



THE COMMUNITY OF Grovenor

NEWSLETTER "SUMMER" 2019



Greetings from your Vice Presidents!
Hello Grovenor:

The Board and our volunteers continue to make good progress on our approved goals and objectives for this year and since our last newsletter, the Board and our volunteers have been busy doing our **spring cleaning and other maintenance** related activities

following the busy winter skating season. Thanks to Ashley Horjus and others for their time and efforts. Thanks also to Brian Los for upgrading the Hall sign solar lighting and acquiring new reflective lettering. And thanks to Bill Melenberg for coordinating the replacement of our facility eaves trough.

Grovenor recently completed our bi-annual **Casino fund raising event** on the weekend of April 27 – 28. Many thanks to Rosa Ficko for coordinating this major undertaking and to all of the many volunteers from the community who donated their time towards making this event a tremendous success. Proceeds from the casino help pay for expenditures such as utilities, facilities maintenance and many of our ongoing programs throughout the year.

The Community League hosted another successful **Big Bin Event** on May 11th. Thanks to Kersh for coordinating and to volunteers Allan, Graham, and Bill for assisting at the event.

Once again, we are partnering with North Glenora in hosting the **Joint Summer Program** from July 2 – Aug 23 (in **Grovenor Park** from 10:00 am – 1:30 pm) with assistance from a university student and two high school students to be hired and jointly funded by the two community leagues. The **Greenshack Program** will also run from July 2 to Aug 23 from 2:30 pm – 6:00 pm every weekday.

The spring / summer **Grovenor Soccer program** is now also well under way. Thanks to Rosa and Brian Ficko and Rob Chaput for coordinating this program. Thanks to Brian Los and the **Grow Forward Grovenor** team of volunteers who completed the annual spring planting at our community garden on May 27. Keep your eyes open for some nice veggies that anyone is free to pick as this is a true community garden.

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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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Grovenor on Social Media

www.grovenor.ca



[www.facebook.com/
GrovenorCommunityLeague](https://www.facebook.com/GrovenorCommunityLeague)



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Or better still, join the gardening maintenance crew! Also check out the impressive newly constructed garden boxes built by **Wally Litwinow** from Grovenor.

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. We encourage you to attend any of these meetings so you can see your community in action. Please also consider volunteering for a board vacancy or one of our upcoming community events as outlined in the following pages.

Enjoy your summer!

Yours sincerely,

Gerry O'Donnell and Kersh Naidoo



DANCE MIXX

This high-intensity dance workout mixes modern moves with strength training. Set to Top 40 music, Dance Mixx targets the 3 major muscle groups for a full body workout.

Grovenor Community Hall, 14325 - 104 Ave
Mondays & Wednesdays at 9:30 am & 7:30 pm

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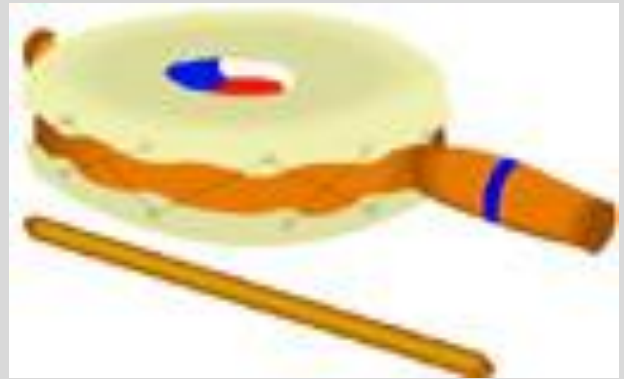
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FOR HIS TIME AND CRAFTSMANSHIP IN
BUILDING FOUR NEW GARDEN BEDS
FOR "GROW FORWARD"

“Pow Wow”



Grovenor School and Catholic Social Services would like to invite the Grovenor Community to our **2nd Annual Mini Pow Wow on June 14th, 12:30 - 2:00 pm.**

The **Grand Entry** will begin at 12:30 at the Grovenor Community Rink with several dances to follow. Please bring a blanket or a chair to sit on and join us in celebrating **Canada's Indigenous Heritage.**

The Pow Wow will be held in the school gym in case of inclement weather.




Sarah Hoffman
 MLA, Edmonton-Glenora

Our constituency team is here to help residents with provincial government departments, programs, and services.

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Volunteers Required for 2019

Grovenor Community League Board of Directors

We are still recruiting for a few remaining board positions in 2019 such as **Facilities Director, Social Director, Civics Director, Directors at Large (3 required) and Rinks Coordinator.** Details on the duties of these positions can be found on our website at www.grovenor.ca. Please contact either Gerry O'Donnell at gerryo1@telus.net or Kersh Naidoo at kershnan@gmail.com if you would be interested in volunteering for any of these remaining board vacancies.

