

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Year in Review

My term as president has come to an end. Our newsletter deadline is days before our AGM, so if you weren't in attendance, you'll have to wait until the June newsletter to find

out what transpired. We had a really good year with a great group of hard-working, committed individuals making up The Meadows Community League Board. Thank you to everyone listed in our directory. And thank you to those of you who volunteered in any way for the betterment of our community.

The following is a list of the events, activities and services the community league has offered over the past year:

- Created and are now maintaining our web-site (www.themeadowscommunity.ca)
- Provide the Mill Woods Newsletter and update the signboards
- Swimming (at the Rec Centre in the winter, and Mill Creek Pool in the summer)
- Skating (both at rinks throughout the city and on our flooded ponds)
- Little Hoopsters basketball program, Tae Kwon Do, soccer and hockey
- Adult drop-in volleyball and basketball
- Community clean up
- Summer barbeque
- Kids' Christmas party
- Oilers Family Night
- Family Ski Night
- Family Day weekend hay ride
- Greenshack summer programs at the parks
- Learn-to-ride bike programs
- Summer street hockey and outdoor basketball programs
- Run casinos and bingos which generate revenue and provide vouchers to volunteers for children's programs
- Colouring contests and Christmas house decorating contests
- Volunteer appreciation event (at Fort Edmonton in '06)
- Regular maintenance of Larkspur's Tot Lot (we also added sand in '06)
- Restoration of the wood lot at 38 Ave. and 31 St.
- Planning and fund raising for Silverberry Park (watch for construction later in '07)
- Hall Committee's ongoing research into community hall planning
- Monitoring of the City of Edmonton's First Time Homebuyers' Program
- Monitoring of the new shopping complex at 17 St.
- Representation on the Mill Woods Canada Day planning committee
- Representation on the City of Edmonton's SE Rec Centre Advisory Committee
- Representation on Mill Woods Presidents' Council

Please also remember that a community league membership offers you discounts at City of Edmonton recreation facilities.

Whether you use your membership directly yourself or not, by purchasing one, you are helping to build and strengthen the community you live in.

My acknowledgments would not be complete without a huge thank you to Dundee Developments who have generously contributed funds to our community over the past several years with a donation for every lot sold within the Meadows. All lots in The Meadows have now been sold, and Dundee has just presented the final cheque in the amount of \$64,200 for a total contribution of \$164,000 for this program. These funds have, and will be used for park development and other projects within The Meadows.

Thank you for all your input, support and contributions over the past year.

Kathleen (Katy) Mahé

Visit us at: www.themeadowscommunity.ca

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"4" Wheel Drive

This class is for children who love biking and are still on **training wheels!** Children learn how to stay safe while having fun on their bike! Child will go home with a certificate and a bike safety workbook. Helmets and bike bells are mandatory.

Ages: 3-5 years
Time: 12:30-3:00pm
Cost: \$15/participant

Sunday, May 27
at
Velma E Baker School
36 'A' Ave & 29 Street

Call 496-4999, ext 2 to register
or online at
<http://ereq.edmonton.ca>
or at any City of Edmonton Leisure Centre

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Ride To Survive

A Bike Safety Program For Kids

Learn basic bicycle skills and rules of the road. Children go home with a certificate and a bike safety workbook. Helmets and bike bells are mandatory, (no training wheels please).

Ages: 5 - 8 years
Length: 2:30pm to 5:30pm
Cost: \$15/participant

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!!Volunteers Needed!!

Do you believe that diversity is our strength?
Do you believe that diversity is flourishing in Mill Woods and The Meadows?

If you do, then be part of that experience.
Volunteer for Mill Woods Canada Day Celebrations.

We need your help in following areas:
Kids Activities
Program handout
Volunteer Co-ordinations
Poster Distribution
Sponsorship
Various other positions



For more information call Amarjeet Sohi @ 265 3831 or
email sohi1@telus.net

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Open Houses Planning for the Southeast – Meadows Park Future Recreation Facilities and Sports Fields 10-year Arena Development Strategy

The City of Edmonton invites you to open houses involving preliminary plans for future recreation facilities, sports fields, and arenas:

Open House Date: Wednesday, May 9
2:00 – 4:00 pm & 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Southwood Community League Hall
1880 - 37 St. NW

Or, view the plans and share your thoughts in our on-line survey available from April 23 to May 14th.
For more information please call 496-7363 or visit www.edmonton.ca/FutureRecreationPlans.

