# Parkallen News



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#### Let's get Civic-al

Civics is complex. Lots of planning details, bylaws, regulations, reports etc. Who needs that? We all do! This is how the city decides what can be built next door to your home, in your back alley, or across the street. This is how rules and regulations are laid out to ensure properties drain correctly, that they have adequate parking, and that they 'fit' in our neighbourhood.

This month's newsletter has a full update from our Civics Director,

Jan Hardstaff. As you'll see, your Civics Committee has been hard at work on a range of important issues.

We're particularly proud that our volunteers were successful in having crossing arms installed at the pedestrian LRT crossing at McKernan/Belgravia. We also thank them and other community volunteers for initiating parking restrictions on 112 A Street.

There are big changes coming to Edmonton, and to Parkallen.

Our Civics Committee helps ensure we take every opportunity to be heard on these important decisions. There's a lot of information here, so why not take some time over the holidays to give it a careful read. Then think about how you could get involved. We need you.

Documents referenced in the articles are posted on our Civics page at Parkallen.ca.

#### **Civics Corner**

By Jan Hardstaff

Wanted: Civic-Minded Volunteers!

#### The Parkallen's Civics Committee needs you!



We are looking for individuals interested in joining our Civics Committee to represent Parkallen and promote the best qualities of life in our community. This includes being actively involved in positive growth and development in Parkallen.

The Civics Committee is dedicated to hearing from and advocating for all Parkallen residents. Our purpose is to represent the community and promote Parkallen's interests in matters relating to planning and development issues that affect us all.

"Before you can speak on behalf of your community, you must first find out what they think."

#### (EFCL Planning & **Development motto)**

We conduct surveys, hold community information meetings, respond to individual residents' concerns, and provide outreach and education through the Parkallen website, newsletter and social media.

#### More specifically Parkallen **Civics Committee:**

Represents the community in planning and development matters and help residents understand and respond to development notifications

Participates in ongoing City of Edmonton public engagement events, development workshops or, occasionally, represent Parkallen on special city planning committees

Provides written responses to City of Edmonton Administration reports and, as required, presents community support or

argument to Council regarding development and planning initiatives that affect the community

Provides education, information and outreach about current planning and development matters that affect the community

Organizes community outreach events such as the March 2017 **Drainage Meeting and conducts** surveys

Liaises with neighbouring communities or community organizations on matters of mutual concern, like the Rollie miles Athletic Park Master Plan

Strikes ad-hoc committees, such as the Parkallen Drainage Committee. This committee represents Parkallen in public engagement with Epcor in the design of dry ponds as part of an overall Flood Mitigation Strategy. The Parkallen Community League would also like to create a Parking Committee\* to oversee the circulation of petitions to enact parking restrictions, as has already been done on 112 A Street

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and the west end of 70 Avenue and is currently being done on 112 Street and the west half of 63 Avenue. (\*Note the Parking Committee would be under the direct authority of the Parkallen Community Association Board of Directors)

We would love for you to join us! If you are interested in learning more about the Parkallen Civics Committee, please email civics@ parkallen.ca and join us at the next Civics Committee meeting on Wednesday, January 16, 2019. We will provide orientation and mentoring. The City of Edmonton also provides Planning Academy courses free of charge to those interested in learning about the growth and changes Edmonton is experiencing. https://www. edmonton.ca/city government/ urban planning and design/ planning-academy.aspx

What is our community's vision for the future or Parkallen?

The Parkallen Community
Development Plan (2013 Office
Consolidation) includes the
following vision statement for its
Housing Task Force:

"Generally maintain the low density residential character of the area while at the same time providing opportunities for the sensitive integration of higher density infill development on a selective basis, for a wide range of housing needs."

The vision statement for the Circulation Task Force is to:

"Enhance an urban lifestyle that promotes walking, cycling and the use of public transit for residents and non-residents and minimizes use of the private automobile."

And, the Urban Task Force vision statement is to:

"Preserve and enhance the village atmosphere within the neighbourhood of Parkallen . . . A place where residents may safely walk and socialize with their neighbours . . . A community where mutual respect and concern for the well being and safety of others is commonplace."

