



Woodcroft Community League

Winter 2019 Newsletter

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COMMUNITY SAFETY CONCERN

In the past month the Community League has been made aware of a couple of incidents involving our youth. In both cases, a teenage girl was being followed in the neighbourhood. In one case it was by someone on foot, in another by someone in a van. Both incidents have been reported to the police.

The police have provided the following recommendations when walking at night...

1. If you have a phone, keep it out, within reach and in sight
2. Travel in pairs
3. Don't wear headphones
4. Don't walk down alleys alone
5. Identify houses in your neighborhood that are safe places for you to go to if you are ever in trouble.

Parents help your children identify these safe places and introduce them to neighbours you know they can approach to be safe. If you don't know of anyone along your child's usual walking route, contact the community league and we can help you locate trusted neighbours.

6. Call 911 anytime you are worried or scared about someone following you or if you feel unsafe for any other reason. The police like driving fast and using their siren for those kinds of circumstances.

We are hoping to organize an opportunity to have a police officer come to the league to present information to our community's youth and allow them to ask questions. Once a date is confirmed we will send out a notice.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR COMMUNITY LEAGUE

Our Annual General Meeting was held at the end of October and this year we have a full Board of Directors. We would like to thank Jason Gratton for his past years of volunteering on the board and we are happy that Jason is willing to continue to volunteer for our community league. We would also like to welcome two new board members. We welcome back Shayna Bowling to our board as our Vice President, as well as the chair for the Communications Committee. Also new to our board is Jason Shine. Jason has lived in our community for over a year and is excited to get involved. We are happy to have a new voice to our board. Congratulations to all of the returning board members and thank you for all of your time and commitment to our community league.

We are always looking for volunteers to help us out. If you have an interest in the development that is taking place in Woodcroft or surrounding areas, speed limits, cross walks, etc., we have a Civics Committee that is always looking for interested community members. Our Social Committee is also looking for people to become involved in our social activities. If you would like to share ideas, give recommendations, or help out on the event day, we would love to have you on our committee. If you feel you have other ways to help us out, please contact Arlene at arlene.huhn@woodcroftcl.org

TD Park People Grants



It was great to see many of our community members at our Community League Day. Many of you had the chance to try out Beach Volleyball, even the older children got involved. Thanks to TD Park People for the grant that allowed us to have this event.

We have some great winter events coming up, we hope you will join us. One of the best ways to prevent crime is to know your neighbours and keep an eye out for each other. Come to our events and get to know your neighbours and community members better.

With the Christmas Season coming soon, our board would like to wish all of you Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, Maligayang Pasko. Best Wishes for the New Year and come join us to welcome in the New Year, more details in the newsletter.

SIDEWALK SAFETY

With winter quickly approaching, we want to remind residents that Edmonton's snowfall and freeze/thaw cycles can result in very hazardous conditions in walkways and on sidewalks. These conditions are a safety concern for everyone – particularly for those with limited mobility and service providers. Keeping sidewalks free of snow and ice is important in keeping Edmontonians moving safely. Failure to maintain your sidewalks could result in a \$100 fine plus potentially any cleanup costs. Come and pick up free sand at the hall - just bring your bucket! **Crosswalk Safety:** Please watch for pedestrians crossing roads during these dark winter days. We strive for an active community; safety helps to get people out and about!

WOODCROFT HAS A NEW WEBSITE

We're excited to announce that our new website is up and running with the same great address:

www.woodcroftcl.org ! Visit us to find information on how to rent the hall, view previous newsletters, and links to local organizations. We are still working through a few kinks so please bear with us. If you notice something broken with the site please let us know at communications@woodcroftcl.org

WOODCROFT SINGERS FALL SHOW

Bring your family and friends along for a terrific evening of entertainment at the fall show "The Song is You". The Woodcroft Singers and musical director Randy Mueller are presenting songs from sing-along classics, musical theatre and movie hits to cool jazz standards. Join in with fun musical games and trivia during intermission. Enjoy light snacks and a cash bar.

Date: Saturday, December 7, 2019

Time: Doors open at 7 p.m. Show begins at 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m.

Location: 13915-115 Avenue - Woodcroft Community Centre

Cost: Free. Cash donations accepted at the door

GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING

This popular event provides an opportunity for the whole family to share in some pre-Christmas fun. Register early as spots fill up fast.

Date: Sunday, December 8, 2019

Time: 2 to 4 p.m.

