



Hello neighbours!

Skating Rink

The rink's grand opening event was a great success, with over a hundred residents coming out to take advantage of the opportunity to skate on the new rink for the very first time. It was an engaging event, with a variety of outdoor games, a fire pit to gather around and warm up, and lots of smiles all-around! MLA Kaycee Madu attended and brought donuts and cookies to round out our event.

This rink would not have been possible without the amazing support we received from our sponsors, particularly Brookfield Residential, who granted us access to the land as well as funds. We also had a number of amazing community sponsors, including SPICE'd Childcare Services, Optimax Benefits, Inspecus Home Inspection and Michelle Ozella Real Estate. Thank you for your generosity and investing in the community!

Did you know? The ice rink is a massive financial commitment by the League because the City of Edmonton does not pay directly for rinks in communities. Our League voted to spend over \$16 000 in order to make this rink happen for our community because residents told us this was a priority for them. We hired the company Outdoor Ice to build and maintain our rink this year. Each year we want to have a rink, we will require significant financial and time commitments. Please remember that it takes people power to ensure that we can continue to build and maintain a rink in the future, so we need community members to help us out!

Right now, we are in need of volunteers to sign up for turning lights on and off. The time commitment is minimal and it's super simple! We will provide you with instructions and a handy-dandy video that shows you just how easy it is to do it. If you would like to help us out, please email our Volunteer Coordinator at volunteer@edgemontcommunityleague.com.

Other ways to help us out:

- **Invest in a community membership before using the rink.** One of the posted rules is that all skaters at the rink have a valid membership with skate tags. The funds from membership sales directly benefit the League as it helps pay for things like rink maintenance. Membership is only \$20, and the [benefits](#) quickly offset the cost.
- **Volunteer your time on a more consistent basis by being on our Board of Directors.** Our Board organises exciting community events and offerings (like the rink), but it takes human power to make this happen! We're looking for more people to join our efforts, and we're fun to boot, too!

Dog Park

As many of you have probably heard, the City of Edmonton announced that Edgemont is one of the proposed neighbourhoods to receive a pop-up dog park this Spring. This is such an exciting opportunity and the League will continue to connect with City of Edmonton representatives in regards to this program. As we have more specific information, we will share it with residents! We hope to hear more soon.

You can find the City's information here:

https://www.edmonton.ca/activities_parks_recreation/parks_rivervalley/pop-up-dog-parks

Events - Brookfield's Winterfest February 25

On Saturday February 25, Brookfield will be hosting the WINTERFEST Showhome Grand Opening, which will include a number of activities for the whole family. There will be a photo booth, fire pits, coffee and donuts, face painting, live music, and more! Skating is free for everyone that day; no membership required for this special event. Residents from the community are encouraged to attend. The main sites will be near the Brookfield Residential Sales Centre on Edgemont Boulevard near the natural area, the wooden natural playground and our community ice rink.



Edgemont Community League will have a table set up at Site 2 on the map which is in the Purcell Front Garage show home. We will be present from 12:00 - 4:00. We can answer any questions you might have about the League and we will be selling memberships. If you want to visit and ask us how you can get involved as a Board Member, this would be a great time for us to chat!

School Advocacy News

As the provincial election draws near and candidates are out door-knocking, please consider asking individuals about their and their party's plans to ensure that a school in our neighbourhood is built as soon as possible. With candidates looking to secure votes, we need to make sure they know how important a school is to our neighbourhood.

The paper petition that hundreds of residents signed is on its way to being presented in the Legislature. As we learned, it is quite the process to bring forward a citizen petition but we are making it happen!

Our League is in ongoing contact with Brookfield, the developer of the school and sports field site, and they have committed to making the preparation of the site a priority. We appreciate Brookfield's support in this matter because the land needs to be as close to serviced and "shovel-ready" as possible before the government will move on committing to a school.

If anyone wants to volunteer for the School Advocacy Committee, please email schooladvocacy@edgemontcommunityleague.com

Community Swim

Remember, there is FREE SWIMMING all year at Terwillegar Rec Centre on Sundays from 5:00-7:00 PM! Show your paper membership card or your electronic version 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

This is our first year as a part of this awesome program and we hope to work our way to a slightly more convenient time slot in the future.

Membership

Skate tags for the family are included with your membership, so if you are looking to take advantage of our amazing snowbank rink this winter, please purchase a membership on our website and we will arrange for you to receive your skate tags.

Membership is also required to vote at our Annual General Meeting. Our AGM will be held this April 2023.

If you are wondering how to get a League membership, head to <https://www.edgemontcommunityleague.com/membership> for all the details.

Sincerely,

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