



THE MEADOWS COMMUNITY LEAGUE

Fountain Lake/Larkspur Wildrose Silverberry

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone is having a great summer and taking advantage of the Green-shacks and the free swimming.

There's such a huge gap between the deadline for the June newsletter and the publication of the August newsletter. I must go way back to May and finally say my thank yous for that month.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this spring's community clean up. It was great seeing well over a hundred people take pride in our neighbourhood and come together to help make it an attractive place to live.

Thank you to Mark Williams and the members of Christ's Church of the Meadows who provided at least 30 individuals to help pick up litter and then put on a GREAT barbeque for all the residents who participated in the clean up. I'm certain their generosity helped to increase our numbers this year. Thanks also to Mill Woods Town Centre who donated \$10 vouchers to the volunteers. And thank you to Father Michael Troy School for the use of their parking lot and lawn, and for letting us dump our full bags there. This was the best, and most encouraging clean up we've had in years.

Thank you also to Aafaq Ullah who stepped up as our Canada Day rep and got busy in the critical rush to put together the July 1st bash at Mill Woods Park. The Meadows was responsible for distributing posters this year.

Thank you to everyone who helped build Silverberry Playground. The committed group of organizing committee volunteers has been at it for approximately four years. Many others joined forces to bring it to fruition. Thank you to Brenda Beier for heading up the committee and getting the project off the ground. Please join us on September 6th for the official grand opening.

Continuing on with the thank yous (I had to start this paragraph differently, somehow), thank you to Michel Proulx who has stepped forward as our new Communications Director (responsible for the signboards, website and newsletter) and to Ken Melnychuk who has assumed the duties of the Membership Director. We welcome them both to the board and hope that others follow suit.

Please note:

We did not hold our family barbeque this August as we have no program director and no one willing to put it on. We also gave away our August 1st bingo, as there was no one to run it. As a result, many individuals lost the opportunity to earn vouchers to help pay for all the upcoming lessons in September.

Here are a few pointers for a desirable neighbourhood as we enjoy the last month of summer, and hopefully some great weather into the fall:

- **Be respectful of our noise by-laws.**

The noise must stop at 11:00 pm. Our lots aren't huge and sound really carries. Most of us don't have air conditioning and sleep with windows open on hot nights. Even talk-

ing on your deck at 1:30 am can keep the neighbours awake. And squealing as you jump on your trampoline at that hour will definitely keep them awake! (I wonder if my neighbours are reading this.)

- **Say hello to me when you're out for a walk.**

You probably don't know me, and I likely don't know you, but it sure makes a neighbourhood feel friendly when strangers exchange smiles and greetings when they pass.

- **Pick up your dog poop.**

This too is a by-law. Nice neighbourhoods shouldn't stink and look like toilets. take care of your yard and boulevard. Some houses have been standing for four years and still have no front lawn. Driveways are not meant to be junk yards or body shops – keep your undriveable wreck in your garage. Mow your boulevard – it is your responsibility.

- **Discourage vandalism and illegal activity**

Record license plate numbers when you see drug deals happening and report them to the police. Speak up when you see people spray painting on fences or buildings, or when you see them lighting fires or smashing bus shelters. We all lose when graffiti and vandalism occur in our neighbourhood. If it is not safe to confront someone, call the police.

Residents who care about, and take pride in their neighbourhoods, usually live in great neighbourhoods!

Kathleen Mahé



More than 100 residents participated in this year's spring clean up in our community, making it one of the best clean ups ever. Christ's Church of the Meadows provided at least 30 volunteers and graciously hosted a barbeque at Father Michael Troy School for all the participants who also received \$10 vouchers from Mill Woods Town Centre.



KC Knights Hockey Registration
 Sunday, August 10
 Kinsmen Arena 19th Ave. & 111 St.
 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
 www.knightshockey.ca

\$79 for Initiation players (4 to 6 years old)

The Meadows Community League

P.O. Box 92068
 Edmonton, AB, T6T 1N1

Next Monthly Board Meetings:

Monday, June 2nd @ 7pm

Velma E. Baker School
****VISITORS WELCOME****



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The Meadows Community League Directors and Community Reps

President	Kathleen (Katy) Mahé	463-3602
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- Public School Rep	Vacant	
- Catholic School Rep	Vacant	
- Silverberry Park	Brenda Beier	463-6530
- Canada Day Rep	Vacant	
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- Rinks	Miles Maldaner	440-0219
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- Soccer Rep.	Gary Biddell	440-0379
- Basketball Rep.	Bik Grewal	463-8068
- Hockey Rep.	Vacant	
- Softball Rep.	Vacant	
Community Recreation Coordinator	Shelley Kwong	496-1473
Girl Guides Contact	Joanne Swensrude	440-2522



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Edmonton, AB T6T 1J9
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Our school office will be officially open on August 20, 2008 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Students begin their new year of learning on September 2 with the first assembly bell ringing at 8:40 am. Class lists will be posted on the entrance doors the first day of school.

VELMA E. BAKER BOUNDARIES ARE OPEN FOR 2008/09!
Our boundaries for 2008 – 2009 student registrations are OPEN for Kindergarten to Grade 6 students to an optimal enrolment of 380 students.

Kindergarten registrations for September 2008 are now being accepted. To be eligible, children must be 5 years of age on or before March 1, 2009. As part of the registration process, we require that parents provide the child's birth certificate and residence-related proof of address. Early registration will assist the school in organizing classes for September 2008. Registrations and information packages are available at the school beginning August 20.