Cost: Free

Location: 13915-115 Avenue - Woodcroft Community Centre

To Register: Call Linda at 780-452-4460 or e-mail linda.thiessen@woodcroftcl.org

WOODCROFT BOOK CLUB

Enjoy a good read and fun discussion? You are invited to join the Woodcroft Community Book Club. There's never a dull moment and we look forward to seeing you there.

Date: 2nd Tuesday of every month from September to June

Time: 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Location: 13915-115 Avenue - Woodcroft Community Centre

Cost: Free. Woodcroft Community League membership is required.

Contact/Questions: Marlo at: 780 454 - 0947



NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

Join your neighbours and friends for our annual New Year's Eve Celebration. This is a family event and an affordable way to celebrate the new year. The Ice Rink will be open for skating in addition to the dance. We also invite you to stay warm by the outdoor fires. We would like to thank TD People in Parks Grant for helping us put on this event. We celebrate the New Year but also the beautiful park area in our neighbourhood that helps bring us together as a community.

Date: Tuesday, December 31, 2019

Time: Doors Open 5 p.m

- Potluck dinner 5:30pm (please bring a sign for your food indicating common food allergies such as nuts)
- Live Band and Dance 7pm
- Fireworks 9 p.m.
- Late lunch after fireworks

Location: 13915-115 Avenue - Woodcroft Community Centre

Cost: This event is free for community league members and their guests.

RSVP: cindy.stewart@woodcroftcl.org

SKATING, PIZZA AND KARAOKE NIGHT

Join us for an afternoon and evening of fun. Getting stuck inside over a long winter means you need more FUN! Karaoke for all ages, children and adults. We will have board games, cards and cash bar available.

Date: Saturday, January, 25 2020

Time: Skating 3:30 - 5 p.m. (weather permitting)

- Doors Open 5 p.m.
- Pizza 5 p.m.
- Karaoke 6 p.m. to 12 a.m.

Cost: Free, Cash bar available

Location: 13915-115 Avenue - Woodcroft Community Centre

RSVP: Linda at 780-452-4460 or

linda.thiessen@woodcroftcl.org to claim your pizza!

WOODCROFT IS HOME TO THINGS OUT OF THIS WORLD!

The first facility of its kind in Canada marked another major landmark as crews began installing a new concrete dome onto the 59-year-old Queen Elizabeth II Planetarium in Coronation Park in September. Read more and watch a video at bit.ly/2PUyLb

WOODCROFT'S BACKYARD BIRDS

Are you curious about the birds you are seeing in your yard? Join us to learn about the different species of birds in Woodcroft! Our host, Woodcroft resident Melissa Penney, will teach us how to attract birds into our yards, how to identify our neighbourhood feathered visitors and how to make your yard more inviting for birds. Melissa is an avid birdwatcher and photographer who has spent years creating an inviting and very successful wildlife habitat in her backyard in Woodcroft. The talk will include photos and videos taken right here in our neighbourhood. Space is limited, so please RSVP

Date: Sunday, February 9, 2020

Time: 1 to 3 p.m.

Cost: Free

Location: 13915-115 Avenue - Woodcroft Community Centre

RSVP: 1melissapenney@gmail.com with BIRDS in the subject line.

WOODCROFT PLAYSCHOOL ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS

Woodcroft Community Playschool is a fully licensed, non-profit, parent operated preschool program offered from September to May, for children 3-4 years of age. Classes are held in the Woodcroft Community League building in a spacious room on the second floor.

Registration Deadlines:

- Returning & Alumni Families: February 3-7, 2020
- Woodcroft Residents: February 10-14, 2020
- General Public: February 15 onwards
- Open House & Meet the Teacher on February 26, 2020

The registration form is available at:
www.woodcroftplayschool.com

SKATING, PIZZA, MOVIE NIGHT

Join us for an afternoon and evening of skating followed by a movie



Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020

Time: Skating 3:30 to 5 p.m. (Weather permitting)

- Movie, "Madagascar" 5:30 p.m.
- Late Movie for older children of all

ages, "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone" 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Cost: Free, Cash bar available

Location: 13915-115 Avenue - Woodcroft Community Centre

RSVP: Register for pizza with Linda at 780-452-4460 or linda.thiessen@woodcroftcl.org

YOGA WITH CHAS

It's time to shake of the Winter Blues and get going before spring is here. Join us for a 7 week Yoga class. This yoga class will combine Hatha with Gentle Flow. Hatha includes the practice of asanas (yoga postures) and pranayama (breathing exercises), while gentle flow is a bridge between moving in flow and staying stationary. Great program for beginners and experienced participants. Yoga will help you increase your flexibility ; increase muscle tone and strength; improve circulatory and cardio health; helps you sleep better and much more.

