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Community League

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*The Edgemont Community League is a group of volunteer community members who represent and organize opportunities for residents of Edgemont, Edgemont East, Timberidge, Edgemont Ravines, and Woodhaven.*



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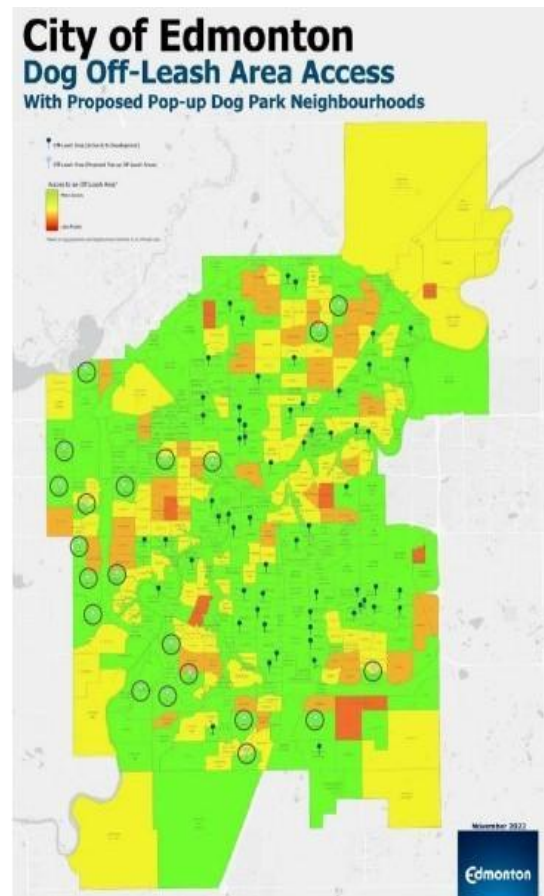
## 01 DOG PARK FOLLOW-UP

The Edgemont Community League wants to express our disappointment that Edgemont was not chosen by the City of Edmonton to receive a pop-up dog park despite being named in initial press releases and after residents were asked to complete surveys to decide on a location. The League fully supported a dog park and offered to consult with the City regarding locations. However, no communication to the League was made about barriers to a dog park in Edgemont at any time during the process.

Please know that we have reached out to City officials numerous times in the last month since the decision was made. We learned that neither of the sites proposed for our community were seemingly viable from the start according to reasoning provided by the City in our recent communication. It is our impression that the process was rushed, and the City did not look into the land ownership (Developer vs City) and proximity of suggested sites to natural areas before releasing their list of proposed communities and public survey.

We will continue to advocate for a pop-up dog park in the community next year, if the program runs again, because we know how important this amenity would be to our residents.

Please consider reaching out to our elected City Councillor, Sarah Hamilton, by phone or email if you believe Edgemont should be a priority for future dog parks. Her contact information is [sarah.hamilton@edmonton.ca](mailto:sarah.hamilton@edmonton.ca) and 780-496-8120.



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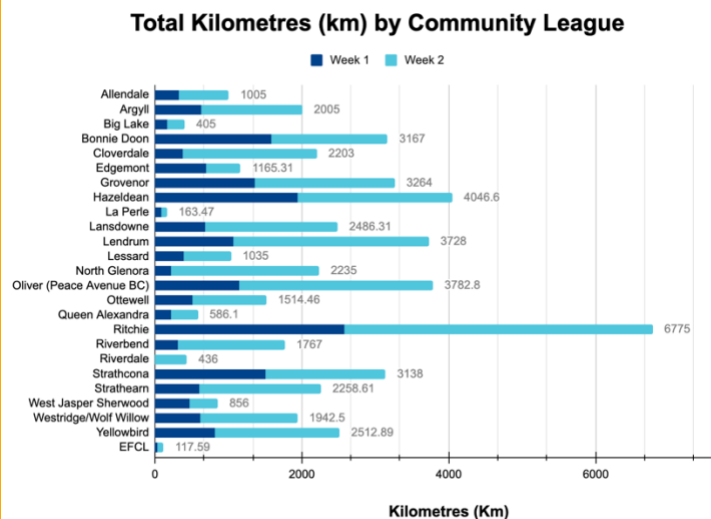


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## 02 EFCL BIKE CHALLENGE

The Edgemont Community League joined the EFCL Bike Challenge! This Intra-League challenge runs between June 1 and June 30. The premise is simple: whichever League's members ride the farthest wins! This is a fun way to compete with other Leagues and promote active transportation and recreation in our neighbourhoods.

**Look at us go!** Our second week in and our **Livin' on the Edge(mont)** Bike Club has clocked 1165.31 km to date! Check out our stats compared to the other leagues for the first two weeks!



### Join Us!

Anyone can participate! All you need is a bike and to get riding! KMs for the week for the community are tallied from the Strava App and from e-mailed results and submitted to the EFCL every Sunday evening.

Download the Strava app and locate our club **Livin' on the Edge(mont)** and request to join! Use the app to capture your cycling activity OR if not using the app, send your total KMs by e-mail to [communications@edgemontcommunityleague.com](mailto:communications@edgemontcommunityleague.com)!

Get your results in **before** 8 PM MST on Sunday evenings for them to be counted!

Spread the word with your neighbours!

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## 03 CANADA DAY BBQ and 2023-24 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS AND SALE



**We are hosting a Community BBQ on Saturday July 1, 2023!**

Mark your calendars! This one will be filled with activities for kids and families, as well as food! Come on out and enjoy the day with us. This will be the largest event we have planned since becoming a league in 2019.

**Co-Op Hawkstone** is generously donating much of the food for our BBQ so there will be hotdogs, hamburgers, and veggie options for all with sides and snacks! **Brookfield Developments** is also one of our generous sponsors, and they will be helping us cover the costs of facilitating the event. More details on our sponsors and partners to come!

