



THE COMMUNITY OF Grovenor

NEWSLETTER "WINTER" 2021

Greetings from your Vice Presidents:



Hello Grovenor,

Another year will soon be ending and it has been great to again share the role as Vice President for Grovenor in 2021. We'd like to extend a **BIG Thank You** to all of our hard working **Board members** and **community volunteers** for helping throughout the past year. The significant issues resulting from the Covid 19 virus made the operation of many of our regular program activities and events somewhat more difficult to deliver and in a few cases had to be canceled or downsized in

order to comply with the regulations and protocols implemented by the Alberta government and City of Edmonton. Thanks to Kersh Naidoo and community volunteers for managing to successfully deliver both the Fallfest and Big Bin events this year.

Despite the curtailment of many activities, we managed to fulfill our mandate as a community league board in a professional manner and 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 2022 and 2023 calendar years, and to comfortably deal with any unplanned surprises. Thanks to Antoni Kowalczewski for overseeing our financial affairs. And a big thank you to Mariette Seed for her impeccable **secretarial** role with the board.



Some highlights for the community this past year were the functioning of numerous **age group soccer** teams (thanks to our sports director Rosa Ficko and coaches); a bumper crop harvested at our **Grow Forward Garden** with thanks to our coordinator Jodi Millan and volunteers; and our ever popular **ice rink** programs from Dec 2020 – Feb 2021, including **General Skating, Drop-In Hockey and Learn to Skate programs**. Thanks to Kyle Greer for coordinating the **ice rink facilities** and support staff. Unfortunately, as was the case this past season, many of our ice rink programs may again need to be constrained this year due to mandated health regulations and ...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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protocols. Preparations are currently underway at the ice rinks for the **2021-22 skating and hockey season**, with the commencement date dependent on weather conditions.

Thanks to Grace Salvo for organizing our second annual **Halloween Scavenger Hunt** this year, as well as a **community walking program** and also to Cassidy Cooper for introducing new programs to the community. Our board also helped to financially support the Grovenor School **student nutrition program** on an ongoing basis. Thanks to Allan Bly who helped coordinate additional **renovations / repairs** at the **Community Hall and Grovenor Recreation Centre** and maintain our **website**.

We are currently planning for our **bi-annual casino** to be held sometime in 2022, subject to AGLC scheduling. The funds resulting from the casino would then be used in support of Grovenor community programs and facilities over the next two years. Thanks to Heather Bolli and Jennifer Carter for offering to step up to coordinate this event.

Our **Civics** director, Jeff Havixbeck continues to provide ongoing input to the city regarding Infill related issues and other civic or development related matters.

If you are interested in a role with the board, volunteering or just wish to listen in, our **Board of Directors' meetings** are held virtually on the first Tuesday of every 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. Please also consider attending our **Annual General Meeting** on **December 7**, as advertised in this newsletter.

**Warmest wishes for the holiday season!
Stay Safe and Healthy!**

Yours, sincerely,
Gerry O'Donnell and Kersh Naidoo

**“WINTER IS NOT A SEASON,
IT IS A CELEBRATION”**

Anamika Mishra



**“THERE IS
SOMETHING
BEAUTIFUL ABOUT
WALKING
ON SNOW
THAT NOBODY ELSE
HAS WALKED ON.
IT MAKES YOU FEEL
YOU ARE SPECIAL”**

Carol Rifka Brunt

!! Volunteers Required to Fill Vacancies !!

We are recruiting to fill board position vacancies in 2021-22 as follows:

- President
- Facilities Director
- Neighbourhood Watch Director
- Communications Director
- Membership Director
- Newsletter Director

Details on the duties related to most of these positions can be found on this website www.grovenor.ca under “Governance” – “About the Board”

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these positions, please contact either Gerry O'Donnell at vicepresident_1@grovenor.ca or Kersh Naidoo at vicepresident_2@grovenor.ca with any questions.

The Board will provide any required training and ongoing support for any new board members.

Thank you!