#### The times they are a changin' – and so is Parkallen

The Edmonton capital region is projected to grow to 2.2 million by 2040, the same as the current population of the metro Vancouver area. This would include 1.2 million in the metro Edmonton area, to accommodate this growth Edmonton will requiring 150,000 new housing units. One way the City plans to reach its growth targets is through infill development in mature and established communities. This is bringing, and will continue to bring change to Parkallen.

How can we safeguard the vision for Parkallen? How to plan where this density should go? How much and what kind of growth is beneficial to renewal and vibrancy in our community? How will increased infill density affect Parkallen and how can these impacts be mitigated? How can you be involved in this process?

The City is conducting a complete review of Edmonton's Zoning Bylaw, that will change the rule book for infill development. Public engagement with stakeholders began in Summer 2018 with a goal of adopting a new Zoning Bylaw by 2020.

Until then, the City continues to adopt amendments to the Zoning Bylaws that regulate land use and set standards for development. The following are just some of the changes to these bylaws

designed to allow for increased density:

2015 – Subdivision of RF1 single detached lots greater than 50'

2015 – Garage suites approved for RF1 single detached

2017 – Amendments to the Mature Neighbourhood Overlay (MNO) including increased height, reduced front setbacks and reductions in consultation requirements with communities

2017 – Reduction from two to one off-street parking spaces for all Low-density Residential zoned land uses in transit-oriented development (TOD) zones

2017 – Impervious site coverage maximum is set at 70%. There is pressure from developers to have this increased to permit larger rear lot development.

2017 – Increase of site coverage from 40 to 42% for single family home with a garden suite

2017 - Parking requirements for businesses and all eating and drinking establishments under the Main Street Overlay (MSO) areas reduced by half

2018 – Infill 2.0 Middle Density public engagement begins in mature neighbourhoods

2018 – Secondary Suites allowed in duplex housing & semidetached (RF3 & RF4), in RF5 row

housing and homes on narrow subdivided lots

2018 – Proposal for increase in size and application of Garden Suites and permitting them on duplex housing semi-detached (RF3 & RF4) and RSL zoned subdivided narrow lots (skinny homes)

2018 – Proposed Duplex housing & semi-detached (RF3 & RF4) to be allowed on all single detached



and low-density infill (RF1 & RF2) zoned properties

2018 - Apply parking reduction incentives for garden suites and secondary suites i.e. no parking required.

What will this increase in density look like?

Density will be doubled by:

Building a garage suite or secondary suite in addition to a single detached (RF1) home

Subdividing an RF1 lot > 50' to create two narrow RSL (Residential Small Lot) zoned lots that can accommodate skinny homes

Redeveloping single-family single family housing (RF1) to build semi-detached & duplex (RF3 & RF4)

Density will be quadrupled by:

Allowing garden suites over garages on RSL zoned subdivided lots with narrow skinny homes

Allowing garden suites over garages or secondary suites with semi-detached or duplex housing (RF3 & RF4)

Other options include developing more multi-family and apartment housing:

Redeveloping RF1 single-family housing along 109 Street in areas zoned for row housing (RF5) from 69 Avenue to a half block south of 65 Avenue Redeveloping existing 2.5 storey low rise apartments (RA7) with increased footprint and height up to four storeys to increase units per area

Planning input is required now. It is how much density our community is expected to absorb or if the City will provide a clearer plan for where it is most appropriate. For now it seems to be ad-hoc – occurring as lots become available and determined more by developers that with consultation between the City and communities.

One thing that is clear is that infill development will continue to change our community. To mitigate potential impacts the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues has worked with the City to address impacts on neighbours of infill. In 2016 the City of Edmonton launched an Infill Liaison Team to manage infill issues and complaints reported to 311. To reduce impacts resulting from more intensive development and site coverage, it is hoped the City adopt initiatives to reduce the environmental impact of infill development on communities, and the City overall. This could be done by providing incentives for infill development to incorporate Low Impact Development (LID) strategies to reduce stormwater runoff and ensure absorbable, intensive landscaping is included in the design to provide valuable

green infrastructure.

