



# THE COMMUNITY OF Grovenor

NEWSLETTER "WINTER" 2023



## Greetings to Grovenor Community from your Vice Presidents:

Another year will soon be ending and it has been great for both Kersh and I to again share the role as **Vice President** for Grovenor in 2023. **Thank You** to all of our hard-working **Board members** and **community volunteers** for their ongoing efforts and quality services throughout the past year.

Our Board managed to successfully fulfill our 2023 mandate in a professional manner. We were able to end the year with a healthy year end bank balance, which will leave more than adequate **financial resources** in reserve to allow for us **to operate effectively in the 2024 and 2025 calendar years**, and to comfortably deal with any unplanned surprises. Many thanks to our **Treasurer** Alex Harcott for overseeing our **financial operations** in 2023 and to Andrew McDaniel for performing the **Secretarial** role with the board.



Thanks to VP Kersh Naidoo and all of our community volunteers for managing to deliver another successful **Fallfest** event on September 16, which included two live bands, beer gardens, a spectacular fireworks extravaganza, food trucks, children's games, and numerous fabulous special draw prizes.

We now have **two new murals** on the south walls of both the Community Hall and the Rec Centre which were recently completed by Ryan Weisser. We also had the mural on the west wall of the rec centre refurbished due to previous weather damage. They all look spectacular.

Some other highlights for the community this past year were the **age group soccer** teams program (thanks to Rosa Ficko, Debbie Johnson and the coaches) which also included summer training camps. We had a bumper crop at our **Grow Forward Garden** with many thanks to our garden coordinator Kathy Hewitt and the productive volunteer gardening group including the Grovenor School. (continued ...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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The annual **Big Bin** event coordinated by Kersh Naidoo. We had a very successful **Greenshack** program. Our ever-popular **ice rink** programs operated from Dec 2022 to March 2023, including **General Skating and Drop In Hockey programs**. Thanks to Kyle Greer for coordinating the **ice rink facilities** and Michael McNally for ice maintenance. Preparations are currently underway for the **2023-24 skating and hockey programs**, with the commencement date dependent on weather conditions.

Thanks to Keaton Seaby for coordinating the **Toddler Sports program** before his departure earlier this year. Thanks to our **Civics** director, Piotr Kijak for providing ongoing input to the city and other stakeholders regarding **infill development** related matters throughout the year. Thanks to Hugh O'Neill for doing a great job as **administrative coordinator** and for also maintaining our **website**. Thanks to Allan Bly, Kyle Greer and Amanda Dyk for helping coordinate additional **renovations / repairs** at the **Community Hall and Grovenor Recreation Centre**. A big thank you to Bill Melenberg for our informative quarterly **Newsletter** and the cadre of faithful volunteer-carriers; Michelle Kawulka as **Membership Director**; Madelen Ortega for our **Social media** coverage; Jaclyn Briscoe for our **Neighbourhood Watch** program; Cassidy Cooper as our **Programs Director**; and, finally our **Directors at Large** Vince Bowen, Allan Bly and Alex Labarda. Special thanks to Miriam Ferguson for **Hall management** role and Amanda Dyk as **custodian**.

Our board continued to help financially support the **Grovenor School** including the **student nutrition program**, and to help fund the new **Outdoor Learning Classroom project**.

Grovenor is scheduled to conduct another **bi-annual casino event** this **January 3 & 4** in conjunction with **AGLC**. The funds resulting from the casino will be used in support of Grovenor community programs and facilities over the next two years. Thanks to Heather Bolli for coordinating and to all of the volunteers who have signed up for this event.

Please join us virtually at our **Annual General Meeting** on **December 5**, as advertised in this newsletter, and consider volunteering for one of the positions on the community league board. Also, our regular **Board of Directors' meetings** are held

virtually on the first Tuesday of every second month from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Go to our website for access details. We encourage you to attend any of these meetings so that you can see your community league in action.

**Warmest wishes for the holiday season!  
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*Gerry O'Donnell and Kersh Naidoo*

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# GROVENOR COMMUNITY LEAGUE

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – December 5, 2023

The Grovenor Community League will be holding its Annual General Meeting on **Tuesday, December 5 starting at 7:00 pm.** All residents in the Grovenor community are invited to attend this virtual online meeting using the link which can be found on our website [Grovenor.ca](http://Grovenor.ca).



