the PRE.

A suite built using the Multigeneration-

al Home Renovation Tax Credit, usually is considered to be two separate housing units. If used together as a single unit, it may be eligible for the PRE.

Each situation has to be assessed based individually to see which rules apply. There may be significant income tax implications as only one unit may be designated as the principal residence each year.

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## You can't judge a course by its title

*ELLA offers up a wealth of choice for mature learners*

By Kathy Kerr

Friends rolled their eyes when I told them I planned to take a course in Canadian constitutional controversies.

They didn't see the attraction of taking a three-week course about dusty political history. But that course, offered last spring by the Edmonton Lifelong Learners Association, was engaging enough to keep a room full of mature students in their seats, with discussions going past the end of class.

ELLA non-credit courses for senior adults covers a breadth of topics that there's bound to be gems for everyone.

Fellow constitution class student Barb Maheu says she was surprised by the behind-the-scenes politics of the 1984 Meech Lake Accord, and enjoyed the sessions on indigenous rights and other constitutional court cases.

The course touched on hot button issues

including Alberta sovereignty, climate policy and Quebec language laws.

Class instructor Richard Mailey, the director of U of A's Centre for Constitutional Studies, praises ELLA students.

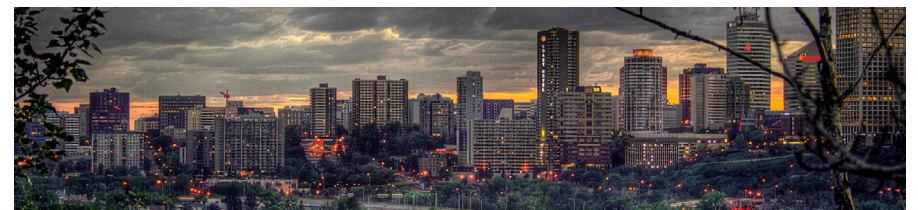
"I love the challenge as a 30-something Irish guy coming into a room with a lot of people who have lived in Canada a long time, with all these years of experience."

Mailey is back this spring teaching a course

that will bring in context constitutional law in other countries and how Canada compares.

ELLA is offering more than 30 classes from April 28 to May 16 on the U of A campus. Topics range from painting to improvisation, astronomy to origins of the Cold War, the Inca Empire to yoga.

The course list is found on the ELLA website, [my-ella.com](http://my-ella.com).



## Leisure Access Program

The Leisure Access Program (LAP) allows eligible Edmontonians access to the City of Edmonton recreation facilities and attractions at a free or reduced cost. All applicants will also automatically be considered for the Ride Transit Program. The LAP programs are now offered in 1-Year, 2-Year, and 5-Year terms depending on documentation submitted with your application. Income thresholds and the application form are available at [https://www.edmonton.ca/programs\\_services/](https://www.edmonton.ca/programs_services/)

leisure-access-program

As of April 1, 2025, Ukrainian newcomers will be required to meet standard program qualifiers.

As the Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET) program has concluded, Ukrainian newcomers can apply for the Leisure Access and Ride Transit programs using Standard qualifiers which include Income Support with core housing, Confirmation of Permanent Residence (PR), or Refugee Protection Claimant documents.

## Community League Wellness Program

The City of Edmonton Recreation Centres and the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues continues to offer discounted memberships and admissions through the Community League Wellness Program.

Present your valid Edmonton Community League membership card, showing expiry date (payment receipts will not be accepted) at any City of Edmonton Recreation Centre and receive the following discounts:

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card which is to be swiped at each admission

\*Members will be asked to verify their eligibility for the discounted membership on an annual basis. Failure to do so may result in a suspension of the discounted membership rate until valid documentation is presented

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If you have any questions, email [membership@strathconacommunity.ca](mailto:membership@strathconacommunity.ca), or leave a voice message at the hall at 780-439-1501.

### More about a membership

A membership year starts September 1st and ends August 31, and is for those living within our boundaries. The cost is:

-Family \$20 – A family is any group residing in one household, acting as a family unit, with a maximum of two votes per household.

-Single \$15

-Senior \$5 An individual of 65 years or older.

-Student \$5

### Benefits of a Membership:

Why be a SCCL member? There are many reasons:

-A voice on issues in our community (transportation, zoning, housing, etc.)

