

Parkallen News



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Lines of Trees, Not Cars

Sign the petition to change Parkallen parking permits, and get your neighbours to sign

By Niall McKenna

Just before 8 a.m. every weekday morning, I bundle my 2-year-old daughter into the vehicle and whisk her to the day home. It takes me only 20 minutes but, by the time I return, my street is flooded with vehicles. Why can't I find a parking spot near my own house?!

Sound familiar? Like you, I am fed up with our streets being turned into parking lots.

With this in mind, I am organizing a petition to expand Edmonton's Restricted Residential Parking Program into the west side of Parkallen. The program would effectively eliminate all-day parking by non-residents.

The program would issue permits for all residents, have visitor

permits available, and a 2-hour parking limit.

Signatures are already being collected.

Where will parking restrictions be put in place?

Restrictions are currently being recommended for 112A Street, 67 Avenue and 70 Avenue between 113 Street and 112 Street, and 62 Avenue between 112A Street and 111 Street. There is potential to expand this permit to other streets, like 112 St. Please get in touch if you are interested in expanding this initiative.

How many signatures are required?

Only one person (over 18 years old) from your household needs

to sign. The signature does not need to be the owner of the house. Signatures are required from two-thirds of households in the affected area.

Sounds great. How do I sign?

Download the petition at tinyurl.com/ParkallenPetition to print and sign yours, and call Niall at (587) 596-5494 for collection.

Each sheet can hold multiple signatures, so share the petition with your neighbours.

When will restrictions be put in place?

Once signatures are received it will take at least 4 months to put up the proper signs and begin enforcement.

Civics Committee Update

When should you call 311?

Do you have a concern the City should know about? Take the time to report it by calling 311, emailing 311@edmonton.ca, contacting 311 Online Edmonton: https://www.edmonton.ca/programs_services/311-city-services.aspx or downloading the Edmonton 311 App. Ask the 311 representative to email the reference number to you if further follow up is required. If the issue is of broader community concern you can also email civics@parkallen.ca who will advocate on behalf of the community on urgent issues.

LRT Pedestrian Fatality involving Parkallen resident –

On October 6, 2017 a tragic collision with the LRT at the 113 A Street and 60 Avenue pedestrian crossing resulted in the death of Parkallen resident Luke Jansen. A number of Parkallen residents have expressed concerns about safety at this crossing; students attending Avalon Junior High cross here twice daily.

The Parkallen Community League submitted a letter to Mayor Iveson, Councilor Walters and City Operations outlining numerous safety issues at the crossing. A meeting was subsequently held at the crossing with City Transit and Operations managers to review community concerns. We encourage other Parkallen residents who use this pedestrian crossing to contact 311 if you have any observations or incidents to share from your own experience - it's not too late to do this now. The City tracks data collected from 311, and uses these statistics

to prioritize follow up and action. There is strength in numbers, the more calls 311 received, the greater the priority and faster concerns will be addressed.

Drainage Advisory Update –

The Parkallen Drainage Advisory Team has resumed public engagement, now with Epcor, regarding the design of a dry pond and other flood mitigation strategies. The most likely location for the dry pond will be in the NE corner of the central green space east of the school to 111 Street from 68 Avenue to the playground. Parkallen was scheduled for flood mitigation partly based on 311 calls the City has received during past catastrophic rain and flood events, indicating our community was at risk of flooding in the future making flood mitigation a high priority.

Infill News

Notification to Neighbors of Infill

In 2016 and 2017 EFCL (Edmonton Federation of Communities) and representatives from Parkallen and other mature neighborhoods, lobbied the City of Edmonton to provide Notification Class A infill development permits to adjacent neighbours as well as the neighbour behind an approved infill development. This is now required in addition to notification of Class B Development Permits that require a variance.

Neighbours of Infill will now receive a letter and a Neighbours



of Infill Brochure, which includes a link to the Neighbours of Infill Checklist. This checklist recommends neighbours of infill to thoroughly document the pre-existing condition of their home & property with photographs and have this inventory notarized prior to demolition and construction of new infill development.

Additional information can be accessed at City of Edmonton's Residential Infill Site: <https://www.cityofedmontoninfill.ca/>

Residential Infill Construction Guide – Best Construction Practices: <https://www.cityofedmontoninfill.ca/public/download/documents/34768>










Residential Lot Grading Guidelines: https://www.edmonton.ca/residential_neighbourhoods/documents/ResidentialGuidelines.pdf

Tree Protection Brochure – https://www.edmonton.ca/residential_neighbourhoods/TreeProtectionBrochure2017.pdf





Home Flood Prevention: <https://www.edmonton.ca/floodprevention>. Arrange a Flood Prevention Home Check Up by emailing floodprevention@epcor.com or call 780.944.7777

Neighbours of Infill Checklist

As Edmonton evolves, so do our neighbourhoods. Consult this checklist to learn more about the steps you can take to better prepare for an infill construction project next door to you.

