



# Woodcroft Community League Newsletter

Winter 2022-23

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## Message from Your Community League Board of Directors

### **Woodcroft community gardens ready for use this spring!**

This fall we were able to almost fully complete the community gardens to the west of the community centre! We want to thank all of the volunteers who came out to help us. We greatly appreciate your assistance and we look forward to spring and summer to see them being used by community members. Watch for our spring newsletter and follow our social media for more information and updates on the community gardens.

### **Board of Directors update**

In October we held our Annual General Meeting. We would like to thank Chris Morrison and Julia Vos for their time and contributions to

the board. You will both be missed. We welcome to the Woodcroft Community Board, Rory Lee and Kaitlin Woods.

*Friendly reminder that the Community League is no longer collecting egg cartons for Edmonton's Food Bank.*

### **Join us for our upcoming events!**

We hope you will join us for the programs that we will be offering in the next few months. We have both indoor and outdoor fun.

### **Free sand for your sidewalks**

Winter is upon us and we want to remind community members that we have a green sandbox (located outside of the main doors of the community centre – 13915 115 Ave)

that the city fills with sand free of charge for us to use on our sidewalks. If you notice the sand is almost gone, please call 311 and let them know and the city will come by to fill it up. You will also want to bring your own scoop to get the sand. We have an active community so please try to keep your walks shoveled for the safety of all.

### **Warm wishes to you and yours from the Board of Directors**

This time of year also brings many holiday celebrations. You may be celebrating Christmas (in December or January), Hanukkah, or Kwanzaa. **The Woodcroft Board of Directors wishes you a terrific holiday season and Happy New Year to all.**

# Events

## New Years Eve Celebration

Join us in ringing in the New Year. Doors open at 5:30 PM with a cash bar and a potluck meal beginning at 6:00 PM. Attendees are invited to bring a food dish for the potluck (please include a note with your dish if using a common allergy ingredient e.g. nuts, peanut butter, etc.). The potluck will be followed by skating, games and visiting from 7:00–8:40 PM, and will cap off the night with fireworks at 9:00 PM. We hope to see you there!

**Date:** December 31, 2022

**Time:** 5:30–10:00 PM

**Location:** Woodcroft Community Hall (13915–115 Avenue)

**Cost:** Free for community league members and their guests, cash bar

To register please [fill in this form](#).

## Skating, Pizza and Movie Night

Join us for some skating fun followed by a pizza dinner. We'll finish off the night with a family friendly movie! Keep an eye on our social media, in January we'll be posting the movie. For the movie, children and youth are invited to bring their pajamas and a sleeping bag or mat (there will be some mats available at the community centre).

**Date:** January 14, 2023

**Time:** 12:00–8:30 PM

**Skating 12:00 PM (weather permitting)**

**Doors to the Community Hall open at 5:00 PM**

**Pizza 5:30 PM**

**Movie 6:00 PM**

**Location:** Woodcroft Community Hall (13915–115 Avenue)

**Cost:** Free

Registration is required to ensure we have enough food.

To register please [fill in this form](#)

## Dance Lessons

Looking for something for you and your partner or a friend to do this winter? How about dance lessons? This winter we are excited to share that we will be offering them again at the hall. There will be six, 1 hour lessons including a variety of types of dances. If you attended the lessons in the fall, there will be some new moves for you to learn; and if you are new to dance, this will provide you with a good lesson on the basics.

**Dates:** Feb 3, 10, 24, March 3, 10, 17

**Time:** 7:00–8:00 PM

**Location:** Woodcroft Community Hall (13915–115 Avenue)

**Cost:** WCL members — \$100/person,

non WCL members — \$115

Payment is required prior to January 27.

Register by January 17, 2023 by emailing Arlene at [arlene.huhn@woodcroftcl.org](mailto:arlene.huhn@woodcroftcl.org). Please try to register in pairs but we will try to accommodate individuals.

## Comedy Show Pub Night

Join us on January 27 for a pub night and comedy show. We plan to have a local comedian to entertain the group. Follow our social media to find out which local comedian will be bringing the laughs!

**Date:** January 27, 2023

**Time:** 8:30 PM–12:00 AM (doors open at 7:30 PM)

**Location:** Woodcroft Community Hall (13915–115 Avenue)

**Cost:** WCL members — \$15, non WCL members — \$25, cash bar (sales end at 11:00 PM)

To register [fill in this form](#).