Fall Fest event - September 14, 2019

We are also looking for **volunteers to plan and assist in the various support roles**, including food planning and preparations, BBQ, ticket sales, membership sales, raffle sales, door prizes, events for children, coordinating music and fireworks entertainment, alcohol concession, clean-up, etc. This is our largest event of the year and requires many volunteers to be successful. Contact Kersh Naidoo at kershnan@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering for the **Fall Fest** event.

Grow Forward Grovenor – Spring & Summer 2019

If you would like to volunteer some quality time to help out at the Grovenor community garden this year for planting, weeding or watering, please contact Brian Los at cabrien@telusplanet.net



"MASTER GROW FORWARD GARDENERS"

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Vince Bowen * Rob Chaput * Peggy
Ward*

Grovenor Community Traffic Survey

The Grovenor Community League is collecting input regarding traffic in the neighbourhood.

This is in response to a City of Edmonton request that we consult with the community get a clear picture of what issues exist, and what suggestions users may have.

The survey is very brief, but also very open-ended and general in nature. Residents and users of the area can comment on any issues important to them pertaining to traffic, speed limits, safety, and parking.

All responses will be compiled and provided to the City of Edmonton's Manager of Parking Services. The more responses received, the more influence we will have with the City in their planning processes.

Thank you to all who have already taken the time to complete the survey.

The survey will be open until July 7, 2019, and can be accessed at

<https://forms.gle/vMFgitQBY65yQRy68>

or by following the link on the **www.grovenor.ca** website.



“Thank you for taking the time to help strengthen our neighbourhood voice”

Grow Forward Grovenor – 2018

If you would like to volunteer some quality time to help out at the Grovenor community garden this year for weeding or watering, please contact Brian Los at

cbrien@telusplanet.net



As we begin our journey into summer, it's time to begin thinking about school in the fall!

Get ready for the 2019-20 school year!, **All students need to pre-enroll.** Knowing how many students to expect helps schools prepare to welcome them in September. Learn more about pre-enrolment at epsb.ca/schools/register.

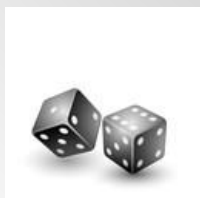
Grovenor School is now taking registrations for **Kindergarten.** If your child 4 years old on or before March 1, 2019 and live in the Grovenor neighbourhood, you are eligible to register for Kindergarten at Grovenor School. Please contact the office for information on how to get started.

If you have any questions about enrolment, kindergarten or pre-kindergarten registration, please contact the office at Grovenor School grovenor@epsb.ca or 780-455-0832 and we'd be happy to help.

Wishing you an enjoyable summer!

Cori Fraser, Principal

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped make our Grovenor Casino on April 27-28 a huge success! This was a major fund-raising event for the community which supports the hall, rink and programs. There is no Community without you... well done!



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Grovenor Park by the Community Rec Centre

July 2 to August 23
Monday to Friday
10:00 – 1:30 pm

Program Supervisor: University student

Free Attendance – Just drop in at the Rec Centre

Activities: Park games, Crafts, Water Games, Slip & Slide, Soccer, Capture the flag, etc.

Recommended for children 6+ years (younger kids can join with parental help)

FREE DROP-IN SUMMER GREEN SHACK



LOCATION	DATES	DAYS	TIMES
Grovenor 14325-104 Ave	July 2 – August 22	Monday – Friday	2:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Water Play features will be operational seasonally from 9 AM - 9 PM

Each day of the week you will get active and experience a variety of crafts, games, sports, and free play!

Neighbourhood Recreation would like to acknowledge that our programs respectfully take place on Treaty 6 Territory, and Metis Nation Region 4.

This program is targeted for children aged 6-12, but all children accompanied by an adult are welcome to attend.

For more information, please visit:
edmonton.ca/Greenshacks
or call 311



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GROVENOR FALL FEST

SEPTEMBER 14, 2019

4:00pm – 9:30pm

We welcome all residents of Grovenor to join us for **this family event** which will include a BBQ, salads, dessert and non-alcoholic drinks at a very reasonable price! Kids will enjoy face painting, bouncy castles, spray-park and other activities. Adults can look forward to live music, wine & beer gardens and 50/50 raffle! And weather permitting, we can all look forward to ending the night with spectacular fireworks!

