

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our AGM has come and gone. Turn out wasn't as dismal as usual, however many positions remain vacant.

Without a program director, we will have to start cutting back on the programs we regularly offer. Without a secretary, our meetings will not be properly documented. Without a vice-president, there will be no president at this time next year. Without a bingo

director, we may discontinue bingos which provide vouchers for children's programs. Without a Canada Day Rep, The Meadows will not be represented at the July 1st activities.

I have recently met several newcomers to our city and our province. (Perhaps I should have embellished a little when the newcomer in the ravine asked me how long our summers and our winters are.) As laws and bylaws vary across the country, I thought I'd point a few for Edmonton (or Alberta) that you may be unaware of. I observe these infractions in my neighbourhood regularly.

Seatbelts are mandatory.

All cyclists under the age of 18 must wear helmets.

Dogs must be on leashes at all times, except for certain designated off-leash areas.

You must pick up after your dog.

You must obtain a community league membership.

OK, so the last one isn't exactly a law. But imagine all the things we could do if it were! Many newcomers are unfamiliar with what a community league is and does. It's hard to believe that many cities, including Toronto, do not have community leagues. Hopefully many of you learned about us at our community league clean up. If you don't know, and would like to know more, or would like to be one of the first to purchase your '08-'09 membership, please come up to RBC at Rio-Can Meadows on June 14th for their special event. We will have a membership table set up and would be happy to meet you at that time. (See signboards for times.)

You can also see our community hard at work during the Silverberry Playground construction scheduled for June 12th – 15th. Come on by to lend a hand to all the hard workers, or stop by to cheer them on, or toss them a muffin.

As the school year winds down and you plan your summer activities, don't forget to take advantage of the Greenshack Programs offered at Larkspur and Kittlitz Parks and the outdoor swimming offered Sunday – Wednesday evenings at Mill Creek, Borden and Oliver pools (when you show your community league card).

Have a great and safe summer!

Kathleen Mahé

Urban Lake Living - Healthy Communities, Healthy Lakes

Urban Lake Living – Healthy Communities, Healthy Lakes is an exciting new initiative which provides residents of urban lake communities with information and resources on how to keep their urban lakes healthy. Water quality and pollution are growing concerns and this program aims to prevent pollution at the source, our homes and our activities around the yard. Through various program tools, including Workshop-in-a-Box, Shoreline Challenges, and Homesite Consultations, the Federation of Alberta Naturalists (FAN) empowers residents to make simple changes on their property.

Resources and tailored advice on environmentally-friendly practices are available through the Homesite Consultation program. Advisors meet with residents for voluntary homesite consultations which include recommendations based on individual homeowner priorities, interests and resources. These FREE Homesite Consultations

emphasize how simple changes to how we manage and landscape our properties can help improve the health of our urban lake and community.

To book a homesite consultation or for more information please call or email: (780) 427-8124 or philipp@fanweb.ca.

Through individual and community cumulative actions, we can work together to help improve the health of our urban lake community.

Learn more about FAN and Urban Lake Living at www.fanweb.ca



Construction of Playground Set

Volunteers Required to Make It Happen!

Mark your calendars. From June 12 to 15, construction of the Silverberry playground will take place.

Volunteers are still needed to help build the playground by unloading and putting the equipment together. All other work associated with this construction will be handled by professionals. Many shifts are available for people to chip in and help out. They are as follows:

June 12th, Thursday 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

June 13th, Friday 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

June 14th, Saturday

8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

June 15th, Sunday

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Clean up only)



Ideally, volunteers could work a couple or a few shifts to make the construction more efficient by minimizing learning times but, notes Brenda Beier, who is organizing the volunteers, "any help is greatly appreciated."

All volunteers must be at least 18 years old. Food and refreshments will be served throughout.

If you're interested in helping build a part of the community, have some fun and get a little exercise, please call Brenda at 463-6530 or e-mail her at brenda-beier@shaw.ca.

THANK YOU MILL WOODS TOWN CENTRE

*For your generous contribution of
\$10 gift cards to all participants of our
Community Clean Up*

The Meadows Community League

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Next Monthly Board Meetings:

Monday, June 2nd @ 7pm

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

The Meadows Community League Directors and Community Reps

President	Kathleen (Katy) Mahé	463-3602
Vice-President	Vacant	
Past President	Kenn Tuckey	440-3420
Secretary	Vacant	
Treasurer	Brenda Beier	463-6530
- Bingo Rep	Vacant	
- Casino Rep	Dana Richard	469-9985
Membership Director	Ken Melnychuk	461-7067
Communications Director	Michel Proulx	468-2272
— Newsletter	Michel Proulx	468-2272
— Website	Michel Proulx	468-2272
Program Director	Vacant	
— Children's Programs	Vacant	
— Adult Programs	Vacant	
Block Parent	Vacant	
Neighbourhood Watch	Vacant	
Civics Director	Rispah Tremblay	633-6575
— Public School Rep	Vacant	
— Catholic School Rep	Vacant	
— Silverberry Park	Brenda Beier	463-6530
— Canada Day Rep	Vacant	
Facilities Director	Vacant	
— Rinks	Miles Maldaner	440-0219
Sports Director	Serge Tremblay	663-6575
— Soccer	Gary Biddell	440-0379
— Basketball	Bik Grewal	463-8068
— Hockey	Vacant	
— Softball	Vacant	
Community Recreation Coordinator	Shelley Kwong	496-1473

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.