-  Learn about what the zoning bylaw allows by using City of Edmonton Maps and searching by address. maps.edmonton.ca
-  Review the **Residential Infill Construction Guide** on Edmonton's infill website to familiarize yourself with the construction practices and regulations that builders must follow. cityofedmontoninfill.ca/neighbours
-  Consider documenting the current state of your property. You may wish to take photos of your yard, house exterior and fence.
-  Look into options to assess your foundation and to document its current condition, if you have concerns about the effects of excavation or vibration.
-  Consider obtaining a **Real Property Report (RPR)**. An RPR is a legal drawing that clearly indicates the location of physical features such as: the house footprint, driveway and fences relative to property lines. An RPR is prepared by any Alberta Land Surveyor under the Alberta Land Surveyors Association. alsa.ab.ca
-  Review the City's lot grading guidelines. edmonton.ca/residential_neighbourhoods/lot_grading/infill-housing-development.aspx
-  Book a free flood prevention home check-up by a City drainage specialist. edmonton.ca/floodprevention
-  Review the City's public tree protection guidelines. edmonton.ca/treeprotection
-  Reach out to the builder (listed on the City of Edmonton notice letter or official permit sign) to establish an open dialogue from the start of the project. The builder can answer questions about:
 - Site plan and design
 - Project timelines, including major milestones like demolition and excavation
 - Lot grading plan, both during and after construction
 - Construction impacts, including noise, dirt and vibration
 - Plans for tree preservation on the lot
 - Plans for tree protection on public property

Report a problem:

-  Contact the builder listed on the City of Edmonton notice letter or on the official permit sign located on-site.
-  Call 311 or email 311@edmonton.ca - they are available 24/7. 311 will connect you with the City group that can resolve the issue or provide you with more information.
-  Report unsafe working conditions to Alberta Occupational Health and Safety at 780-415-8690 or online at work.alberta.ca/occupational-health-safety/file-a-complaint.html.
-  Report theft and trespassing to Edmonton Police Services at 780-423-4576 or #377 on a mobile device.

Meet our new Civics Director, Kristy Fyfe



Welcome to Kristy Fyfe, our new Civics Director. As a new Parkallen resident, Kristy was looking for ways to get to know her neighbours and the community. As she says, "what better way than by getting involved with the Community League?" And we're very thankful she did! With a background in Architecture Technology and Human Geography, Kristy says "I'm confident I can put Parkallen

residents first when reviewing development applications and city proposals. It's my pleasure to represent you as your Civics Director!"

Kristy leads a dedicated team keeping an eye on plans for our community. Infill, drainage, zoning and development are major issues for all of us. Thanks for taking on the challenge Kristy!

What can volunteering with Parkallen Community League do for you?

Learn new skills or brush up on ones you already have!

Whether it's learning new software, coordinating volunteers, running a meeting, writing, or fixing things, we have a project for you! Many positions are eligible for free workshops and training through the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues. If you are an absolute beginner we can pair you up with an experienced volunteer to learn the ropes.

Have your say!

Let your voice be heard on City of Edmonton and community issues. Or pitch your big idea to the board — is there a program or event you have always wanted to see in Parkallen? Volunteering can make it happen.

Volunteer on your terms, on your schedule

Wish there was a volunteer role you could do from home after the kids are in bed? Want to get out to the the events and meet people? Maybe you love the outdoors? Or only able to help occasionally? Chances are we can find the right role for you!

Know you are making a difference where you live!

Parkallen Community League prides itself on offering free or affordable programs and recreation for people in the community. We connect neighbours and provide people with a voice on civics issues. You can help us continue that important work!

Email us at volunteer@parkallen.ca and see what we can offer you! Open ongoing positions include Rink Manager, Newsletter Delivery Coordinator, Sports & Recreation Director, Vice President, and Casino Coordinator. We also have a number of projects and events we need help with including Snowfest, Seniors Dinners, writing website copy and newsletter stories.

Dinner


IS SERVED

Seniors living in Parkallen are invited to join us for a turkey dinner on

December 9, 2017, 1:00 pm
Parkallen Community Hall
6510-111 Street,
Edmonton, AB

Relax, meet your neighbours, and catch up with old friends at this free community event. Please bring along any photos or historical items you would like to share with the Parkallen Community League.

If you have any questions or need a ride to the event please contact Leanne at social@parkallen.ca or 780-504-4074



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Coming soon – Our new Website!

