

**PRESIDENT'S  
MESSAGE**

My name is Harman Grewal and I feel honoured to serve The Meadows Community as the new President of the board.

First of all, I wish to thank

**Kathleen Mahé**, for doing a great job as the president up until now, going above and beyond what was expected, of course, and leaving me such big shoes to fill in. We wish Kathleen's family all the best in Calgary.

We had the opening of Silverberry playground on Sep 6, with over 400 kids and adults in attendance for the barbecue and fun thereafter. The excitement of this new facility was evident in every single face on that day and this playground would make sure it continues forever. Hats off to each and every volunteer that made it possible, with special thanks to **Brenda Beier** and the playground committee for coordinating the entire effort.

Along with the excitement of good work done by volunteers who want to make this world a better place to live in, I am saddened by the events of vandalism and graffiti taking place all around our neighbourhood. These are misguided souls who need education and guidance. Please help them by reporting. If you witness vandalism or know the vandals, call 780-423-4567.

A community is what its members make it; our board meets once a month on the first Monday at Velma E. Baker School. If that falls on a holiday, we meet the following Monday. You are most welcome to attend the meeting and bring your ideas on how to make the Meadows a better place to live in. There are still some board positions that need to be filled so please come see what you can do for your own neighbourhood.

Best Wishes from The Meadows Community League Board

*Harman Grewal*

**FREE SWIMS**

At the  
**Mill Woods Rec Centre**  
Sunday, Oct. 19 and Nov. 16  
from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**Bring your  
Community League  
membership card  
for free admission**

# Silverberry playground opening a huge success



Hundreds of neighbourhood kids and adults came out to celebrate the grand opening of the Silverberry Playground on Sept. 6.

Workers were busy putting final touches on some parts of the park that morning so kids and their families could enjoy the playground.

It all came together as City councillors Dave Thiele and Amarjeet Sohi, MLA Carl Benito as well as MP Mike Lake came out and participated in the grand opening ceremony.

See page 24 for more photos of the event and a list of those who helped make this memorable day happen.

**Drop-In Basketball at Father Micheal Troy Gym.**  
Wednesdays evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
from October 1 to November 19

**\$15.00 per person for all 8 sessions.**  
Fees must be paid up front.  
Call 780-633-6575 to sign up.

The Meadows Community League  
P.O. Box 92068  
Edmonton, AB, T6T 1N1

**Next Monthly Board Meeting:**

**Monday, October 6 @ 7pm**  
Velma E. Baker School  
**\*\*VISITORS WELCOME\*\***

# The Meadows Community League Directors and Community Reps

President	Harman Grewal	466-7399
Vice-President	JoAnne Teasdale	466-6170
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— Bookkeeper	Guy Ng	920-5293
— Bingo Rep	Kora Thomson	468-7080
— Casino Rep	Dana Richard	469-9985
Membership Director	Ken Melnychuk	461-7067
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— Children's Programs	Vacant	
— Adult Programs	Vacant	
Sports Director	Serge Tremblay	663-6575
— Soccer	Vacant	
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— Softball	Vacant	
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— Rinks	Miles Maldaner	440-0219
Civics Director	Rispah Tremblay	633-6575
— Public School Rep	Vacant	
— Catholic School Rep	Vacant	
— Velma E. Baker Playground	Brenda Beier	463-6530
— Canada Day Rep	Aafaq Ullah	695-8178
Neighbourhood Watch	Vacant	
— Block Parent	Vacant	
Communications Director	Michel Proulx	468-2272
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— Website	Michel Proulx	468-2272
Girl Guides Contact	Joanne Swensrude	440-2522
Community Rec Coordinator	Rejoice Apedoe	496-1474

Velma E. Baker has had a very smooth start for the 2008-2009 school year with an increase of 25 students to our spring enrolment. We were fortunate to be able to hire additional teachers due to the increase and all students were assigned to classrooms our first day of school on September 2. We continue to have open boundaries and we would like to welcome all the new families who have joined our school.

Our first school assembly was held on Sept. 5 where new students and staff were introduced. The kick-off for our daily reading program, Literacy Logs, was a huge success and our literacy theme for this school year is "Reading Rocks". Our Literacy Logs went home on September 12. This year in Character Education we will continue to work on respect, compassion and responsibility. Each of our students has designed a puzzle piece that is proudly displayed in the library. Throughout the year our students will add a piece to their puzzle and identify their commitment to each of our traits.

Our instructional focus, to ensure that all students develop and apply higher level thinking within their learning, continues. All students will grow in their ability to successfully summarize strategies across all subject areas. Growth is measured by a variety of teacher designed assessments, HLAT's and Alberta Education Achievement tests. We continue to focus on Literacy and Numeracy. Staff will continue using summarizing, retelling, think-pair-share, math word walls and math journaling. Our school focus is on Assessment for Learning with connections to Differentiation. We look forward to sharing our school's achievement results and district survey results at the October School Council meeting.