-A connection to news and events in the community (e-mail list, website, newsletter, Facebook, Instagram, X)

-Social events like Winterfest, Mini Folk Fest, BBQs, Trivia Night, pub nights

-Free skating on our rinks

-Free access to Community Swim Program at Commonwealth Community Recreation Centre

-Up to 20% discount at City of Edmonton Recreation facilities (e.g., Kinsmen Sports Centre)

-Discounts on hall rental

-Children's soccer and skating

-Access to Programs such as Mindful Movements, Yoga, Art, and more

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Looking for a way to show your Strathcona community support? We have toques! These olive or gold coloured merino-blend toques are a cozy and unique way to showcase your community's personality to the broader audience.

Toques are \$20 for members and you can purchase yours online or at community events. Online purchases can be picked up at the league on Thursdays between 10 a.m. and 12 noon.

## Thursday Afternoon Playgroup

The hall at Strathcona Community League is available on Thursday afternoons, 2:00-4:00 p.m. for use by the playgroup. It is open to parents and caregivers with babies and children for unstructured play and socializing. Toys, ride-on vehicles, books, coffee maker, kettle, and tables are available to use at the hall. Bring your own peanut-free snacks and refreshments.

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## 2025 Winterfest

The 2025 Winterfest on February 23rd was another huge success – not in small part to the generous donations of our sponsors: -Blue Chair Cafe -Sugared & Spiced -Pals Sandwiches -Bamboo Ballroom

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Looking forward to next year!

## Civics and the Planning Report

The Strathcona Community League maintains a database of building developments, planning and transportation issues, urban design projects, and community initiatives. To learn more about issues and proposed development projects,

please contact Sabine Roche, Civics and Planning Director, at [civics@strathconacommunity.ca](mailto:civics@strathconacommunity.ca). For the latest news on Civics and reference documents, visit the website <https://strathconacommunity.ca/ongoing-projects/>

## Hall Rentals

### Main Hall

Capacity 105

Seats 60 to 80 depending on table arrangement

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### Lounge

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Seats 30-35 depending on table arrangement

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

Concession/Small Meeting Room

Seats 8 to 10

Amenities include kitchen.

To check availability and for a virtual tour, visit the website

<https://strathconacommunity.ca/hall-rentals/>

To make a booking or for more information contact Scott at [rentals@strathconacommunity.ca](mailto:rentals@strathconacommunity.ca) or 780-439-1501.

-Additional charges apply for set-up or

clean-up day, and kitchen use by caterer.

-Discounts may be available for multiple bookings.

-All renters must purchase third party liability insurance.

-Kids' birthday party rate for members of at least 6 months, Sundays 1pm to 5pm: \$50

-Members of at least 6 months and non-profit groups receive a 25% discount on rates A/V equipment available to rent.

### Discounts on hall rentals

Rental deals - another benefit of membership! Did you know that members of at least 6 months are eligible for a discount on hall rentals? And we are now providing the option to pay with a credit card. In addition, we have implemented a special kids' birthday party rate of \$50 on Sunday afternoons. Note that renters for any event must obtain third party liability insurance. Check out our rental info on our website, or call 780-439-1501.

## Diversity and Inclusion Events

Save the dates for the league's Diversity and Inclusion events at the Strathcona Community League, 10139 87 Ave

-Pride yoga in the park

Sat, June 21 10 a.m. Rain or shine

-Two-Spirit drag bingo

Sun, June 29 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Main hall with Tugs and JojoMojo

For more information about D & I events, contact [diversity@strathconacommunity.ca](mailto:diversity@strathconacommunity.ca).

## Sip & Stroll

Come join us on the first Sunday of every month at 10 a.m. for our monthly Sip & Stroll.

Meet us at the Community League where we will walk and grab a coffee at

The Colombian and head into the river valley for a walk.

Planned distance is 4-5km. A great way to meet new people and enjoy the weather!

## Funball

Funball is a weekly hour-long outdoor play session where kids from ages 2-4 can come and kick a ball around, get some fresh air, and make some new friends in an organized environment.