We are thrilled to announce that our new Parkallen website will be live in December! Information will be easier to find, with more space for photos of our beautiful neighbourhood and the many community activities we enjoy here. Our new website is compatible with mobile devices, so you can visit us for information even on the go.

We'll be sending an online survey to hear your feedback and suggestions in the new year.

As always, the very best way to get news is through our social media sites, Facebook and Twitter. Watch for our launch announcement in early December.

Facebook:
@ParkallenCommunity

Twitter: @ParkallenCL

Instagram: @ParkallenYEG

We encourage everyone to post photos to Instagram and Twitter with #Parkallen!



RESPONSE REQUESTED!

Parkallen Survey - Flood Events on Private Property

EPCOR Drainage Services is currently working on designs for a dry pond in the Parkallen neighbourhood to provide flood mitigation. EPCOR is collecting data to help inform the design process and to understand the full impact of flooding in our neighbourhood.

A hard copy survey and prepaid postage envelope has been included with this newsletter for your convenience. Please take a few minutes to answer this short survey. If you would prefer to respond to this survey online, please go to www.surveymonkey.com/r/parkallenfloodsurvey.

The deadline to respond is Friday, December 8.

All information collected in this survey will be used strictly for the development of design options for the dry pond in the Parkallen neighbourhood, and is subject to EPCOR's Privacy Policy, found in full at www.epcor.com/pages/privacy.

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Rink Manager needed!

We have an immediate and urgent need for one or more volunteers to assist with our rinks. The Rink manager is responsible for rink maintenance and administrative duties. This position could be shared by two or more people.

Administrative duties include: recruit rink staff to operate the rink shack; organize and perform the hiring process; oversee payroll; schedule community skates; organize and prepare for special events, coordinating volunteers and workers; and act as liaison with the community league.

Rink maintenance duties include: maintain operational rink shack throughout the year; maintain the 4 ice/snow machines owned by Parkallen; ice-making starting in mid November and ice maintenance throughout the season (snow blowing, sweeping, flooding); close and open the rink; and maintain a safe and appropriate atmosphere throughout the season.

If we cannot fill this position, we may not be able to operate the rinks this year. If you can help, please contact us president@parkallen.ca, or rink@parkallen.ca



Newsletter Distribution Coordinator needed!

We have an urgent and immediate need for a volunteer to manage the distribution of our newsletter. If we cannot fill this position, we will not be able to deliver the newsletter. This position does not require attendance at meetings :)

Distribution Coordinator duties:

Ensure timely delivery of the Parkallen news

- Coordinate pickup of newsletter from printer or from editor
- Manage cash payment for carriers
- Bundle newsletters for each carrier (6 routes) and deliver to carriers' homes along with payment
- Collect receipts from carriers for payment

Can you help? Contact us today: communications@parkallen.ca

Parkallen's Canada 150 Community Rink Mural

By Jan Hardstaff



There's an age old saying: "When life hands you lemons, make lemonade."

Parkallen did just that, turning graffiti tagging vandalism into an opportunity for a vibrant, community designed mural.

During 2 days in late July, Parkallen residents from 2 to 81 years old attended mural design workshops. Helmed by Theodora Harasymiw, Parkallen residents created drawings of what makes Parkallen a special place to live. Over 2 weeks, 18 panels – totaling 50 square metres – were painted by Kaylyn Hardstaff and Theodora Harasymiw. Highlights include: a bird's eye view of Parkallen, streets lined with trees and colourful homes, year-round play in our park, local businesses, free libraries, our community garden, the monkey tree, a block

party, visiting wildlife and, yes, even a horse!

The City of Edmonton's Capital City Clean Up grant helped cover some of the cost for paint and materials as well as the application of an anti-graffiti and UV protection coat to ensure the mural remains a colourful addition to our park for years to come. First-year students from the University of Alberta's Base Camp program, with the help of community volunteers, helped install the mural which was unveiled September 9, 2017 by Parkallen children attending our Canada 150 Parkallen Country Fair Celebration.

A big thank you to everyone who helped to make Parkallen's Canada 150 Community Rink Mural a success!



Canada 150 Country Fair

Parkallen knows how to celebrate! Our Canada 150 Country Fair was an unqualified success. Pony rides, tug-of-war, pickle, produce and pie contests, an evening of dancing to live music: all-in-all it was the perfect way to celebrate our community, and our country. Thank you to everyone who attended, and to our stellar social committee for the hours of work pulling this once-in-150-year event together for us. The top prize goes to our volunteers!

Canada 150 Country Fair photos courtesy of Hedy Bach.





