

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hrmph! It's snowing like crazy as I write this. I fear winter will never end. Hopefully by the time you read this, the snow is gone and our ponds are ice free. In the event that there's still ice, PLEASE STAY FAR AWAY from the ponds. A few weeks ago, kids were spotted walking on the ice and 911 was called. We had fire fighters in dive gear and an ambulance on stand by in case the children had gone under. They had to spend quite some time there determining that no one had fallen through

before they could leave the scene. I certainly hope no one who really needed their services was kept waiting.

Our February events were well attended and great successes. Thank you to **RBC** for expanding our annual sleigh ride by offering up free hot dogs, a ton of prizes (which many had to fish for), and inviting Olympic Silver Medallist Steven Elm to sign autographs, answer questions and show off his stunning and heavy neck trophy. **RBC** gave away 300 hot dogs, so we know many of our residents participated. Thanks to **Emily Ollerhead** for arranging the sleigh ride and cookies.

The Oilers finally won at our Oilers Family Night, and they even put on an exciting shoot out to do so. Thank you to **Scott Pattison** for arranging the event, prizes, and buses again this year. We sold all 100 tickets to this event.

The Family Ski Night moved to SunRidge this year where we were able to take advantage of the tubing hill, which turned out to be GREAT fun! The weather was perfect and we sold more than 160 tickets to that and were joined by about 75 Knottwood residents. Thanks to **Brenda Beier** for organizing that event and thanks to **Scott Pattison** for helping her sign people in.

Please note that the Oilers Night and Ski Night were heavily subsidized by The Meadows Community League.

We would love to continue to run all three of the above events next year, but if we don't have members from our league step forward to join our board, WE MAY NOT PUT THEM ON AGAIN. Please step forward at, or before, our AGM on April 21<sup>st</sup>, to offer your volunteer services to The Meadows.

Please also mark May 10<sup>th</sup> on your calendar as Community League Clean-Up day. We will, once again, be joining the nine Mill Woods community leagues and hope to see many more people slinging garbage bags this year than the dismal turnout last year. What better way to teach children volunteerism and pride in their neighbourhood than having them pitch in to make it look better?

Please note that there will be changes to our by-laws addressed at the AGM. We will be voting to change our membership classifications and fee structures, to create uniformity across the 10 leagues in Mill Woods and The Meadows.

I hope to see a great turn out at the AGM

Kathleen Mahé

## BINGO! BINGO! BINGO

Our next bingo is Feb 20th in the afternoon @  
Parkway Bingo 8775 51 Avenue.

Please e-mail [kdmahe@telus.net](mailto:kdmahe@telus.net) or phone 463-3602 to volunteer.

**There is no experience 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 address added to our list, please e-mail [kdmahe@telus.net](mailto:kdmahe@telus.net).

**Our other bingo dates in 2008 are:**

**April 10** afternoon

**June 19** evening

**August 1** afternoon

**To work a bingo you must**

- be a community league member (memberships will be available at the bingo).
- be available to work the entire shift. If you will be a half hour late, or need to leave a half hour early, we will not be able to accommodate you for that bingo.
- 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.

You will earn a \$50 voucher to use on children's programs and an additional \$25 for any late night shift (10:00 – midnight).

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

## SIGNBOARD VOLUNTEERS

As many of you probably have noticed we have four brand new signboards in our community.

**We do need some volunteers to change the messages from time to time.**

Please contact  
Yvonne Lennox @ 466-7694.



## KUDOS KORNER

A huge thank you from Brenda Beier to

**Mark Laiss**

for all his work in cleaning, flooding and checking the lake in Silver-berry for the neighbours to skate. The Community really appreciates his great work. Thank you Mark!!

*Did one of your neighbours recently shovel your walk, help you out of a jam, or do something for others that you feel is worthy of recognition? Please contact Yvonne, our Communications Director, and she'll try to put it in the next newsletter for you.*

## Did you enjoy the Sleigh Ride or Oilers Night?

They didn't just happen! Members of The Meadows Community League Board of Directors worked to make it happen.

April 21 is **your** opportunity to help make things happen.

Offer your services to your community at the Annual General Meeting by standing for a position on the Board of Directors.

The following positions are up for election for a two year term.

### Vice President

- voting position
- preside at any meetings the President is absent from
- assume any duties from the President as required
- act as a signing authority

### Program director

- voting position
- responsible for all programs, including children, adult and family programs
- be responsible for all matters pertaining to social activities, including obtaining licenses and permits

### Neighbourhood Watch Zone Leader

- voting position
- act as the community liaison with the Edmonton Police Service and other safety and crime prevention organizations
- be responsible for all matters pertaining to Neighbourhood Watch or safety and security concerns

### Civics Director

- voting position
- liaison with Planning and Development, Transportation, City Council, etc.

### Membership Director

- voting position
- responsible for the organization, timing and completion of the annual Membership campaign
- maintains all membership records

In addition other positions may be available as the current holders move to new positions and responsibilities on the board.