We will need parent volunteers to help

run this program. Keep an eye out on your socials for more information. If you or anyone you know would like to help run this program for a start in May 2025, please contact [sport@strathconacommunity.ca](mailto:sport@strathconacommunity.ca)





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## Kitchen Renovations

Renovations to our kitchen are completed. We want to invite residents of Argyll Community see the new kitchen on **Sunday, April 13** from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. It's a chance to experience the new layout, the updated equipment, and a chance to try something cooked for you in the new kitchen. There will be plenty of time for questions and answers from

the joint committee who undertook this project. This represents a major upgrade to our kitchen, and we are pleased to have been helped by the Japanese Cultural Legacy Society through our EJCA Partners. Come and see what's new. RSVP to 780.466.8166 at EJCA Office or register online here: <https://www.ejca.org/event-6115798/Registration>.

## Argyll in your Mailbox and Online

Our Facebook Page is a good source of up-to-date information about each of our public events. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/argyllcl> to see what's happening in the run up to any event and see photos after the event.

Occasionally Argyll will drop a printed brochure into your mailbox regarding events, programs, or issues. Keep an eye out for the Argyll Logo on these brochures so they don't get missed in the bundle of ad-

vertising which usually fills our mailboxes.

Also, check on our web site for issues affecting the neighbourhood and other related items. Send us a note about things you think our community would be interested in through our Contact page. Look for it the next time you visit our site. Our web site address is: [www.argyllcl.ab.ca](http://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](mailto:argyll.social@gmail.com).

## Community League Family Swimming

This year's Elks Football schedule has been released and some of our normal swim dates have been affected by it. There will be no swim on July 19 and August 2nd. As well, Easter Saturday April 19 has been marked as a holiday in the Commonwealth Centre.

Pool is available to us each Saturday, from 3:00:PM – 5:00: PM. Argyll Community League is pleased to be able to offer this to our residents and families and we hope it is useful to you through the

winter and into summer. Use of the pool does not include access to any other leisure facilities within this location.

This is a free-swimming opportunity for Argyll families to have a regular two-hour period of pool use exclusively for Community League Members. Of course, you must present your family membership card to the pool staff for entry. There are restrictions about what you can bring with you. If you contact the venue in advance, they can explain what is allowed.

## Argyll Yoga is for everyone, young and old

Argyll Yoga continues with classes on Wednesdays between 5:30 and 6:45 PM.

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will improve your postural alignment, mobilize your joints, stretch all major muscle groups, and build strength.

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To register – or with questions – call/text René at 780-903-1911.

## Memberships

Watch for a new (2025) membership card in your mailbox in May. Family memberships are delivered to every household in Argyll. Keep an eye out for it - among all your usual mail and brochures. You don't need to sign up for anything or pay any fees. Use the attached postcard to

send us comments or suggestions. You can drop your card directly into the mailbox at the door of the Centre. For sports sign ups you can use the number on these cards. If you misplace your family's card, you can get a replacement by e-mailing: [president@argyllcl.ab.ca](mailto:president@argyllcl.ab.ca)

## Events to look for this Spring & Summer

Our events group have been working on their list of events for the coming year.

### Sidewalk Sale

This will happen again this year (weather permitting) on Saturday, May 24. We hope to start earlier, 9:00 AM and go through to 1:00 PM. A sign-up link will be distributed for those who wish to participate. Families can also join together to host tables. More details will be available closer to the day.

### Summer BBQ, Saturday, June 14th

Our annual summer event. Put the date

on your calendar. The BBQ will open at 4:00 PM.

If you want to help out just e-mail the address below.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page as well as sign up for the electronic newsletter in order to stay current and make room on your family's calendar. Contact: [argyll.social@gmail.com](mailto:argyll.social@gmail.com). Other events are being prepared for late summer and fall which will be announced as those dates approach.

## Ravine Cleanup

Each year Argyll residents venture into the paths and underbrush of the creek to clear out the debris from another year. Equipment and bags for the trash are provided at the Hall before setting out in groups to scour the trails. Some snacks are provided as well. This year the event will be on **Saturday April 26th** and begins at 10:00 AM. Check in on Facebook or with [argyll.social@gmail.com](mailto:argyll.social@gmail.com) in you want to participate or have questions about it.



## Seeking a new President

At our 2025 AGM in September our current president will not be standing for election. If you know of anyone in the community who might be an excellent leader for our league, please bring their name forward at the AGM to be nominated.

Our AGM is on Wednesday September 24th. Details about the meeting will be available early in September. If there are questions about the role of president, you can contact the current president by phone; 780.966.9310 and he can provide more information.