Activities for kids will include a bouncy castle, face-painting, and a balloon artist. The League is covering the cost for these activities, so they are absolutely free for our families!

There will be draws throughout the day for awesome prizes from Edmonton businesses and attractions. Those with league memberships will be eligible for the prizes of most value at the BBQ.

We will be selling our 2023-24 memberships at the event so you can buy or renew with cash or e-transfer for \$20. If you want to learn more about membership benefits, check out

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

If you would like to volunteer for the event, please reach out to our Volunteer Coordinator at [volunteer@edgemontcommunityleague.com](mailto:volunteer@edgemontcommunityleague.com). We could certainly use some community support!

**Location:** 431 Edgemont Drive (green space at the end of the ravine after the Brookfield showhomes and before the turn into Woodhaven 2)

**Time:** 11:00 AM – 3:00PM

**Note:** Please bring lawn chairs and be prepared for weather!

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## 04 EDGEMONT IN BLOOM

Back for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row is our annual Edgemont in Bloom contest! That's right, 4<sup>th</sup>! This annual event is a wonderful way to showcase the hard work and love many neighbours dedicate to their properties.



Want one of these 2023 signs nestled in the beauty of your front yard? Well, this is the time to roll up your sleeves and shower your front yard with love and attention!

Judging will take place this July, as our volunteers tour the neighbourhood to look for fantastic front yards. Our volunteer judges will nominate a number of yards to receive one of our Edgemont in Bloom winner signs. Winners with community league memberships will be eligible to win one of our fantastic prizes from two local greenhouses who have generously sponsored our contest, **Kiwi Nurseries** (31313 118 Ave NW, Acheson, AB) and **Creekside Nurseries** (51530 Range Road 260, Spruce Grove, AB)!



**KIWI**  
NURSERIES

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**Want to see last year's winners?**

**Scan the QR code on the right with your phone's camera or QR code reader to see what you could be up against! Happy gardening!**



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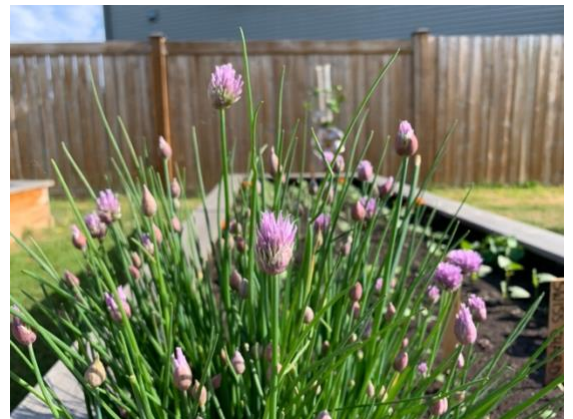
# 05 GARDEN UPDATES

The Edgemont Community Garden is up and running nicely this year! We've had more volunteers this year which has helped cultivate community and allowed our garden to continue this season. Between the warm sunshine and the rain, all vegetables and fruits are growing nicely, and we are happy to provide a great variety this year. The Garden Committee also planted some apple trees which make a nice addition into the entry of the garden from East Bend! Like the planters and other amenities in the garden, these will be moved to a permanent garden location once that has been determined.

**Location:** 3755-199 Street – accessible on East Bend, just off East Gate and 199 Street

**We cannot thank our Garden Committee for their time, passion and ideas, our garden volunteers for watering and mowing the lawn, and Brookfield for their generous multi-year donation towards the garden enough!**

That all being said, we are always looking for volunteers! There is never a shortage of jobs, and this is a great opportunity for those that love being outdoors and are interested in gardening, sustainable food growing practices, and want to contribute to your community (and reap the rewards).



Volunteer jobs may include:

- planting
- watering
- weeding
- cutting the grass at the site
- harvesting
- liaising with the Community League Board
- taking photos or videos to be shared on social media

Check out <https://www.edgemontcommunityleague.com/garden> for more information.

We encourage you to have some fun and make it you and/or your family's mission to find it on an evening walk one of these days! ***Enjoy the garden responsibly this season!***

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## 06 SNOWBANK RINK SURVEY



The outdoor ice rink for the Winter Season 2022-2023 was a huge success! We recently sent out a survey to capture community thoughts on the rink. The survey closed on Friday, June 16, but if you would like to send us some general thoughts about the rink, please e-mail [info@edgemontcommunityleague.com](mailto:info@edgemontcommunityleague.com). We'd love to hear from you!

Should the rink go ahead for the 2023-24 season, we will need volunteers to help. The volunteer activities may include light maintenance of the ice or pathways leading to and turning the lights on/off. If you loved the rink and want to see it run again, please consider volunteering to help with this initiative.

Please reach out to [volunteer@edgemontcommunityleague.com](mailto:volunteer@edgemontcommunityleague.com) for volunteer opportunities!

Thank you for considering!

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## Volunteers Needed

We are currently in need of volunteers for:

- **Community Garden** (see garden update)
- **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!
- **Outdoor Rink** (see rink update)

Want to learn more? Please reach out to [volunteer@edgemontcommunityleague.com](mailto: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

We are now selling our 2023-24 memberships!

Moving into the new membership year, we will sell memberships at major events through the year. At these events, payment may be made in cash or via electronic funds transfer (EFT) for \$20.

Alternately, memberships may be purchased via [EFCL.org](http://EFCL.org). Please note EFCL charges a \$5 admin fee on top of the membership fee.

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.**

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](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](https://www.edmonton.ca/activities_parks_recreation/community-league-wellness-program)

**Thank you for investing in your community!**

**May you all have a safe and wonderful summer!**

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