

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Gee, I could start this month's message off with another big long brrrrrrrrrr. I hope it's warmer by the time this reaches your mailbox.

A great time seemed to be had by all at our Oiler Family Night and Family Ski Night. If only those Oilers would put on a *winning* show for us. The

ski night was nippy, but the line-ups were short. Thanks again to Scott Pattison for the organization of the Oiler event, and thanks to Brenda Beier, whose huge social circle allowed us to break even on our ski night. We're hoping to secure a February date for skiing next year (possibly at a different hill) so that everyone's hockey schedule will be known at the time of ski registration.

We are also having a difficult time securing a date at Velma E. Baker School for our Annual General Meeting, so please keep your eyes posted to the signboards and our website for the exact time, date and location of the April AGM.

And speaking of our website...I hope you've checked us out by now. We are officially up and running, though are not in complete control yet. It's still a work in progress, so any suggestions and/or feedback are welcome. We are www.themeadowscommunity.ca.

Thanks to Miles Maldaner for getting the ice at the Meadowbrook pond up and running. Mother Nature was not at all cooperative this year, and by the time we received safety clearance on the ice, we lost our regular maintenance contractor, so Miles took on the heavy labour himself. Because our ponds are run-off bodies with warmer water circulating below, our ice becomes safe much later than Hawrelak Park's. Our early insulating blanket of October snow didn't help matters much either. We didn't have the manpower to clear more than one rink this year, so we selected the central rink with the lights and toboggan hill. Hopefully conditions will be more favourable next year (cold before snow), and we'll get both rinks up and running in time for Christmas. If it's still cold and snowy by the time you read this, bring your shovel on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday nights at 8 pm for a little pre-skate biceps toning.

On a final note, I'd just like to remind everyone again that, like the hockey and soccer coaches, we on the Community League Board are all just volunteers. We try our best, but do not specialize in miracles. If you do...boy, could we use you on our Board!



Kathleen (Katy) Mahé

AGM The Meadows Community League's Annual General Meeting

Has been set for

**7 pm, MONDAY, APRIL 16TH
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!

2007 BINGO DATES:

March 12 (afternoon)
April 27 (eve/late night)
May 23 (afternoon)
July 4 (eve/late night)
August 9 (afternoon)

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**

EDMONTON SAFE PARENT ASSOCIATION

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

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.

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

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



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 19 - 21. 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 23.

During the month of February our students continued to work with summarizing and retelling strategies and our student results from the school-wide writing prompt were very encouraging. We will do our next Numeracy measure in April. Assessment for Learning continues to be a driving force at our school and students understand the elements of A.F.L. as they do their daily work. Teachers have been working with students on effective feedback and peer/self assessment.

Compassion was our added Character Education trait for the month of February and we will continue working with respect, kindness and caring. We had a very successful month with our Random Acts of Kindness week which included an evening parent session on Sibling Rivalry, Random Acts of Reading, and Valentine's activities. We also celebrated Carnaval de Québec on February 8, which was a tremendous success as our grade 4 - 6 students conversed in French with each other. 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 - 6 running team and four grade 6 girls attended the Choices Conference at the University of Alberta.

Our boundaries for 2007 - 2008 student registrations are open, as follows, to an optimal enrolment of 390 students.

- Kindergarten to Grade 3 students and their siblings.
- Grade 4 to 6 students - names will be accepted on a wait list for available learning spaces.
 Registration decision/confirmation will be communicated by the end of April.

Kindergarten registrations for September 2007 are now being accepted. 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 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 8 from 7:00 - 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 21? Check this Mill Woods Newsletter for details.

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: March 18th
Time: 4 - 5:30 pm
 Bring your League Membership Card

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.

Volunteers needed!!



We are looking for volunteers to help us clear the snow of the ice at the pond across the street from Sobeys.



Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday nights
 @ 8 pm.
 Please bring your own snow shovel.

Snow shoveling for Seniors

Need someone to clear the snow off your sidewalks?
 Find out who can do it at reasonable rates; call the Citizen Action Centre at 496-8200



Adult Drop-In Basketball

Velma E. Baker School

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

Contact Bik @ 463-8068

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

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, March 5th @ 7pm
 Monday, April 2nd @ 7pm
 Velma E. Baker School
 2845 - 43A Avenue

****VISITORS WELCOME****

Adult Drop Inn Volleyball

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