

COMMUNITY LEAGUE NEWS SOUTH

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2025 Winterfest



The annual Winterfest is back on Sunday, February 23, 2025, 1:00-5:00 pm, at the Strathcona Community League Hall and grounds, 10139 - 87 Avenue. Free event!

Sleigh Rides (1:00 pm-4:00 pm)
Skating
Crokicurl
Kids carnival games (2:00 pm-5:00 pm)
Kids crafts & outdoor activity
Free BBQ (vegetarian options available)
Hot chocolate & coffee

Fire pit & s'mores
Mac & Cheese cook off. Judging at 3:00 pm & announcement of winners at 3:30 pm.

All types of macaroni & cheese or similar dishes welcome. Please bring in something to keep it warm until judging. Recipe is optional, but please provide a list of ingredients for allergy purposes
Many thanks to Emily Graca, Social Director, and the amazing team of volunteers for running this year's Winterfest!

Helping hands welcome at Ritchie Rink

Did you know that the folks who care for the beloved Ritchie skating rink are all volunteers? From flooding the rink in the fall to scraping the snow off the ice, your neighbours are pitching in to keep the community skating! Ritchie Community League is always seeking generous League members who can contribute to rink maintenance. These helpers are:

Key holders, who open and close the rink
Snow removers, who clear the ice after a snowfall
Ice scrapers, who smooth out the rough spots
Rink flooders, who resurface the rink
Winter isn't over yet! Join the rink maintenance crew today at ritchie-league.com/volunteer

Ritchie Presents: Emergency Preparedness

Workshop facilitator Daniela Guerrero-Rodriguez has designed a rare gem: a workshop that builds community, skills, and peace of mind all at the same time! This free Emergency Preparedness workshop goes beyond the 72-hour kit by taking participants through the basics of trauma

responses and accessibility. If you're one of the many people feeling anxious or powerless in the face of climate disasters, this workshop has tools to help build your confidence. Join us on Thursday, February 20, 2025 from 6:30-8:30 pm at Ritchie Hall. Register now at ritchie-league.com/events.

Outdoor Soccer Registration

Strathcona is a member of the Southeast Area in the EMSA South Zone. Registration opened on February 4, 2025, for the 2025 Outdoor Season. Outdoor registration will be accepted until March 14, 2025. To register, visit <https://emsasouth.com/register/register/>

Game times for each age group will vary on their designated day. You do not have the option to choose the time your athlete plays. The season begins on May 1, 2025 (weather permitting) and runs until the last week of June.

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EFCL website: www.efcl.org
Community Leagues...where neighbours meet and great things happen!

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

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

The copy deadline for the April-May 2025 issue of Community League News South is March 24, 2025. Please contact Donna Fong, Newsletter Editor, at 780-433-5702, or by e-mail at donna.fong@shaw.ca.

Pub Nights

Monthly pub nights are held upstairs in the hall Lounge, 10139 87 Avenue, on the second or third Friday of the month. Please use the south door. 8:00 p.m. start. Kids welcome.

Friday, February 21

Friday, March 14

Pub nights are for Strathcona Commu-

nity 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.

Rink Schedule

The opening of the ice rinks will depend on weather conditions and maintenance. A schedule is posted at the league website <https://strathconacommunity.ca/rink-hours/> and hall for the hours of open skating, parent/children hockey, adult hockey and special events.

HALL HOURS:

MTWF 3:30pm to 8:00pm

Thurs 2:30pm to 8:00pm

Sat/Sun 1:00pm to 8:00pm

Note that the Hall is not always open during rink hours.

Skaters are welcome on the ice prior to

opening times if ice maintenance is not in progress. Shoveling may be required.

For the safety of little skaters; no sticks and no pucks on the small rink.

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

The lights will be on from dusk to 9:00pm.

A community league membership is required for skating. Check here <https://strathconacommunity.ca/membership> for membership information. For those skaters from outside the community a \$5/time or \$20/season fee is required.

Movie Events

Free movie events for participating community leagues are made possible through the Edmonton Federation of Community League's license with Audio Cinema Films. 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://acf-film.com/en/infostream.php>

For more information or if you would

like to volunteer, contact Emily, Social Director, at social@strathconacommunity.ca, or Donna Fong, Programs Director, at programs@strathconacommunity.ca.

Movie-goers are welcome to bring their own snacks. Blankets, pillows, bean bags and other cozy items are encouraged.