Grovenor Community League Board of Directors



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- SECRETARY:** Mariette Seed
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- TREASURER:** Antoni Kowalczewski
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- MEMBERS AT LARGE:**
Vince Bowen * Alex Labarda* Jenn Carter
* Allan Bly* Peggy Ward

NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE

- COORDINATOR (City):**
Darrell.Nordell@edmonton.ca

GROVENOR COMMUNITY LEAGUE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – December 7, 2021



The Grovenor Community League will be holding its **Annual General Meeting** on **Tuesday, December 7 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.

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 Antoni Kowalczewski will table the 2020-2021 fiscal year financial statements and auditor's report for approval.

Elections for the 2022 Board of Directors operating year will be held for the positions of 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 run again for re-election, there will be many vacancies that will still need to be filled due to attrition such as Membership as well as some previously unfilled positions. And the Communications director position is brand new and will be elected for the very first time.

Descriptions of the duties for these various roles are posted on the Grovenor website, so if you're 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 **active community league membership status** is required to 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 and clicking on the link **Buy a Membership**

Why 40 km/h?



The speed limit is now 40 km/h on most residential and downtown streets. Reducing speed limits on residential streets, the downtown, and high pedestrian areas makes our streets safer, calmer, and quieter for everyone. Slowing down gives people more time to react to the unexpected to prevent crashes and reduce the severity of collisions that do happen. The [Estimated Time of Arrival Tool](#) shows how little impact there is to driving times with this change.

Reducing the default speed limit is one important action within the Safe Mobility Strategy 2021-2025, Edmonton's approach to advancing Vision Zero. It is a key component of the City's strategic goals for the next 10 years and supports ConnectEdmonton in creating a safe, healthy, urban and climate resilient city for all residents.



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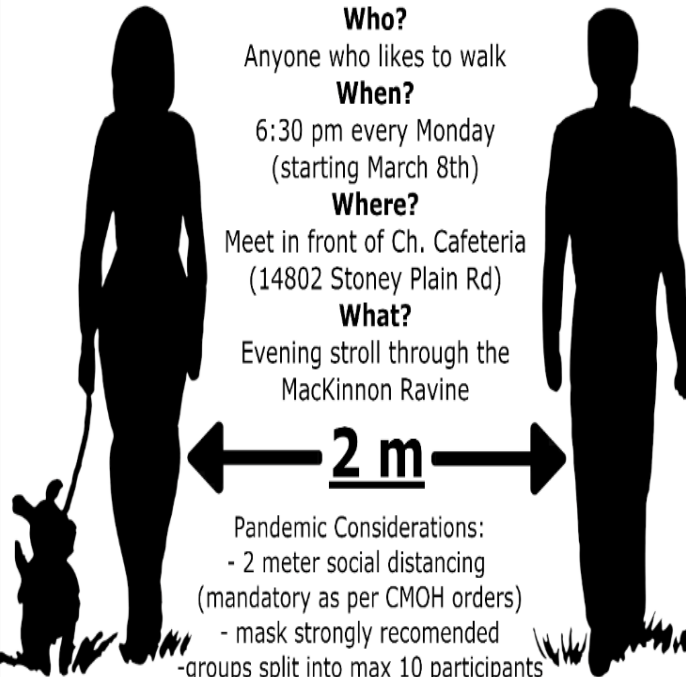
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When?
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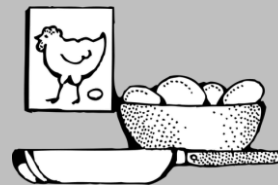
Where?
Meet in front of Ch. Cafeteria
(14802 Stoney Plain Rd)

What?
Evening stroll through the
MacKinnon Ravine

2 m

Pandemic Considerations:
- 2 meter social distancing
(mandatory as per CMOH orders)
- mask strongly recommended
- groups split into max 10 participants

For more info, please contact Michelle at
780 222 4431 or michelle@stpauls-anglican.ca



Fresh Local Eggs

Unhappy buying eggs from the big producers at the grocery store?

Find it tough to get to the markets?

Our Program Director is trying to set up a way for you to have a standing order of fresh local eggs delivered to our own Grovenor Community Hall every other week. If you are interested please email our program director at program@grovenor.ca.