In Our Metropolitan Region Growth Plan Edmonton (http://emrb.ca/growth-plan) has set a target of 25% infill, or 37,500 housing units, to be built in the mature and core neighbourhoods. While infill is intended to stop urban sprawl, it will not stop the annexation of parts of the Leduc County and Beaumont County of Beaumont & Leduc, whose population will become Edmonton residents and landowners on January 1, 2019.

#### What is the Main Street Overlay (MSO)?

In September 2017, City Council approved amendments to the Zoning Bylaw that introduced the Main Street's Overlay (MSO) along both sides of the 109 Street Corridor, a main arterial road, from the High Level Bridge to 61st Avenue. Among other changes the MSO reduced parking requirements by half and doubled the size of bars allowable.

While initially the MSO did not distinguish between commercial and residential properties along 109 Street, communities expressed concern that the MSO was applied to residential zoned properties that lie between defined 'commercial pods' south of 82 Avenue and was not supported by the 109 Street Corridor Area Redevelopment Plan. The City removed the residential zones along 109 Street from the MSO so Parkallen's existing commercial pod from 72 Avenue to a half block south of 70 Avenue will remain unchanged.

City Administration has more recently sought to apply the MSO to Parkallen's internal commercial strip on 111 Street. Plans are to increase the commercial zone on 111 Street from 65 Ave to 68 Ave The Civics Committee does not support this area of application as:

111 Street is a residential road and playground zone, not an arterial road;

the MSO removes the previous community consultation requirement;

the area of application would significantly increase the size of the existing commercial strip by adding three residential zoned apartments to the north; the Parkallen Community Development Plan does not support an increase in traffic associated with increased development.

The Parkallen Civics Committee and President have replied to City Administration in writing and will make a presentation to Council on January 29 to have the MSO boundaries removed from 111 Street in Parkallen. Instead, we have recommended Administration looks at developing a unique overlay to be applied to internal commercial strips located in 84 mature neighbourhood communities to update development regulations for future redevelopment of these areas.

#### **Update on Parkallen Civics Activities**

Parkallen Dry Pond - In October, Epcor mailed a community wide survey to determine preferred recreational amenities. This was followed with a Community Open House on Wednesday, November 21 attended by just over 30 residents. Display boards showed the location and size of the large dry pond east of the school and the smaller dry pond in Ellingson park. The existing

decommissioned fountain flower bed will be moved to the SE corner of Ellingson park in front of or next to the Community Hall and further community consultation will determine what replaces this. The next step in the project is the design phase and construction may begin later in 2019.

Rollie Miles - Parkallen Community League participated in the City of Edmonton Public **Engagement Process to develop** the Rollie Miles Athletic Field District Park Master Plan, June 19, 2018 a process that has been ongoing for about five years. The Master Plan includes a pool, gymnasium, multipurpose rooms, equipment rental, outdoor basketball, tennis courts, large green space used for skating in winter. Parkallen along with a number of neighbouring communities supported the plan and spoke to Council on October 2. Unfortunately this project was not brought to a vote. The motion to approve will hopefully be reintroduced in 2019.

Parking Restriction Petition
Circulation on 112 Street & 63
Avenue - This was started in
Spring, 2018 by Kristy Fyfe and
volunteers have stepped up to
complete the canvassing of this
street.

LRT Safety Arms have been installed at LRT pedestrian crossing at 60 Avenue & 113
Street LRT - On October 6, 2017
Luke Jansen, a student residing in Parkallen was killed at this LRT pedestrian crossing. After safety concerns were raised by Parkallen and Lendrum in October and November of 2017, the former Deputy City Manager initially responded that Edmonton Transit found the

LRT crossing to be functioning "normally". Both communities insisted that the only acceptable resolution to safety issues at the crossing was for the City to install crossing arms to address concerns including: signalling malfunctions reported by a resident in Lendrum, significant visual obstructions at the crossing and an audible signalling system that was not an adequate safety measure given that the Alberta School for the Deaf is located directly north of this crossing. In May 2017, a new City Deputy Manager and Councillor Walters met with Parkallen and Lendrum and the City reversed its decision to maintain the status quo (swinging gates) and replace them with mechanized crossing arms. As promised, this has been completed before the end of the 2018 construction season. Changes were also made to the pedestrian signalling on 113 Street to make this a safer crossing for pedestrians.

