



Parkallen News

November 2019

Helping the homeless this winter

As months of bitter cold and deep snow become a reality, the plight of Edmonton's homeless population becomes more dire. Temporary and long-term camps in parks and ravines, along the river valley and in our back alleys are more visible as the leaves drop. Edmonton has made good progress in this area; since launch of Edmonton's Plan to End Homelessness in 2009 the number of people identified as homeless has been reduced by 43%. * The sad reality remains however that, for a whole range of reasons, there are hundreds of people living rough in our city.

What can you do to help?

If you know that someone needs help, call 211 to connect with the 24/7 Crisis Diversion Team or to reach a Street Outreach team who can provide long-term assistance. The Crisis Diversion Team can bring people to safe places and provide non-emergency support. The Street Outreach team travels the city to connect with people who are living rough. Outreach strives to establish supportive relationships and facilitate long-term positive changes for those who without access to support or services.

How do you know if it's an emergency?

If you sense that someone is in an emergency situation call 911. Look for signs of frostbite or hypothermia, exposed skin during an extreme weather event, unconsciousness or unresponsiveness.



Photo from: edmonton.ca

Offer kindness

You can help someone who has nowhere to live by offering a warm drink or food. It's not difficult to show some kindness. One small act can help a fellow human being make it through the day. There is always a need for winter coats and boots, warm socks and gloves, hand warmers and/or gift cards from local shops or restaurants. Your small gesture can make all the difference in someone's day.

For more information about homelessness in Edmonton and to get involved in the solution visit: endhomelessnessyeg.ca or HomewardTrust.ca

With help from Doug Cooke
Street Outreach Team Lead
Boyle Street Community Services

*www.homewardtrust.ca/planning-research/homeless-count/

Volunteers Needed

Board Positions

(attend monthly meetings)

Treasurer
Communications Director

Non-board positions

(meeting attendance optional)

Bookkeeper
Newsletter Editor
Social Media Contributors
Graphic Layout Support

volunteer@parkallen.ca



PLAYGROUP



Wednesdays

10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Parkallen League Hall

ParkallenPlaygroup



Parkallen
Community League

Events at the Hall

✂	November 16th	Pub Night	9 p.m.	✂
	November 30th	Movie Night	6&8 p.m.	
	December 6th	Youth Night	7 p.m.	
	December 7th	Seniors' Dinner	1-4 p.m.	
	February 9	Snowfest	1-4 p.m.	
	Volunteer for an hour, or a day: volunteer@parkallen.ca			

What if we had no volunteers?

What would happen if nobody volunteered for the Community League? I wonder about that a lot. You'd notice some things sooner than others. There would be no soccer program, no skating rink. We wouldn't have a summer playground program, no block parties or Snowfest. Our website would go dark. There'd be nobody advocating for the community or keeping an eye on by-laws. We wouldn't have a Facebook page, or a newsletter; nobody would manage hall bookings or memberships.

I think all these things are important. We talk about how we need to build community in these fractious times. We say "Think Globally, Act Locally." We watch videos on social media about taking care of each other and reaching out to neighbours. We want to address social isolation, to bridge the divide that grows between us as we become more and more hooked on our devices. We want to make a difference.

Don't we?

Volunteering for the Community League is a tangible way of getting offline and doing something for the people who live right next door and for your own family.

As long-time volunteers who've taken on this work for many years step down, there is a critical need for new people in key roles. Please consider how you could help. Without volunteers, some things will have to go.

It's been my pleasure to serve as the Communications Director since 2012. In that time I think we've made some significant improvements to the way we communicate. We've added Facebook, Twitter and Instagram; updated the print newsletter and the website and created e-news; and established advertiser relationships that help fund our newsletter. Now it's time for someone else to bring their energy and enthusiasm to this role. I'll be here to help.

Please see the full list of vacancies on page 2.

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Neighbourhood Watch in Parkallen

It's important to report crimes, even if you think "nothing will get done". The Edmonton Police Service gathers information from all reports received. Sometimes a small thing could be the last piece of a bigger puzzle.

