



THE COMMUNITY OF Grovenor

NEWSLETTER "FALL" 2020



Hello Grovenor!

We hope that everyone continues to stay healthy and is enjoying the warm weather to the extent possible under the circumstances. The Grovenor Community League continues to act responsibly in following all required guidelines or advice issued by governments at the local, provincial and federal

levels. We have also posted appropriate messaging in a timely manner on our social media, website, and community hall sign.

Unfortunately, this resulted in the cancellation of most of our regular programs and events for safety purposes. These included our annual **Spring Clean-up/Big Bin Event, Joint Summer Program, Greenshack Program, Fallfest**, etc. We were also required to close the Rec Centre and Community League Hall. Fortunately, the city subsequently approved the re-opening of the **playground** and **skateboard park** earlier this summer, but not our **spray park** which we had formally requested to be opened in July.

We will certainly continue to monitor the updated safety guidelines issued by Alberta Health Services, City of Edmonton and the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues, and try our best to host any events that are feasible for Grovenor in the future, based on related health risks and the feasibility of complying with all required guidelines.

Thanks to Brian Los and supporting team of green thumbs for maintaining our **Community Grow Forward** garden this spring and summer. This year Due to social distancing rules, we have temporarily changed the concept to allow for several of the planter boxes to be maintained by individual families, while still maintaining a few of the boxes as community produce. Keep your eyes open for some nice veggies or berries that anyone is free to pick.

Thanks to Cameron Worthing, **Neighbourhood Watch** Director together with the hard-working subcommittee tasked with continuing to build up a renewed program in Grovenor. ...2

The Community of Grovenor began way back in 1907 when a solitary home was built on the north bank of the McKinnon Ravine. A colourful and storied history notwithstanding, it was not incorporated as a Community League until 1952. We are a quiet, family friendly neighbourhood with beautiful, tree lined boulevards. The community includes an award-winning school and an active community league. It is bordered by the beautiful McKinnon Ravine and the North Saskatchewan River trail system.

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We are developing to develop several new initiatives in Grovenor related to this program during 2020 and future years.

Normally our **Board of Directors' meetings** are held on the first Tuesday of every month from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Community League Hall and open to the public, but these have been temporarily switched to virtual Skype meetings until further notice. When it is considered safe and the social distancing requirements of the Alberta government have been further relaxed to allow for our "in person" board meetings to commence again at the hall, we will advise accordingly.

We encourage everyone to continue to social distance, hand sanitize often and wear a mask whenever appropriate.

Gerry O'Donnell and Kersh Naidoo



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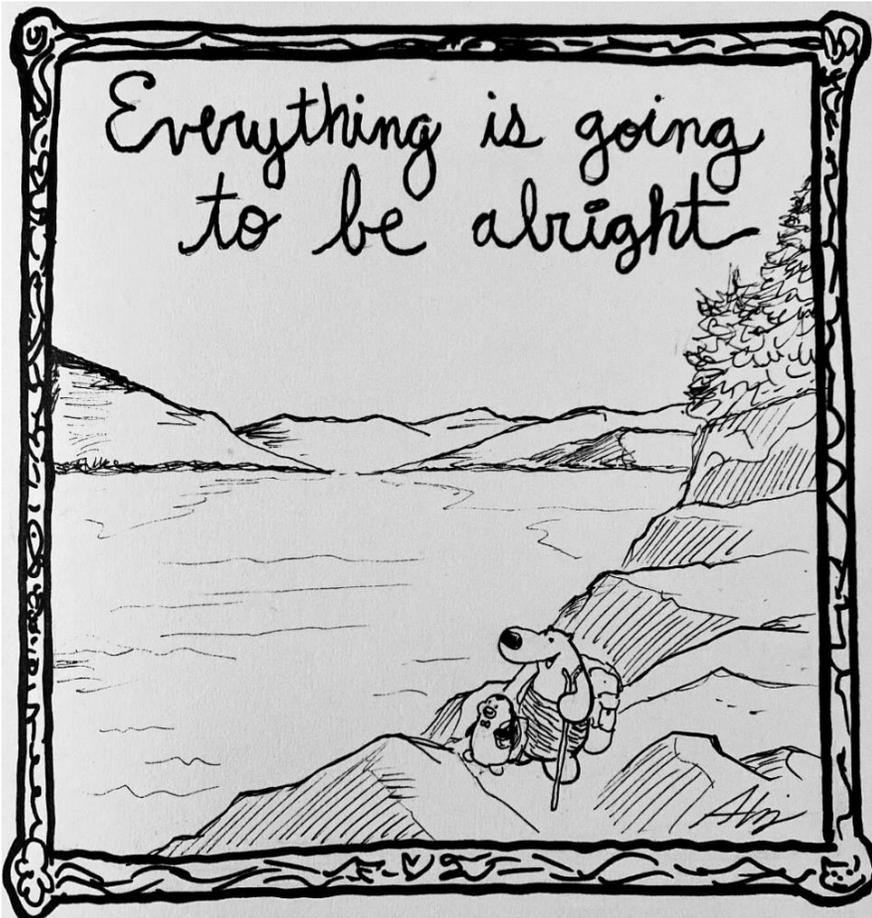
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 For all that shall be, Yes.*