There will be presentations by both of the current Vice Presidents Gerry O'Donnell and Kersh Naidoo to summarize activities over the past year. Treasurer Alex Harcott will table the 2022-2023 fiscal year financial statements and auditor's report for approval.

**Elections for ALL positions for the 2024 Board of Directors** operating year will be held including President, 2 Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Programs, Membership, Newsletter, Sports, Facilities, Social, Neighbourhood Watch, Civics and Communications. There will also be up to seven Directors - at -Large and five Coordinator positions elected.

Although many of the persons currently performing the roles noted above could be nominated and agree to run again for re-election, there will be many vacancies that will still need to be filled such as President, Newsletter, Directors at Large or other unfilled positions.

**Descriptions of the duties** for these various roles are posted on the Grovenor website, so if you're interested in volunteering for 2024, please refer to these details prior to the meeting. Training and guidance 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. These can be purchased online by visiting the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues at [efcl.org](http://efcl.org) and clicking on the link for "Buy a Membership".



Andrew Knack (Councillor) and VP's Kersh and Gerry

## GROVENOR COMMUNITY LEAGUE BOARD

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Jaclyn Briscoe

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### COORDINATORS

**CASINO:** Heather Bolli

**SOCIAL MEDIA:** Vacant 😞

**GROW FORWARD:** Kathy Hewitt

**WEBSITE:** Hugh O'Neill

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### MEMBERS AT LARGE:

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Any questions?

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## ***Hello Grovenor Community!***

It's an honour to introduce myself as **Grovenor's new principal!** I had the great opportunity to support Grovenor School as an acting-for principal from January to March last year and I am thrilled to return and join this extraordinary school and community.

This Fall has brought us beautiful weather and opportunities. Our students have enjoyed the warmth during **our river valley walks, Meet-the-Teacher Barbecue, and Terry Fox Run.** Also, **Grovenor's Kindness Club** led a very **successful clothing drive** from November 6-30th. We are grateful to everyone for spreading the gift of warmth this winter!

During December we are hosting our **annual Christmas Concert**, always a popular event! The end of the year is also a special time for helping each other, giving back, and spending time with loved ones.

We thank our students, staff, families and community members for the continued support and wish you all a wonderful holiday season!

Sincerely,  
**Robyn Fagarasanu**  
Principal



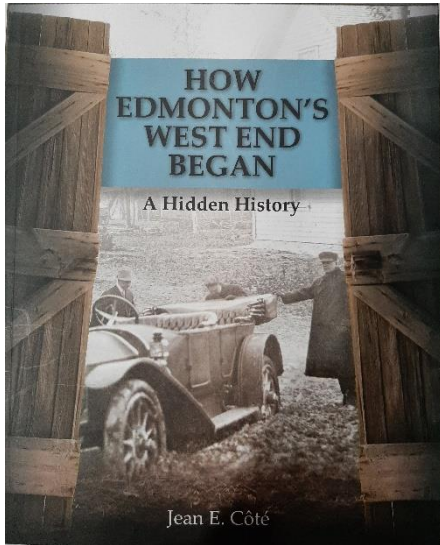
## **Don't Let the Grinch Ruin Your Christmas: Crime Prevention Tips to Keep the Festive Season Safe**

1. **Light up your entrances** – The brighter the better! On top of seasonal Christmas lights, consider installing motion sensor lights and bright porch lights.
2. **Be strategic with your recycling**- Burglars appreciate knowing you received expensive gifts over the holidays. Make sure to break down boxes and hide labels in your recycling. Consider spreading out your recycling over several weeks to avoid large piles.
3. **Don't advertise your plans**- As tempting as it is to post your winter holiday to social media, reconsider showing off those pictures until you return home. If you are going away, make sure to cancel deliveries and have a neighbour collect your mail.
4. **Protect your shopping purchases**- Lock your packages and gifts in your trunk and keep all vehicle doors locked and windows closed.
5. **Don't get scammed**- When purchasing goods online, make sure the website is secure and trusted. Never save your credit card information online and do not use a computer accessible to the public.
6. **Arrange for safe transportation**- Drinking and driving is a danger to everyone on the road. If you choose to drink at a party, don't drive, the risk isn't worth it. Take a cab or have a designated driver.