Enjoy a free swim at **Millwoods Rec Centre** on June 15 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

BINGO! BINGO! BINGO

June 19th in the evening @
Parkway Bingo 8775 51 Avenue.
Please e-mail kdmahe@telus.net
or phone 463-3602 to volunteer

No experience is required. It's easy and we'll train you. If you are home during the day, or have a flexible work schedule, please consider helping us out and you will receive a \$50 voucher at the same time.

We will send out an e-mail to anyone on the list notifying them of the upcoming bingo. The first responses received will be given positions. If you are unable to work it, there is no need to respond. All responses will be replied to.

To have your e-mail added to our list, please e-mail kdmahe@telus.net.

Another bingo will be held on August 1

To work a bingo you must

- be a community league member (memberships available at the bingo).
- be available to work the entire shift. If you'll be a half hour late or need to leave a half hour early, we won't be able to accommodate you .
- be a resident of The Meadows. Only if we are unable to fill the required positions with Meadows residents will we consider taking community league members from outside our boundaries.

NOTE: If you are completing your volunteer requirement for Mill Woods Soccer, you will not receive a voucher.

VELMA E. BAKER BOUNDARIES ARE OPEN FOR 2008/09!

Our school has now opened its boundaries for children to attend to an optimal enrolment of 380 students. Kindergarten to grade 6 children may now register for the 2008-2009 school year.

As you read this, it is hard to believe that we are in our last month of learning. We have had an exciting year. All of our students should be very proud of their academic accomplishments including the global responsibility they have demonstrated with the various fundraising activities this year. These events included funds for cancer research (Terry Fox Run; Go Bald at VEB), Muscular Dystrophy, UNICEF, Bissell Centre, Salvation Army, Youth Emergency Shelter and Kids Cottage. On May 29, we honored our special volunteers and community members, who have provided countless volunteer hours, to a special luncheon in our gym. Thank you to everyone who contributed time and effort in making our school a better place for all our students.

Our school enrolment is presently above our 313 student projection and we continue to accept new registrations. With our open boundaries for kindergarten to grade 6, we have several new families that will be joining our school in the fall. Please contact the school office for additional information or drop by the school for a tour. Our school plan and budget for 2008-2011 has been uploaded and we are presently looking at class organizations for September. With the increased number of new students, classroom organization will continue right up to August 29.

In May our students in grades 1 - 6 challenged the HLAT tests in reading and writing. June will be a very busy month for our students in grades 3 and 6 as they prepare to challenge the Alberta Education Achievement Tests. A schedule has been included in the June Baker Bits. Results of all the testing will be available to students and parents in September. Our students continue to work very hard and their progress has been impressive. Our interim measures for summarizing, retelling and numeracy have shown marked increases throughout the year and that success is due to the efforts of the teachers, students and parental support. Way to go!!

June is a very active month as we plan our Student Appreciation Lunch (June 12), Student Service Assembly (June 19), Sports Days for Division I (June 20 p.m.) and Division II (June 23 p.m.), year-end field trips, and our Farewell Celebration on Wednesday, June 25 at 10:30 a.m. As our grade 6 students move on to junior high next year, I would like to thank them for all the contributions they have made to the school to make it a great place for everyone. All of us have appreciated your efforts and we wish each of you the very best in your new schools.

We have a wonderful group of students, staff and parents who value the importance of education; this can be seen in their commitment to the school and the programs we offer. Congratulations to the hard working and dedicated staff for making a difference in the life of a child. Your efforts are greatly appreciated! Congratulations to the School Council and the Parent Advisory for their successful year and to the contributions that they have made to our school. The Family Dance on May 9, organized by the School Council/PA was a colorful event. All profits will go towards purchasing books and technology.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and fun-filled holiday. Thank you for a great year! A reminder that school for the 2008 - 2009 year begins on Tuesday, September 2. School office opens August 20.

Until next month . . . Happy Reading!



Dorothy Cronk, Principal

Millwoods Hockey Registration 08/09 season

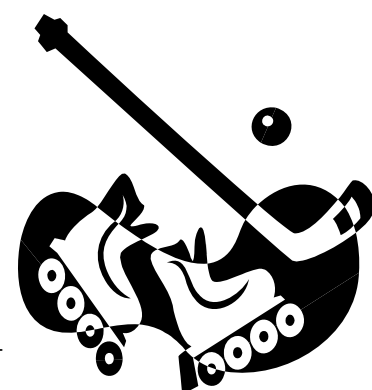
Registration will be at the Leefield Community Hall, June 17th & 18th from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The Meadows Community will be selling memberships on those evenings. To sign up to help with the Community membership table, please call Ken Melnychuk at 461-7067.

FREE SKATING IN THE SUMMER

Visit the City of Edmonton link to free skate times and activities in the City of Edmonton.

Go to www.edmonton.ca and then click on "Attractions & Recreation".



EDMONTON



FREE
games, activities and
crafts for children
6 - 12 years old

Summer Playground Program

July 2 – August 22, 2008

Kitlitz (Wild Rose)

36 A Ave & 29 Street

Mon - Thurs: 10:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Friday: 1:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Larkspur

43 Ave & 30 Street

Mon - Thurs - 12:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Youth Only

Mon - Wed: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Friday - 3:30 - 8:00 p.m.

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