Read-in Week (Oct. 6 - 10) provides another opportunity for our students to share their reading skills with others and for special guests to visit our school to share the love of reading. We are having a special assembly on Monday, October 6 to kick-off our week of reading along with a showcase of new books that have been purchased through a generous donation from the Royal Bank of Canada, Whitemud and 17<sup>th</sup> Street Branch.

We look forward to an exciting year and would like to again extend a special welcome to the many new families who have joined Velma E. Baker School. Please join us at our monthly School Council and Parent Advisory meetings. Information about dates and agenda items can be found in our monthly newsletter, the Baker Bits.

We would like to thank the Meadows Community League for providing this opportunity to share the great things happening at our school in the Mill Woods Newsletter.

Until next month . . . Happy Reading!



Dorothy Cronk, Principal

## Bingo workers needed for December date

The next Meadows Bingo will be on Sunday, **December 21**, at Parkway Bingo on 51 Avenue.

Workers needed for the two shifts:

**5 pm - 10 pm (\$75.00 Voucher)**

or

**5 pm - midnight (\$100.00 Voucher)**

Contact Bingo Co-ordinator **Kora Thomson** at **780-468-7080** or [themedowsbingo@shaw.ca](mailto:themedowsbingo@shaw.ca).



# FREE YOUTH DROP-IN AT VELMA E BAKER GYM



**For kids 6 to 9**

**Every Tuesday**  
**5:30 to 6:45**  
**Sept 16 - Dec 9**

**For kids 10-14**

**Every Thursday**  
**5:30 to 7:00 pm**  
**Sept 18 - Dec 4**

**Participants must bring clean indoor running shoes**

We'll be doing everything 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 Playstation for some Rock Band and Guitar Hero.

Contact Brenda at 463-6530  
for more information

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# Silverberry Playground Grand Opening

Sept. 6, 2008



## Playground four years in the making

It was four years ago when Brenda Beier started the process to build a playground for the community. She and her family hadn't even moved into their new house at the time.

Brenda's dedication along with the efforts of countless other people came together last month as the Meadows community celebrated the grand opening of its spectacular new playground.

Special thanks to all who volunteered:

Dalia Acosta, Kris Armit, Graham Audenart, Andrea Barry, Jim Barry, Bob Beier, Brenda Beier, Chris Beier, Dyno Beland, Janet Bennett, Pritpaul Bhui, Mark Binkowski, Karen Binkowski, Ken Black, Kendra Black, Todd Brooks, John Chandler, Craig Cooper, Charlotte Decicco, Mohamed Decicco, Katie Decicco, Paul Deckert, Crystal Dentman, Mike Dentman, Rita Deschenes, Tim Deschenes, Jaya Dixit, Danny Donrowolski, Kristy Dubbeldam, Kevin Elmore, Lynn Ferguson, James Goldman, Rosh Goonewardene, Rory Gowler, Darren Greenwood, Debbie Greenwood, Candy Hamilton, Jeremy Higginbotham, Karly Higginbotham, Jason Impellizzeri, Nadeem Iqbac, Azim Jessa, Lana Jessa, Cory Jones, Kavita Kaur, Len Knorr, Jason Kozur, Bonnie Kreklau, Kevin Kreklau, Dianne Kriegir, Dale Kroeker, Mike Kunce, Shirley Laiss, Rosa Lee, Karen Lee, Andrew Lennox, Tory Lesley, Dayris Litle, Paul MacDonald, Judy Makarowski, Kurt Makarowski, Kent Mardres, Scott McAuley, Shelly McAuley, Candace McDonald, Clayton McDonald, Paul McDonnell-Sabo, Sarah McEwan, Richard Medin, Steve Neal, Jason Paradis, Heather Parsons, Dave Paterson, Rhonda Paterson, Marla Phillips, Roy Phillips, Harlee Piche, Jill Piddcock, Ryan Piddcock, Lisa Read, Clint Rempel, Lana Reves, Dana Richard, Paul Richard, Patrick Rivard, Jay Row, Krishna Rudra, Sudha Rudra, Paul Savard, Catharine Schoendorfer, Lucinda Scollon, Kendall Seaton, Shannon (ATB), Mark Sinasac, Amarjeet Sohi, David Stokes, Liz Strang, Jason Strang, Stan Swartz, David Tonner, Chris Twardzik, Andrea Twardzik, Aafaq Ullah, Kyle Watson (ATB), Alia Wieland, George Wilson, Jean Wilson.