## Argyll Community Garden

It's nearly ready for planting and the garden committee is excited to meet with anyone interested in helping with preparing and planting. You can learn more from the Garden Group. Contact: [garden.group@argyllcl.ab.ca](mailto:garden.group@argyllcl.ab.ca).

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## Hazeldean Community League News

### President's Desk

Dear Hazeldean Community:

As we step into the vibrant season of spring, I want to take a moment to reflect on all that we've accomplished together since I took on the role of President in October. It has been an incredible journey filled with connection, collaboration, and community spirit. Our league is more than just an organization—it's a dynamic and growing network of neighbors working together to create a place where everyone feels welcome and valued.

### The Road So Far...

Over the past several months, we have made remarkable strides in enhancing community engagement and enriching the neighborhood experience for all:

**-Strengthened Community Events** – From our well-attended Halloween Howler Family Dance to our cozy and heartwarming Winter Breakfast, dazzling Lantern Parade, or the electric Shamrock Shaker, we have witnessed more neighbors coming together than ever before, strengthening the bonds that make Hazeldean such a special place.

**-Expanded Hall Rentals** – We introduced important updates to our league operations, including digital rental contracts through DocuSign and the ability to receive e-transfers for damage deposits and rental fees. Our facility has never been busier, and we are thrilled to see more events filling our community space.

**-Improved Our Community Spaces** – Thanks to the dedication of our volunteers,

we have upgraded our community hall, improved accessibility, and continue to explore ways to update both our indoor and outdoor amenities. We are committed to making Hazeldean an even better place to live, work, and play.

**-Amplified Our Advocacy Efforts** – We've actively engaged with the city to address key concerns such as pedestrian safety, park enhancements, and environmental conservation efforts for the Mill Creek Ravine, ensuring that Hazeldean's voice is heard in important civic discussions.

**-Boosted Volunteer & Membership Engagement** – We have welcomed new members and Board volunteers, with more people stepping up to contribute their time and talents to our initiatives. This collective effort is what makes our league thrive.

### Upcoming Important Dates

There is so much to look forward to in the coming months! Here's a sampling of what's on the horizon:

**-Casino Fundraiser** – May 17-18: This is a major fundraiser that directly supports our programs and initiatives—volunteers needed!

We are fortunate to have received a casino date earlier than expected. Volunteers are needed for all positions. If you are interested in lending a hand, please contact our Casino Director, Kirsty Stewart, at [casino@hazeldean.org](mailto:casino@hazeldean.org).

**-Spring & Summer Events** – Get ready for our annual Spring Community Clean-Up, Summer BBQ, Popsicles in the Park,

The City of Edmonton has a responsibility to ensure that communities like Hazeldean remain inclusive and livable for people of all income levels. We hope to work together to find a solution that prioritizes residents' well-being over corporate profit. We welcome the opportunity to meet with City representatives to discuss this matter further.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent issue. We look forward to your response and to collaborative efforts to support the residents of Hazeldean.

Sincerely,

Kristopher Skinner

President, Hazeldean Community League  
[president@hazeldean.org](mailto:president@hazeldean.org)

CC Naheed Nenshi, MLA, Edmonton-Strathcona

Heather McPherson, MP, Edmonton-Strathcona

Michael Janz, Councillor, papastew



Chalk the Walk, Kids in the Hall, and Movie Nights—perfect opportunities to connect with friends, family, and neighbors.

**-Community Hall Revitalization Project** – We are working hard to enhance our hall, making it an even more welcoming space for gatherings and activities. Our Community Room is receiving a much-needed refresh, with patched and painted walls and new vinyl baseboards. The Main Hall is also slated for TLC, as we explore grants and other funding opportunities to support a major interior renovation.

**-Stronger Partnerships** – We are building new collaborations with local organizations, businesses, and city initiatives to bring in more resources, programs, and opportunities that benefit the entire community.

### What We Believe In

At the core of everything we do is a belief in the power of the community. We believe that a strong neighborhood is built on connection, inclusiveness, and shared experiences.

Whether you've been a long-time member or are just getting involved, we want you to know that your presence, voice, and contributions truly matter.

