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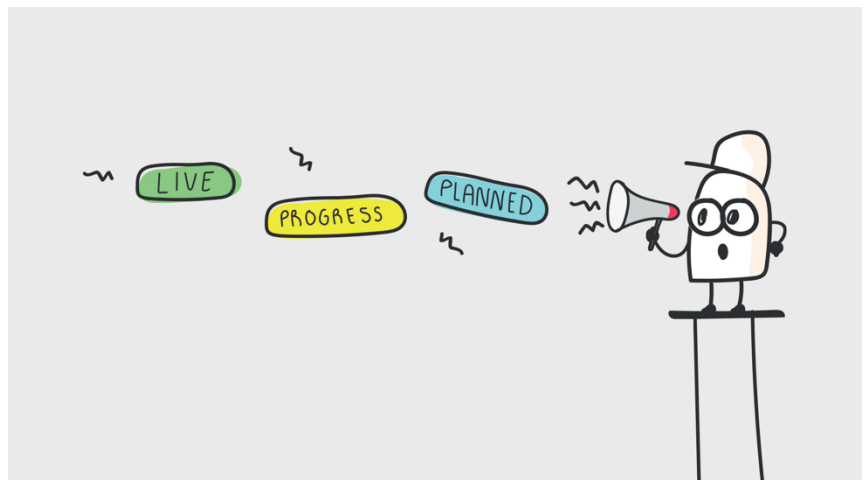
01 EDMONTON SCHOOL UPDATE

There is exciting work underway for the public K-9 Edgemont School – we now have a planned school opening date of September 2027! *The following are the key messages from the City of Edmonton regarding the school.*

The City of Edmonton continues to work with Brookfield to complete the assembly of the Edgemont school/community park. While portions of the park are within City ownership, the majority of the site has not yet been transferred to the City of Edmonton. Ongoing work to complete assembly should not impact the development of either school or park.

A few major points around the progress:

- City Council approved the rezoning of the future park site to Public Park (AP) in October 2022.
- Subdivision approvals are in place which includes the dedication of municipal reserve to complete the assembly of the Edgemont school/community park.
- Brookfield continues to drive and advance related development in the Edgemont neighborhood, including: roadway fronting the future site and required servicing connection for the school and community league site. Yay!
- The City of Edmonton has prioritized Edgemont school/community park as a capital development priority.
- Provincial funding for the design and construction has been approved.
- City Administration will bring forward a budget request in November to secure funding for planning and design work, with a subsequent request for development funding to occur at a later date.
- Once funding is approved, planning and design work will start in Q1 2024! This will be a collaborative effort between public engagement and direct stakeholder engagement with the Edgemont Community League and Edmonton Public School Board, which will also inform future park programming.
- City Administration is working to ensure that park development is complete in advance of the September 2027 school opening.



Overall, we are headed in the right direction with progress towards a school for our community!

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02 SNOWBANK RINK 2023



We heard our community loud and clear! The rink was an amazing and welcome winter amenity in our community last year and we are really looking to be able to continue to offer this again for the 2023-2024 season. **We are starting the planning and fundraising efforts for the Edgemont Snowbank Rink. With that, we are also looking for short-term Community Rink Lead for the season.**

The rink is a significant expense for our League, at a cost of approximately \$17,000, which is more than our yearly operating grant from the City of Edmonton. To be able to reserve some funds for other programming and events throughout the year, we are currently seeking community partners to sponsor our snowbank rink again this year. The Community League board members are actively working to secure partnered funding for the rink, and we could use your help and support also if you know of any businesses that would provide

sponsorship.

Once we have the funding, we can start the process to develop the rink. A local company will build and maintain the rink with hay bales and lighting overhead (like last year), and community volunteers will help with other aspects of the site (shovelling snow, turning lights on/off, etc.).

If you know of any businesses that would like to sponsor and partner with the league, please reach out to fundraising@edgemontcommunityleague.com. We'll be happy to get in touch and share a little more on the sponsorship program!

If you're interested in the short-term Community Rink Lead position or looking to volunteer with the rink this season, shoot us an e-mail at volunteer@edgemontcommunityleague.com!

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03 COMMUNITY GARDEN SEASONAL UPDATE



The Edgemont Garden Committee had the following to share with community members:

"The Edgemont Community Garden would like to sincerely thank all volunteers for their hard work this successful garden season. We saw several families visiting the garden and the children really seemed to enjoy the Children's Garden. People also reported enjoying harvesting the food and one lady even expressed her joy in making beet juice!"

We, as the garden committee, were remiss in our lack of explaining to the community that all food products from the garden should have been shared amongst the community. We will work towards better signage next year to ensure that it is clear that the garden should be respected and that the main goal of the Community Garden is to provide education on gardening and food sustainability through gardening as well as to connect community members who are interested in vegetable gardening.

The garden will continue to rely on our volunteers to run next year and we hope that all those who are interested step forward to help us run this amazing program.

There are resources available if you or anyone you know is experiencing food insecurity. The WECAN Food Basket Society is a great resource for getting affordable produce to feed your family. Please look more into this program by visiting www.wecanfood.com.

