

Brrrrrrr!

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'm afraid I have the winter blahs and can't think of a thing to write. February's usually the time I like to leave the snow and the cold behind for a week or two and head to some place hot and beachy. Ahhh! Those were the days - before

kids, when my bank account actually allowed me to go.

As I continue to shiver and shovel, I'll hope for a sunny and warm day for our annual Family Day weekend (Sunday) hay ride. There will be games, cookies and hot chocolate as well. Drop by for a few minutes, or for the entire afternoon.

Most likely, many of you have noticed in media reports, one of the 20 First Time Home Buyer sites is located just south of Velma E. Baker School. This is one of the two largest parcels of land the City has rezoned and will be developing. As of yet, there are still very few answers as the City continues to work out the details. The Meadows Community League is currently monitoring the program with the assistance of the EFCL (Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues). We'll keep you posted.

We could use a few more members on our Capital Projects Committee. This group is currently looking into the feasibility of constructing our own hall, and may eventually come up with viable alternatives to allow us our own space to provide more programs to our residents. Many of the current members have busy lives and also hold demanding positions on our Board. If you have some spare time, and some spare energy, and might like to see some hockey rinks, a meeting space, or areas for playschool, yoga classes, or other activities in The Meadows, please contact any of the Capital Projects Committee members, or call me.

We are still looking for a Program Director and Neighbourhood Watch representative. It's never too late to join, and if you want to check out how we operate before you commit, come join us at one of our monthly Board meetings. If you ever have an issue you want to bring up with the Board, please contact Brenda Beier or myself at least a week in advance, so that we may accommodate you at our meeting.

May your February be blahless!



Kathleen (Katy) Mahé

## AGM The Meadows Community League's Annual General Meeting

Has been set for

**7 pm, MONDAY, APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup> 2007**

at Velma E. Baker School

As this has not yet been confirmed by City bookings, please refer to future newsletters and the signboards closer to that date to confirm.

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!**

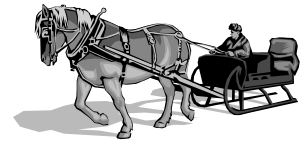
## Family Day Sleigh Ride

Date: February 18th, 2007

Time: 1- 4 PM

Where: Velma E. Baker School

Hot Chocolate and Cookies will be provided



## THE MEADOWS CASINO

DATES: TUESDAY MARCH 20 AND WEDNESDAY MARCH 21, 2007

DAY AND EVENING POSITIONS AVAILABLE - POSITIONS ARE LIMITED

EARN A \$75.00 OR \$100 VOUCHER

PLEASE CALL DANA @ 469-9985

YOU MUST BE A 2006-2007 MEADOWS COMMUNITY LEAGUE MEMBER

**\*please have your membership number available when booking your spot**

## Bright Lights Best Decorated House Winners

*Congratulations to the following people*

- 1st Place: Monique and Derek Pickford - 607 Windross Crescent
- 2nd Place: Ken and Vanessa Deines - 3104 - 36B Avenue
- 3rd Place: Karl and Ingram Schneider - 3252 - 38 Avenue

Thank You to Meadowbrook Sobey's for the generous support for the Bright Lights Contest.

## OUR WEBSITE IS UP AND RUNNING!

Well....sort of

It's currently under construction. Our board is diligently working on filling up the pages now.

But if you check out [www.themeadowscommunity.ca](http://www.themeadowscommunity.ca) you can link to our current newsletter.

F.Y.I.

## FREE PUBLIC SKATING

(Southside Arenas)

Confederation:	11204 - 43 Ave	Fridays	6:30 - 7:30pm
		Saturdays	12:15 - 1:15 pm
Donnan:	9105 - 80 Ave	Mondays	6:15 - 7:15 pm
		Thursdays	6:15 - 7:15 pm
Kenilworth:	8311 - 68A Street	Sundays	12:45 - 1:45 pm
Kinsmen:	1979 - 111 Street	Sundays	4:45 - 5:45 pm.
		Thursdays	7:30 - 8:30 pm
Michael Cameron:	10404 - 56 Street	Fridays	7:45 - 8:45 pm
Tipton:	10828 - 80 Ave	Mondays	6:15 - 7:15 pm

Schedule subject to change Phone: (780)496-4999

Excellent



The sign on the left is replacing the old Block Parent sign. Please tell you children to look for 'Spunky' in the window of a **SAFE PARENT HOME** if they need help.

For more information or to become a **SAFE PARENT HOME**, please contact Chris Spracklin @ 450-8070

## EDMONTON SAFE PARENT ASSOCIATION

## Congratulations!

### Christmas Coloring Contest Winners

3 - 5 Years:

Aleah Gillingham, Jaideep Brar, Kaira Ruda

6 - 7 Years:

Keegan Ollerhead, Kaleb Pattison, Jarod Beier, Sarah Tuts

8 - 10 Years:

Andrew Beier, Chandee Brar, Kaitlynn Tuts, Kayla

11 - 12 Years:

Kaila Hetman

Thank You to everyone that participated.

