

FALL 2020

# PARKALLEN NEWS

*BRINGING YOUR COMMUNITY TO YOU*



## *Community Memberships now Available*

Hello, Parkallen residents! Now is the time to get your community membership, valid from September 1, 2020 to September 1, 2021.

You may be wondering: why should I get a membership? Below, I have listed the Top 10 reasons to get a Parkallen Community membership!

10. **Free or low-cost social events:** SnowFest, music workshops, community

BBQs, Pub Night, Movie Night, Playgroup, Knitters, Diggers, Seniors Dinners and more!

Please note that Membership is necessary for community soccer.

9. **Maintained community spaces:** community hall, skating rinks, playgrounds,

spray deck, basketball court, community garden, flower beds

8. **FREE swimming at the Scona Pool** (20 entries for singles or families)

7. **FREE skating** at our Parkallen rinks

6. **FREE skating** at other community league rinks in the city

5. **FREE summer playground programs** for your kids

4. **Subsidized fitness programs** such as yoga, and discounts at various City of Edmonton recreational facilities through the Community League Wellness

Program. This offers a 15-20% discount off city rec facilities' memberships.

3. **Parkallen Community League hall rentals** (membership required). As well, the Parkallen Community League offers facilities for community events

2. **City-wide discounts** offered through the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues (see more EFCL)

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**1.A voice:** Most importantly, your membership gives you a voice and a vote on issues that affect you in your community. The League represents you on issues arising from local, university and city developments and policies and more.

So, how can you buy a membership? You can:

EMAIL: Contact Terri at [membership@Parkallen.ca](mailto:membership@Parkallen.ca).

CHECK OUT THE EFCL WEBSITE: Contact EFCL online at <https://efcl.org/membership-purchase/>(this is the quickest way to obtain a membership), though they do charge a \$5 fee.

IN PERSON: Memberships will be available in front of the community hall (weather permitting) on Saturday September 19th  
1-2 PM (Community League Day)

### **Pricing**

Individual: \$10

Seniors:\$10

Families: \$35



After months of public engagement, Edmonton has become the first major Canadian municipality to eliminate minimum parking requirements from its Zoning Bylaw. Effective July 2, 2020, developers, homeowners, and businesses now have the ability to determine how much on-site parking they need based on their operations, activities, or lifestyles. With the exception of barrier-free and accessible parking, which will continue to be required at rates comparable to today along with further restrictions downtown and in transit-oriented developments, the move is intended to reduce Edmonton's parking oversupply by allowing the free market to dictate how much parking is required at any given location. Open parking is intended to not only reduce the escalating costs of rents and house pricing by correctly matching parking supply with demand (the average surface stall costs on average between \$6,000 and \$7,000 and underground stalls can be tens of thousands of dollars each), but to increase developable areas within the city, slowing urban sprawl and making Edmonton less auto-centric.

While the change is certainly transformative, as the change pertains to development permits, it will be gradual. As an Edmontonian you don't need to worry about the parking lot at your favourite grocer disappearing overnight, but you may need to think about how you will access a new doctor's office or get your morning coffee at a new café or visit a friend across the city in the future. Would you walk, ride your bike, take transit, take a rideshare, leave earlier than normal to be assured of on-site parking, or choose to an alternate option that might be further away but more conveniently accessible by car? Would you decide to forgo car ownership and move into a residence without onsite parking, or would you perhaps choose a home with a single stall and share a vehicle amongst the household? Would you be comfortable with your choice in both the heat of the summer and cold of the winter? These are some of the questions that we may need to address as the effects of open parking are felt over the coming years.

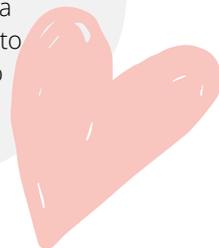
For residents of Parkallen, the impacts of open parking are both more nuanced and more personal. Parking is already a hotly debated topic amongst neighbours, and although none of us formally own the street in front of our home, we are nearly united in frustration when another car takes "our" street stall. Where previous developments in Parkallen would have come attached to stipulated minimum parking requirements as part of the application, moving forward this number will be solely at the discretion of the applicant. As a neighbour of a proposed high-density low-rise development, you may be concerned about how this will impact congestion on your street; as a homeowner planning to build a garden suite for an elderly relative who doesn't drive, you may be excited at the cost savings now available to you.

While open parking is here to stay, as a community member you do have several avenues to help shape how it is realized in Parkallen. First, keep an eye on your mailbox for development notices from the City of Edmonton regarding properties near you; responding to these is the best way that you as a neighbour and we as a community can influence proposed developments. Second, follow Parkallen on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, or download the Nextdoor app; we use these platforms to get the word out about surveys focused on collecting community feedback about specific City of Edmonton proposals. Most importantly, talk with your neighbours; learning about how and why they park and sharing your own situation is the best way to understand why parking looks the way it does on your own street, and how it might change in the future. For more information on open parking in Edmonton, please visit [www.edmonton.ca/makingspace](http://www.edmonton.ca/makingspace).

