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## Rink Wrap up!

By Leanne Kohn

We had another great season with the rink used everyday, even when it was -25. There were even some brave Australians who, regardless of weather, were out skating, playing hockey and embracing our great Canadian pastime.

The Medicine Cup Charity
Tournament (MCCT) was a
success; even with the cold
weather, teams played through
the weekend. The annual
tournament raises money for
Little Warriors; to date they have
raised over \$150,000.

I am very proud of our rink staff

this year. Aidan, Ethan, Cameron and Noah went to an ice making workshop and came back with a plan to make the best ice we have ever seen. And I believe they achieved their goal.

Our volunteers and staff heard multiple people say throughout the season, and at Snowfest, that this was the best ice they have ever seen at Parkallen rink.

A special shoutout to the boys who built the slide, I heard so many little kids say "this is the best slide ever! This is the best day ever!" The ice slides built by the boys for Snowfest were amazing. Kids lined up so Cameron and Noah could help them into a tube slide and send them down the luge run. Cameron and Noah are already planning what exciting rides they can build next year.

Thanks again to the staff: Aiden Cooper, Ethan Kohn, Noah Kohn, Cameron Chevrette, Violet Bell, Elan Anderson, Alexa Myashita and Olivia Cooper. They all worked hard, repaired machines and kept the ice in good shape.

Great job crew!!



# Annual General Meeting

May 5, 2019, 3pm - 5 pm Community Hall 6510 - 111 Street Please come out to the meeting and learn about what you can do for your great community. Parkallen Community League is in great need of dedicated volunteers! The meeting will include the election of the executive for 2019-2020.

Pop by early for Sundae Funday! We're kicking off our meeting with ice cream and all the toppings. Served at 2:30, have a sweet treat while learning about your community league.

Please consider joining The Executive. We would love to hear from you and welcome your unique talents and expertise!

# SENIORS APPRECIATION DAY

Friday, April 5th 8:30AM to 12:00PM

Come join us for our

# SENIOR APPRECIATION DAY

Free coffee, refreshments, adjustments, and cleaner for your eyeglasses. Come and meet our new optometrist who has an interest in treating dry eyes,

#### DR. KATHERINE KROL

Also receive 10% off any purchases. Bring your friends, everyone is welcome!



# Come garden with us this year!



Last year there were about 15 of us who regularly helped in our Community Vegetable Garden and many others who kindly used our watering cans to water, or pulled a weed or two as they passed by. Our garden, unlike most community gardens, is completely shared and welcomes everyone to pick a few greens, veggies or berries.

We are having a get-together with snacks to discuss our plans for the season. Come join us. Whether you want to help, have suggestions, or simply want to listen in, we'd be pleased to see you.

# Garden Discussion and Planning

south side of the rink.

Saturday April 27th 2:00 – 3:00 At the garden on the

If it is raining, the nearby meeting location will be noted on the shed.

Through the summer you can come to any of our workbees or open-shed times. For the spring they are tentatively Saturdays 2-4 p.m. and Wednesdays 7-8 p.m. Check the calendar on the shed for notices or changes to times.

To keep informed about our garden, join our mailing list at

https://www.parkallen.ca/ community-garden, or email garden@parkallen.ca

# Ways to support our Community Garden

Besides hands-on work in the garden, there are many way to get involved:

Send us your favourite photograph of our garden and we may use it for our website or newsletter.

Make signs for our garden such as, "Ripens in September" or one with a poem.

Coordinate a workshop or two

such as on fermented foods, garden crafts or some other garden event.

Volunteer to take on a liaison role, nurturing relationships with community groups such as Green Circle Preschool, Parkallen Elementary School, Girl Guides, Parkallen Sprouts, Parkallen Summer Park leaders and others.

"There are over 90 community garden sites now operating throughout the Capital region promoting local, organically grown food; healthy and active lifestyles; and safer, more vibrant and connected communities."







