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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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EDGEMONT SCHOOL UPDATE

The league is engaged in ongoing communication with the City of Edmonton, Edmonton Public Schools and the Province of Alberta regarding the school site and timelines.

November updates for the school were:

- The Edgemont school is scheduled for opening in Fall 2027
- Funding for a playground attached to the school has been allocated by the province
- Services are being brought to the school site right now
- Design planning will start Spring 2024

So Edgemont school plans are underway – yay!! What we have all been waiting for.

With all of this development, Edgemont has the opportunity to engage and help drive what the plans are for league owned land. As we head into 2024, the city will be starting community engagement on the typical school yard/park amenities surrounding the K-9 school opening in 2027. The city has agreed that we can piggyback on the city's process regarding a community led amenity on the adjacent land!

A little bit of background:

- All community leagues are granted a standard amount of park land for typical league amenities (e.g., hall +/- parking, ice rink, tennis courts, community gardens, etc.) that you likely see among more established neighborhoods in Edmonton. Community Leagues oversee these amenities.
- Edgemont could save money on the process, too. We would collaborate with the city also as they do the planning and concept design and be a part of the city's engagement with school site design.
- Next step is to develop a Committee and make a Business plan, budget, and begin fundraising and applying for substantial grants available.

What does this all mean? This is exciting as it expedites the process and creates a HUGE opportunity for our community and league – we have a chance to lend our voice and shape the concept being developed with the city with the possibility to see these amenities constructed within the very near future!

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Ideally, what we are looking to form is a committee that will become the driving force between the Edgemont community and the City of Edmonton on what amenities we want to have on land owned by the League. Examples include a permanent rink, a community hall, etc. Let's get together and dream big!

If you are interested, please reach out to President@edgemontcommunityleague.com asap as the we are looking to start this committee as early as mid-January with a City representative to help us start the process. Exciting things to come!

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02 SNOWBANK RINK 2023



Our rink development is underway thanks to the wonderful community sponsors for the 2023-24 season:

- [Brookfield Residential YEG](#)
- [Spice'd Childcare Services](#)
- [NV Restaurant](#)
- [Everything Exterior](#)
- [Panago Pizza - Edgemont](#)
- [Liv Real Estate](#)
- [Yummy Kitchen](#)
- [Excel Homes](#)



While the current weather is wonderful, it has been challenging to flood the snowbank rink, as temperatures need to be consistently below 0°C.

Our new sponsor banner is up, the hay bales are set-up, initial flooding has started, and the lights are up! A new addition this year are the picnic tables that we had in the Community Garden. These have been relocated to the rink for the season, providing a few more spaces to rest or put on skates!

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The rink is now open, with ice conditions to improve considerably as the weather starts to cool.

A few reminders/things to note:

- If you don't have your community membership yet (comes with your skate tags to access the rink!), now is the time to get it! See **Memberships section** at the end of this newsletter for details.
- Mind the Rink Rules
- Light shovelling help will be required on the rink – a designated shovel will be placed near the Rink sign
- Parking will be along Edgemont Boulevard – there is no parking right next to the rink this year

ECL Skating Rink Lights Volunteer signup: [CLICK HERE](#)

Please note that Turn Lights ON and Turn Lights OFF are separated into two separate sections on the signup form. You do not have to sign up for both on and off shifts, but if you are able to for the same week, it makes it easy!

****If we do not have volunteers, there are no lights for the rink, compromising safety.**

If you're interested in the seasonal Community Rink Lead position or looking to volunteer with the rink this season, shoot us an e-mail at

volunteer@edgemontcommunityleague.com!



Our Rink Community Event is scheduled for Sunday, January 21! Mark your calendars and stay tuned to our socials!

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In late November, we decided to participate in the Christmas Bureau's holiday hampers (since we had such an amazing and heartwarming success last year!). Led by board members, Stacy McIntyre, and supported by Krista Hammond, our community came together for two families; a single parent with two boys, ages 4 and 7 and a single parent with a son, 22 and a daughter who is 4.