For ALL emergencies or crimes in progress dial 911

For all other crimes or suspicious activities:

- ▶ Call the Edmonton Police Service non-emergency line at 780-423-4567 or #377
- ▶ Use the EPS mobile app for iOS or Android - Search for **Edmonton Police Service Mobile**
- ▶ Report online at www.edmontonpolice.ca/ContactEPS/OnlineCrimeReporting

Only use online reporting when the following apply:

- it is not an emergency
- the incident occurred within the Edmonton City Limits
- you have a valid email address
- you are reporting on behalf of yourself or as an authorized representative of a business
- this is not a motor vehicle collision
- there are no known suspects
- there are no surveillance cameras in the area the crime was committed
- there is no evidence that requires an officer to come to the scene. Officers can be contacted using the Online Reporting Help Line (780-391-6001) to discuss any possible evidence to determine if an incident can be reported online
- the theft or loss does not involve a firearm, license plate, vehicle, passport, visa immigration document, citizen card, government-issued funds, prescription drugs or drug prescriptions
- the theft did not occur in an underground parkade/garage
- your credit card or debit card was lost/stolen, the card has been canceled and there has been no unauthorized use of the card

Are you interested in community safety and crime prevention?

Contact your Neighbourhood Watch Community Representative, Joslyn McDonald 780-504-7275



or email watch@parkallen.ca

for more information about becoming a Neighbourhood Watch Ambassador.



*Meet Mr & Mrs
Santa Claus!*

Join the Proctor Team
Sunday December 15th
from 1pm to 4pm at
Parkallen Community League!



In support of the
Christmas Bureau of Edmonton,
we will be collecting any monetary donations
you wish to give.

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Claus and enjoy some hot chocolate & snacks!



**Proctor
team.**

Civics Corner

Be bylaw literate!

Hello neighbours!

I have spent the better part of the year so far participating in the city's bylaw renewal project and it has come to my attention that I am 'bylaw illiterate.'

After I confessed this to the other members of the civics committee, we thought it would be a good idea to use a bit of space in the Newsletter each to inform fellow Parkalleners about some bylaws affecting you and to your properties.

Included in that are those regulations that dictate and govern things like yard and property maintenance, snow and ice removal, tree trimming, noxious weed removal, excessive noise, car and RV parking, shed placement, garbage storage and set out, and fire pits. Don't be bylaw illiterate!

October – time to rake leaves

What the bylaw says: It is the responsibility of the property owner adjacent to the boulevard to maintain it according to city standards. The boulevard is that portion of city property between the curb of the road's edge and the adjacent property line

* Cut grass to a reasonable length on your portion of the boulevard.

* Remove fallen leaves and debris from the boulevard beside your property.

* Prune trees and shrubs around your yard so they do not hang over the sidewalk or block...pedestrians

Though not expressly part of the bylaw, it's good practice to remove leaves from the curb side and around storm drains. We enjoy beautiful mature trees here in Parkallen but their leaves when crushed and compacted down our storm drains can cause a problems, adding to drain blockages that cause street surface flooding come springtime.

We all want to do our best to present our property, and commit to practices in compliance with the bylaw, but sometimes this is difficult. If you notice a neighbor whose property is not in compliance, the best thing to do is go have a chat. Find out if they might need some help. Is the occupant elderly, recovering from injury or illness or otherwise unable to do the work themselves? Maybe they don't have the right tools and could borrow your hedge trimmers or lawn mower? When in doubt, talk it out. If you can't contact the owner to discuss the concern, and you believe the situation warrants it, you can make a report to the City by calling 311, or through the 311 App on your smart phone.

Here's to being bylaw savvy Parkallen! Thanks for doing your part.

Suzanne Cherdarchuk



Future editions of the *Parkallen News* will highlight one or more bylaws that are relevant to the particular time of year. For a list of all city bylaws, go to the city web site and search for bylaws. The search results will take you to a page titled Bylaws A-Z.

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Envision 109 has developed a streetscape design vision focused on revitalizing 109 Street over the next 20 plus years. The vision will be implemented as new developments and renewals occur.

The latest iteration of the vision represents significant changes to the original plan proposed a number of years ago. CACCL (Central Area Committee of Community Leagues) is raising concerns with the city:

The ***Focus on Sustainability and Health Benefits*** streetscape design was the most popular during the 2016 public consultation. The feedback and much of what's in the ***What We Heard*** document have been ignored.

The plan has no provision for a consistent setback for new development along the corridor

There will be no narrowing of the roadbed or reduction in number of lanes on 109 St.

The bus/taxi lane was removed on Walterdale Hill when the new alignment was put in for the new bridge, creating a pinch point at the top of the hill. (Why not remove the lane to create more space for sidewalks, landscaping and street furniture, creating an improved pedestrian experience?)