**Happy Holidays!**

**Jaclyn**  
Neighbourhood Watch Director

***"Season's GREETINGS One and All"***



## **EXTRA! EXTRA! Newspaper Delivery in Pre-Digital Edmonton**

In our age of social media, live stream feeds and on-line news channels, it is quaintly refreshing to think back on how we received our “News” in the not-so-distant past. Many of our newspapers and other publications are slowly giving way to the ubiquitous, digital, palm-held dispensers of the Daily Grind. But the memory of the home-delivered newspaper for many people (former carriers --myself included, readers, and, obviously, the author of this piece) are still as fresh and vivid as a Saturday colour comic page. Fond memories indeed which **Jean Cote** reflects back on in this piece! (ed.)

In the 1940s and 1950s, Edmonton had no morning newspaper. The Calgary-based **Albertan** was a morning newspaper, and one could buy it downtown in newsboxes, or in the newsstands of hotels. But, so far as I know, there was no home delivery of the **Albertan** in Edmonton.

Until 1951, the **Edmonton Bulletin** and the **Edmonton Journal** were strong competitors. The Bulletin had its offices on the south side of Jasper Avenue about 98 Street. In 1951, the **Bulletin** suddenly disappeared, having been bought out by the Journal's owners, Southam. For about 6 months afterwards, the number of comic strips and syndicated features in the Journal was very large, since those from the **Bulletin** were continued in the **Journal** for a while.

I knew boys who delivered the **Journal**, but none who delivered the **Bulletin**. I do not know exactly how the **Bulletin's** home delivery system worked, but I will tell you what I know of the **Journal's** system.

The **Journal** issued a newspaper daily except on Sunday. By the mid 1940s, there were no longer any "Extras" (special editions for important breaking news). The first edition came out in late morning, but it was available only in the downtown and not delivered. The later edition was the one delivered around the city.



The newspaper had a "shack" in each neighborhood. It was just a small shed with space to sort out and distribute the newspapers. A truck delivered huge bundles of newspapers to each local shack. I believe that certain sections and inserts (such as flyers) had to be inserted by the carriers. From the 1950s onward, the newspaper shack for the Grovenor area was on the north side of Stony Plain Road in the 148 block (behind the present Ch café). Later it was moved further west.

Each shack had a manager who was an older schoolboy and a previous carrier who had proved himself to be capable and very reliable. A carrier was typically a schoolboy assigned a specific route whose papers, once assembled, could be delivered to each front step or porch in about an hour or so. The boy in effect owned that route until he quit or was fired by the newspaper. Some boys would pay a friend to do part of the work or act as substitute in case of illness or emergency; only the official carrier, however, dealt with the newspaper.

Getting the carrier's allotment of newspapers from the shack to his specific delivery route was often difficult. Papers could be quite bulky in those days, especially on Saturday. Unless the route was very close to the shack, a carrier's set of papers may have been too heavy to carry any great distance. Often a group of carriers would hire a taxi to deliver them to a convenient corner on their individual routes.

For a young teenager, having a paper route was prestigious and advantageous. Weekly allowance from parents was generally small, maybe only 25 or 50 cents per week. So, having a paper route was comparatively lucrative, netting them several dollars per week in the 1960's. This was accomplished by the carriers collecting the subscription fees from each home subscriber every week and keeping track of those payments.

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Saturday mornings the carriers would take the bus downtown to the offices of the **Journal** on 101 St., and “cash in”. There they had to account for the subscriptions collected and were entitled to keep a certain part as their fee. Their account would be settled, and the carrier would retain his share in cash.

Then, predictably, many would go to some favorite spot downtown and buy things which they wanted, such as candy, or a game of pool at Recreation Billiards on 101 Street. One downtown movie theatre even showed cartoons in the middle of a Saturday morning to attract the influx of young boys who came with their hard-earned cash.

*Jean Cote*

Note: If you are interested in more history of Grovenor and the West End, you can “**read all about it**” in Jean Cote’s, ***How Edmonton’s West End Began***, which is available from Juriliber Ltd. 780-424-5345.