### A Special Thank You to Our HCL Members

To all holders of a 2024-2025 Hazeldean Community League membership, we extend our deepest gratitude for your support. Your membership directly fuels our programs, events, and initiatives, helping our neighborhood thrive and grow stronger every day. Because of you, we can continue fostering a vibrant, engaged, and inclusive community. Thank you for being an essential part of Hazeldean!

### How You Can Get Involved

This is your community, and we want to hear from you! Here are a few ways you can participate:

**-Attend our events and programs** – Meet your neighbors, support local initiatives, and enjoy what Hazeldean has to offer.

**-Volunteer your time or skills** – Whether it's helping at an event, joining a committee, or lending your expertise, every contribution makes a meaningful difference.

**-Share your ideas** – Have a suggestion for an initiative or improvement? We welcome your thoughts and feedback!

Thank you for being a part of the Hazeldean Community League. It is an honor to serve as your President, and I am inspired every day by the passion, dedication, and community spirit of our neighborhood. Let's continue to build a Hazeldean that thrives—together!

With gratitude,

Kristopher Skinner

President, Hazeldean Community League  
[president@hazeldean.org](mailto:president@hazeldean.org)

### CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

We urge the City of Edmonton to take immediate action and to advocate for the protection of affordable housing in Hazeldean. We request that the city:

**1. Investigate the rental increases** to ensure they align with Edmonton's housing policies and affordability commitments.

**2. Engage with the new property owners** to discuss ways to maintain affordable housing options for existing residents.

**3. Explore potential policy interventions** to prevent sudden and unjustifiable rent hikes in developments that were originally intended to serve low-income populations.

**4. Examine the business practices of the new management company** to ensure compliance with tenant protection laws and ethical leasing practices.

**5. Ensure future development agreements include enforceable commitments** to prevent similar betrayals of public trust.

## FOLLOW US ONLINE

Looking for the optimal way to get your Hazeldean Community League fix? There are a number of ways you can follow us online and stay up to date on everything going on at the League:

**-Website:** [www.hazeldean.org](http://www.hazeldean.org)

**-Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/HazeldeanCommunityLeague/](https://www.facebook.com/HazeldeanCommunityLeague/)

**-Instagram:** [hazeldean\\_community\\_](https://www.instagram.com/hazeldean_community/)

league

**-Twitter/X:** @HazeldeanYEG

Please note, there is also a Hazeldean Community Facebook group, which is fantastic, but not run by, managed, or moderated by the Hazeldean Community League. Give it a follow, as well, to learn more about what your neighbours are sharing and talking about.

## The Hazelgreen Shamrock Shaker 3: A Night to Remember!

What a fantastic time we had at the old Hazeldean Hall on Saturday, March 15!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who came out to the Shamrock Shaker. It was incredible to see so many folks—from Hazeldean and beyond—hitting the dance

floor, sharing laughs, and celebrating together. The energy was electric, and the sense of community was unmistakable.

On behalf of the Hazeldean Community League, you all rocked it! We're already counting down the days until next year's Shaker!

## HCL Membership Drive

As we approach the mid-point of the 2024-2025 membership year, we want to take a moment to encourage you to renew your membership. Your support is vital to our community, and as Hazeldean is a close-knit neighborhood, every membership truly makes a difference.

With your Individual or Family membership, you help us provide a variety of free and low-cost programs that benefit both our members and the broader community. Together, we can continue to foster a vibrant and engaging environment for everyone.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of the Hazeldean Community League!

### Where to get Your Hazeldean Community League Membership

Hazeldean Community League memberships may be purchased at:

-ONLINE - The Edmonton Federation of Community League (EFCL) website: <https://hazeldean.getcommunal.com/memberships>

IN PERSON - Hazeldean Drug Mart: 96-11 – 66 Avenue (Monday to Friday from 9

a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.)

-IN PERSON: At any of our Hazeldean Community League events.

### WHY BECOME A COMMUNITY LEAGUE MEMBER?

#### -Support your community league

Fees collected from membership sales provide much-needed funds for Community Leagues to accomplish their mandate of bringing community residents together and improving the community and the quality of life for all residents.

Leagues accomplish this through organizing various recreational, educational and sports programming, hosting community events, developing amenities such as water parks and community halls and by being the voice of the community when it comes to civic engagement with the City of Edmonton.

#### -What you get in return

Your purchase of a membership provides you with reduced rates to city recreational facilities through the Community League Wellness Program\*, gives you the opportunity to know your neighbours

through organized sports participation and community events, plus gives you a voice in the shaping of your community.

