



Hello neighbours and happy fall,

## Skating Rink

We hope to have some finalized plans ready to share with you all shortly about starting up a temporary skating rink here in Edgemont. Building, getting approval for, organising, scheduling, and maintaining a rink is an incredible amount of work. We will need volunteers to help us out.

→ Please email [volunteer@edgemontcommunityleague.com](mailto:volunteer@edgemontcommunityleague.com) if you are already excited to help us with this project!

## School Advocacy News

Our School Advocacy Committee was very active this summer and early fall promoting the message that WE NEED A SCHOOL NOW. You may have seen our School Advocacy Committee members and a few Edgemont families in the newspaper and on the evening news discussing the significant impacts that not having a school are having on families around here.

As a reminder, the provincial budget will be announced in February 2023 and we need to be included in the funding announcement if we want our school built in the next 5 years. Now that the land for the school site has been sold and is ready to develop, the time to get active is now.

When we met with MLA Kaycee Madu in the summer, he told our committee members and EPSB School Board Trustee Dawn Hancock that if we could move Edgemont K-9 School up to #2 on EPSB's capital plan (basically their priority list of schools to be built) then he would do whatever he could to get Edgemont school funded as soon as possible.

Thanks to the hard work of EPSB Trustees Dawn Hancock and Nathan Ip, Edgemont was moved up to the #2 spot on their capital plan in September! We cannot wait to see what will happen in the next few months now that Edgemont is in this strong position and as we head into provincial election time. Remember, when potential candidates to be your next South-West MLA come to your door to introduce themselves and the platform they will be running on, please make sure you talk to them about their plans to help Edgemont get a school.

### What can you do now to help?

We are so glad you asked! We have two petitions currently - an online and an in-person version. We are asking everyone to sign BOTH. They serve a similar purpose but have different audiences. The online petition has over 1000 signatures and is growing daily. EPSB

used the numbers of signatures on this document to help get our school moved to #2 on their Capital Plan. On the other hand, the Alberta Legislature will not accept an online petition, so we need physical signatures on actual pieces of paper to present to them. A petition is the best way to show just how many community members truly support our push for a school here in Edgemont.

Our Board of Directors, School Advocacy Committee Members, and a few amazing volunteers have been door-knocking for the past few weeks collecting signatures. This is a time-consuming process but well worth the effort. We would greatly appreciate it if more community members stepped forward to door-knock and collect signatures for us. We will take any help we can get!

Online petition

→ Sign here: <https://www.change.org/p/approve-a-school-for-edgemont>

If you are interested in volunteering to doorknock, we will provide you with a copy of the petition, and let you know which streets in Edgemont have already been done and which are open to you. We will provide you with some speaking notes and background information to help you chat with neighbours, but there is no pressure to present any formal information. It is often best if you speak from the heart about how not having a school in our community has or will impact you and your family.

→ If you are interested in helping, please email [volunteer@edgemontcommunityleague.com](mailto:volunteer@edgemontcommunityleague.com)

## Events

### Pumpkin Carving Contest

We are running our annual online pumpkin carving contest again this year. We love this content and we hope you do too! Prizes this year will include gift cards to local businesses!

Submit your photos via Facebook or Instagram by October 31. You will submit them by commenting on the Pumpkin Carving Post on Facebook or by tagging us in a post on Instagram (sorry no stories as they only last for 24hrs).

Photos will be sent to our judge from NV Restaurant and winners will be picked in these categories

- Scariest
- Funniest/Cutest
- Judge's Choice

Winners' names will be posted the first week of November and we will contact you via Facebook Messenger.

Contest is open to all Edgemont residents. You must have a current community league membership in order to win a gift card prize. Prizes will be delivered the first week of November once we contact you via Facebook.

## Community Swim

Introducing 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.../terwillegar](https://www.edmonton.ca/activities_parks.../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](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

Did you know that your League membership gets you a ton of great deals at local businesses? Our newest membership benefit is 10% off at NV Restaurant and Bar for takeout and in-store dining. You can see a [full list of partnering businesses on our website.](#)

If you are wondering how to get a League membership, head to:

<https://www.edgemontcommunityleague.com/membership> for all the details.

## Other News

City of Edmonton information on tree Black Knot:

[https://www.edmonton.ca/programs\\_services/pests/black-knot](https://www.edmonton.ca/programs_services/pests/black-knot)

Note: City crews will be focused on pruning black knot on trees in the City's inventory in the southwest quadrant of the City for 2022-23. This does not include trees on private property.

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Sincerely,

Edgemont Community League

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