**Bus Network Redesign - A** number of changes have been made that affect Parkallen. Internal bus routes #51 and #319 that provided peak and regular service from the internal bus stop at 112 Street and 65 Avenue, have been replaced with the SW19 that will run only at peak hours on weekdays and not at all on weekends. This adversely affects many seniors, mobility impaired and others riders who used the previous routes; transit users are now required to walk to catch the new Route F5 bus which (will replace the #9 on 109 Street), new routes on 113 Street or the LRT at South Campus. A positive development is that the new SE2 route will take students to WP Wagner School and other users east on Argyll.



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#### Meet our Neighbourhood Watch Representative, Joslyn McDonald



My name is Joslyn McDonald and I am mother to Lilly and Roxy who attend Parkallen school. We moved to Parkallen February 1st, 2015.

I have 26 years of experience working in the Criminal Justice system. I started volunteering with the Edmonton City Police at the age of 17 years and with various other organizations for paid and volunteer positions. I have worked with families in

distress, youth, and with adult federal offenders in various roles.

I became involved with Neighbourhood Watch in 2008 and I am pleased to be Parkallen's Community Neighbourhood Watch Representative.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or concerns regarding crime and crime prevention at 780-504-7275.

#### PARKALLEN KARATE

Tuesday classes 6:00 Children (780)-220-3165 6:45 Family (780)-293-1249

Find us: Westwood Church (Across from the community garden)

Join us: First class free





#### The Parkallen Playgroup

Parkallen Playgroup will be held Monday mornings from 10 am to 11:30 am (excluding holidays) at Parkallen Hall. All parents, babies, and tots welcome. Crafts, coffee, and convo!! All are welcome. No charge. Join "Parkallen Playgroup" Facebook group for updated info each week

#### Mark your calendars for Snowfest 2019

Sunday, February 10, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Did you know this annual event is 100% volunteer run?

Snowfest is our most popular community event. There's always lots to be done and we really need your help. Whether you have a little time, or a lot, get in touch and we'll find the perfect volunteer role for you!

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#### Parkallen Knitters help keep Edmonton warm



Once again this year, the Parkallen Knitters have produced piles of hats, mitts, socks, scarves and more for needy families in Edmonton. Many thanks to Violet Mootoo; Frances Kjosness; Susan ToyHelena Hill; Carol Snyder; and Beth Hinman for your work and for your generosity.

# for your generosity.

#### Donations were made to:

Hope Mission

Good Samaritan

Ronald MacDonald House

Kids Kottage

Moms and Tots (Millwoods)

McKay School

The Parkallen Knitters meet every Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the Parkallen Community League Hall. All are welcome to come knit, or learn to knit!

#### **Urban Poling**



Are you interested in meeting new people and getting some exercise?

The Pleasantview Urban Poling Walking Group is always happy to have new members.

They meet Monday mornings year-long at the Pleasantview Community Hall (10860 57 Ave NW, Edmonton) from 9 am - 10 am. They take various routes through Pleasantview and occasional routes in Parkallen, Lendrum, or the U of A farm. Please email Barb at secretary@ pleasantviewcommunityleague.ca to be added to their mailing list and to RSVP.



### Parkallen Events at the Hall

Pub night - 8 p.m. Jan 26

Youth nights - 7p.m. Jan 18th, Feb 8th, Mar 8th

Movie nights - 6 and 8 p.m. Jan 25 and Mar 22

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#### **Hockey and Skating Rinks**



The Parkallen Community rinks are open. Thanks to our volunteers for the cold, late nights!

Please review the rink rules before vou head out!

Parkallen Community Rink Rules

CSA Approved helmets strongly recommended

The Parkallen Community League is not responsible for lost or stolen items

All skaters are required to have an EFCL skate tag\*

No hockey is allowed on the Family Rink

No dogs are allowed in the Hockey Rink

Use at your own risk

\*Skate tags are available to Community League members. To join the Parkallen Community League, please email membership@parkallen.ca.