We therefore reach out to all within the Grovenor Without volunteers, we can't make this event a have, the more enjoyable an event this can be for **make for light work.**



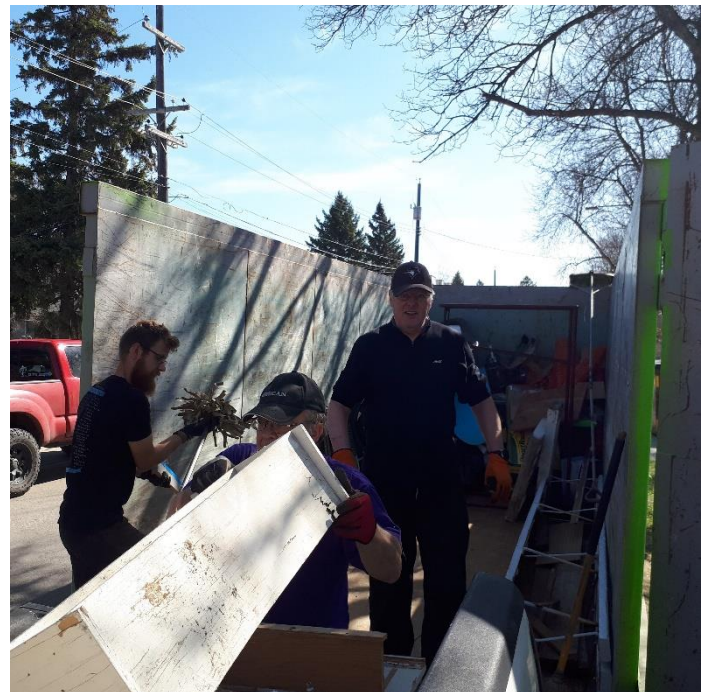
Community in seek of your help! success and the more volunteers we all! **Needless to say, many hands also**

We are seeking a **lead coordinator** (or two?) along with **45 volunteers** for the day event. Shifts are typically 3-4 hours and start at varying times through the day. Based on your availability, we'd be happy to see where we can best fit you in. Email: kershran@gmail.com

The community is also accepting donations from local businesses and residents for **door prizes and give aways** to be held at the event. If you are interested in contributing, **please contact Kersh** at the email address below. All donations will be recognized at the event, in our newsletter and on our website. A donation request letter can be provided if required. **Questions** to Kersh at: kershran@gmail.com



"BIG BIN BOYS"



"LOAD 'ER UP!" SAYS AL



Grovenor Neighbourhood Watch

Stay tuned for upcoming opportunities related to Grovenor Neighbourhood Watch initiatives, and related community engagement programs.

If you would like to be contacted when we have additional information related to available volunteer opportunities please email:

nwatch@grovenor.ca to be added to our list of interested community members.

If you are interested in Grovenor **crime stats** please visit the following website to observe EPS compiled information for our community: <http://crimemapping.edmontonpolice.ca/>

I look forward to connecting with many of you soon, and to seeing our community continue to take action toward becoming a safer and more welcoming location for all.

If you have questions, concerns, or comments related to Neighbourhood Watch and/or Safety within our community please email: nwatch@grovenor.ca

SOCCER NEWS



Congratulations Grovenor U-17 Boys!

The Indoor Soccer Season ended with our Grovenor U17 Boys heading to the Alberta Soccer Provincials in Calgary. Grovenor had some tough competition from Edmonton, Calgary, Camrose and Cold Lake. The boys were able to bring home the Bronze medal. A job well done by the team, and their coaches Brian F, John A and Sven L. Way to go!

Outdoor Soccer 2019

The season is finally underway and Grovenor is happy to see the following teams: **The Under-4, Under-5, Under-7, Under-9 Girls, and the Under-17 Boys.** We have many parents who have stepped up to volunteer and it is greatly appreciated. Without volunteers, we have no teams. A big THANK YOU to the Grovenor Community League Board for supporting our program with the purchase of jerseys and equipment!