#### Project background and objective

Parkallen experienced flooding during the intense rainfall events in 2004 and 2012 and has been identified as a neighbourhood that is at risk of flooding during severe storm events. The Parkallen Flood Mitigation Project was initiated with the objective of reducing the risk of flooding during high-intensity, low-frequency rainfall events.

#### **Project status**

This project involves 4 stages: Stage 1 – concept validation; Stage 2 - design; Stage 3 - construction; and Stage 4 – operation. **We are currently in Stage 2.** 

The selected concept includes two ponds: one in the school site, and one in Ellingson Park.

In August 2018, EPCOR distributed a survey to collect data to help inform the needs and priorities for recreation amenities in the Parkallen community. The results from the recreation amenity survey and the proposed amenity configuration options were presented to the community at the information session on November 21.

#### Information session

Approximately 30 people attended over three hours, including two members of the Community Engagement Committee. Two different soccer field configurations were presented for the dry pond located next to Parkallen School.

In advance of the open house, information was provided to the community, which included the recreation amenity survey results, configuration options, other pertinent project information and a ballot to vote for their soccer field configuration preference.

#### **Community feedback**

92 ballots were received from the community.

**Option 2 - U9 and U11 soccer fields** was the overall community preference with **61%** of the vote.

Option 1 - U13 soccer field received 13% of the vote.

22% of respondents had no preference and 4% did not select an option, but provided comments.

#### The results

EPCOR provided the results from the community vote, along with feedback from other stakeholders, to the City of Edmonton to make a decision on the recreation amenity replacement plan. The City is the final decision-making authority on the recreation amenity replacements.

The City has selected Option 2 - U9 and U11 soccer fields.

#### What to expect in 2019

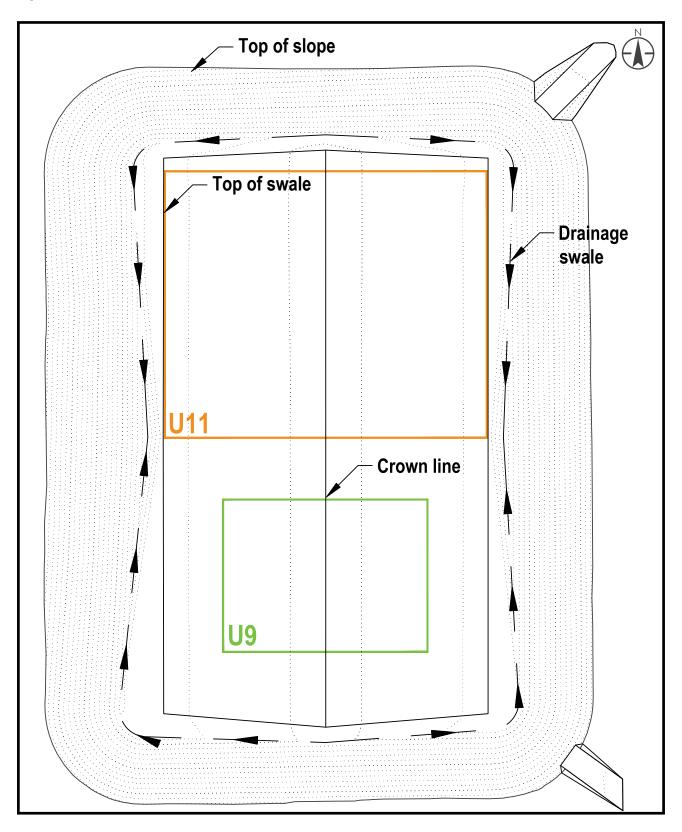
EPCOR is expecting that construction will start in 2019 pending internal approvals, the land acquisition from Edmonton Public School Board, the final recreation amenities decision by the City of Edmonton, and contractor procurement/availability. The dry pond areas will likely be inaccessible for ~18 months, including construction, sod placement and growth. This timeframe will be dependent on the weather during construction and the quality of the growing season after sod placement.