The plan extends the timeframe for road rehabilitation to 2040 or 2050; by then the streetscape plan will likely be considered obsolete and will need to be redone. Thousands of volunteer hours will have been wasted.

Reconfiguring the intersection with 61 Ave or developing the NAV CAN site are not contemplated in the plan, but could happen and would affect the streetscape.

Street Safety

The Civics Committee has received notification from the EFCL of the creation of a Neighborhood Street Safety Handbook. A copy of this handbook can be found on the EFCL website at <https://efcl.org/traffic-safety>. There is a survey on

Street Safety which will be available until November 15. Please fill this in. This information will be sent to the City as our input

Zoning Bylaw Renewal


The City of Edmonton distributed Report #2 on Zoning Bylaw Renewal in August. The report over-viewed the bylaw renewal process, along with the current stage of the renewal (consultation), key concepts and approaches taken by various jurisdictions, a history of various zoning milestones in Edmonton, a summary of challenges the City faces with the current renewal, and the City's current approach. The report also included a summary of citizen feedback gathered at various community consultations.

The Parkallen Civics Committee responded to the Report confirming Parkallen's support of a zoning bylaw structured to encourage climate resiliency, healthy ecology, a low impact development strategy, widespread affordable housing, and family and elder friendly livability. We agree with the City's goal of simplifying the bylaw to make it accessible to all citizens, while regulating appropriately, not less. We also confirmed our support for the City's *Made in Edmonton* hybrid approach to zoning, which combines use- (regulates the type of land use activities that can take place on a lot), form- (regulates the shape and design of structures), and performance- (regulates the level of activity/intensity of activity using performance metrics) based regulations. We understand that to achieve this balance, the bylaw will need to work hand-in-hand with other regulatory functions such as business licensing. Finally, we indicated support for a bylaw that not only caters to development in new areas, but takes into consideration the unique challenges of infill (re)development in established communities, and takes steps to mitigate impacts on neighbouring property owners and communities that have invested in neighbourhood renewal.



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Trustee Talk: 102,567 reasons to invest in Public Education

We have over 102,567 students attending Edmonton public schools. Yet again, Our growth this year is predicted to exceed three percent – that’s more than 3000 students, which is the equivalent of two average-sized high schools of additional students.

Across the province, more than 15,000 new students started in the fall of 2019 – enough to fill Rogers Place hockey arena – and one in five of those kids is an Edmonton Public student. That’s why it’s vital for our district to continue to see funding that keeps pace with our growth. For the last few years, we’ve seen the per-student grant match our increase in student population, and we’ve been grateful for that commitment to funding every child who walks through our doors.

However, those grants haven’t increased for inflation, and we haven’t seen increases to match enrolment growth in other areas, such as student transportation. Funding for growth needs to be reflected in all areas, whether that’s in classroom funding, inclusive learning supports, student transportation, or infrastructure.

We badly need high school space – an issue that will become critical by 2022, when we will run out of public high school space in Edmonton without another school announcement this year.

We also know that even a freeze in funding for growth will effectively be a cut. A report produced by our financial team in September 2018 showed that a freeze in growth would have an impact equivalent to 188 full-time equivalent positions. That means more students per teacher, fewer EAs to support in classrooms, and a potential reduction in specialized staff to assist students with special needs. The numbers only get worse if even a slight cut of three percent were to be introduced – even a modest cut could mean more than 800 fewer staff supporting students in Edmonton Public alone.

While some people have claimed that education funding needs to wait until the economy recovers, our children don’t stop growing when the economy slows down.

Children can’t wait for a good education. Students with special needs can’t wait for oil prices to rise to have the supports they need to be successful in school.

We can’t put the futures of a generation of Alberta kids at risk. We’ve seen in other provinces the drastic effects of cuts to education and to supports for children with disabilities-- even larger class sizes, less attention and support for special needs students, fewer courses and specialty programs or course offerings, failing infrastructure, and potentially even school closures. We really need government to commit to funding for growth in all areas of the education budget – including in transportation and infrastructure.

That arena full of students is coming whether or not the funding is there for their education; our government must commit to ensuring every Alberta child has access to quality public education, for now and for their futures.

Our children deserve nothing less.

Submitted by Edmonton Public School Trustee Michael Janz

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