

Parkallen News



The Caulfield Family greets a sleigh horse at Parkallen's Snowfest 2018

Why Public Engagement is Important

By Kristy Fyfe

As Edmonton looks to grow in and up instead of out, this will mean many changes for our city and our neighbourhoods. It is critical that residents of mature neighbourhoods participate in the public engagement process. We must assure that our neighbourhood is resilient to increasingly extreme flooding events; that we maintain our green and amenity spaces; that we protect family housing so that our schools can prosper; and that any pressures from increased density and development are successfully mitigated. Local government is the closest form of governance to everyday citizens, which is why we are able to more easily effect change. When

policies and projects that impact our neighbourhood are being presented, it is important that we convey solidarity. By making sure that our voices are heard, we can build a better city.

Currently, the City is undergoing public engagement for the Central LRT project as well as Evolving Infill 2.0 and Medium-Density Zoning. You can play your part in building a stronger neighbourhood and city by participating in these public consultations. The more voices we can add to the conversation, the better the results we will see for our community.

We will be launching a current issues page under the Civics area

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on our new website. We'll use this to promote public engagement activities, so look forward to that in the near future!

Register to become part of the Edmonton Insight Community and participate in regular public engagement surveys:

<https://www.edmontoninsightcommunity.ca>

Participate by filling out these current surveys:

the current Central LRT Survey, open until March 16, 2018: <http://bit.ly/2DitKQc>

The Protected Bike Routes Snow Clearance Survey, open until May 1, 2019 <http://bit.ly/2lfoHnk>

Parking Petition Update

By Kristy Fyfe



The citizen-led petition that has been circulated to implement the City's residential parking program has received enough signatures in order to proceed with the next step of the implementation. All residents in the affected area will receive a letter from the City; those opposed are able to provide feedback to the City at that point.

In order to successfully implement this program in our neighbourhood, it is likely that the parking area restriction will need to be expanded to prevent the parking issue from moving further into the neighbourhood.

We have scheduled an information night, April 12, 2018 from 6:30 - 8:00PM, to provide information on the City's residential parking program and determine community interest on expanding the program in the neighbourhood, and to provide information about how the program works to residents. As this is a large undertaking, we will need volunteers to help circulate petitions within the area. If you are interested in getting involved in this initiative, please contact civics@parkallen.ca

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Come Join the Parkallen Walking Group!

When: Tuesdays and Saturdays at 10 am

Where: Meeting at Buns and Roses

Start Date: March 20, 10 am

Our walks will be a steady pace, approximately 8-10 kms and typically 2 hours depending on the various trails used. There will be washrooms enroute and we will take a brief rest period to refuel, either at a restaurant/café or on a park bench. Bring money and/or snacks. The walk will go ahead in any weather, maybe modified in the winter if it is really cold and windy. There are shorter walks around Parkallen that we can do on really cold days.

Walkers should have sturdy footwear, ice grippers in winter, walking poles (if you want) and water. Participants are responsible for their own safety. A reasonable level of fitness is required as the terrain will be gravel, have small inclines and some stairs. I would like to keep a steady pace during the walk so no dogs please. They are cute, but can slow the group down.

The goal is to get moving, stay active and have fun. We live in a beautiful city with miles and miles of trails and pathways through the river valley, walking is a good way to enjoy the view. I have lead and been part of various walking groups and am looking forward to starting one in Parkallen.

Bring your SMILE and your sense of adventure. See you March 20.

For more information email Barb at walkinggroup@parkallen.ca



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Georges S. Hughes
South Side Arena
10525-72 Avenue

March 18, 2018
3:45-4:45

Bring your QA
community league
membership

Children under 16
must wear a helmet
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QUESTIONS?

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Check out league
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Dinner

IS SERVED

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

May 12, 2018, 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

Upcoming Parkallen Events

The Parkallen social committee has been planning a number of fantastic events! More details will be announced as the dates approach. Please visit www.parkallen.ca or email social@parkallen.ca to learn more.

Pub Night

March 17, 8 p.m.

Paint Night

April 13, 7 p.m. - limited spots,
register at social@parkallen.ca!

Movie Night!

May 4, 6 p.m. - Under 13
8 p.m. - 13 and over

Dinner is Served Seniors' Dinner

May 12, 1 p.m - 4 p.m.
Volunteers needed, email

social@parkallen.ca

Parkallen Knitters

Wednesdays at 1 p.m.

Parkallen Playgroup

Tuesdays at 8:45 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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Six Decades, Three Generations – One House

By Harma-Mae Smit



Harma-Mae Smit and Paulina Van Vliet are sisters who have been residents of Parkallen for most of their lives. Harma-Mae wrote the short story below about her family's longtime home in the neighbourhood. Recently Paulina Van Vliet worked with her to turn this story into an illustrated booklet. They displayed it at Edmonton Design Week in September, and there are still copies available for purchase! The booklet is printed in colour with a hand-stitched binding. Contact vanvlietpaulina@gmail.com if you are interested in knowing more about the booklet. Harma-Mae and Paulina hope that the story of one house illustrates where Parkallen has been and where it is going in a way many Edmontonians can enjoy.