We had just under a month to secure essentials, pantry items, toys, and more. Darren and Michelle Dunlop, owners of Sobeys Southbrook (and live in Edgemont), generously donated \$300 in gift cards! Michael Jugovics, Cobs Bread West Granville location and Jaye Brown of Spice'd Childcare Services also generously donated. Along with the rest of the community, this event was super successful, filled with many tears and appreciative families.

Here's a heartwarming experience, as shared by Stacy, as she delivered the hampers with her family on Saturday, December 16.

We delivered the hampers to the deserving families yesterday; we witnessed a truly heartwarming scene. The overwhelming kindness and compassion that the Edgemont community and Sobeys Southbrook displayed brought tears of gratitude to the eyes of both families. Their selfless support not only provided essential nourishment but also brought a sense of hope and joy during the holiday season.

In the hours following the delivery, we were deeply touched to receive pictures of the two boys from one of the families. The images showcased their pure delight as they engaged in playful activities with the

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playdoh and explored the pages of the winter activities book. These precious moments captured the essence of the holiday spirit and reminded us of the profound impact that a simple act of generosity can have on the lives of others.



Thank you, Edgemont community, for making this a magical holiday season for all!

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04 WINTER TIPS FOR CO-EXISTING WITH OUR COYOTE NEIGHBOURS

[excerpted from City of Edmonton's Neighborhood Resource Coordinator for ECL]

As the temperature starts to drop and the desire for hot beverages and the desire to nest grows, it is easy to forget about our growing list of yard maintenance to do next spring. However, did you know that sealing up holes on your property, like under your deck, shed and porch, can help keep coyotes from denning in your yard next season?

Coyotes can be attracted to any unsealed hole on your property that may be an attractive place to burrow in the spring to have their pups. Coyotes mate between January and March and rear pups through early summer, during which time they may be more protective and defensive. Young animals usually disperse in the fall, but they may also remain in family groups throughout the winter.

You can also help keep your coyote neighbours wild and decrease coyote conflict by:

- Never feeding a coyote
- Always feeding your pets indoors, never leave food outside
- Clearing away bush along the edges of your yard and trimming trees
- Keeping your property free of garbage and secure compost in containers
- Removing fallen tree fruit, dense shrubbery, pet waste and excessive bird seed
- Avoiding leaving small pets outside unsupervised
- Keeping your pet on a leash in areas frequented by coyotes and supervise them and pick up after your pet off your property.
- If you observe a coyote, immediately pull your animal close to you and be aggressive towards the animal. This could involve yelling, clapping hands, throwing rocks, sticks or other objects, waving hands and making yourself appear large.



It is only necessary to report a coyote sighting when they have attacked a person or animal, are acting aggressively, if you see someone feeding coyotes or if a coyote is immobile due to injury or sickness.

To report an incident or problem coyote please call 311 (City of Edmonton). For more information call the Edmonton Coyote Hotline at 780-644-5744 or visit edmonton.ca/coyotes.

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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.

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. 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. For memberships purchased at events, payment may be made in cash or via electronic funds transfer (EFT) for \$20. **If you require skate tags for the season, please coordinate with our Membership Director, Nina, and arrangements will be made.**

Learn more about membership benefits here:

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

9PM Routine

Have you heard of the #9PM Routine? It is a campaign used by police agencies across North America to remind citizens to protect themselves and their property.

Every night at 9 PM:

- Remove valuables from your vehicle and ensure it's locked, windows are closed, and if possible, your vehicle's parked in a garage.
- Close all garage windows and lock any garage doors, especially those leading into your house.
- Keep your vehicle registration and insurance documents secure. The documents can be used to commit other crimes.
- Check and lock all house doors and shut all windows.
- Turn on an exterior light.
- Close and lock your fence gate.
- Lock your shed.
- Put away bikes and toys in your yard.
- Park in the garage instead of the street, if possible.

Community Swim

FREE SWIMMING for the 2023/2024 season at **Terwillegar Rec Centre on Sundays from 5-7 PM for League members.**

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!

The Board is looking forward to serving our community in 2024 and what's ahead! We wish you all a very wonderful holiday season! Stay safe!

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