Allison organizes senior's dinners and invites youth from Parkallen to volunteer to help prepare, serve and clean up. It is so lovely to see the generations together this way.



Sonya has made a beautiful garden in front of Parkallen School. It is absolutely gorgeous! She put signs in the garden to tell the children what the plants are called in English and Mandarin. Such a thoughtful thing to do and a great gift to our community. She volunteers in so many ways. Thank you Sonya.



I nominate Jan for all the invaluable work she has done and continues to do for the neighbourhood! Her dedication is amazing!



I nominate Rebecca Johnson! She makes living in Parkallen fun! I love having a great neighbour!



### WHO MAKES PARKALLEN SMILE?

Do you have a neighbour who brightens up your day? who makes people feel welcome? Tell us about them and we'll send them a special thank you from Parkallen.

Visit [parkallen.ca](http://parkallen.ca) or go to this address:

[bit.ly/SMILE\\_Parkallen](http://bit.ly/SMILE_Parkallen)



Thank you Todd for giving the boys of Parkallen the gift of soccer. You are an amazing coach and keep our boys occupied and out of trouble.



Leanne is really the backbone of this community! She works so hard for Parkallen and is always willing to lend a hand--plus, she's hilarious!

Thank you Randy for the work you did with the Running Club at Parkallen School. You introduced so many of our children to running and have them confidence in themselves.



Bonnie and Lee always take the time to have conversations with our children, offer to buy us Starbucks and they are always willing to lend a hand.



Miyako, Mike, Taiyo, and Tsukino Walker have been welcoming and kind to us from the day we moved in next door. They are always friendly and willing to make conversation with our young children. Taiyo and Tsukino have played with and now babysit our children, who adore them. The whole family helps us out when we need a hand and are just really good people.



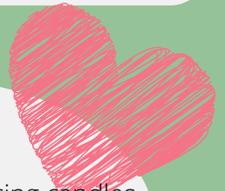
Meghan has built a spectacular soccer program that has given countless hours of joy to so many children and the families and coaches that watch them learn and grow. She is a treasure for the community.

She is really involved in the community and cares a lot.

Marlene was instrumental in setting up our beautiful community garden. I am grateful to her every time I walk by. My children have spent many happy hours looking at the flowers and vegetables and eating the raspberries and peas. The garden was a gift to us all.



I nominate Elissa for placing candles on the sidewalks and cheering up the entire neighbourhood!



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# GREEN CIRCLE NEEDS YOUR HELP

Dear Parkallen Residents,

My name is Jenny Proctor and I am the President of the Green Circle Preschool Association located in Parkallen Elementary. I am looking to raise money to help keep our community's Preschool operating through the challenges we have been facing during the COVID-19 pandemic.

As we are located in Parkallen Elementary, we must follow the school's re-entry guidelines which no longer permit parents into the school. In previous years, our parent volunteers would assist our teacher in the classroom, filling in as a provincially required staff member while reducing the cost of running a preschool. This was a special time where parents could contribute their time and watch the children become part of the classroom community with same-aged peers. Despite all that is happening, we are determined to provide a safe place for our young children to learn and grow with their peers.

I am writing to ask you to support our preschool. Your donation will go towards the unexpected cost of \$13,000 for hiring a Teacher's Assistant. Green Circle is a non-profit organization and registered charity, we will issue tax receipts for all donations over \$20. Our preschool has been in operation since 1972 and has provided a nurturing preschool experience for many of our community members and their children. Please help us keep Green Circle Preschool a safe place for children to learn through this pandemic and make a donation today.

Ways to donate:

Send a cheque payable to "The Green Circle Preschool Association" to  
Green Circle Preschool  
6703 112 Street NW  
Edmonton, AB T6H 3J9

Online: <https://charity.gofundme.com/donate/charity/thegreencirclepreschoolassociation>

Thank you in advance for your contribution and support.

Sincerely,

Jenny Proctor

Green Circle Preschool President



Green Circle Preschool



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Starting September 21

# DROP-IN FITNESS

## EVENING SESSION

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PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN MAT!

CONTACT THERESA AT

PROGRAMS@PARKALLEN.CA

### COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS:

All participants (including instructor) will maintain a safe physical distance of 2 metres, hand sanitizer will be provided, all equipment will be disinfected throughout the session (though equipment will be minimal), and the instructor will wear a mask throughout.

## Thank You! to our Walk the Block Contributors

Make sure to look on the Parkallen Facebook page to find out the winners of the June 4th- September 4th, 2020 Walk your block challenge. Thank you to

Hardy WestMann (Co-operators Insurance ) and Julie Cindric (chief Marshmallow maker) who donated for this challenge.

Neighbour Hood Watch will be donating a fit bit to the top walker in Edmonton at the end of this year. If you haven't already, you can sign up for the program at enwatch.ca.

### Why Log your Walks?

Logging your walk , distance and time of day is used to determine if and/or how the Walk Your Block program is affecting crime in a neighbourhood and the participation level of a community.

Late evening is when crime in our community generally occurs.