We are looking forward to another exciting year of learning. Our instructional focus continues to be higher level thinking skills with summarizing and retelling strategies as our best practices as well as Numeracy. "Reading Rocks will be our theme for our Links to Literacy program. Character Education is the heartbeat of our school and we will continue to work on respect, compassion and responsibility in 2008-2009. Come and join our family of learners

Until next month . . . Happy Reading!



Dorothy Cronk, Principal

Employment Opportunity at Velma E. Baker School
Come and join our team!!

Beginning August 20 we are accepting applications for lunch supervisor positions. Hours are 11:30 – 12:50. Starting salary \$18.00 per day. Call 780-440-4088

2008 SUMMER SWIM TIMES

May 17 to September 1

Mill Creek Pool is open from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a week. Borden Park and Oliver outdoor pools are open Sunday to Wednesday from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

A Tale of Two Playgrounds

Velma E Baker Playground to be Rebuilt Next Spring

Plans are underway for the rebuilding of the Velma E. Baker/Larkspur Playground in order to create a safe, fun and interactive place for our children to play.

The Meadows Community League and The Velma E. Baker Playground Committee are working together on this project, raising funds, applying for grants and designing the layout of the park. The estimated date of construction is spring 2009.

The children of Velma E. Baker completed surveys in May, letting us know their favourite playground equipment. The school also participated in the "Pennies for the Park" fundraiser, raising over \$1,100.00 for the playground. This fundraiser will continue when school begins in the fall. The excitement of the children for this project is overwhelming and they love being involved!

We will update you through this community newsletter as plans move forward. If you want more information or have any questions about the playground, please contact Brenda Beier at brendabeier@shaw.ca.

Silverberry Playground Will Open in mid-August

A huge thank you to our many volunteers who came out to help construct the Silverberry playground. What an awesome display of community spirit between neighbours. We could not have accomplished so much without you all.

Wondering when the playground is due to open? Well, unfortunately, due to the many people who continue to go into the construction site after hours, the city has had to postpone the opening until mid-August. The construction workers have had to redo and repair any damage done by these "visitors".

If you do see anyone inside the construction zone, please ask them to respect the signs posted so that we all can enjoy a completed park soon.

A reminder that we will be having our Official Grand Opening of the playground September 6. We hope to see all of you Meadows residents there. Have a safe summer.



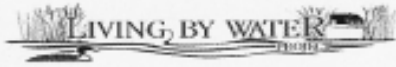
Carl Benito, MLA for Edmonton Mill Woods presents Brenda Beier with a \$500,000 cheque from the Alberta Lottery Board for the construction of Silverberry Playground.



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Homesite Consultation Program

Living by Water has been working in your neighbourhood to develop community and individual action plans toward enhancing and maintaining the health and value of your neighbourhood and properties.

Presently we are available to deliver this exciting new service and wish to invite Meadows residents to book a **free resident consultation**. Residents who have participated so far find the program successful. Most say it's extremely helpful for making green improvements to their home which has the added benefit of saving valuable time, resources and money.

Your community league president, **Kathleen Mahe** encourages all residents to participate and take advantage of our free service which doesn't require any commitments to the homeowner and your information is not shared for any reason. Everything remains private.

Living by Water helps homeowners develop plans for making properties more environmentally friendly by consulting with residents and understanding their needs.

Our knowledgeable technicians will visit your home to help with your environmental questions and concerns. It has been mentioned that in the face of changing weather patterns and expected increases in rain events, we can expect to be dealing with changes related to maintaining our properties and up keeping monetary value; Living by Water presently assist's with many of these anticipated needs.

In other words, by participating in a consultation you will be working to protect your communities' environment, the health of those around you and last but not least, your investment!

We anticipate that many of you will join the process this year in order to enjoy a healthier environment for everyone while keeping property values where they belong. Best of all this comes with **no charge** to the homeowner, **no strings attached**. The consultation takes an hour, more or less depending on the depth of homeowner's needs.

Please feel free to call for further inquiries and/or for booking your **free consultation** @ The Federation of Alberta Naturalists; 780 - 427 - 8124; ask for Terry-Lin Fedorus or email terry-linf@fanweb.ca

Living near Urban Water - Healthy Communities, Healthy Lakes



YOUTH DROP-IN AT VELMA E BAKER GYM

Starting at 5:30 and ending at 6:45

Every Tuesdays from Sept 16 - Dec 9

We will be doing a variety of activities from sports and games to art projects. We let you shape the program. So come out and bring your friends. We may even bring out a Play-station for some Rock Band and Guitar Hero. Best of all, it's free!



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Girl Guides of Canada
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Registration Night
for girls aged 5-17+ and
women volunteers

For Silverberry
Tuesday, September 9
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Southwood Community Hall
1880-37 Street
Contact Fern at
780-461-7000
for more details

**For Fountain Lake,
Larkspur and Wildrose**
Wednesday, September 10
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Millwoods Golf Course
50 St and the Whitemud
Contact Joanne
at 780-440-2522 or
jswensrude@shaw.ca
for more details

Green Shack Summer Playground Program

July 2 - August 2, 2008

Kitlitz (Wild Rose)
36 A Ave & 29 Street
Mon-Thurs: 10 am - 5:30 pm
Friday: 1 pm - 5:30 pm

Larkspur
43 Ave & 30 Street
Mon-Thurs: 10 am - 5:30 pm
Friday: 1 pm - 5:30 pm

Larkspur Youth Only
43 Ave & 30 Street
Mon & Wed: 12:30 pm - 8 pm
Tue & Thu: 12:30 pm - 5 pm
Friday: 3:30 pm to 8 pm

Look in the September newsletter and on the sign-boards in August for youth and adult programs coming to the Meadows Community this fall.