Hello Grovenor Community!

November seems to have come and gone in a flash, and at Grovenor School we are making the most of every single day!

Just like last year, students may be learning in person, online, or through distance learning. All are encouraged to stay connected to the school community by checking out the Grovenor School website: <https://grovenor.epsb.ca/> as well as the Division website: epsb.ca for updates and initiatives.

This holiday season continues to bring hope and to offer kindness as we participate in a number of events such as collecting donations for the Edmonton Food Bank, as well as, connecting with community partners to help provide additional support to families in need during this time. Giving back to the community is a wonderful way to build citizenship and school spirit.

As we continue to follow current health safety guidelines, we will not be having a winter concert this year. A virtual alternative has been developed to help celebrate the season.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support as we navigate yet another complex year. We wish you health and well-being and a wonderful holiday.

Take care,
Charlene Roberge
Principal

Grovenor School has partnered with SkipTheDepot!

SkipTheDepot is a door-to-door bottle collection service that makes refundable recycling and fundraising easier than 1,2,3!

1. Download the app and book a pickup using <https://app.skipthedepot.com/grovenorschool>
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SkipTheDepot will allow everyone to donate directly to Grovenor School with ease. The proceeds will go to the Grovenor School Council and Association.

"When it snows, you have two choices: shovel or make snow angels."

"One kind word can warm three winter months"

Grovenor Community Ice Rinks - 2021-2022 Season

Location: Grovenor Rec Centre - 14325-104 Ave.

Estimated Season Duration: Dec 4, 2021 – Feb 28, 2022 (dependent on weather and ice conditions)

Hours of Operation: Mon-Fri 4-8 pm; Sat/Sun 1-8 pm

Change Room Closed: Unfortunately due to Covid-19 protocols, the Rec Centre change room will need to remain closed until further notice this season.

Social Distancing: Skaters must maintain at least **6 feet between each skater** unless included in a family.

10 Person Capacity: AB Government mandates only 10 persons allowed per rink.

One Hour Skating Duration: To minimize waiting times, each skater allowed one-hour maximum duration *if others are waiting to skate.*

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Edmonton river valley and ravines featured internationally



Edmonton is featured in an October 2021 Guardian article titled “10 great city projects for nature.” It looks across the world where people are welcoming wildlife into cities and highlights ten of the most exciting and innovative urban biodiversity projects popping up.

The article states more than a dozen wildlife bridges and passages have been built in the Canadian city of Edmonton to maintain habitat connectivity and reduce human wildlife conflict. One of the largest is a 30-metre bridge near Big

Lake in the north-west of the city, designed to be a corridor for moose and other ungulates.

Trees on the bridge provide shelter for animals as they cross. Smaller bridges include special passes for salamanders and frogs so they can avoid the road as they move between the wetlands and forest.

Readers may be surprised to learn that the Big Lake area is part of the City of Edmonton’s North Saskatchewan River Valley and Ravine System Protection Overlay. Read The Guardian article at <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/oct/01/10-great-city-projects-for-nature-from-vertical-forests-to-pocket-farms-aoe>



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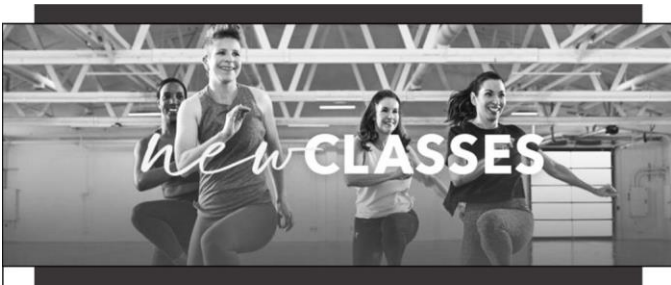


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OUR IMAGINATION.**

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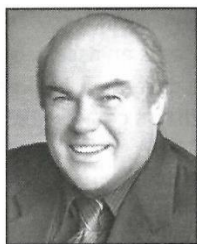
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