## 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	Rispath Kiptoo	633-6575
— Projects	Chris Twardzik	440-0220
	Miles Maldaner	440-0219
	Rispath Kiptoo	633-6575
— 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



**Velma E. Baker School**  
2845 - 43A Avenue  
Edmonton, AB T6T 1J9  
Phone: 440-4088 Fax: 465-1275

We are well into 2007 and lots of learning is happening at our school! In January our students challenged the school-wide writing prompt and will continue working on their writing skills. This month students will be working on the retelling and summarizing interim measures and staff will look at the growth from the beginning of the year. In January we had "Beach Day" to help bring a little warmth and sunshine into our school during the winter snow and cold. In February we are looking forward to our Winter Carnival, "Carnaval de Québec", which showcases our grade 4 - 6 French as a Second Language students. Students will have an opportunity to make "la tire sur la neige".

In February our students will be working on Compassion: Kindness and Caring for Character Education. Random Acts of Kindness takes place February 12 - 16 at Velma E. Baker. Respect has been our character trait for the past several months and, at our January assembly, we were excited to hear about all the great things classrooms are doing to model respect. "I Can" cans continue to provide students with weekly or monthly goals and we share with students that each and every one of them can make a difference in our school. Together we all make the difference!!

In January parents had the opportunity to learn about Social Studies at our evening session. Parents heard from staff and district consultant, Colin Woelfle, about the changes that have and continue to occur with the provincial curriculum. On February 13, we are pleased to have Barbara Cragg, district consultant, come and speak to parents about Sibling Rivalry: Cain and Abel or the Waltons? All parents are welcome to attend and child care will be provided. Our School Council and PAC will be selling tickets for West Edmonton Mall Waterpark - look for more information in this month's Mill Woods Newsletter.

**Pre-registrations for Kindergarten** are now being accepted for the 2007 - 2008 school year. To be eligible, children must be 5 years of age on or before March 1, 2008. As part of the registration process, we require that parents provide the child's birth certificate, up-dated immunization records and residence-related proof of address. Our boundaries for Kindergarten are now open and we will be accepting students from outside our catchment area. Early registration will assist the school in organizing classes for the upcoming year. **A Parent Information Night for Kindergarten will be held on Tuesday, May 8 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.** Please note that we will still accept your registration on May 8, if you have not already registered your child for kindergarten. If you are aware of any neighbors with school-aged children for the upcoming year, please pass on this information. Please contact the school at 440-4088 for further information.

Until next month . . . Happy Reading!



Dorothy Cronk, Principal

## West Edmonton Mall Water park Night

Saturday, April 21st 2007  
7:30pm - 10:30pm  
Cost: \$10.00 per ticket

Presented by Velma E. Baker Parent Association

Tickets available on a first come first serve basis

Please pre-order at Velma E. Baker School  
Monday - Friday 8:30am to 4:00 pm  
2845-43A Avenue

## Free Swim



**Mill Woods Recreation Centre**  
**Date: February 18th**  
**Time: 4 - 5:30 pm**  
*Bring your League Membership Card*

### 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, le: sod, backhoes, bobcats, masonry, concrete, donations, etc.

Please call Brenda Beier at 463-6530  
or e-mail [brendabeier@shaw.ca](mailto: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

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Next Monthly Board Meetings:  
Monday, February 5th @ 7p.m.  
Monday, March 5th @ 7p.m.

Velma E. Baker School  
2845 - 43A Avenue

**\*\*VISITORS WELCOME\*\***


### KUDOS KORNER



*Did one of your neighbours recently shovel your driveway for you, 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.*

### TAEKWONDO

**Thursdays**  
**Time: 5:45 - 6:45**  
**Place: Velma E. Baker School**  
**To Register Please call:**  
**Emily Ollerhead @ 466-0546**



### CRIME WATCH

Our house was broken into in early January. What was startling to my family, was that it happened at approx 10:30 am and that the thieves kicked the front door in.

**Some Police tips:**





The fastest way to get into your house is through the front door, if your doorbell rings answer the door or at least look out the window so you can be seen.

### Adult Drop-In Basketball

**Velma E. Baker School**


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

Contact Bik @ 463-8068

### LITTLE HOOPSTERS BASKETBALL


**Tuesdays**  
**Time: 5:45 - 6:45**  
**Place: Velma E. Baker School**  
**Ages: 6- 8 Years**  
**For Registration and for more details**  
**Please call: Emily Ollerhead @ 466-0546**



Do not leave valuables in your master bedroom as it is usually the first place the thief will look.

We still believe the Meadows is a safe community. What our family has decided is that we will be even more watchful in our neighbourhood of unfamiliar vehicles as well as people.  
Get to know your neighbours.

*A Meadows Resident*



### Adult Drop Inn Volleyball

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