Six Decades, Three Generations – One House

Not many houses have contained the lives of grandparents, parents, and children anymore, but my house has.

I stand with my face to the traffic and my back to my house. It's hard to believe my dad used to stand on this very spot as a boy,

facing a wide expanse of prairie, and my aunt rode a horse down the very street that is now choked with cars and trains.

I live in the same house my dad grew up in. It's an ordinary house—a postwar box on a postage stamp of land, lacking lumber-consuming features such as eaves—and definitely not the usual house that gets passed down through generations. Old sepia pictures of our house, one of a row of houses sticking up out of a dusty prairie with only spindly trees to block the neighbours' view, are piled carelessly in our photo drawer. Then it was at the southernmost edge of the city, built on a drained Alberta slough, and just feet away from rolling hay fields. Nowadays, I've heard my friends refer to it as 'downtown.' It's not quite downtown, but in the sixty or so years the house has belonged to my family, it's drawn closer and closer to the centre of the city.

My dad had the fortunate position of growing up at the boundary of the rural and the urban. My grandparents even used to keep chickens in their

backyard. One day Dad chased an escaped chicken several miles down the gravel roads out back, but when he caught it and started home, someone thought he was stealing the chicken from one of the farms. So he was forced to return a chicken to someone who didn't own it, as his rural and urban worlds collided.

Rural triumphed over urban, but only in that moment—decades passed and chickens were gone, farmland dissolved into suburbs, and suburbs transitioned into inner city. Yet this memory of the past nudges me through the house I grew up in—now called 'outdated' and 'cramped.' The black and white pictures beckon from the stash in the drawer. And on the rare occasion we get torrential rains, the slough reasserts itself by dousing our streets with a foot of water.

I live in the same place my dad grew up in, yet I don't. I pulled my little red wagon down the same street, yet I cannot imagine this space was anything other than urban streetscape. Still, I watch with sadness as the characteristic old houses of the postwar boom are flattened to make room for condos. Never my house, I hope.

There is merit in roots after all, allowing the weight of the decades to work on you. The gap between what I see now, as I stare over what was once farmland, and what my grandparents knew, is wide. But both existed and overlap in the same space, echoing from the past into my soul, and perhaps through me to the future as well.

Your Community Garden

By Christine Watts

Your Community Garden

Our garden, south of the rink, is completely shared. It has no plots. Everyone is welcome to pull a weed, water and sample some harvest anytime.



All are welcome to come to the garden (south of the rink) for an intro and planning discussion on Saturday April 28th, 2-3 p.m. After, those who have time can help get our garden started by pruning raspberries, pulling weeds or planting bulbs.

The garden is based on permaculture methods including composting, no pesticides, no fertilizer, no-tilling, bio-diversity and community building and inclusivity.

Regular work bees will be Saturdays 2-4 p.m. and Wednesdays 8-10 a.m. through May. Check the calendar on the shed for changes etc.

For updates about how our garden is growing, what we are learning and events join our mailing list at <https://www.parkallen.ca/communitygarden>

Questions? Email: garden@parkallen.ca



Join us for Paint Night April 13, 2018

Register now for Paint Night! April 13th from 7 pm-10 pm. Wine and beer will be available for \$5 per drink.

Payment of \$25 for non-league members or \$20 for league members (or 2 punches on the Parkallen Recreation punch card) is required before the event.



CPR & First Aid Training May 6, 2018

Join Second Chance First Aid and CPR on May 6, 2018 from 9-5 pm at Parkallen Community Hall. Cost is \$100 plus gst (\$105). Bring your own bagged lunch. Participants must be 16 years old or older.

Register now by emailing social@parkallen.ca prior to April 30th.

Course will be cancelled if less than 8 people register.

A Note From the Parkallen Knitters



Dear members,

Enclosed is our donation to the Parkallen Community. We appreciate the use of the facility all these years. Unfortunately our membership has severely declined due to moving, deaths, illness and the occurrences. We are now a group of 10 in comparison to 50 members we had a few years ago. We would love to have more members but knitting ins't "cool" these days,

We are donating our coffee money to the community.. If you want to knit, and talk about "the good old days", or other matters, we welcome you with open arms, a cup of coffee and sweets.

Thank you

The Parkallen Knitters

Sue, Mick, Carol, Donna, Violet, Frances and Helena

The Parkallen Knitters meet every Wednesday, 1-2 PM at the league hall.

Volunteer Coordinator Needed!

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Parkallen's Snowfest 2018

Another great Snowfest! Thank you to everyone who came out and to all of our hardworking volunteers — everyone from our set up and clean up crews, kitchen helpers, firepit volunteers and barbecue chefs. We couldn't have done it without you!.

Special thanks to Allison Chevrette for organizing the event and to Marlene Wurfel for taking these lovely photos.



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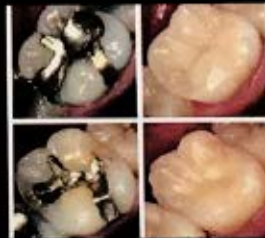


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