Dag Hammarskyold

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 LEAGUE BOARD**

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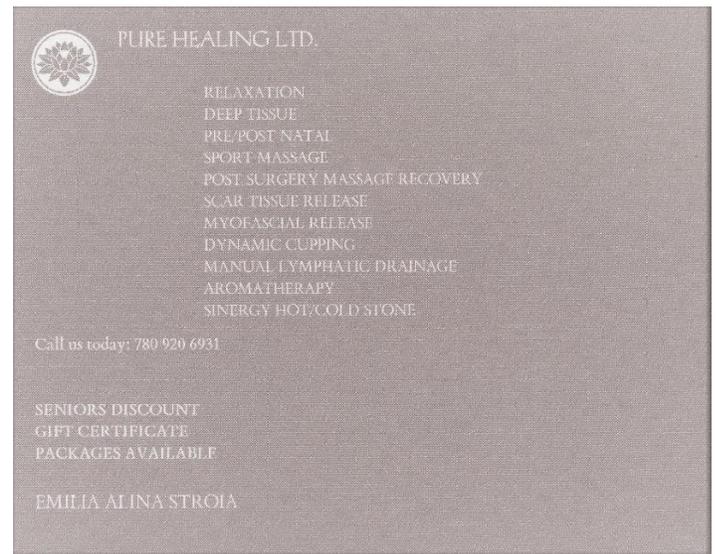
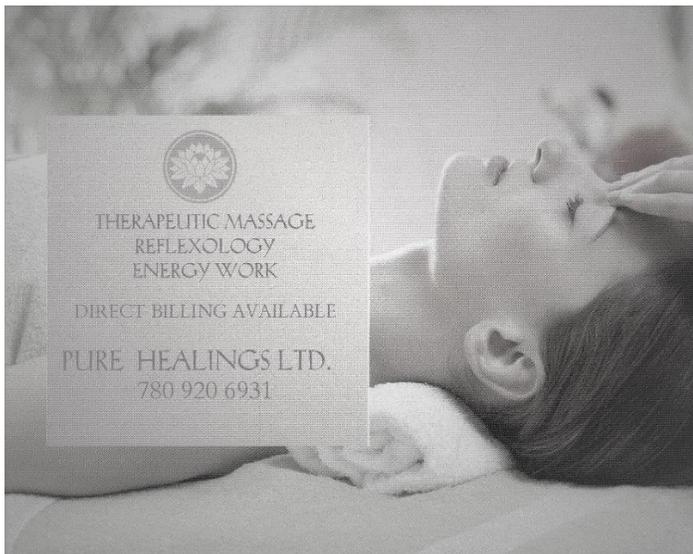
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GROVENOR COMMUNITY LEAGUE **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** **December 1, 2020**

The Grovenor Community League will be holding its' Annual General Meeting on Tuesday evening, **December 1, 2020**. Due to uncertainties surrounding the current Covid-19 pandemic , the location and format has yet to be determined. Please watch the signage at the Community Hall as the date approaches All residents in the Grovenor community are most welcome to participate.

At the meeting, there will be presentations by the current Vice Presidents Gerry O'Donnell and Kersh Naidoo to summarize activities over the past year. Treasurer Antoni Kowalczewski and Gerry O'Donnell will table the 2019-20 fiscal year financial statements and report for approval.

Elections for the 2021 Board of Directors operating year will be held for the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Programs, Membership, Newsletter, Sports, Facilities, Social, Neighbourhood Watch and Civics. There will also be six Directors - at -Large elected.

Although many of the persons currently performing the roles noted above could run again for re-election, there will be many vacancies that will still need to be filled due to attrition and previously unfilled positions.

Descriptions of the duties for these various roles are posted on the Grovenor website, so if you are interested in volunteering for next year, please refer to these details prior to the meeting. Training would be provided to any new board members.

It should be noted that only those who have active community league membership status would be eligible to either run or vote in the elections.



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Grovenor School

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Hello Grovenor Community!

My name is Ms. Charlene Roberge. I will be joining the Grovenor School team as principal this year. I feel so fortunate to be joining such a welcoming and caring community. Many students will be starting in person learning at Grovenor School September 3, 2020. We are so excited to be getting back to school and back to learning! You can find more information about our plan for the safe return to school on our website: <https://grovenor.epsb.ca/>. We appreciate everything the community continues to do to support our school and our students.