Watch for social media posts about movie nights on Fridays, 6:30 pm: February 7 (The Wild Robot), March 7, April 4, May 2.

Civics and 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. For the latest news on Civics and reference documents, visit the website <https://strathconacommunity.ca/ongoing-projects/>

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.

Come up the ramp to the 2nd floor on the north side of the hall. If the gate door is locked, contact either the hall manager at 780-439-1501 or the Strathcona Nursery School staff at 780-710-7667. If you can help to welcome families to the playgroup, please contact Donna Fong at programs@strathconacommunity.ca. Cost: Free with community league membership.

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://strathconacomunity.ca/pro->

Yoga Programs with Corinne McNally

Gentle Yoga

Mondays Until February 24, 2025

6:00 - 7:15 p.m.

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

March 3-April 28, 2025

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

Full session: \$102.00

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

Hatha Flow Yoga

Thursdays Until February 27, 2025

9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

March 6 - April 24, 2025 8 classes

Full session: \$102.00

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

\$184.00 combined rate for both Gentle & Hatha Flow Yoga

Chair Yoga

Wednesdays Until February 26, 2025

1:00-2:00 p.m.

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

March 5 - April 30, 2025 9 classes

Full session: \$114.00

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

Yoga for Tweens/Teens

Wednesdays March 5-April 30, 2025

8 classes

4:45-5:45 p.m.

Full session: \$102.00

Requirements: Valid Community League membership. 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 March and April, email corinne@lotusmoonyoga.ca. Website: <https://www.lotusmoonyoga.ca/>

Full session: \$102.00

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Please email Donna Fong, Programs Director, at programs@strathconacomunity.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://strathconacomunity.ca/>

- 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 Mondays with Kaliegh Boyce

March 3-31, 2025 5 classes

7:30-8:45 pm

Full session: \$64.00

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

Requirements: Valid Community League membership (any league), Bring your own yoga mat.

Join certified yoga instructor, Kaliegh Boyce, for an evening flow class. Each session blends foundational yoga postures with flowing sequences, embracing the essence of embodiment and somatic awareness.

This class aims to help you wind down in a good way, support the nervous system and release any tension that you may be carrying from the day. For more information, contact Kaliegh at kaliegh.boyce@gmail.com.



Slow Yoga with Janice Williamson

Tuesdays, March 4-April 22 8 classes
10:00 - 11:15 a.m.

Full session: \$102.00

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

Requirements: 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.

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Beading Workshop with Be Silly By Silly

Saturday, February 22 12:00-5:00 p.m.

All supplies and beading kits supplied.

Location: Strathcona Community League, 10139 87 Ave, 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 on Instagram and By Silly By Silly on Facebook.

Saturday Art Classes with Berna Ponich

April 5, 12, 26, May 3, 10, 24, 31, June 14

10:00-11:30 a.m. Ages 6 and up

11:30-1:00 p.m. Ages 10 and up

8 classes

Fee: \$165.00 includes all instruction and supplies

Location: Small meeting room, main floor, Strathcona Community League, 10139 87 Ave

Requirement: 2024-2025 Community League membership. Watch for online registration for art classes in early March. Class size will be limited to 12 students per class. Instructor: Berna Ponich of Artagogo has been teaching art to kids for over 34 years. She studied Fine Arts at what was then called the Alberta College of Art, in Calgary, and then returned to Edmonton where she received a Bachelor of Education with a major in Fine Art education from the University of Alberta. "I love teaching now as much as I did when I started, if not more, and teaching art is the best job. I have met hundreds and hundreds of kids and have felt honoured every time a parent has entrusted me with their child's art education." For more information about the art classes, contact Berna at berna@telus.net

Meet Garden Co-Director Janice Bogner

Janice was elected for a two-year term (2025-2027) following the AGM. Congratulations! "Before I moved to this area, I was an ardent admirer of the Community Garden each time I took the streetcar. I left a beautiful yard behind when I relocated in the spring of 2020, so my daughter encouraged me to work with her on a garden plot and I've loved being a part of that beautiful space. I also have enjoyed meet-

ing many of my new neighbours while helping out at various community events such as pub night and the Mini Folk Fest. When the opportunity to represent the Community Garden on the board, cooperatively with Jacquie Devlin, came up, it seemed like the perfect match. I am a devoted grandma and a retired teacher who loves gardening, books, walking (especially with my dog) and people watching."