Many Leagues also arrange further benefits with local non-city amenities and businesses. In many cases, members get reduced rates on their community hall rental, so make sure to check with your League to see what else they offer.

Periodically, special events happen within Edmonton and the organizers offer reduced ticket rates to Community Leagues members. Here's where you can view details, rates and facilities included in the City of Edmonton Community Wellness Program.

#### -Membership benefits

Holding a Hazeldean Community Membership provides you with:

Voting privileges at meetings. The annual general meeting occurs in the month of October. For you to vote at this meeting, you must reside in Hazeldean with a current membership.

-A voice on local government issues such as development permit variances, re-zoning applications, and traffic issues.

-Free skating on Edmonton's League Outdoor rinks. The Avonmore Community League (four minutes' drive away) has a hockey rink and a large public skating rink, as does Ritchie. Please remember to bring your membership card for entry into these facilities. Hazeldean no longer has an outdoor rink, but does have a smaller snowbank rink beside the playground.

-Free public skating at indoor city arenas. Please check the City of Edmonton website for the schedule to public skating times. The closest arena to our community is Donnan.

-Free swimming at designated pools. Our current free swim time is at Bonnie Doon Pool Sundays 4:15pm - 5:45pm.

-Your family can join up for programs offered by the Hazeldean Community League like hockey, soccer, and playgroup.

-Free or discounted access to Hazeldean Community League events which have a ticket or entrance fee.

-Additional city-wide savings and benefits, as listed on the EFCL website.

## Ready For Rent!

Looking for the Perfect Venue for Your Next Event or Business Gathering?

The Hazeldean Community Hall offers versatile indoor and outdoor spaces, ideal for everything from private parties to recurring business events. Whether you need a space for a few hours or a long-term rental, we're here to help make it happen!

Our recent upgrades make booking a breeze! We've introduced: DocuSign for easy, digital contract signing, Square Payments, and eTransfers – no more hassle with Damage Deposit or Rent cheques!

Plus, we offer exclusive discounts for Hazeldean Community League members and



multi-day or recurring rentals. Did you know that the Community Room is only \$52.50!?

Ready to book or learn more? Reach out to us at [rentals@hazeldean.org](mailto:rentals@hazeldean.org) or visit our website at [www.hazeldean.org](http://www.hazeldean.org) to explore all our options. Let's create something amazing together!

## The Hazeldean Artisan Market

Join us as we celebrate the arrival of Spring at the Hazeldean Artisan Market!

Discover a variety of unique handmade goods from local vendors. Indulge in great eats and sweet treats while supporting small businesses.

Save the date for this exciting event on April 26th and 27th. Shop local and explore a diverse selection of beautifully crafted items.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to experience a showcase of creativity and talent in our community. Admission is ALWAYS FREE; we are accepting Donations to The Edmonton Food Bank.



See you there!

[www.communityleagueneews.com](http://www.communityleagueneews.com)

## The Annual Hazeldean Spring Clean up

Join the movement and be part of our Annual Hazeldean Spring clean up on Sunday, May 4th from 11am to 1pm.

Calling all volunteers to come together and make a positive impact on our com-

munity.

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## Get ready for spring at Ritchie's Native Plant Workshop

Have you made space for Edmonton's native plant species in your garden beds this year? If you're not sure where to start with "rewilding" your yard, or if you have doubts about how these plants can be beneficial to keep, this Touch Grass Club workshop is for you!

Learn more about the history and impact of agriculture in the province, gain valuable tips for identifying native insects, and give your yard's ecosystem a

leg up by planting a couple local species of your own.

Join us on Thursday, April 17, 2025, from 6:30–8:30 pm at Ritchie Hall. Register now by purchasing a ticket at [ritchicleague.com/presents](http://ritchicleague.com/presents).

Other upcoming workshops and presentations include:

Wild North Healthy Backyards, May 15  
Period Positivity, May 18

Permaculture presentation, June 19

## Become a valued volunteer!

In order to keep our calendar full of exciting events and activities year-round, the Ritchie Community League depends on the generous support of our many volunteers. There's a job for everyone; to keep the League lively, we need volunteers for everything from hall maintenance to communications. The sign-up sheets are always open! Whether you prefer to volunteer for single events or participate in one of our ongoing teams, there is a place for you. Are you...