What's new at Grovenor:

- Please notice the newly posted loading zone at the front of the school.
- To ensure everyone's safety, an appointment is required if you need to visit the school. Appointments can be made through the office. If possible, please request a virtual meeting (e.g. Google Meet) to support the meeting.



We wish all of you a safe and healthy fall season!

Yours in partnership,

Ms. Roberge

"Grown-ups never understand anything by themselves and it is tiresome for children to be always and forever explaining things to them"

Antoine de Saint-Exupery, "The Little Prince"



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South Grovenor Short-Cut

Leaky Basements and Flood Protection

Another fun summer of sitting inside staring at the swimming pool that has formed in our basements; some look clean and inviting, others not so much. As a recent participant in a sewer backup, due to the rainstorm of August 3rd, I have a few trivia bits to share with those fortunate enough to have not yet suffered a basement flood. Those who have suffered probably have heard this all.

There are four methods by which to encounter unintended water in your basement:

1. Some part of your house water supply system, or an appliance that uses water, has failed and either clean water, or wastewater is now in places it should not be. The washing machine and dishwasher are the biggest suspects here, make sure to have a burst-proof braided hose or to replace the rubber hoses every two years.
2. During a down pour of rain, water is not carried away from your house, and the volume of water forces in via a window at grade level, or through cracks in the concrete foundation. This can be a simple fix with gutter and downspouts, or an extensive landscaping effort. Many houses in Grovenor have ground sloping towards the foundation.
3. For houses equipped with a groundwater management system, often referred to as weeping tile, the sump pump may fail or in the case of a power outage will not function allowing water to well-up within the basement. These pumps fail often, I have had to replace mine 3 times in 10 years. Some discharge water out on to the ground and others are pumping into the sewer, and yet others have an option to do one or the other. Make sure you know what your system is doing and make sure it is working properly.
4. Sewer water and solids can flow up from the street main into your house, entering via the floor drain in the basement, and /or other plumbing fixtures in the basement. A backwater valve (code requirement for new construction since 1989) is supposed to prevent this, but it will not always be effective. Again, recognize your situation and make efforts to manage the risks you might be facing in your house.



EPCOR has a list of how to mitigate the risks from most of these occurrences, just search up EPCOR Flood Prevention to see their page and all the associated links and diagrams.

Now to the Grovenor situation. EPCOR has indicated to me that the lines in our community are combined use, meaning that at some point both sewer from houses and storm water enter the same line. In a weather event this can put too much volume into a restricted space and the excess will find places to go. This can happen slow or fast. The event on August 3rd, on my street was evidently slow in nature as the backwater valve in my home and many others failed to close. This is a known mode of failure when solids are pushed ahead of the water, holding the valve down in the open position.

The advice that I have received from EPCOR and a few plumbers is that there is no automated solution for this. Simply put, if you have a backwater valve and are home during a heavy rain, you can manually close it, but then cannot dispose of any water in your home without it then reopening, or flooding your house with your own water if it stays closed. EPCOR did say that they are addressing combined sewer systems, but there is no detailed information on their website about where or when.

In the meantime, there are a few important things to consider:

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Leaky Cont'd

1. Ensure that you have flood protection in your house or tenant's insurance whether your basement is finished or not. Cleanup work is costly and replacing a furnace and water heater is very expensive. In the case of sewage very little in the way of contents will be salvageable.
2. If traveling during the summer, make sure to have a neighbor or family member check on your home as per the insurance policy you have. Some require a home to be checked every 24 hours, other as much as 72 hours. Absolutely have the house checked after any weather event has occurred. Discovering a flood event early is key. Water and sewer damage are an exponential growth over very short periods of time.
3. Possessions stored in your basement are most at risk from any type of flooding. Consider storing all items up off the floor (1 foot or more) on shelves, or in plastic storage bins with tight fitting lids.
4. Check the EPCOR site for the various maintenance and mitigation techniques to try to ensure that your house is in the best shape possible. The storms seem to only be getting more powerful, and the systems to carry the waste fuller, creating increased risk of occurrence.
5. There are many technologies offered on the market to flood proof your home. Most are just gimmicks. Make sure to seek several professional opinions about any contemplated changes to your home; and discuss with your insurance company if they will pay for such changes, reduce your premiums, or not care at all.

Hoping your feet and basements stay dry!

Brad Mielke, Construction Engineering Technologist and Grovenor homeowner.



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Stronger Communities Together - Community League Day 2020

During the last few months, the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues (EFCL) has been working hard to understand how we can help Community Leagues operate under COVID-19 restrictions. We held a couple of online sessions back in June to talk specifically about Community League Day. One of the things that came up was how to sell Community League memberships in a socially distanced manner. It was agreed that the EFCL online store was a good way to do this, but there was concern about the administration fee new members would be charged.