Theft of car, garage and sheds have been reported over the last year. Anyone wanting to walk late at night or missed the outdoor self defence class and is interested in participating in another class contact Joslyn at watch@parkallen.ca and she can help facilitate .

**Next walk your block challenge** runs from September 4th to December 4th, 2020. The city of Edmonton has donated a lovely gift basket. And Dapper Beaver ( our new local coffee shop) has donated 6 pounds of coffee.

# Green Circle Preschool

## Registration Now Open!

<https://greencirclepreschool.com/>  
[info@greencirclepreschool.com](mailto:info@greencirclepreschool.com)



## Green Circle Preschool

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# ENJOY THE TALENTS OF THE EDMONTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA RIGHT HERE IN PARKALLEN!

Mazurka Music and Art Society

Parkallen Street Concert

Saturday, September 12, 2020, 2 pm

11151 70 Avenue

mazurkamusicandart.com



Musicians performing: ESO Violinists Tatiana Warszynski, Joanna Ciapka Sangster & Cellist Amy Nicholson,

Mezzo Soprano Michelle Milenkovic

Host: Jan Hardstaff. Please contact [jhardstaff@shaw.ca](mailto:jhardstaff@shaw.ca) or 780.982.7488



The fundraiser street concerts are being performed by the Edmonton professional musicians in the neighborhoods across Edmonton this summer. We invite you to attend the Parkallen Street Fundraiser Concert in support of the Mazurka Music and Art Society, its musicians and visual artists during the COVID-19 crisis. We can't imagine a world without music or visual art. Although the Mazurka Music and Art Society 2019/20 season is canceled, we are doing everything to bring the music and art to you through our Street Concerts and Live Stream Concerts. Please help our organization continue the music performances and Pop-Up Art Gallery shows by supporting the Mazurka Music and Art Society with a cash or cheque donation in a self-addressed envelope at the concert or by e-transfer to [mazurkamusicandart@gmail.com](mailto:mazurkamusicandart@gmail.com). Please check our website at [mazurkamusicandart.com](http://mazurkamusicandart.com).

Please RSVP the host by personal message or email with the number of people who will attend. Please bring your own chair(s). We ask that you follow social distance guidelines and encourage you to wear a mask.

Cash donations at the concert for the Mazurka Music and Art Society are welcome. If you are unable to attend, please consider making donations by e-transfer to [mazurkamusicandart@gmail.com](mailto:mazurkamusicandart@gmail.com)

Thank you so much for your support! Enjoy the Concert!

They received generous donations at every venue. All the money went directly to Winspear/ESO. The Street Concert at Parkallen was also very well received. Tatiana, Joanna and Kaja had a great turnout. People, mostly Parkallen residents, just loved the performance! They were very generous with the donations. The amount of almost \$1000 was happily handed out by performers to the ESO representative at the Winspear Centre. As you might know, due to the pandemic, the 2020/21 ESO season was cancelled and the ESO musicians decided to help our orchestra by organizing fundraising street concerts. It has been a very musical summer in Edmonton.

The music performed by the ESO musicians has been resonating in various neighborhoods until now. The musicians have raised \$100 K donations! There are also street concerts organized by other music societies for the same reason. Most music societies had to cancel their season with all the amazing concerts due to the pandemic. Mazurka Music and Art Society of Alberta is one of them. In fact there will be a fundraiser street concert here in Parkallen at the crescent on 70th Avenue, hosted again by Jan Hardstaff, in support of this organization to help raise money for its upcoming season 2020/21. Please join the performers for a one hour event on Saturday, September 12th, at 2 PM. Donations are welcome.

## A Message from Mazurka Music:

On June 20 at 2 PM, in the Parkallen community there was a fundraiser street concert in support of the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra. The host of this event, Jan Hardstaff, did a wonderful job with organizing the performance for our Parkallen residents. The ESO violinists Tatiana Warszynski, Joanna Ciapka Sangster and her daughter, cellist Kaja Sangster, put together several street concerts in different neighborhoods to fundraise money for the ESO. The concerts were very well attended and successful.



# MEET OUR NEW TREASURER, ROB DEAN!



Hello, Parkallen Community! I am pleased to take on the role as treasurer for the league. In my day job, I am responsible for overseeing the finances of the company that I work for. So, when the position on the Parkallen board opened up, I said to myself: "How hard could this be?"

In my spare time I like to walk in our beautiful community and enjoy the local establishments on Whyte avenue. And I truly work to travel! My goal is to visit the Seven New Wonders of the world. While COVID has put a damper on that plan, I have just two more to go and am hopeful that it will be safe to travel soon!

**Looking to make a difference in your community? Enjoy organizing and connecting to others? The position of VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR might be just for you!**

- Responsibilities include: Working closely with Social Events, Communications and Membership Leads
- Maintain Volunteer Mailing List
- Send out requests for volunteers & other updates
- Provide volunteers with role details (description, shift time, contact for event)
- Attend most monthly league meetings and present update on activities.

Estimate of time required: 3-10 hours per month depending on events occurring.

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# Heather McPherson

Member of Parliament  
Edmonton Strathcona

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- Income Tax
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- Canada Summer Jobs

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