



# Woodcroft Community Newsletter

Spring 2016

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## **SAVE THE DATE!**

### **WELCOME TO SUMMER COMMUNITY BBQ!**

**Saturday, June 4th from  
11am - 2pm**

Please join the Woodcroft Community League in celebrating the upcoming summer season!

This will be a family fun event and the Woodcroft Community League will be providing hot dogs, drinks, cotton candy and more.

Don't miss this opportunity for neighbours to come together to meet friends, welcome newcomers and to kick off the summer season!

**Registration deadline is  
Wednesday, June 1.**

To register, contact Kelly at [kellypurdy@shaw.ca](mailto:kellypurdy@shaw.ca) or by phone at 780-454-8672.

Rain or shine, we hope to see you there!

## **PUB NIGHT**

**Saturday, April 16  
Doors open at 7pm**

Come share drinks and conversation with your neighbors. Make new friends over a game of cards, ping pong or foosball. And walk home at the end of the evening!

See you there!

## **MESSAGE FROM YOUR COMMUNITY LEAGUE**

While some of you are enjoying this unseasonably warm weather, the high temperatures are making it difficult to maintain our outdoor rinks. When the ice is in poor condition, the rink shack does not open. We ask residents to refrain from using the rinks when the ice is soft. Skating during these times causes significant damage to the ice surface, making it dangerous and harder to repair. We have already had one skater's blade catch in one of the frozen gouges in the ice, resulting in a serious injury.

A number of our winter events have been well received with a good turnout for the Christmas events, Pub Nights, and the Skating/Pizza/Movie nights. We look forward to seeing even more of you out for future events.

With so many young families moving into the neighborhood, there has been an increased demand for babysitters. One of our volunteers has agreed to be the contact person for those looking to babysit and those looking for sitters. Look for more information inside.

We are disappointed to report that the league's outdoor shed was broken into at the end of January and we are hearing talk of petty theft occurring throughout the community. We want to remind residents that petty crimes should be reported to the police so that EPS can determine if added patrols are needed in our neighborhood. We are now able to report these incidents on-line at <http://www.edmontonpolice.ca/ContactEPS/OnlineCrimeReporting.aspx>.

Spring is typically a busy time for us with many activities planned for both indoors and out. You will find details about our upcoming events on the inside pages of this newsletter. We hope to see you there!

## **COMMUNITY SOCCER REGISTRATION**

Once again Woodcroft is partnering with North Glenora for community soccer. **Registration Deadline is March 8.** After March 8, add a \$25 late fee.

**U4 to U12** register online at [www.emsawest.com](http://www.emsawest.com).

A community league membership is required. Contact Mark if you need a membership: 780-497-7728.

Fees can be paid either online at <http://ngclsoccer.eventbrite.ca>, or in person (cash or cheque). Bring a copy of your confirmation email on **Sat. March 5**, 10am-2pm to the N. Glenora Community League (13535 109A Ave) or **Tue March 8**, from 6pm-8:30pm at the Doubletree (16615 109 Ave)

N. Glenora will also be running a Supertot program for 2-3 year olds. For more information or to register your child, email [ngclsoccer@gmail.com](mailto:ngclsoccer@gmail.com).

## EASTER EGG HUNT

**Saturday, March 26**

Time: 10:00AM-Noon

Where: Woodcroft Community League Hall

Cost: Free

Come join us for a morning of Easter fun! There will be an Easter egg hunt, craft activities and snacks.

**To register: contact Linda at 780-452-4460 or [wclwebadmin@woodcroftcl.org](mailto:wclwebadmin@woodcroftcl.org).** Please provide a contact name and email or phone number, the number of children who will be participating, and their ages. This will ensure the Easter Bunny knows how many eggs to leave and we know how many supplies to purchase.

Helpers are always needed for this event, so please indicate if you are able to help with set up, activities, or clean up.

**Deadline to register is Thursday, March 23.**

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## WINE TASTING EVENING

**Saturday, May 7**

Back by popular demand!

Scott Meadows from 7<sup>o</sup> will guide us through an evening of good wine, good food, and good fun. Scott carefully chooses one sparkling, two white, two red, and one dessert wine for us to sample. Last year's favorite wine of the night was Nutty Solera, a medium dry Sherry. Come join us for some fun and help choose this year's favorite!

Time: Doors open at 6:45pm

Wine presentation and tasting will begin at 7:00pm

Cash bar opens at 7:45pm

Cost: \$25 for community league members / \$30 for non-members

\*Admission includes hors d'oeuvres, 6 generous wine samples and one free beverage following the wine tasting.

**To register:** contact Shayna at [bowlings@gmail.com](mailto:bowlings@gmail.com) or call 780-471-0073.

**Deadline to register is Wednesday, May 4.**

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## COMMUNITY BABYSITTER REGISTRY

Woodcroft Community League is offering a baby/child sitting registry. A member of our community, Kara, will coordinate baby/child sitters with interested community members in need of a sitter. The coordinator will simply match the parent needing a sitter with an available sitter. The coordinator will not make the arrangements nor intervene in any issues that may arise between the sitter and the parent.

### In need of a baby/child sitter?

Please call at least 48 hrs in advance of the date and time you need a sitter. We can deal with shorter notice but it decreases your chances of getting a sitter.