How to become a member?

The SCCL is working hard to make our community a great place to live so please help us out by purchasing or renewing your membership. Please visit the website <https://strathconacommunity.ca/league/membership/>

If you have any questions, email 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 Rec-

reation 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

- Free one-year Membership at the Edmonton Tool Library

- 10% discount Pressd Sandwich Shop, 10377 78 Avenue

- 10% discount Global Pet Foods, 7904 104 Street

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.



Community Times at Commonwealth Rec Centre

The Strathcona Community League offers 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: 3:00 pm -5:00 pm

Sundays: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

The Recreation Centre has a 4-lane fitness pool, leisure salt water 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>

Hall Rentals

Main Hall

Capacity 105

Seats 60 to 80 depending on table arrangement

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

Lounge

Capacity 60

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 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.

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Argyll Community Garden

Hello Argyll community, you may have noticed on your walk that breaking ground has happened for the garden and we will be able to plant in the spring. We will be also adding raised beds in spring and a few more features. As mentioned in the community e-mail keep us in mind if you have some garden tools you're not using any more and would like to donate for community use. It would be much appreciated.

If you're interested in becoming a gardener and helping on some projects



please email garden.group@argyllcl.ab.ca attn: Joanne N.

Argyll Walk Club

The second Tuesday morning of each month — 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

The last Wednesday evening of each month — 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Weather permitting these walk opportunities are being offered to any residents of Argyll who like walking with others.

Many folks love walking our neighbourhood & ravine. If you'd like some company, or to try some new trails, join them. Meet in front of the hall & enjoy a leisurely stroll with a few neighbours. Strollers & all ages welcome. (Watch our Facebook page for reminders and cancellations)

PERSONAL & ESTATE INCOME TAX & PLANNING

Are you aware of changes affecting your personal income tax?
Do you know the different returns and options for estates?
If not contact Lorn, he has filed thousands of personal and estate returns.

Lorn Stanners, CPA, CMA
lbstanners@gmail.com
780-937-9481

Don't Make CRA the Major Beneficiary of Your Estate!

1. No matter your age, you should have a will. It ensures your estate is distributed as you want. Without it, your estate is distributed according to the Alberta Wills and Succession Act.

2. Name beneficiaries for RRSP and RRIF accounts. This allows them to be transferred tax-deferred to your spouse or common-law.

3. Consider if you want some or all assets, bank accounts, real property, etc. in joint names. They are then automatically transferred and may eliminate the need for Probate.

4. If you want to donate part of your estate to charity, putting it in your will allows the donations to be deducted on your final tax return to reduce any taxes.

5. Maintain a record of all assets. Bank, investments, insurance policies, safety deposit box, etc. and their location.

For a free Executors Guide or more information on estate or personal taxes contact Lorn Stanners, CPA, CMA at lbstanners@gmail.com or 780.937.9481.

Neighbourhood Watch

Argyll "need" to recruit some neighbours to be part of our neighbourhood "walk your block" program. (<https://en-watch.ca/walk-your-block/>) This means they keep an eye out around our neighbourhood for odd things, graffiti and or break-ins. There is a need for people who might normally walk their dog, or family, around their corner of the neighbourhood to put their name into our program for observation of our corner of the City.

There will soon be a door-to-door "event" where they will be asking people in Argyll about getting signage in the neighbourhood saying it's a neighbourhood watch area. 25 signatures are needed before the city will agree to post them in our neighbourhood. People who are concerned about security may want to have a door sticker where they confirm they'll look out for their neighbours and surroundings. You can email to ENW.ARGYLL.REP@gmail.com for more info.



If you are interested and prepared to give some of your time each week then get in touch with Andy and Juliana Dykstra.

The Edmonton Neighbourhood Watch program is supported by volunteers and this neighbourhood watch initiative has the endorsement of Argyll Community League.

Sign up for upcoming Events

Be on the lookout for a skating rink in December. There may be another Games Night. Casino Volunteers (and families) appreciation Dinner.

Sign up for our e-mail newsletter to get details on these, or any other, upcoming events from Argyll Social at argyll.social@gmail.com.

Argyll Online

Check-in weekly to see what's changed on our web site. Send us things you think the 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

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

Look for current events on our FaceBook page as well.