Date: February 4, 11, 18, 25, March 3, 10 & 17

Time: 7:30 to 8:30pm

Cost: Woodcroft Community Members: \$60 for 7 week program or \$14.00 drop in*. Non-Members: \$70 for the 7 week session or \$15.00 for drop in*.

Location: 13915-115 Avenue - Woodcroft Community Centre

Supplies: Yoga mat (if you don't have one we have some mats at the hall); small throw blanket; water bottle. If you have a yoga block you can bring that too.

Register: Arlene at 780-660-9684 (call/text) or arlene.huhn@woodcroftcl.org

**We will need enough people to register for the seven week program to run the yoga class. You are encouraged to contact us before dropping in to ensure the class is running.

WOODCROFT SINGERS 2020 WINTER/SPRING SESSION

You're invited to join the Woodcroft Singers, a growing group of community-based singers under the direction of Randy Mueller. You'll have fun while enjoying the many benefits of group singing. There are no auditions and the ability to read music isn't necessary. Come and see what we're about.

Try-it-Night: Monday, January 13, 2020.

Time: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Cost: Free to try. Nominal fees apply if you decide to join.

Location: 13915-115 Avenue - Woodcroft Community Centre

Contact/Questions: Marilyn Woolley at jwoolley@telusplanet.net or call 780 454 5208

CRAFT NIGHT

You asked! We will deliver! Another Craft Night will take place in the Spring! The activity is still to be determined, but it will be sure to please! Save the date and more information to follow on our website and Facebook page.

Date: Friday, March 6, 2020

Time: 7 to 10 p.m.

Location: 13915-115 Avenue -- Woodcroft Community Centre

Cost: TBA

RSVP: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 to kellypurdy@shaw.ca



EASTER EGG HUNT: SAVE THE DATE!

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

Date: Saturday, April 11, 2020

Time: 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Location: 13915-115 Avenue - Woodcroft Community Centre

Cost: Free, Registration is required.

Register by: Thursday, April 9 by calling 780-452-4460 and provide:

- Name, E-mail, Phone number
- Number of children & ages participating in egg hunt
- Indicate if you can help with set-up, activities or clean up

GARDENING WORKSHOP: SAVE THE DATE!

Save the date for an informative session on gardening! Whether you already have a green thumb or are just starting out, be prepared to pick up lots of helpful tips and ideas to get your garden started this year! We may even have a seed swap incorporated into our event this year! Watch for details on our website and on Facebook.

Date: Saturday, April 25, 2020

Time: 2 to 4 p.m.

Location: 13915-115 Avenue - Woodcroft Community Centre

Cost: Free

RSVP: kellypurdy@shaw.ca

BECOME A WOODCROFT COMMUNITY LEAGUE MEMBER!

- **Advantages:**
- Free skating at all outdoor community rinks in Edmonton (\$2 for non-members)
- 10% off yearly membership at Telus World of Science

For Details See <https://efcl.org/membership-benefits/>

MEMBERSHIP RATES

- \$30 – Families \$20 – Singles and Single Parent Families
- Free for seniors (65+) and New Residents
- Cash in person or (Cheques payable to Woodcroft Community League)
- Brentwood Homes provides memberships for their residents (pick up at the Brentwood Office)

COMMUNITY LEAGUE CONTACTS

Hall Bookings

rentals@woodcroftcl.org

Newsletter

Amy - news@woodcroftcl.org

Rink Coordinator

Roger Penner - 780-983-1128

NEWSLETTER

The submission deadline for the March edition is February 5, 2020.

Please send all inquiries to news@woodcroftcl.org or check out our website at www.woodcroftcl.org for advertising rates.

The newsletter is published 4 times per year. Priority is given first to community news and then to advertisements.

E-mail: news@woodcroftcl.org

WOODCROFT MEMBERSHIP FORM

Adult #1			Date:	
Adult #2			Year:	
Address			Woodcroft Community League	
Postal Code			<u>Membership Type</u>	
Home Tel #			Family	Single
Mobile			Single Parent	Senior
Business Tel #			Associate	Other
Email			Subscribe to Email News	
Child Name (s)	Age	M/F	Contribute as Volunteer (list interests on back)	
			Fee Paid \$	
			Donation \$	
			Total Paid \$	
			Cheque #	Cash
			# of Skate Tags	

Drop off form at 11427 – 139 Street. Questions? Contact Linda, Membership Coordinator at (780) 452 - 4460