

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy spring!

Judging by the huge puddle in front of my house, I think it's finally here - or should be by the time you read this. What a long winter! Aren't we Edmontonians a rugged and durable bunch?

As spring arrives, let's take an inventory on any damage the elements and time have taken on our properties and neighbourhood. You can report pot-holes to 496-1700 and burnt out streetlights to 412-4500. Make note if your fence or window trims require painting, or a dead tree or stockpiled debris needs removing. Please put these items at the top of your 'to do' list. Let's take pride in our neighbourhood and make it a desirable place for ourselves, our neighbours, and all the newcomers to the City.

Please continue the clean up by marking May 12th on your calendar to join us and other city residents as we pick litter from our medians, boulevards and parks. Also mark May 26th, as we'll add more shrubs and wood chips to the stand of trees on 38th Avenue at 31st Street. More details will be published in the May newsletter.

Superintendent Norm Lipinski presented at our March Board meeting, and, after commenting on what a safe neighbourhood we live in, highlighted three areas of safety concern within The Meadows. Please refer to the crime prevention tips on this page.

Thank you to Lorraine van Veelen who is looking to retire from her sign-board maintenance position at the Fountain Lake location. If you're able to help us out, the time commitment is small, but the contribution of communicating important messages to our residents is huge. Please contact Yvonne Lennox if you're interested. (Children can help lay out the letters at home and hand them to mom or dad when at the site. It's a great way to introduce them to volunteering and they can take pride in their contributions every time they pass by the sign.) Thank you to Lynn Erickson who continues to do a great job maintaining the Meadowbrook sign.

Thank you also to Emily Ollerhead who organized our annual Family Day weekend hay ride. It was well attended and, once again, Emily managed to arrange for some great weather for the event.

I hope to see a huge turn out at our AGM on April 16th at Velma E. Baker School.

Kathleen (Katy) Mahé



KUDOS KORNER

A HUGE THANK YOU TO

MILES MALDANER



WHO, PRETTY MUCH SINGLE-HANDEDLY, PREPARED THE SKATING SURFACE AND CONTINUALLY REMOVED SNOW FROM THE MEADOWBROOK POND.

HE WAS THE LONE FIGURE OUT SKATING WITH THE SHOVEL THAT MANY OF YOU REGULARLY SAW ON YOUR WAY TO WORK.

DID ONE OF YOUR NEIGHBOURS RECENTLY HELP YOU WITH SOME SPRING CLEANING, 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.

CRIME PREVENTION IN THE MEADOWS

THEFT FROM VEHICLES

Do not leave purses, wallets, lap tops and MP3 players in the vehicle. Keep loose change, sunglasses, CDs, garage door openers and packages hidden from view. Do not keep insurance and registration in the glove compartment. (Carry it with you, or conceal it in an unobvious location.)

THEFT OF VEHICLES

Park them in your garage whenever possible. Never leave them running while unattended. Purchase a steering locking device, such as The Club.

BREAK AND ENTERS

Purchase a home security system. Security signs usually deter would-be thieves. Access to the house usually occurs through basement windows; purchase one of a variety of security bar systems.

More forceful entry (kicking in doors) usually occurs in more secluded locations. (Houses adjacent to an empty field or the ravine.) If you live in such a location and your doorbell rings but you choose not to answer it, flick a light or make a noise to let the caller know the house is not empty.



AGM

The Meadows Community League's Annual General Meeting

Has been set for

7 pm, MONDAY, APRIL 16TH 2007

at Velma E. Baker School

This is your one opportunity during the year in which you may vote. (Provided you are a community league member.)

Come on out and hear about plans for the upcoming year and express your thoughts, wishes, and concerns for The Meadows.

You may even find there's a position on the Board or a committee that you would be interested in filling.



Hope to see you there!

VOLUNTEER FOR FOUNTAIN LAKE SIGNBOARD

We are looking for a volunteer to help change our messages on the Fountain Lake signboard.

The time commitment is minimal and it is an activity that the whole family can participate in.

If you are interested please contact Yvonne Lennox at (780) 466 7694.

Additional signboard locations might be available in the near future. Please let us know if you are interested maintaining any of the new signboards.