For further information or to volunteer contact  
President Katy at 463-3602 or  
Past President Kenn at 440-3420

**WANTED!**

**YOU**

# The Meadows Community League Directors and Community Reps

President	Kathleen (Katy) Mahé	463-3602
Vice-President	Emily Ollerhead	466-0546
Past President	Kenn Tuckey	440-3420
Secretary	Brenda Beier	463-6530
Treasurer	Vacant	
Bingo Rep	Vacant	
Casino Rep	Dana Richard	469-9985
Membership Director	Gail Hetman	466-5382
Communications Director	Yvonne Lennox	466-7694
— Newsletter	Yvonne Lennox	466-7694
— Website	Yvonne Lennox	466-7694
	Brenda Beier	463-6530
Program Director	Vacant	
— Children's Programs	Vacant	
— Adult Programs	Vacant	
Block Parent	Vacant	
Neighbourhood Watch	Amarjeet Sohi	463-7977
Civics Director	Rispah Kiptoo	633-6575
— Projects	Bruce Poon	469-8695
	Kenn Tuckey	440-3420
	Rispah Kiptoo	633-6575
	Amarjeet Sohi	463-7977
— Public School Rep	Omer Baig	952-7299
— Catholic School Rep	Vacant	
Facilities Director	Vacant	
— Rinks	Miles Maldaner	440-0219
Sports Director	Bik Grewal	463-8068
— Soccer	Gary Biddell	440-0379
— Basketball	Bik Grewal	463-8068
— Hockey	Vacant	
— Softball	Vacant	
Community Recreation Coordinator	Shelley Kwong	496-1473
Canada Day Representative	Omer Baig	952-7299

Welcome to the month of April. Thank you to all the parents who attended our Evidence of Learning and the Three-Way Student-Led Conferences on March 26 and 27. This was an excellent opportunity for your child to be the teacher and share their learning with you. We hope you had an opportunity to have a look around the school to see the wonderful displays of student work. Thank you for your continued support of your child's learning and the school.

At Velma E. Baker we are in the swing of things as we begin to prepare for the Highest Level of Achievement tests beginning the week of April 21. Our April newsletter has a schedule of all the testing that will be taking place during the months of April, May and June. At our April 16 School Council meeting members of our ILT will be presenting information on our school's interim measures and information about our 2008 - 2011 School Plan and budget. Our staff will have a Teacher Learning Day (PD Day) on Friday, May 2. Along with five other schools our teachers will be marking the writing HLAT and looking at the district criteria. A reminder: there will be no school for our students on May 2.

Round four of our Literacy Logs were sent home on Monday, April 7 and our students continue to shine! We continue to have daily book draws for students who read on a daily basis and have their lit log signed. We have given out over 900 books this year and look forward to sharing the gift of reading with every one of our students. On April 18 we are celebrating Book/Character Day and we will be having an assembly at 9:00 a.m. in the gym to kick off our day and to share related literature! We encourage our students to come dressed as their favorite book character.

Our boundaries are now open for 2008 – 2009 and we welcome registrations for all students in kindergarten to grade 6. Pre-registrations for Kindergarten are now being accepted. Don't miss your opportunity to join our school. To be eligible for Kindergarten 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. **A Kindergarten Parent Information Night will be held on Tuesday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m.** A special invitation to this meeting will be sent to those who have already registered, however, registrations will continue to be accepted that evening. Please contact the school at 440-4088 for further information.

Until next month . . . Happy Reading!



Dorothy Cronk, Principal

## LUNCH SUPERVISORS NEEDED AT VELMA E. BAKER SCHOOL

Come and join our team!! We are accepting applications for full and part-time lunch supervisors.

Hours are 11:30 a.m. – 12:50 p.m. Starting salary: \$18.00 per day.

## AGM

### The Meadows Community League Annual General Meeting

7 pm MONDAY, APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup> 2008

Velma E. Baker School  
(2845 43a AVENUE)

#### NOTICE OF MOTION

for changes to by-laws regarding membership categories and fees.

To obtain the wording of these changes, contact Past President, Kenn Tuckey at 440-3420.

This is your one opportunity during the year in which you may vote.

(Provided you are a community league member.)

Please come out and share your ideas for The Meadows.

## BOOK KEEPER REQUIRED for The Meadows Community League

We are looking for a qualified book keeper to take over many of the responsibilities that our Treasurer once performed. The estimated time commitment is roughly 10 hours per month (which might vary with some months being very quiet.)

#### Responsibilities:

- maintain books on three accounts
- prepare Bingo Report (on average) once each year
- prepare Casino Report (on average) once each year
- payroll for our Greenshack employees for the summer months, and ice keepers in the winter months
- T4's for the same individuals
- help prepare any grant applications
- year end financials
- work with Treasurer on annual budget

You would be expected to work out of your own home or office and coordinate meetings with the Treasurer.

Please send your resume and expectations (wage or volunteer) to [kdmahe@telus.net](mailto:kdmahe@telus.net)

### The Meadows Community League

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

Next Monthly Board Meetings:

**Monday, April 7th @ 7pm**  
&  
**Monday, May 5th @ 7 pm**

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