#### Who do I contact for more information?

EPCOR Drainage Services Tel: (780) 509-8080

E-mail: EPCORdrainage@epcor.com

Option 2 - U9 and U11 soccer fields



#### **Civics Corner**



#### **Civics Committee News**

Bev Zubot led two Introduction to Civics orientation sessions on February 21 and March 14, 2019 attended by new volunteers and interested community members.

Missing Middle Open House will be presented to Parkallen and neighbouring communities on Friday, April 5 from 7 to 8:30 explaining potential changes for RF5 Row Housing, RA7 Apartments and RF3 which is now permitted on all RF1 lots in Parkallen (see "What is the Missing Middle?" article)

The next Civics Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, April 11 at the Parkallen Hall from 7 to 9 pm.

#### **Spring Melt & Flooding**

On March 13 spring snowmelt resulted in a flooded lane between 112 Street and 112 A Avenue. Epcor was alerted and responded with a Vac Truck that removed a chunk of ice from the storm water drain.

If you notice surface flooding on public property, take a photograph and email it to 311@edmonton.ca and to civics@parkallen.ca. Epcor has identified some areas with overland flooding that need to be addressed and we will pass the information on to them. We encourage everyone to "adopt a catch-basin" and clear it if possible by removing snow and ice around it. It is also important to keep them free in the summer and fall of branches, garbage and leaves.

# Update on Residential Low Density Zone

Jan Hardstaff and new Civics volunteer Suzanne Cherdarchuk, along with representatives from the EFCL's Planning & Development Committee, spoke at the February 25, 2019 Public Hearing at which the Residential Low Density (RLD) Zone was presented to and passed by City Council.

We raised concern that the December 2018 City Report had change the application of this zone from its original application to developing areas communicated to EFCL in August 2017 and expanded to apply city-wide. The timing of the circulation also left less than three weeks for response during the busy Christmas season and many communities could only find time to read the report and respond after the deadline had passed. A call from and conversation with the Stantec consultant indicated the expansion of the application

area did not originate from the applicant Brookfield, but with City Administration. We also raised concerns with the process by which this new zone was initiated by Stantec on behalf of Brookfield development, allowing it to bypass public debate at Urban Planning Committee, as well as meaningful public engagement with potentially affected communities.

EFCL and 12 communities wrote to Administration to argue that the RLD zone would not align with the Mature Neighbourhood Overlay, Administration revised the report "to clarify the intent that, at this time, the zone is to be used in developing neighbourhoods." They add, "Infill development in Edmonton Association (IDEA) would prefer that the zone be available for use in all neighbourhoods." This of course means that this is likely only a temporary reprieve and this zone may be reintroduced, or something similar to it may be proposed, during the current Zoning Bylaw Renewal project. This could result in significant changes to the MNO regulations currently guiding infill development and revised only recently in 2017. If new zoning were to eliminate, or significantly change, infill development would be more intensive and regulations softening impact with neighbours and communities would be removed. This is why community involvement in the Zoning Bylaw Renewal project is important.

The RLD zone is very intensive residential development, essentially the same sized dwellings would be built on

smaller lots which would increase site coverage from 42% to 58% in the case of RF3 (semi-detached) with zero lot line, meaning the dwelling would touch the property line on one side. When impervious site coverage resulting from the addition of driveways, sidewalks, patios and decks are added to the site coverage of the dwelling and the garage, total site imperviousness would exceed 80%. This reduces the private amenity space to only a small area (about 8% of the lot) in the rear yard to be shared by both dwellings and, if there are basement suites, four units. Lack of room for trees that provide shade and shelter to homes, will make this kind of development a heat sink, contributing to the heat island effect. Increased imperviousness will also increase storm water run off from the lot. This will increase costs in the public realm, requiring more park space and stormwater management facilities as well as private energy costs and carbon emissions to heat homes in winter and cool them in summer.