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	Bruce Poon	469-8695
Bingo Rep	Karen Macdonald	440-0181
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	Amanda Venters	450-6828
Block Parent	Vacant	
Neighbourhood Watch	Vacant	
Civics Director	Rispah Kiptoo	633-6575
— Projects	Chris Twardzik	440-0220
	Miles Maldaner	440-0219
	Rispah Kiptoo	633-6575
	Vacant	
— Public School Rep	Vacant	
— Catholic School Rep	Vacant	
Facilities Director	Miles Maldaner	440-0219
— 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	
C.L.C (Parks/Rec)	Shelley Kwong	496-1470

OUR WEBSITE IS UP AND RUNNING!

www.themeadowscommunity.ca

Come and read all about the latest news and events that is happening in your community.

F.Y.I.



VELMA E. BAKER BOUNDARIES ARE OPEN FOR 2007/08!

Our school has now opened its boundaries for children to attend to an optimum enrolment of 390 students. Kindergarten to grade 3 children and their siblings may now register for the 2007-2008 school year. Names of interested families with grade 4 to 6 students will be taken and notified by April 26.

March was a month for sharing. Our Evidence of Learning was sent home prior to our Three-Way Student-Led conferences. Students had the opportunity to take their parents through a number of activities to demonstrate their learning since the last Three-Way Conference in November. What a wonderful opportunity for our students to shine and celebrate! Progress reports were distributed on Friday, March 23.

April Showers Brings May Flowers and we are looking forward to warmer temperatures and new growth. Our students will be working on the second interim measure for Numeracy the first week of April. Our Links to Literacy continues as students and parents make a commitment to read every night.

Responsibility will be the new character trait our students will be learning and modeling. In addition to respect and compassion "Responsibility" will look at being trustworthy, being reliable, completing an obligation, accepting your share of the work that needs to be done and accepting responsibility for your mistakes.

We hope you will come and join our Velma E. Baker School family and experience the love of learning in our school.

Until next month . . . Happy Reading!

Dorothy Cronk, Principal



Scholastic Book Fair is Coming.....

To celebrate Education Week and continue with our focus on literacy, Scholastic Book Fair will be coming to Velma Baker School from April 23rd to April 26th. The Book Fair will be open each day from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. We welcome you to come and join our book adventures!



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Join us for our open house!

Thursday, April 12 • 9 am - 2 pm & 7 - 8:30 pm
International Spanish Academy
at Escuela Mill Creek School
9735 - 80 Avenue 433-5746 • <http://mc-rit.epsb.ca>

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Free Swim



Mill Woods Recreation Centre

Date: April 15th

Time: 4 - 5:30 pm

Bring your League Membership Card

2007 BINGO DATES:

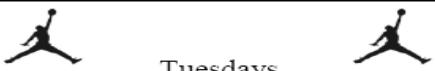
March 12 (afternoon), April 27 (eve/late night)

May 23 (afternoon), July 4 (eve/late night)

August 9 (afternoon)

Adult Drop-In Basketball

Velma E. Baker School



Tuesdays
6:45pm - 7:45pm
\$2.00/visit

Contact Bik @ 463-8068



Adult Drop Inn Volleyball

Tuesdays
from 7:45-9:00pm
Cost: \$2.00 per visit
at Velma E. Baker School

Silverberry Playground / Park Update

Silverberry Playground / Park is well underway with planning and preparation. **HELP NEEDED:** If still interested in donating services, time or equipment to help with the playground construction, please contact: sod, backhoes, bobcats, masonry, concrete, donations, etc.

Please call Brenda Beier at 463-6530 or e-mail brendabeier@shaw.ca

Arrangements need to be made **now** so that spring construction can start.

Thank-you,
Silverberry Playground Committee

The Meadows Community League

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

Next Monthly Board Meetings:

Monday, April 2nd @ 7pm
Mill Woods Police Station

Monday, May 7th @ 7pm
Velma E. Baker School

****VISITORS WELCOME****

KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON! BECOME INVOLVED WITH YOUR COMMUNITY LEAGUE

On the previous page you will find a notice about the Annual General Meeting for The Meadows Community League on April 16.

One of the most important things to happen at the AGM is the election of officers to the Board of Directors. (The Meadows elects officers to two year terms.) This year the following voting positions are up for election (*for two year terms*):

- President
- Secretary
- Communications Director
- Facility Director
- Sports Director



In addition, the voting positions of Program Director and Neighbourhood Director are vacant and there will be elections for *one year terms* for these positions.

As shown on the previous page, there are a number of important committee positions that need someone like you to fill.

If you are interested in, or have questions about, any of these positions give me a call and we can discuss it.

Kenn Tuckey
Past President
Nominations/Election Chair
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