## Winter Fun - Snowshoe, Kicksled and Skating Event

You are invited to attend our snowshoe/kicksled/skating event. A kicksled is like a dogsled, without the dog. It will be completely free on a first come first served basis. Come meet up with friends and neighbours and try something new this winter. If you want to try skating but don't have skates, we have plenty for you to give it a try. If you have your own, come on over and enjoy the fun. There will be hot dogs served from 11:30 AM–1:30 PM and hot chocolate throughout the day.

**Date:** TBD. Check website and social media for updates.

**Time:** 10:00 AM–4:00 PM

**Location:** Woodcroft Community Hall (13915–115 Avenue)

**Cost:** Free

## Karaoke & Pub Night

On February 25, the whole family can join us for some karaoke fun. Doors will open at 7 PM. Families can attend and sing from 7:00–9:00 PM. At 9:00 PM, the pub night will begin and this is for adults only to meet neighbours and sing.

**Date:** February 25, 2023

**Time:** 7:00 PM–12:00 AM

**Location:** Woodcroft Community Hall (13915–115 Avenue)

**Cost:** Free, cash bar

Open to community league members and their guests. For more information please [fill in this form](#).

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## Looking for Snowmobile Owners to Help Groom Community Ski Trails

Do you, or somebody you know, own a utility snowmobile and want to help groom cross country ski trails in Coronation Park this winter? Contact Dave Kenny at 780-530-8575.

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## Woodcroft Skating Rink Information

When you buy a Woodcroft Community League membership you can skate for free at our rink, as well as any other community league rinks in the city! Without a membership it is \$2.00 to skate. The attendant will be collecting cash for skating and checking for skate tags that come with your community league membership. If you purchased your membership online and you need your skate tags please contact [memberships@woodcroftcl.org](mailto:memberships@woodcroftcl.org).

You can purchase your membership online at

<https://efcl.org/membership-purchase/>

Stay tuned to social media where we will be updating you on when the rink is open!

**The skating rink hours will be:**

**Monday–Friday 5:00–9:00 PM**

**Saturday–Sunday 12:00–9:00 PM**

Our plan is to have a rink attendant during these hours. During these hours the rink shack will be open for you to warm up inside with access to a bathroom, and you can also borrow skates and hockey sticks. We will be trying to leave the rink open during the day for those that would like to skate without access to the rink shack.

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## News from Edmonton Public Library: Woodcroft Branch

### **EPL Woodcroft Branch is now partnering with the Bissell Centre on Housing Workshops**

People in need can meet with housing navigators and discover affordable housing options and eligibility, learn their rights as tenants and get access to other programs and resources.

### **Families with babies, toddlers and preschoolers**

Early Literacy classes are back in a big way with *Sing, Sign, Laugh and Learn* being offered 5 times a week, and *Baby Laptime* and *Family Storytime* returning as well!

### **The Ready, Set, READ! initiative has now expanded to all families on the Northside of Edmonton!**

This partnership with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library directly mails a free book every month for each child in the home under 5 years old. Get a form at the library or go to [epl.ca/ready-set-read](http://epl.ca/ready-set-read) to apply.

### **Discovery Club**

School-aged kids can participate in *Discovery Club* On Thursdays after early dismissal for STEAM science and art based programming at 2:30 PM and teens can check out Teen Lounge on Fridays at 4 PM for PlayStation™ and Popcorn.



# Volunteer - Get Involved in Your Community League

Our Community League is in need of some volunteers to help us run our social and recreational programs. You do not need to have any experience, just a willingness to help! It is not a large time commitment and you can choose the programs that interest you.

If you're interested in volunteering or want more information please contact Arlene at [arlene.huhn@woodcroftcl.org](mailto:arlene.huhn@woodcroftcl.org).

## West Coast Seed Fundraiser

With the help of the league, residents, Sustainable Food Edmonton and McElhanney Ltd. a community garden was finally brought to life this past October to the west of the community centre! We are very excited for next spring/summer and seeing the garden filled with friends, families and neighbors. To aid with future maintenance costs, materials, and subsidizing rental fees we will be participating in a fundraiser with West Coast Seeds. The fundraiser will open in the new year and close mid-late February to ensure that adequate time is allotted for delivery and seed sprouting.

More information on the fundraiser and applying for a garden plot will be provided in the new year. For further information or inquiries please reach out to [garden@woodcroftcl.org](mailto:garden@woodcroftcl.org).

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