Again, thank you so much to all the dedicated volunteer who stepped forward to water, weed and plant this year's garden. "

Thank you to our amazing Garden Committee for your time, passion and dedication to running another successful year. We appreciate you all!

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04 CANADA DAY BBQ FOLLOW-UP

We hosted our BIGGEST event this past June.

Our Canada Day BBQ was off the charts!! While we anticipated a great turnout, we did not anticipate the many community members (and friends from neighbouring communities) that attended the event. We estimate that we had 300+ attendees at this event! WOW.

The weather was questionable at one point, but the rain and storm held off, providing a cooler day for our festivities. Our website will be updated near the end of the month, and you'll be able to see some of the photos from the event there.

[Brookfield Developments](#) generously sponsored the event with their support in covering the costs of facilitating the event and providing the lawn games that families enjoyed. We had a sponsor back out fairly last minute which was disappointing, but local business [Pitter-Patter Plumbing](#) jumped right in and sponsored the food, snacks and beverages at the event.



Other sponsors that played a part in the success of the event:

- [Panago Pizza](#) (owners Harp and Navi) was out with their wheel of pizza fortune and came through and pitched in SO MANY pizzas to feed and please the crowd
- [MP Kelly McCauley](#) for bringing Canada Day pins and flags, providing water, and helping with cooking
- [MLA Nathan Ip](#) for bringing freezies, cookies and speaking at the event
- [Councillor Sarah Hamilton](#) for providing the delicious Canada Day sheet cake
- [Liv Real Estate](#) (Stacy McIntyre) for providing smiles, cotton candy, and donating a \$50 GC towards the prizes
- [Rapid Fire Theatre](#) for a set of 4 tickets to catch hilarious improv shows
- [Riverhawks](#) for a set of game tickets

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- [Edmonton Elks](#) for a set of game tickets
- [City Homes Master Builder](#) for the fruit trays that disappeared in no time
- [Buco Pizzeria & Wine](#) (Sorrentino's Group) for donating a \$50 dining GC
- [Landmark Cinemas](#) for movie tickets prizes
- [Fire Station No. 29](#) for donating your time, crew and fire truck – a major hit with the kids!

It really takes a village to make an event like this successful. We want to thank YOU all for attending and give a huge shout-out to the volunteers that helped, the Board Members who were pillars to the event, and last but not least, the BEST MC ever, Joe Vanderhelm, of Rapid Fire Theatre. You did a fantastic and seamless job!



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Karen Leibovici Park

The green space on the corner of East Gate and Edgemont Road is being named after Karen Leibovici. **Read more here:**

<https://edmonton.ctvnews.ca/parks-named-for-edmonton-s-julie-rohr-karen-leibovici-1.6478660>

Karen Leibovici served four terms on Edmonton city council and as an MLA for Edmonton-Meadowlark. She was instrumental in leading a variety of initiatives, including the Affordable Housing Strategy, the 10-year Plan to End Homelessness, and was involved in the creation of City Hall School and the establishment of Big Island Provincial Park.

We'll share more once we know when the official renaming happens!

Volunteers Needed

We are currently in need of volunteers for:

- **Snowbank Rink** – Community Rink Lead and general support: turning lights on/off, shovelling, etc.
- **Graphic Designer** – are you looking to build your portfolio? Hobbyist with a passion for design? We're looking for someone to work with our league to help with print design on marketing/promo items!
- **Garden volunteers for the 2024 season**

We're always in need of volunteers! It's a great way to stay connected to your community and foster friendships with your neighbours and the league!

Reach out to volunteer@edgemontcommunityleague.com.

THANK YOU to all past and current volunteers! Our events and community would not be the same without you!

Did you know? Volunteers do not need to be Edgemont and area residents!

Memberships

Now is a great time to grab your 2023-24 memberships! These memberships bring you a bunch of partnered perks, along with skate tags to use our snowbank rink (and those in other communities).

Memberships are sold at in-person events or they may be purchased online at [EFCL.org](https://www.edgemontcommunityleague.com/membership). For memberships purchased at events, payment may be made in cash or via electronic funds transfer (EFT) for \$20. Please note EFCL charges a \$5 admin fee on top of the membership fee, but this is the fastest and easiest way to receive your membership.

Learn more about membership benefits here:

<https://www.edgemontcommunityleague.com/membership>

Community Swim

Remember, there is **FREE SWIMMING** all year at **Terwillegar Rec Centre on Sundays from 5-7 PM for League members.**

TRC pool is currently undergoing some updates and is closed until October 26th.

Show your paper or digital membership card when you enter and head on in!

- Terwillegar Rec Centre schedule and info: https://www.edmonton.ca/activities_parks_recreation/terwillegar
- Did you know you can receive a discount on memberships at City of Edmonton sport and fitness facilities with your league membership? Find out more here: https://www.edmonton.ca/activities_parks_recreation/community-league-wellness-program

Thank you for investing in your community!

Looking forward to what the 2023-2024 season holds for us all!

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