

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wow! We've had approximately 140 people register for the family ski and tubing night. And we had somewhere in the neighbourhood of 300 people show up for our August barbecue. I know you're out there. And I know you'd like to see these events continue. Please help ensure we have the necessary volunteers to continue offering these programs, in addition to many others. Please come out to our Annual General Meeting on April 21st and agree to sit on our board. We will be voting to standardize our membership fees and categories throughout Mill Woods and The Meadows so that all ten community leagues will be identical.

A special (albeit belated) thank you to Christ's Church of the Meadows for *Christmas in the Meadows*, an outdoor family party carried out before Christmas beside the pond in Meadowbrook. It was well received and we look forward to this becoming an annual event.

I have exciting news for those of you who regularly attempt to turn left onto 34 Street at 35A Avenue. This spring, we will be getting full operational traffic lights at that intersection! Let's hope that eliminates all the collisions and near misses on those roads.

And in case this newsletter comes out as early as the February one – please remember to vote on March 3rd. Your vote does matter.

Happy Easter!

Kathleen Mahé

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. The messages change on average about twice a month and we will not ask you to do this in extreme weather.

At the moment we still have location available:

- At the corner of 17 Street and 38 Avenue.

Please contact Yvonne Lennox @ 466-7694.



BINGO! BINGO! BINGO

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

Please e-mail 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.

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.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES



Now Hiring!

CHANGING LIVES - ONE GAME OF TAG AT A TIME!

Opportunities are now available for those who have a passion for recreation, love working with children & youth, and want to make a real difference for young Edmontonians.

We are hiring our Summer staff now, so don't miss out!

- 2 and 4 month positions available
- 35 – 40 hour work weeks
- Competitive wages
- Possibility to work in your own community
- Skill development

Visit our website for more information

www.edmonton.ca

Click on City Jobs / Job Opportunities

Posting for Recreation Technicians are open from Feb 20 – Mar 12



THE CITY OF
Edmonton COMMUNITY SERVICES

Did you know? Larkspur was one of the 29 neighbourhoods studied in the Early Childhood Development Community Mapping Project.

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Early Childhood Development Community Mapping Project



About the Project

Research has established that when children and their families live in healthy supportive communities, families are more able to provide the support their children need to achieve their developmental potential. The quality of a child's experiences before age 6 has long-term effects on later performance in the education system and in adult life. The Early Childhood Development Community Mapping Project is designed to find ways to help communities support families and help children achieve their developmental potential. It uses the Early Development Instrument (EDI) and community mapping as research tools.

To date, the EDI has been used to collect data on the 5 year olds in neighbourhoods. Data has also been gathered on the levels of social vulnerability for each neighbourhood. With the guidance of a multi-sector steering committee, M.A.P.S. Alberta Capital Region is excited to lead the project into the next phase; community mobilization.

Early Development Instrument (EDI)

The EDI is a tool that collects developmental information about individual children. The information is then aggregated to present a profile of development for the group of children living in a neighbourhood. We now have valid EDI results for 29 neighbourhoods. Eight neighbourhoods of interest have been chosen for further participation in the project.

Community Mapping

Maps depict both demographic and resource information and visually display what is happening in a community. A Neighbourhood Report has been created for each neighbourhood of interest. The Neighbourhood Report includes demographics of the neighbourhood, a list of services and programs that are available to children and families and EDI results.

Mobilizing, Enhancing and Influencing Community Development

The Neighbourhood Reports are now ready to be shared with the neighbourhoods of interest and assistance will be provided to help the residents act on this information if they so desire. We anticipate that the strategies employed in each of the neighbourhoods will differ based on the recommendations of community leaders. Information will be shared and action plans will be created for each interested neighbourhood.

For more information on this project please contact

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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
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— Website	Yvonne Lennox	466-7694
	Brenda Beier	463-6530
Program Director	Vacant	
— Children's Programs	Vacant	
— Adult Programs	Vacant	
Block Parent	Vacant	
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Civics Director	Rispah Kiptoo	633-6575
— Projects	Bruce Poon	469-8695
	Kenn Tuckey	440-3420
	Rispah Kiptoo	633-6575
	Amarjeet Sohi	463-7977
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— 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



SKATING PONDS NOW CLOSED

Please obey all posted signs on the ponds
and lakes.
They are there for your safety.

**The Meadows
Community League**
P.O. Box 92068
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Next Monthly Board Meetings:
Monday, March 3rd @ 7pm
&
Monday, April 7th @ 7 pm
Velma E. Baker School
****VISITORS WELCOME****



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March will be a month for sharing at Velma E. Baker School as teachers are busy preparing students for conferences and preparing progress reports. Students will be taking home evidence of their learning prior to the conferences scheduled for March 26 and 27. Our students have demonstrated amazing growth since our last progress reports in November and will be excited to share their learning with their parents. Progress reports will be going home on Friday, March 28.

Assessment for Learning (AFL) continues to be a driving force at our school and students understand the elements of AFL as they do their daily work. Teachers have been working with students on effective feedback and peer/self assessment. Criteria setting is an important element and our students from kindergarten to grade 6 are able to set criteria. In April members of our Instructional Leadership Team will be sharing information on our Instructional Focus and our interim measures in summarizing, retelling and numeracy at the April 16 School Council meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Compassion was our added Character Education trait for the months of December to February and we will continue working with respect, kindness and caring and adding the "responsibility" trait for March to June. We had a very successful month of February with our Random Acts of Kindness week. We also celebrated Carnaval de Québec on February 6 and 7, which was a tremendous success for our kindergarten to grade 6 students. Our grade 4 to 6 students were encouraged to converse with each other in French. Thanks to the many parents who assisted with our "la tire sur la neige" (maple syrup treat on ice). Other events that took place in February included Edmonton Journal Games eliminations for our grade 4 to 6 running team and four grade 6 girls attended the Choices Conference at the University of Alberta.

Our boundaries for 2008 – 2009 student registrations are open for all students in kindergarten to grade 6 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 the upcoming year. A Kindergarten Parent Information Night will be held on Tuesday, May 6 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. - registrations will still be accepted at that time.

If you are aware of any neighbors with school-aged children for the upcoming year, please pass on this information. For further information about Velma E. Baker, the registration process, or a school tour, please call our school office at 440-4088.

Until next month . . . Happy Reading!

Dorothy Cronk, Principal



P.S. Have you purchased your \$10 per person ticket for our School Council/PAC Family Fun Swim at West Edmonton Mall Waterpark on Saturday, April 26? Contact the school office for information.

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The Meadows Community League Annual General Meeting

7 pm MONDAY, APRIL 21ST 2008

Velma E. Baker School
(2845 43a AVENUE)

NOTICE OF MOTION
regarding changes to membership categories and fees.

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.

KUDOS KORNER

A huge thank you from all your neighbours to

Larry in 33 Avenue

Who cleans his neighbours' sidewalks and driveways with his snow blower. Even the cold and windy weather we had did not stop him from helping everyone out.

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.

FOUND

(in January)

HOUSE KEY ON CAT KEY CHAIN

Found in Meadowbrook walkway
between 31a St. and 30 St.

Phone **463-3602**
to describe further and claim.

THANK YOU

TO

RIO-CAN MEADOWS SUBWAY

(17th St. and Whitemud Dr.)

for their generous contribution to our

SILVERBERRY PLAYGROUND

We wish you great success in our community