#### What is the Missing Middle?

The City's current draft report refers to the Missing Middle as "multi-unit housing that falls between single and semi detached housing and tall apartment buildings and includes a range of medium scale developments, including row housing, stacked row housing and walk-up apartments. These housing forms are considered to be "missing" because there has been a decline in their development in recent decades in many cities, and they were never widely developed in Edmonton", although we have 16 RA7 zoned apartments in Parkallen.

The report goes on to say "Encouraging the development of missing middle housing forms is essential for increasing housing choice and supporting complete communities. Medium scale housing can provide affordable housing options, allow residents to age in place, encourage a diversity of households in all communities, and contribute to more walkable neighbourhoods by creating a more compact urban form."

Administration wants to develop "A new multi-unit housing use . . . to allow greater design flexibility, and a clear succession of allowable height and building size . . . as zones increase in the intensity of use. Administration also proposes incentives for larger units and amendments to separation space requirements." The report outlines proposed changes to reduce setbacks and step backs that soften impacts and provide a transition zone between medium density redevelopment and existing low density residential homes. The report also states "The proposed amendments also retire existing overlays (would this include the Mature Neighbourhood Overlay currently regulating infill?) for greater simplicity, while incorporating building articulation and design elements from the overlays into the underlying zones. The proposed amendments are complex and significant in scope to support the successful realization of incorporating more missing middle in Edmonton."

The draft Missing Middle City Report proposes zoning changes intended to increase density in medium density zones. Parkallen has recommended the City retain sensitive transitions to mitigate impacts of medium density infill development on existing low density neighbours and the community. We have also sought to preserve the existing 21 day pre-decision variance notification period which the report recommends removing. This would result in only a 21 day appeal period for neighbours. The report also recommends a certain percentage of larger dwellings in multi-unit housing with 3 bedrooms and a minimum 100 sa m in size be reserved for "diverse households", a change from "family oriented housing". We asked for revisions to ensure a certain percentage of larger units in multi-unit housing are available as affordable housing for adults with children with 3 bedrooms, that they be located on the bottom 3 floors and be directly accessible to amenity space. The new definition of "diverse households" would include groups of adults. Parkallen already allows RF1 zone lodging for up to 6 adults as a discretionary use that has been approved.

#### Missing Middle Open House

Friday, April 5, 2019 7:00 to 8:30.

Parkallen Community League Hall 6510 111 Street

To find out more about the Missing Middle and how this will influence future development in Parkallen, please attend the Missing Middle Open House.

# **Neighbourhood Watch**

With the weather warming up and more people on the move, keep an extra eye open.

#### **Local Crime Reporting Protocol**

A crime in progress: Report immediately to 911.

Suspicious activity and crimes that have already occurred:

Report to the EPS Non-Emergency Reporting Line at 780-423-4567.

After you have reported the incident to EPS:

Contact the Parkallen Task Force rep by email: watch@parkallen.ca



Research has shown that **crime is significantly reduced** where **residents are visibly present** and are actively involved on their streets and in their neighbourhoods.

Individuals out randomly walking are more effective than scheduled citizen patrols.

When individuals are aware of their neighbourhood they are better equipped to recognize and respond when something is not "right"

Who? You walk-your-block

How? Take a walk

Where? In your neighbourhood

When? Whenever you like

Why? To prevent crime before it happens

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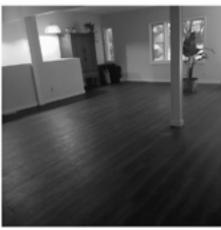
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### Parkallen's Snowfest 2019

Many many thanks to the volunteers who made Snowfest a huge success again this year. We could not do it without you.

Snowfest photos and cover photo courtesy of Mpunga Picha Photography.

John Alexander Isabelle Paulsen

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Jan Hardstaff

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Charlie Phillips, from sepco

Wendy Keiller, City of Edmonton

#### **Donations from:**

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# **Playground Leader Wanted**

Monday to Friday at Ellingson Park (6510 111 St. Edmonton)

July and August 2019: two - three 1-9 pm shifts / two to three 9-5pm shifts

The person we are looking for...