Parkallen Yoga

Yoga classes are the Thursdays at 7 pm!
Parkallen Community Hall
6510 111 Street

**Drop in \$15/class or
Parkallen Recreation Punch Card
10 classes for \$120**

Contact recreation@parkallen.ca



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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Gleeks at the Hall



Sing? Dance? Act? You know you belt it out in when nobody's listening - there's a little gleek in everyone! In October, Parkallen Community League members and musical theatre teachers Cassie Muise and Simon Abbott offered an afternoon of gleeky fun for ages 8 - 18. And what a huge success it was! The kids learned two routines and performed them for a rapt audience of parents and caregivers. We had a little Moana, some Katy Perry, a wee bit of the

Sound of Music and even some Frank Sinatra. Parent Marlene Wurfel writes, "I feel so lucky to live in a neighbourhood with such an excellent community league who does things like put on musical theatre workshops for kids on a day off school." Huge thanks to Cassie and Simon. We're hoping to see an even bigger turnout for our next musical theatre afternoon at the hall. Watch Facebook and Twitter to get the details!



Parkallen Knitters

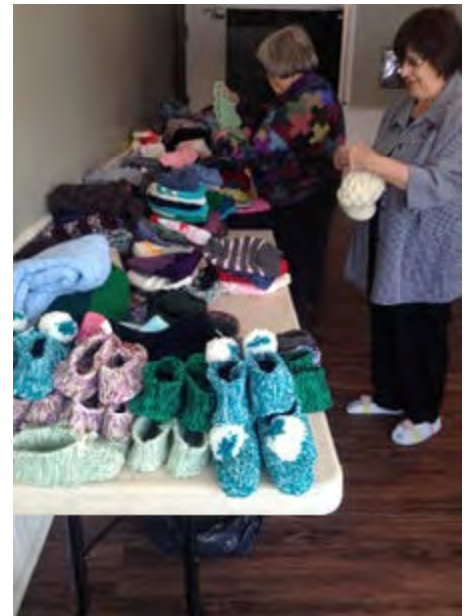
Create to Donate

"Wool" you look at that!

This year, our wonderful Parkallen Knitters wove their time together into hats, mittens, blankets, sweaters and more. These pieces were distributed to the community through the following organizations:

Hope Mission, Good Samaritan Seniors, Ronald MacDonald House, Kids Cottage, Moms and Tots (Millwoods), McKee School, Mother Theresa and Spruce Avenue School.

Thank you for knitting our community closer together!



Want to get the Parkallen News faster?

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

Upcoming Parkallen Events

The Parkallen social committee has been hard at work planning a number of fantastic events! More details will be announced as the dates approach.

Please visit www.parkallen.ca to learn more.

Dec 9th: Dinner is Served 1-4pm

Turkey dinner with all the fixings. Free for seniors Parkallen!

Jan 12th: Movie night

6 pm for younger kids and 8 pm for older kids. Admission is \$5 per person or \$10 per family. Pop and popcorn available for \$1 each. Don't forget your comfy cushion!

Feb 11: Snowfest 1-4pm

We need volunteers to help organize and run our annual Snowfest. Can you help a little? Or a lot? Contact social@parkallen.ca, or volunteer@parkallen.ca

Feb 24: Dinner is Served 1-4pm

Bash the winter blues! Have dinner with friends. Free for seniors in Parkallen!

How Parkallen Voted

Did you know that the city posts election results by polling station? Here are the The results for voting station 10-03 Parkallen School. Note that this excludes votes cast in advance polls, senior accommodation ballots, and city-wide special ballots:



		Councillor results for voting station 10-03 Parkallen School	
Ligertwood Bob (Robert)	8	Berreti Vieri	225
Mak Henry	4	Hees Samantha	38
Mughal Fahad	19	Senol Sim	82
Bouchier Taz	21	Nikolic Gordon	0
Butler Mike	9	Shewchuk Steven Charles	25
Walters Michael		Williams Glenda K.	413
Cousineau Ron	2	Stephen Neil	4
Frost Carla	10	Thomas Justin	15
Iveson Don	637	Total Eligible voters in 10-03	781
Koziak Don	27	Total Eligible voters in 10-03	1,585

Public School Board Trustee (Ward F) results for voting station 10-03 Parkallen School

Catholic School Board Trustee (Ward 75) results for voting station 10-03 Parkallen

Janz Michael	562	Argen Glen	31
Philip Yemi	99	Brown Michael	17
Total	661	Mutala Alene	21
		Total	69



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her own vehicle. References available. Call Kaylyn 780.982.7488.

Calling all knitters—Please join us in the Parkallen Community Hall Wednesday's from 12:30-3:30 for an afternoon of knitting. Everyone welcome. Coffee and snacks included. For more info contact Helena at 780-435-1423 or Beth @ 780-434-2211



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