## Fall Fest 2023 – VOLUNTEERS

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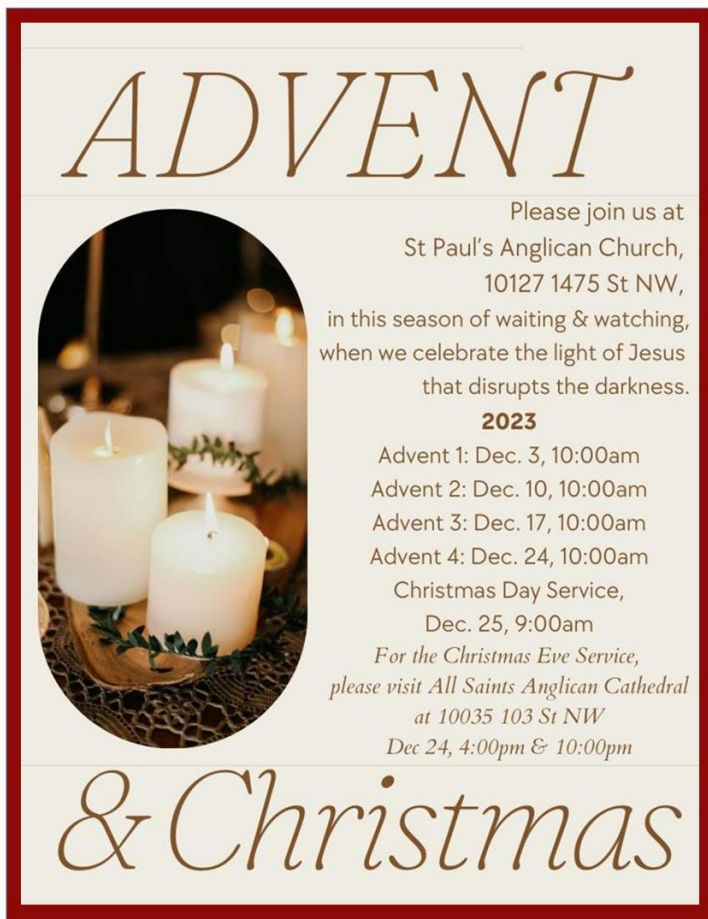
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**Note:** Winter has been a bit slow in coming this year... likely a mid-December opening

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representative thereof will be held  
responsible for verifying babysitter  
qualifications or responsibilities.

## Your Pet, Your Responsibility

Did you know that **pets are not  
allowed, on or off-leash, within  
10 meters of playgrounds**, splash  
parks or on school grounds or  
sports fields and outdoor rinks?

Did you know that **dogs and cats  
are not allowed to be off-leash**,  
unless they are on your property or  
in a designated off-leash area?



If they **poop**,  
you **scoop** and  
**dispose** in  
public garbage  
containers or  
your garbage  
container at  
home.

**Please help ensure our public  
spaces are enjoyed by everyone.**

**The fine for violating Bylaw 2202  
is \$100.**

**ONLY guide and service dogs  
are allowed everywhere including  
school grounds, City of Edmonton  
facilities, and on transit, and are  
regulated by the [Alberta's Service  
Dogs Act](#) and [Blind Person's  
Rights Act](#).**

For more information  
visit [edmonton.ca/petsinthecity](http://edmonton.ca/petsinthecity).

## Advertise in the GROVENOR NEWSLETTER

FREE BUSINESS, SERVICE  
OR BABY SITTER LISTING

Includes:

Name, address & contact information,  
Up to 2 lines of business description

1/4 Page Ad \$60

VERTICAL

4.75 in (h) X 3.5 in (w)

HORIZONTAL

3.5 in (h) X 4.75 in (w)

1/8 Page Ad \$30

HORIZONTAL

2.25 in (h) X 3.5 in (w)

VERTICAL

3.5 in (h) X 2.25 in (w)

Advertise on the Grovenor website for  
\$10/month or \$100/year.

# Grovenor Community League Membership Application

Adult 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Adult 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Children/Dependents: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for becoming a registered member of Grovenor Community!**  
We would like to encourage you to become involved and share your skills.

Check if you would like to receive Grovenor Community emails

**Benefits Include:**

- Reduced rates on hall rentals
- Skating/hockey on great outdoor ice
- Community social event & program discounts
- CL members are entitled to up to a 20 % discount on admission passes or memberships at City of Edmonton Sports and Fitness facilities as part of the Community League Wellness Program
- Sports Programs \*NEW\* Sunday Swim 4-6 PM @ JP Pool

## Type of Membership

Family (children up to 17 yrs): \$25

Couple: \$25

Adult (18-64): \$15

Senior (65+): \$5

Senior Couple (65+): \$10

Number of Tags \_\_\_\_\_

Cheques Payable to:

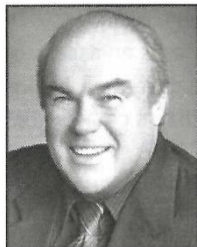
Grovenor Community League

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Mayor Amarjeet Sohi and Grovenor VPs Gerry and Kersh at Fall Fest