FREE SWIM

Mill Woods Recreation Centre

Date: May 20th

Time: 4 - 5:30 pm

Bring your League Membership Card



Adult Drop Inn Volleyball

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

2007 BINGO DATES:

May 23 (afternoon),
July 4 (eve/late night)
August 9 (afternoon)

The Meadows Community League

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

Next Monthly Board Meetings:

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

Monday, June 4th @ 7pm
Velma E. Baker School

****VISITORS WELCOME****

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
Canada Day Representatives	Amarjeet Sohi	265-3831
	Amit Malhotra	

KUDOS KORNER

A HUGE THANK YOU TO

THE UNIDENTIFIED COUPLE

WHO SPENT EASTER SUNDAY
PICKING UP GARBAGE AT THE
ENTRANCE TO MEADOWBROOK.

AND TO

PHIL O'HARA

WHO SPENT A LOT OF TIME AND
MUSCLE CLEARING THE ICE FROM
DRAINS THAT WEREN'T IN HIS
CUL-DE-SAC.

**OUR COMMUNITY IS
FORTUNATE TO HAVE
INDIVIDUALS LIKE YOU.**

*DID ONE OF YOUR NEIGHBOURS RE-
CENTLY 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.*

COMMUNITY CLEAN UP



**May 12, 2007
9:00 am – noon**

Come get gloves and garbage bags at

**Father Michael Troy School
3630 23 Street**

Late risers welcome!
You don't need to start at 9:00 to
join in the fun.



WOOD LOT RESTORATION PHASE II (38 Ave. and 31 St.)

**Volunteers required to do the same as
last year, on the east side of the site.**
(Dig holes, plant shrubs and spread mulch.)

**May 26, 2007
9:00 am - noon
(work)
12:00 – 12:30
(lunch)**



Please bring your
gloves, shovel and wheelbarrow
in addition to family and neighbours of all ages.

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

You did not have to be part of the crew last year.
The more the merrier (not to mention faster and easier).

Silverberry Park / Playground Update

Silverberry Park / Playground construction date is set for Sept 6 to 9, 2007. The playground will feature a toddler/junior play structure and a senior play structure (5-12 yr olds). There are also some interesting individual play pieces. Along with the playground, this project includes soccer fields, a baseball field, trails throughout with benches and trash cans. There are some small bike hills and a few skateboard pieces along one of the paths. This playground and park is a very exciting project for The Meadows Community. Many trails will connect with this park area making it very accessible for all residents. We will be looking for volunteers to put the playground together for the September building weekend. Watch for further updates in upcoming newsletters.

**The Silverberry Playground/Park Committee
Brenda Beier
brendabeier@shaw.ca**

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Superb Results from all students

Velma E. Baker School

2845 – 43A Avenue
Edmonton, AB T6T 1J9
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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 in May.

April Showers Brings May Flower. There is lots of sunshine and new growth at Velma E. Baker. Our students continue to shine in their academics and character. Students have completed challenging the HLAT writing and our staff will work together with our colleagues from our AISI cohort schools on Friday, May 4, marking HLAT's from all six schools. There will be no school for Velma E. Baker students on May 4.

Our students completed the second interim measure in numeracy and results indicated that our students had a better understanding of the various ways of representing a given number. We continue to be extremely proud of our students as they demonstrate growth on our best practices, summarizing and retelling as well as an understanding of numeracy.

Kindergarten Open House will be held on Tuesday, May 8 at 7:00 p.m. in our Learning Zone. Parents who have already registered their child in 2007/08 Kindergarten will receive a special invitation. Other interested parents may complete registration forms on May 8. 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.

Students, staff and parents are presently working on our 2007 – 2008 school plan and budget. The student passports that were returned in April will assist us in establishing classrooms and determine class sizes based on the allocation our school received after the provincial funding announcement. If you are aware of any school-aged children interested in joining our learning community, please encourage parents to contact us about registration as soon as possible.

"Responsibility" is the Character Education trait that our students are learning about at the present time. Respect and compassion are the prerequisites for teaching about responsibility. Students have taken responsibility in and around the school. In April our students demonstrated responsibility for our environment and community as they participated in "Pitch-In Alberta" community clean-up. Community members can help us keep our playground clean by using the garbage receptacles in the playground. We can all make a difference in keeping our community clear of garbage!

May continues to be a month of new learning and challenges. Our Grade 3 and 6 students will begin challenging the Alberta Education Achievement Tests and continue these tests in June. Classes have several field trips planned over the next couple of months. Thanks to our parent community for their continued support and assistance. In recognition of our many volunteers we invite them to a special lunch on May 31. Watch for information in our school newsletter.

Until next month . . . Happy Reading!

Dorothy Cronk, Principal