- will love working with children between four and fourteen years old
- will be able to organize groups of children for games like capture the flag, tag, sardines, foursquare, home base etc.
- be able to manage rainy days with access to the community hall for crafts and indoor activities

#### The Playground Leader will be responsible for the following:

- Lead children/youth in recreational activities
- Ensure the safety of participants
- Work with volunteers and occasional city staff
- Prepare daily and weekly plans and evaluations of activities
- Maintain statistics as well as the security of equipment and supply inventory
- Act as a customer service representative on program sites for parents and community members
- Other related duties as required

#### **Qualifications:**

- Completion of grade 12, must be a returning post-secondary student
- Some experience working with the general public, children and other program users
- Current Standard First Aid and CPR (level B) or equivalent are required prior to commencing employment
- A clear Police Information Check, including Vulnerable Sector check will be required required prior to commencing employment

Salary: \$17 /hour

Please submit resumes to president@parkallen.ca. Closing date for applications will be June 15, 2019.

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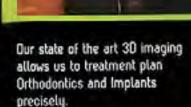


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## Flood Mitigation Announcement



Amanda Rosychuk, Senior Vice President, Drainage Services, Epcor; the Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, Government of Canada; Don Iveson, Mayor, City of Edmonton; Leanne Kohn, President, Parkallen Community League; Michael Walters, Councillor, Ward 10, City of Edmonton.

On March 11, the Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, was in Parkallen to announce funding for several important flood mitigation projects in Edmonton.

Work includes building new dry ponds in Edmonton to reduce storm water overflows on city streets in times of heavy rainfall.

Work will also be carried out at the Rossdale and E.L. Smith water treatment plants to relocate electrical assets and prevent backflow in the pipes that discharge into the North Saskatchewan River, protecting drinking water that reaches an estimated 1.2 million residents in the greater Edmonton area. New embankments will also be built on the water treatment plant properties to reduce on-site flooding.

The third component of the projects involves improvements

and upgrades to outfall structures that release storm water into the river to help control heavy water flow.

Once complete, this project will significantly increase the community's resilience to flooding, reduce the number of residents who go without essential services during these incidents and cut long-term economic recovery costs.

The Government of Canada is contributing \$53,766,000 to this project through the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund, a \$2-billion, 10-year program to help communities build the infrastructure they need to better withstand natural hazards such as floods, wildfires, earthquakes and droughts.



2019 lane flooding between 112 and 112A Street, and between 65 and 67th Avenue.





# Parkallen Community League Events at the Hall

April 13, 2019 Pub Night 8:00 pm - 12:00 am

Wow - we've got a live band! Come meet your neighbours, have a drink, and maybe cut the rug!

April 21, 2019 Easter Egg Hunt 9:00 am

Volunteers Needed! The Easter Bunny is hoppin' busy and needs a little help to make our annual Easter egg hunt a big success! Can you lend a hand? Or a paw? We'll be filling eggs and hiding treats.

Contact us at volunteer@parkallen.ca

May 5, 2019 Senior's Dinner/Luncheon 1:00 -3:00 pm

Sundae Fun Day 2:30

Join us for ice cream and fun toppings. A great way to kick off the AGM!

May 5, 2019
Parkallen Community
League Annual
General Meeting
3:00 - 5:00 pm

Everyone welcome!

May 10, 2019 Movie Night 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm

Movie for the younger kids at 6:00 pm and a movie for the younger kids at 8:00 pm.

### **Volunteers Needed!**

We need volunteers to help with our Easter Egg Hunt, Senior's dinner, and other events throughout the year. Many hands make light work - many nieghbours make fun work!

Please contact volunteer@parkallen.ca

### 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.

Parkallen Handyman looking for small jobs. Fully insured. Call Jordan at 780-271-5673.

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