



Woodcroft Community League

Winter 2016 Newsletter

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RINK SHACK NEWS

It's that time of year again!

Come out to your community rink this winter and embrace the season with friends and family! We are hoping to have the rink ready by early December. Check the Facebook page and website for opening dates.

RINK SHACK HOURS:

Monday-Friday 5pm-9pm

Saturday-Sunday 12pm-9pm

Cost: Free for community league members

-\$2 for non-members

Skaters under the age of 18 must wear a helmet. Some skates and helmets are available to borrow on a first come first serve basis.

SHINNY TUESDAYS

Tuesday is community pick-up shinny night from 6pm-close, on the big rink. Come on over, bring your friends, family and neighbors. This is a great chance to make some community connections.

EQUIPMENT

The rink is in need of adult skates. If you have any equipment that you'd like to donate contact Roger at 587-501-5920

NEW YEAR'S DAY SKATE!

January 1st, 2017: Noon-4pm @ the Rink Shack

Come celebrate the new year together with skating and hot chocolate! We look forward to seeing you out at the rink!

MESSAGE FROM YOUR COMMUNITY LEAGUE BOARD

Our Community League has had a busy fall season. We have hosted many successful events including Community League Day, Paint Day for children, Paint Night for adults and some fun Christmas events.

We encourage you to attend the remaining events this year and in the next few months in the new year. We have some of the regular fun events including skating lessons, but new ones as well. Check out this newsletter for more information on these events. Woodcroft Community League Social Committee is always looking for new members, please let Cindy Stewart know if you are interested in joining us. Cindy can be contacted at cindyfaystewart@gmail.com.

In October we held our AGM and we would like to thank Wendy Smith for all of her time and the dedication she has given the community league over the past five years. Wendy has represented our community with integrity and passion. Even though Wendy is no longer on the Community League Board of Directors, she will still be assisting on some league committees.

In late October, some community members reported having vehicles broken into with items taken, as well as one vehicle stolen. Please keep your eye out for suspicious people in back alleys and ensure you are speaking with neighbours and letting them know if you are home, away on vacation, etc... Knowing your neighbours and keeping a watchful eye out for each other is one of the best things we can do. It is also important to notify the police of these activities as they watch for trends and if one neighbourhood is being targeted then they are able to respond appropriately. If thefts are not reported it is hard to track trends.

The Woodcroft Community League has two members who regularly attend meetings regarding the Mature Neighbourhood Overlay Review that the City of Edmonton is completing. They are trying to help ensure that mature neighbourhoods do not lose the character that makes them unique. If you have questions about this please contact the board for more information.

With the Christmas season approaching quickly, the Woodcroft Community League Board of Directors would like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Best Wishes in the New Year.

COMMUNITY SANDBOXES

The City of Edmonton has made changes to their community sandboxes.

Instead of offering free sand for the public at community centres across the city, sand will now be provided at the five Roadway Maintenance yards. By putting them in front of the yards, the resources to fill them will be minimal.

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CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG!

Sunday, December 11

Woodcroft Community Centre

Time: 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Cost: Free! But donations will be accepted

Randy Mueller and the Woodcroft Singers will be leading us in a fun, family sing-a-long and Christmas fun, dedicated to our favorite Christmas music. Take a break from your hectic Christmas preparations, bring your friends and neighbors out to enjoy a festive time together. There will be a cash bar and Christmas refreshments for all. This is a great event to bring the family to and take some time out to enjoy the season! This event is FREE but donations do help off set program costs and allow us to enjoy these entertaining shows.

RING IN THE NEW YEAR! IN WOODCROFT...WITH FIRE WORKS!

Come and join the community this December 31st to ring in the New Year. Join us for skating & hot chocolate from 4 - 5:30 pm. Come in doors for a potluck meal where we will all bring food to share. The Community League will provide hamburgers, so side dishes, salads, desserts are welcome. Please ensure that if you are using ingredients that are common to allergies that you bring a sign stating what is in it, for example peanuts. Doors for the meal will open at 5:30pm, meal at 6pm. Bring games to play after the meal until the fire works. Fire works will be at 8:30pm, near bonfire. To register contact Cindy at cindyfaystewart@gmail.com.

If you are unable to attend the meal, please come out and join us at 8:30 for the fireworks.