Community Leagues understand that this administration fee helps pay for the online store, website maintenance and upgrades, and for the time required to ensure Community Leagues are paid their membership fees each month.

“No Administration Fee for Memberships purchased through www.efcl.org on Community League Day”

To help your Community League sell memberships in a socially distanced manner, and to celebrate Community League Day, on **Saturday and Sunday, September 19th and 20th**, **all memberships sold through the efcl.org website will have their administration fee refunded, the following week.** Neighbours coming to your events, in person or virtually, can purchase through our site, and the card will be e-mailed to them as an image, which they can save to their smart phone, leave in their e-mail inbox, or print and save in their wallets.

The Community League will be paid out their normal amounts for all memberships sold on September 19th.

The Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues wishes everyone a safe Community League Day 2020!!



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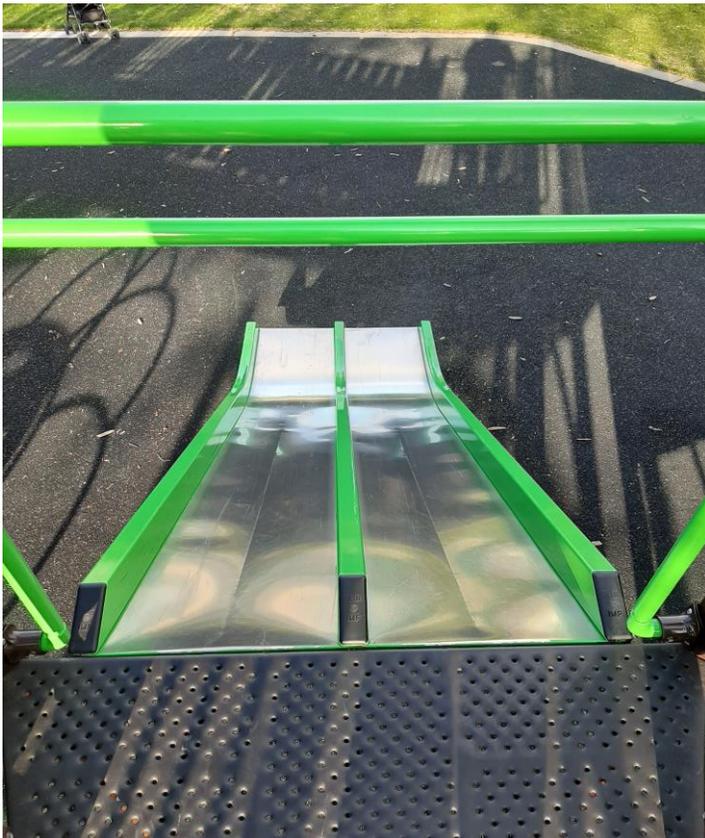
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What Are the Dog-gone Rules?



Are you uncertain what the rules are for walking dogs in the City of Edmonton?

The City of Edmonton has very specific rules for dogs set out in the Animal Control Bylaw and the Parks Bylaw. Rules for dogs are in place for the safety of your community and the safety of your pet.

It's pretty simple...

- In the City of Edmonton, you must license your dog.
- In the City of Edmonton, you must clean up your pet's defecation.

How do you know you are walking on parkland?

Parkland means any property whether developed or not, owned, controlled or maintained by the City of Edmonton that is intended for use by members of the public for recreation or general enjoyment – **any green areas, groomed parks, naturalized roadway buffers, boulevards, river and ravine lands and community leagues – are parkland.**

You can walk your dog on **parkland** so long as your dog is:

- leashed, licensed and on a trail at least .5m wide;
- leashed, licensed and on a boulevard;
- leashed, licensed and in an area governed by signage permitting dogs.

Dogs are not allowed in playgrounds, schools, park picnic areas, sports fields, golf courses and park facilities.

Park for Paws

There are now 40 sites across Edmonton where dogs can be walked off-leash. You must carry a leash no longer than 2m with you. For locations of off-leash areas in the West area, please call 311.

Outside of designated off-leash areas, dogs must be on a leash at all times.



They Poop.

You Scoop.

Cleaning up after your pet isn't just the right thing to do, it's the law. The fine for failing to do so is **\$100**. Carry a bag with you to pick-up your pet's waste whenever you are away from home. You don't need to clean up waste immediately on your own property, but you do need to clean it up regularly. Allowing excessive waste to build up negatively affects your neighbours and your pet.

Wash your Hands, Social Distance, Wear a Mask and Stay Well!

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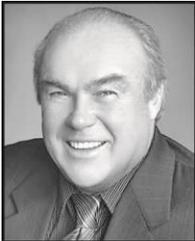
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