You will need to provide:

- Your name & contact number
- Number & age of children
- Date, start & end time

### Interested in becoming a neighborhood baby/child sitter?

Your will need to provide Kara with the following:

- Your name
- Your parent's name and their contact number (other parents will contact your parent to discuss the arrangements)
- Days/evenings of the week that you are available to be a sitter
- Ages of children you are willing to be a sitter for

**Please contact Kara at 780-452-3619** to request a sitter or to be put on the sitter list.

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## BABYSITTER MEET & GREET

**Sunday, April 10th from 2:00-3:30pm**

The Woodcroft Community League will host a meet & greet for anyone in the community interested in baby/child sitting to come out and meet parents who are looking for baby/child sitting services and vice versa. If you would like to attend this event, please RSVP to Kara at 780-452-3619.

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## SINGERS SPRING SHOW

**Saturday, May 14**

YOUR Woodcroft Singers INVITE YOU to join us at our SPRING CONCERT. We will be singing a wide range of songs to please a variety of tastes, with pieces from musical theatre to popular songs from your youth. Admission is by donation and all monies raised are to help in future projects and programs in YOUR COMMUNITY.

There will be snacks, tea and coffee and the cash bar will be open for your pleasure.

**Doors open at 7:00pm**

**Performance at 7:30pm**

SEE YOU THERE!

## PARENT AND TOT GROUP

Thursday mornings, 9:30am-11am

Want an excuse to get out of the house with your kids? Looking to make connections with other parents in the neighborhood? Come out to the Woodcroft Community Centre for some indoor playtime!

For more information contact Sarah at 780-964-4321.

The group will run until June 23rd, then break for the summer.

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## COMMUNITY BOOK CLUB

2nd Tuesday of each month, at the Woodcroft Community Centre

This group is free for community league members. Contact Marlo for more information about the group and memberships, 780-454-0947.

Books for this spring are:

March: The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry

Apr: 1984

May: Ru

June: Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World that Can't Stop Talking

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COORDINATOR

Woodcroft has been experiencing an increase in petty theft lately. The neighborhood watch representative for our community has been vacant for some time.

If anyone is interested in being a community watch representative or getting more information about the position, contact Arlene at [ahuhn@telusplanet.net](mailto:ahuhn@telusplanet.net) or 780-481-4420.

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## LOCAL BAND NEEDED

The Woodcroft Social Committee is seeking a local band in the neighborhood who may be interested in playing at an upcoming community event in the Summer of 2016! If you or someone you know might be interested, contact Kelly at 780-221-8672 or [kellypurdy@shaw.ca](mailto:kellypurdy@shaw.ca)

## LOST & FOUND

A portable air compressor was found in an East-West alley between 139 - 141 Streets. It did not belong to any of the neighbors and was picked up by the police. If you are missing an air compressor and think this could be yours, contact the EPS Community Policing Initiative at 780-423-4567.

## Kids Run Wild!

FUN program for kids and parents to learn map reading skills while improving fitness, agility and self-confidence. All fitness levels welcome.

OPEN HOUSE INFORMATION SESSIONS for parents  
Tuesday March 15, 2016 at 6:30pm, 7:00pm and 7:30pm.  
at the Woodcroft Library.

Go to [www.kidsrunwild.ca](http://www.kidsrunwild.ca) for more details!

**Eight week programs offered in West Central  
Edmonton on Thursdays, starting April 7, 2016**

2:30 – 3:30pm for 5-7 year olds (parented group)

4:30 – 5:30pm 6-8 year olds (parented group)

6:00 – 7:00pm 9-12 year olds

Emphasis on fun, safety, participation & skill development.

**Registration also includes BBQ Finale at Blackfoot  
Provincial Park Saturday May 28, 2016**

**These programs are provided by the Edmonton  
Overlanders Orienteering Club [www.orienteer.ab.ca](http://www.orienteer.ab.ca)**



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## RINK SHACK NEWS

Weather permitting, the rink will remain open until March 31st. Check the website and Facebook page for closures.

**Rink Shack Hours:** Monday-Friday 5pm-9pm Saturday-Sunday 12pm-9pm

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.

### Equipment Needs

The rink is looking for adult skates size 9-11. Contact Roger for donations at 780-983-1128.

## SHINNY TUESDAYS

**Come out for pick-up shinny nights. Tuesdays from 6pm-close.**

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## EMU PROGRAM

We are excited to see the return of the EMU program to the Woodcroft Community!

The EMU is an early learning family program that offers a cozy and unique environment where parents and children can interact with Early Learning Facilitators and engage in learn-through play experiences. Children (age 2 1/2 to 5 years) can participate in developmentally appropriate activities and parents are able to connect with families and resources in their community. The EMU program's mobile unit will be located in the Woodcroft Community Centre parking lot (13915 - 115 Avenue) for 10 Wednesdays from April to June. Program times are as follows:

**AM:** 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

**PM:** 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

**Drop In:** 11:15 - 12:15 p.m.

**Closed:** 12:15 - 1:00 p.m.

Please note: AM and PM sessions require registration at 587-926-1665  
See more at: <https://www.ecsd.net/schools/GELC/EMU/Pages/default.aspx#sthash.PTY5qkGN.dpuf>

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## COMMUNITY SUMMER DAYCAMPS

**Registration opens March 16, 2016**

The City of Edmonton offers amazing summer daycamps for ages 2 to 12 years old. Camps often fill up quickly so sign up early.

Get the full details in the 2016 Summer Daycamp guide available at elementary schools, public libraries, city recreation centres, and online at:

[http://www.edmonton.ca/activities\\_parks\\_recreation/community-daycamps.aspx](http://www.edmonton.ca/activities_parks_recreation/community-daycamps.aspx)

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