...a bona fide party planner? Join our

Event Planning Team!

...a graphic design prodigy? Join our Communications Team!

...a survey mastermind? Join our Civics Team!

...a networking virtuoso? Join our Volunteer Support Team!

If you're still on the fence, visit [ritchicleague.com/volunteer](http://ritchicleague.com/volunteer) to find out more about all upcoming opportunities, or reach out to [volunteers@ritchicleague.com](mailto:volunteers@ritchicleague.com) and tell us how you'd like to get involved.

## Classes, Programs, and Socials

New program alert! Starting in March, Ritchie Hall is now host to a family choir! We offer a long list of ways for you to meet your neighbours, strengthen community resilience, and build your skills...there's something for everyone! Our spring class schedule is online now, and registrations have begun. Ritchie members get a sweet discount, but all are welcome to join in the fun!

In the meantime, try some of the drop-in activities like Yoga, Fit for Life on Mon-

day and Thursday mornings, Bridge on Friday mornings, or Men's Shed on Saturday mornings. You'll find more information on all the weekly goings-on at [ritchicleague.com/programs](http://ritchicleague.com/programs).

If you have an idea for an ongoing class or program that might spark some interest in our Ritchie residents, get in touch! The calendar is filling up. Our Hall Manager Jil is happy to chat availability, access, and logistics; just send her an email at [inquiries@ritchicleague.com](mailto:inquiries@ritchicleague.com)

## Bike Month Kickoff Party

It's that time of year again—time for Ritchie United to defend our title! The bike month challenge starts on June 1, and we are hosting a huge kickoff party to celebrate. Think basic bike tuneups, photo booth, and parade. And cake (lots of cake). The festivities start at 2 pm with a chance to decorate your bike with something shiny and sparkly so you are ready for the parade at 2:45pm. While you're here, you can register on the Strava app and sign up for a group ride. Kids, casual riders, roadies, and

interested neighbours are all welcome.

We are looking for 3 volunteers in advance of the kickoff party to help with planning, crafting, and coordination. We've got a great team so far—but more hands make lighter work. Drop a line to [secretary@ritchicleague.com](mailto:secretary@ritchicleague.com) if playing with a glue gun in May sounds fun to you. (You don't have to know anything about bikes ;-). If you'd rather show up day of to help out, we've got spots for you too. All the details are on the Ritchie website.

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## Ritchie is Building More Than a Hall

Folks, it's finally happening! A major portion of the long-awaited funding for our exciting new hall project has officially come through. That's right, we've been approved for up to \$4.3 million, covering 60% of the total cost for our new community hall through the Government of Canada's Green and Inclusive Community Buildings (GICB) program.

This incredible milestone is thanks to the dedication and countless hours put in by our volunteers on the Ritchie Hall Revitalization Committee. With this funding secured, we are well on our way to making meaningful changes for our community.

But this isn't just about building a hall. It's about creating a space where people can connect, meet their neighbors, and support one another. It's about building a welcoming place for everyone and shaping Ritchie into a stronger, safer, and more vibrant community.

At a time when the world can feel overwhelming, this is a reminder that we can make a difference right here at home. We can support each other, uplift local businesses, keep money and resources in our community (and out of the hands of greedy billionaires), and build something we can all be proud of.

This funding brings us so much closer, but there's still work to be done! We need to raise the remaining funds through businesses, grants, and community support to make this dream a reality. And we need your help!

