

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By the time this newsletter gets to you, the AGM will have taken place and the new board of directors will have been elected. Please find time and ways to support the new board. Remember, it is only an hour or two per month, but goes a long way. Take my word for it, serving on the board comes with a sense of pride and a whole lot of satisfaction.

## May 9 is community cleanup day

Every year across the 10 community leagues of Millwoods and the Meadows, hundreds of people come together to better

our environment so we all can enjoy the summer in litter-free, clean surrounding.

There will be a Barbecue Lunch organized by Christ's Church of the Meadows for this event. Please join us, meet with other members of the community, and help with this effort. This will also allow our children to learn about volunteerism and sharing responsibilities. Look out for more information posted on the community signboards, as we get closer.

There has been a concern raised by several members of our community league regarding ignorance on the part of Save-on-Foods by naming the Meadows Store as Millwoods Save-on. This has been brought to the notice of the store management. Please use the following link to register your voice if you agree that the store should be re-named. Go to <http://www.saveonfoods.com/customerservices/contact.htm>

Please remember May 9th. Hope to see the entire family at the cleanup and Barbecue.

*Harman Grewal*

# FREE SWIMS

Sunday,  
**May 17 and June 21**  
at the  
**Mill Woods Rec Centre**  
from  
**4:00 to 5:30 p.m.**

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

# Meadows Community Cleanup on May 9

## Everyone welcome!

Show up between 9 a.m. and noon at  
Father Michael Troy School (3630 23 St.).  
Organizers will provide you with gloves and bags.  
Snacks and beverages will be available.



At Noon  
Join us for an after-cleanup BBQ  
Christ Church of the Meadows  
8717 50 St.



## Calling all bingo workers Earn a \$75 voucher

on July 28 and/or August 8

For more information,

call Kora at 780-468-7080

or e-mail [themeadowsbingo@shaw.ca](mailto:themeadowsbingo@shaw.ca)

## The Meadows Community League

P.O. Box 92068  
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### Next Monthly Board Meetings:

Monday, May 4 @ 7 p.m.

Monday, June 1 @ 7 p.m.

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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Membership Director	Harp Dhaliwal	466-6569
Program Director	Vacant	
— Children's Programs	Vacant	
— Adult Programs	Vacant	
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— Basketball	Bik Grewal	463-8068
— Hockey	Harp Dhaliwal	466-6569
— Soccer	Wendy Mitchell-Kuban	463-5252
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— Rinks	Miles Maldaner	440-0219
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— 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	Sandy Marsh	450-0872
— 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

# Welcome Spring 2009

Remember to play safe as you enjoy the spring weather.  
The city will be cleaning our streets soon. Please comply with requests from their signs.

 EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Superb Results *from all students*

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*April Showers/Snow Brings May Flowers.* There is lots of sunshine and new growth at Velma E. Baker. Our students continue to shine in their academics and character. Students have completed challenging the HLAT writing and our staff will work together with our colleagues from our AISI cohort schools on Friday, May 1, marking HLAT's from all five schools. There will be no school for Velma E. Baker students on **May 1**.

Our students completed the second interim measure in retelling and summarizing and results indicate that our students are demonstrating a better understanding of both strategies. We will be working on our Numeracy interim measure this month and we are looking forward to seeing our results. We continue to be extremely proud of our students as they demonstrate growth on our best practices, summarizing and retelling as well as an understanding of numeracy.

Our Kindergarten Parent Information night will be held on Tuesday, May 5 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in our Learning Zone. Parents who have already registered their child for the 2009/10 Kindergarten program will receive a special invitation. Other interested parents may complete registration forms on May 5<sup>th</sup>. To be eligible, children must be 5 years of age on or before March 1, 2010. As part of the registration process, we require that parents provide the child's birth certificate and residence-related proof of address. Please contact the school at 780-440-4008 for further information.

Staff, parents and students continue to work on the 2009-2010 school plan and budget that was received early May. The student passports that were returned in April will assist us in establishing classrooms and determine class sizes based on the provincial funding allocation our school receives. If you are aware of any school-aged children interested in joining our learning community, please encourage parents to contact us about registration as soon as possible.

"Responsibility" is the Character Education trait that our students are learning about at the present time. Thank you to the many guests who attended our assembly on April 9 where storyteller, Renee Englot, shared a wonderful story with students about the meaning of responsibility. Respect and compassion are the prerequisites for teaching about responsibility. Students have taken responsibility in and around the school. In May our students will demonstrate responsibility for our environment and community as they participated in "Pitch-In Alberta" community clean-up. Community members can help us keep our playground clean by using the garbage receptacles in the playground. We can all make a difference in keeping our community clear of garbage!

May continues to be a month of new learning and challenges. Our Grade 3 and 6 students will begin challenging the Alberta Education Achievement Tests and continue these tests in June. Classes have several field trips planned over the next couple of months. Thanks to our parent community for their continued support and assistance. In recognition of our many volunteers we invite them to a special lunch on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Watch for information in our school newsletter.

Until next month... Reading Rocks!

Dorothy Cronk, Principal



## Big Bin program returns

City residents will be able to get rid of big items such as couches, chairs, mattresses and appliances for free at select locations and on specific days. Small amounts of construction waste will also be accepted, such as dry-wall, concrete, fencing and dirt.

Locations and dates haven't been determined yet but last year, the closest location for meadows residents was in Leefield in early September.

The program runs from May to September. Look in the next issue of this newsletter for the closest time and location or visit the city's website at [www.edmonton.ca/capitalcitycleanup](http://www.edmonton.ca/capitalcitycleanup).

## Biodegradable dog waste bags available

The city is making available new biodegradable dog waste bags in off-leash parks and asking dog owners to put the waste in Doo-It! disposable containers for composting located in the same parks.

Properly removing dog waste is a safe, organic practice that will improve the health of the soil and plants.

For a listing of off-leash parks, visit [www.edmonton.ca](http://www.edmonton.ca) and type in "parks for paws 2009". You'll find a wide variety of information about off-leash areas including the code of conduct and a listing of fines.

The city reminds dog owners not to use plastic grocery bags in the off-leash areas as the bags cannot be composted. Failure to remove dog defecation can result in a \$100 fine.

For more information, call 311.