COMMUNITY SKATING LESSONS

Woodcroft Community League will once again be offering skating lessons in the New Year. There will be a basic learn to skate program, as well as another program to help young skaters who already have the basics, to further develop their skills. All lessons take place at the Community League outdoor rink. We are anticipating another fun set of lessons so be sure to sign up!

Dates: Sundays, January 15 - February 26 (The program runs 6 weeks with Family Day off)

Ages	Times	Community League Members	Non-Members
3-5	1:30-2:00pm	\$20	\$40
6-8	2:00-2:45	\$25	\$50
9+	3:00-3:45	\$25	\$50

A limited number of spaces are available at the discounted rate so please register early. Contact Cindy at cindyfaystewart@gmail.com to register or if you have questions.

NOTE: If the weather is colder than -20, lessons will be canceled and made up (if weather permits)

PIZZA/SKATING/MOVIE NIGHTS

Saturdays, January 14 & February 25, 2017

4:30pm @ the Community Centre

Cost: This event is free but registration is required to ensure we have enough food.

To register contact Cindy at: cindyfaystewart@gmail.com
Come out with your kids for some skating fun followed by a pizza dinner together. Finish off the night with a movie!
For the movie portion kids can bring mats/sleeping bags and even change into pajamas if they want.

**Note: If the weather is too cold/warm to skate, we will still have the pizza and movie

YOGA FOR KIDS

Sundays January 22 - February 12 10am - 10:45am
(4 classes)

Discover, play and connect through yoga! Here kids ages 3 and up are given the opportunity to imagine, experiment and explore the movement of their bodies through a wide range of sensory experiences including cooperative games, partner work, acrobatics, dancing, uplifting music, breathing exercises, mindfulness, relaxation, and of course - stretching. A nurturing class atmosphere allows students to make meaningful connections to one's self and others in a non-judgmental and non-competitive way.

Cost is \$40 for non community league members and \$30 for community league members Please pre register before January 15 by contacting Jessica at 780.902.7612 or email j.mcminn@hotmail.com.

PUB NIGHT CABARET

Saturday, February 4, 2017, 7pm-12am

Cost: \$20 per person.

Doors open at 8pm, Band will start playing at 9pm.

Shake off those winter blues at Woodcroft's Pub Night Cabaret. Join friends and neighbours on the dance floor for Amy van Keeken's Rock and Roll Sing-a-Long, covering hits from the 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s, Motown, disco and country. Lyrics are projected onto a screen for maximum sing-a-long fun.

For more information and to purchase tickets, contact Jessica at 780.902.7612 or email j.mcminn@hotmail.com.

NEW AT THE LIBRARY

Woodcroft Library (13420 114 Avenue) would like to showcase two exciting new programs that have started for our community:

Cree Conversation Circle

Cree Conversation Circle – Thursdays 6-8pm. Do you want to improve your Cree language skills? Or are you interested in learning this fascinating Indigenous language? This is a free, drop-in program where you will also connect with community members and make new friends.

Evil Genius Club

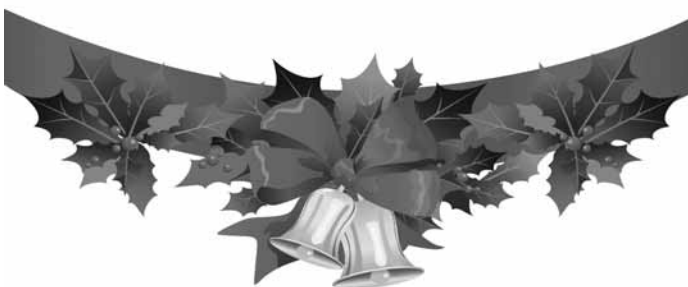
Third and fourth Saturday of every month, 3-4pm. Robot battles, Arduino hacks, DIY music, art, Minecraft, photography, 3-D design and printing are just the beginning for this club of maniacal makers. You're invited to hang out, bring friends, try things and make stuff at this drop-in program for older kids and teens.

More information about our programs on our website, epl.ca or by phoning the branch 780-496-1830.

In other library news: Stanley A. Milner Library (downtown) closes for renovations on December 31, 2016 and the Enterprise Square Branch opens January 3, 2017. For more information, go to <http://www.epl.ca/milner-is-moving/>



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COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

The Woodcroft Community League is looking for volunteers to join our Communications Team. Some of things we are responsible for are: updating and maintaining our website, updating the signboard with community events and publishing our quarterly newsletter. For more information or to volunteer contact the Communications Team at wclnews@woodcroftcl.org.



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