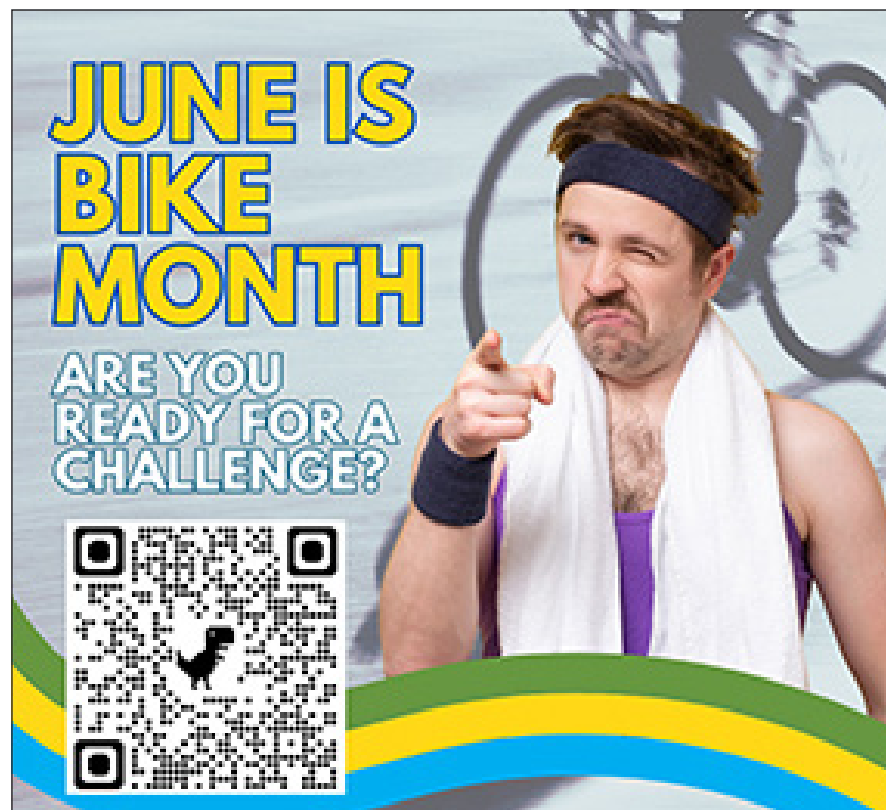
-Tell your friends and neighbours about this project and why it's important

-Donate to help close the funding gap



-Volunteer on our team

Thank you to everyone who has helped us get this far. Let's build more than a hall—let's build a stronger Ritchie, together.



## AGM - May 22

Save the date for our upcoming Annual General Meeting. This is our board's biggest event of the year, where we showcase all the fine things we completed, present our financials, and elect next year's board members. We've got our nomination committee assembled and we're ready to start adding names!

If you're looking for a different way to contribute to your community, becoming a director is a great way to do so. These positions allow you to collaborate with

your neighbours, build your project management skills, and leave a legacy. Whatever your current skills and interests, we have a spot for you here!

If you want to learn more about becoming a director, joining a team, time commitments, opportunities, etc. please email the executive committee: [executive@ritchie-league.com](mailto:executive@ritchie-league.com)

Upcoming board meetings: April 3, May 1, July 3. We meet in the hall at 7pm. No need to RSVP, unless you are requesting to speak.

## Support local for less with Ritchie Crew

Ritchie Community League is offering you exclusive discounts at beloved local businesses through the Ritchie Crew Subscription. For as little as \$10/month, Crew subscribers receive a thank you pack, an RCL membership, a yearly gift of RCL swag, and the perk that keeps on giving: an RCL discount card to present at participating businesses in the Ritchie neighbourhood. There's a discount for

everyone from music lovers to meat-lovers—from readers to refillers.

RCL is also inviting businesses in the neighbourhood to join the Crew! If you've got an offer your neighbours can't refuse, write to us.

The complete list of participating businesses as well as monthly subscription options are on the RCL website at [ritchie-league.ca/rcl-support](http://ritchie-league.ca/rcl-support).

## Rent Ritchie Hall

Looking for a great venue for your next event? Ritchie Hall has it all! We have two rental spaces within the building and a court area outside. With room to accommodate up to 150 guests, we've hosted birthday parties, weddings, and markets. Whatever your rental needs, we'd love to

chat about how Ritchie can help you out!

League members who live in the Ritchie community receive a 10% discount on all hall rentals, but we are open to anyone who needs a space for their event! For the layout, some photos, and all the fine print, visit [ritchie-league.com/hall-rental](http://ritchie-league.com/hall-rental)

## Join the handyman hub at Ritchie Men's Shed

Every Saturday morning at 10 am, Ritchie Hall is hosted to your friendly neighbourhood fixers. Over coffee, Shedders trade stories, skills, and project ideas to connect with each other and maintain the community's facilities. Men's Shed is

the perfect place to find a creative outlet, keep your hands busy, and make new friends.

Why not bring your skills to the table! Find out more about Ritchie Men's Shed at [ritchie-league.com/rcl/mens-shed](http://ritchie-league.com/rcl/mens-shed).



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