#### **Rink Attendant Hours**

Monday 4 - 7 p.m. Wednesday 4 - 9 p.m.

Tuesday, Thursday 12 - 9 p.m.

and Friday 4 - 10 p.m. Sunday 1 - 9 p.m.

Rink attendant is not on duty if the temperature is -20 C or below, or +3 C or above.



## Here we come a-caroling...

Do you love to sing?

Join Cassie and Simon to learn Christmas Carols on December 15 and 16. We will visit residents and carol outdoors on December 22 from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Afterward, we will return to the Parkallen hall for hot chocolate and treats. In the event it is too cold to carol outside, we will invite all residents to visit the hall instead!

Inexperienced? Don't worry. We welcome everyone and guarantee everyone will sound great and have fun. After all, there is nothing more beautiful than the sound of voices singing together!

#### Remembering Jolie Whetzel



It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of one of our volunteers, Jolie Whetzel.

Jolie has been described by her fellow volunteers as a "dynamic force in our community" and an "amazing community member."

Jolie is remembered as an environmental planner, proud mother, avid knitter and a passionate volunteer She is survived by her loving husband of 42 years, Dr. Martin Cervenan; and her daughters, Zalie and Amy.

We are shocked by her passing and extend our heartfelt condolences to her family.

Donations in Jolie's memory may be made to the Edmonton Public Library.

#### Want to get the Parkallen News faster?

Sign up to get the newsletter and other important information by email at: www.parkallen.ca. Don't forget to like us on Facebook (@ParkallenCommunity) and follow us on Twitter (@parkallenCL) and Instagram (ParkallenYeg) for more frequent updates.



# Looking for a part-time job right here in the neighbourhood? We are hiring!

Parkallen Elementary School is looking for a Lunch Supervisor Monday through Friday on regular instruction days.

This is a paid position and requires filling out an application and police check.

For further information please phone the Parkallen Elementary School Office at: 780-434-8503 or stop by for an application form and speak to Carla, the school's Administrative Assistant.

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#### **Walking School Buses**



Are you interested in starting a walking school bus? Walking school buses are groups of children who walk to school with one or more adults.

These arrangements can be a formal program or an informal agreement between neighbours and friends.

Many walking school buses have set meeting places and a rotating schedule of volunteers, while others just consist of a few families taking turns walking their children to school. Walking school buses benefit children, communities, and the environment. They are a great way to promote activity in children, reduce traffic, and mitigate parking issues around schools.

#### **Walking School Bus Resources**

shapeab.com/programs/
(Don't miss the walking school bus guide on this site!)
ontarioactiveschooltravel.ca/
guide.saferoutesinfo.org/
walking\_school\_bus/index.cfm
This link from the United States provides some great examples of forms, promo materials and surveys to use for your walking school bus:

walkingschoolbus.me/resources/

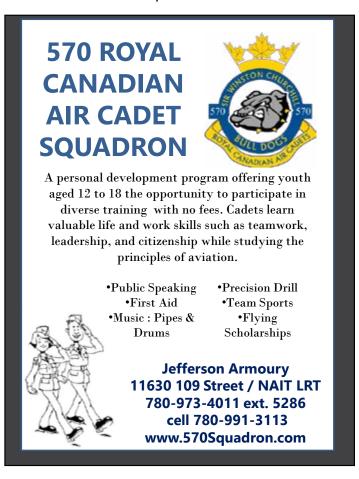
#### **Parkallen School Council**

Parkallen School Council is supportive of walking school buses & other safe alternative transportation options for students. Join them at their meetings the third Monday of each month and share your plans. They would be happy to assist in promoting your walking school bus, walking buddy program, or bike-to-school days to the students.

Check School Zone for updates on meeting dates and times.

We hope some of you will be inspired by this info and find your own alternatives to driving to school. Together we can work to raise healthy kids, reduce traffic in front of the school, help the environment, and keep everyone safe!





#### Classified

**Toastmasters** is in your neighborhood. Check us out. Neil Crawford Center. Infrastructure Building, Noon Thursdays. Develop your confidence and hone you listening, presentation, impromptu speaking, evaluation and leadership skills. Info: Dan 780-440-1094.

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