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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:

- 20% off annual memberships*
- 20% off continuous monthly memberships using our convenient Pre-Authorized Debit Program*
- 15% off multi admission (5+) passes. Community League members that purchase these passes will be issued a photo access card which is to be swiped at each admission

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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: 9611 – 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.

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
Facebook: www.facebook.com/HazeldeanCommunityLeague/
Instagram: [hazeldean_community_](https://www.instagram.com/hazeldean_community_league/)

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. In order 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.

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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 your neighbours are sharing and talking about.

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easy, digital contract signing, Square Payments, and eTransfers – no more hassle with cheques!

Plus, we offer exclusive discounts for Hazeldean Community League members and multi-day or recurring rentals. Ready to book or learn more? Reach out to us at rentals@hazeldean.org or visit our website at www.hazeldean.org to explore all our options. Let's create something amazing together!

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.

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/leisure-access-program

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 members 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.

Classes, Programs, and Socials

Ritchie Hall is host to a variety of weekly programs, and there's something for everyone! Our winter session is halfway done, which means registrations for new classes will be opening soon. In the meantime, try some of the drop-in activities like Yoga, Fit for Life on Monday and Thursday mornings, Bridge on Friday mornings, or Men's Shed on Saturday mornings. You'll find more in-

formation on all the weekly goings-on at ritchie-league.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@ritchie-league.com

Workshops and Presentations Schedule

We've got some great presentations and workshops lined up for you this winter! In February we are focused on the future! Ritchie neighbours are leading a workshop called "Neighbouring for Climate: Ritchie Connectors". The City of Edmonton has created a toolkit to inspire climate action on a neighbourhood scale, and we need your help to launch it to your community! We also have an emergency preparedness instructor from BC ready to teach you how to build a 72 hour emergency kit. In March we are hosting two great organizations to share their knowledge and help you build some skills. Watch for African Caribbean Heritage Alliance's Okama Brooks teaching a youth employment and empowerment

workshop. And Edmonton Native Plant Society will have you dreaming of gardening season with their presentation. Swing by to learn about growing native plants and you'll have the opportunity to buy some seeds as well!

The events calendar for February and March is online now. Watch for those registration links, and don't wait to sign up! These events are open to all—Ritchie residents or not. Spread the word.

If you have an idea for an upcoming workshop or presentation, or know an inspiring expert who would be a great fit, please get in touch! You can email secretary@ritchie-league.com with your idea, or fill out the proposal form on our website.

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

Catch up with friends and neighbours at Pub Night

Pub nights are back at Ritchie Hall, the last Saturday of every month. Join your friends and neighbours at the hall for a relaxing evening with your favourite Happy Beer Street beverage. We always have a nice selection of snacks, and non-

alcoholic bevies as well. If you're over 18, \$5 gets you in the door—and Ritchie members get a freebie! You'll find all the information online, including special details like which homegrown musical talent we'll have playing for you!







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Edmonton Catholic Schools Board of Trustees reflects on faith, renewal, and the exciting journey ahead

As we continue on in 2025, the Board of Trustees of Edmonton Catholic Schools is filled with hope for what this year will bring to our Division and schools. January has set the tone for an exciting second half of the school year, and your Trustees are pleased to share our focus moving forward.

On Christmas Eve, Pope Francis opened the Jubilee Year by unlocking the Holy Doors at St. Peter's Basilica, calling us to reflect on renewal, mercy, and hope. These themes inspire our work this year, as we embrace our Division theme, "People of Hope." We are committed to fostering these values in meaningful ways, supporting our students and staff in their journeys of faith and growth.

We are in the midst of Open House season at Edmonton Catholic Schools. Our schools proudly welcome families to explore the Christ-centred learning environments and diverse programming we offer. Whether it's starting Kindergarten, transitioning to Junior High or High School, or seeking specialized programs,

Open Houses provide an opportunity to witness our faith-based education in action. Families can find a directory of Open Houses at ecsd.net/open-house. We look forward to hosting families as they take this important step in their child's education.

As always, advocating for the needs of our Division remains a top priority for the Board. We are focused on securing modern, welcoming schools to support our growing student population and championing enhanced services and programming for all. With rapid enrolment growth, we face an unprecedented demand for teachers and support staff. Partnering with others, we are working to attract and retain exceptional educators dedicated to nurturing student learning and well-being.

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As we navigate this period of growth, we remain steadfast in our mission to provide a faith-filled, Christ-centred learning environment that nurtures every student's potential

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