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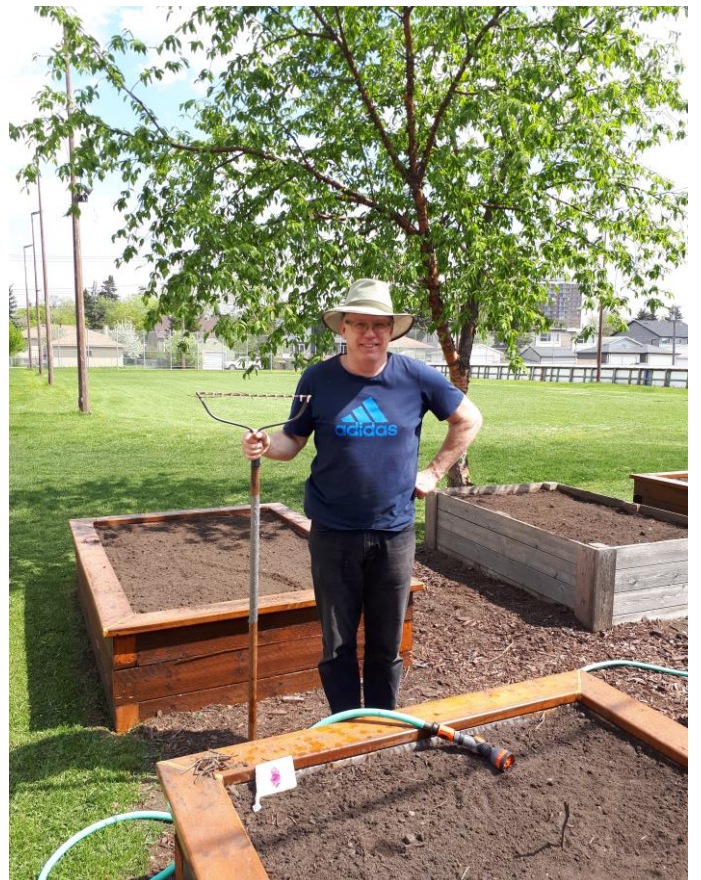
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Celebration of Grovenor History: “The Itinerant Church”



The structure that Grovenor residents recognize as **St. Paul’s Anglican Church** on 145th Street got off to a bad start – or, more precisely, a false start. In **1949**, with babies booming and oil gushing, Rev. George Kelly knew that his flock needed a bigger pasture (so to speak) for Sunday services. So when he heard that parishioner Cyril Jones could spare his bulldozer for a few days, it was time to get to work.

Although an abundance of enthusiasm went into the project, attention to detail was in short supply. For example, before proceeding with construction, it is usually a good idea to get a building permit. Indeed, City Hall can be quite insistent upon that. And there are some other things that are helpful to have in place too, such as a set of blueprints, a general contractor and skilled workers. In the absence of these amenities, it is not a cliché to point out that St. Paul’s Church was very much **built on faith**.

The men of the parish worked on the frame using their own tools, on evenings and Saturdays, kind of figuring things out along the way. Their wives bandaged many bruised thumbs. The furnace came from an abandoned prisoner-of-war camp at Kananaskis. Arnold Walker, who lived across the street, stepped forward to oversee construction.

The building, which was used for the first time on **Easter, 1950**, is perhaps not as much of a triumph of architecture as Oliver’s Christ Church (on 121 Street), but it has a lot of heart. And, certainly, it is much more comfortable than **the first St. Paul’s Church** which was completed in time for Good Friday services in **1914**, just a few months before the onset of the First World War. The original church had no insulation and was heated by two pot-bellied stoves. Frozen pipes were not a problem, because originally the structure was not connected to water service. However, the simplicity gave the building ample charm.

This original St. Paul’s church was located at 147th Street and 98th Avenue. The church was one of the few buildings in Edmonton’s west-end large enough to accommodate social gatherings. Concerts, political meetings and Boy Scouts kept the facility busy almost every day of the week.

It seems appropriate that the church is named after St. Paul, one of the Bible’s great travelers. Every decade or so, in response to development pressures, the diocese hired teams of horses to drag the church to a new location. Between 1922 and 1936, it resided on Summit Drive at **144th Street**. One Sunday however, congregants arrived at that location and discovered a vacant lot. The rector, Rev. Christopher Storey, had forgotten to announce that the church was moving to **151st Street** north of Stony Plain Road, across from where the No-Frills store is currently located.

In fact, prior to 1935, it was once known as St. John the Divine, but people confused it with another Anglican church, St. John the Evangelist. **In 1945, St. Paul’s relocated to Grovenor.** The fulfillment of Rev. Kelly’s vision for a new building confirmed that the parish had at last found a permanent home. This commitment was renewed in **2001**, when St. Paul’s completed an extensive renovation project. Before work began, parishioners received a promise from City Hall that no further widening or straightening projects were planned for Stony Plain Road.... Time will tell.

There’s a lot of shared history with Grovenor Community and St. Paul’s, but both entities are looking toward the future, moving forward together, in the spirit of friendship, as good neighbours should.

***Ed.** This historical piece was originally published in the Grovenor Update in 2008 by our resident historian, **Christopher Spencer**. With so much change occurring in our neighbourhood, I find it is worthwhile to reflect on our past to provide a bit of perspective.*

Grovenor Businesses and Services

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-St. Paul's Anglican Church
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Grovenor Community League Membership Application

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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
- 10 free swims per membership plus 10% discount on Edmonton Leisure Centre passes
- Sports Programs

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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Membership Contact:

Brian Los at membership@grovenor.ca



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