



Fall 2022

President's Message

Since becoming RGCL President in April 2021, I have to admit I have wondered why anyone would take this on. But this summer I figured out why, and now realize it has been one of the most rewarding things I have ever done. I drive or walk by our hall almost daily and yes, I see rink boards that need fixing, I see the empty front wall where we once had four pieces of original art that we took down after one was stolen, and once this summer I saw that our walls were tagged with some graffiti. But I see something else every time I venture through our wonderful, diverse neighbourhood. I see neighbours picking up trash, picking weeds from our public flowers beds. I see members of our youth selling homemade baked goods and lemonade to raise funds to help a kid struggling with kidney disease. I see a **fresh new parking lot** made possible by the efforts of a truly amazing board of dedicated, hardworking, selfless volunteers that I know go to bed and sleep soundly – partly because they are exhausted from the efforts of their day, but also because they know that when their community needed them the most, they stepped up. I see a **beautiful new mural** painted on the south side of our hall, again made possible by the vision and dedication of board members (with financial help from a **City of Edmonton Capital City Clean Up** grant). And mostly, I see neighbours becoming friends, looking out for each other, and building this community. So yes, I get frustrated from time to time that this or that might not have gone as I had hoped, but I can tell you, at the end of year one and venturing into year two – I'm happy to have served. I look forward to finishing some projects over the next 12 months and I look forward to starting some new ones. If you would like more information about how you might play a role in building your community, please contact Katie at rgcl.volunteer@gmail.com.
Cheers, Bill Werthmann.

Community League Day

The Royal Gardens Community League Day is taking place on **September 17**, from 1-5pm in Royal Gardens Park (4030—117 Street). We have some fun activities planned! Chow down on free **BBQ'd halal hotdogs** while you listen to live music from **100 Mile House** and **Landon Bushell**. Bring the kids to jump on a bouncy castle, tour a fire truck (on site from 1:30-3:30pm) or run through an inflatable obstacle course. Maybe you would like to play a Beat the Bucket game - where you can have the opportunity to dunk a bucket of water onto your friend's head. There will also be lawn games, a children's craft, and door prizes! Community league memberships will be available for purchase.

We are still looking for volunteers for this event. Two hour shifts are available. If you would like to come out to connect with your neighbors and engage with your community, please contact our volunteer coordinator at rgcl.volunteer@gmail.com.

Community Garden Update

Our Community Garden had another successful year! However, we did experience more vandalism than other years, but we are staying positive. As you admire our garden, please remember that the boxes are rented by individuals who work hard to grow their vegetables for their own consumption. We welcome you to enjoy the raspberries, herbs, and rhubarb, and hope our fruit trees will soon start bearing fruit for you. If you are interested in renting a garden box, email rgcl.garden@gmail.com.

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Royal Gardens Bylaw Update—General Meeting

For the first time since incorporating in 1969, the Royal Gardens Community League is doing a major update to our bylaws. All Royal Gardens Community League members are invited to attend a General Meeting on **Tuesday September 20, 2022** to vote on adopting the new bylaws. Members of the bylaw update sub-committee will be available to answer questions and guide members through the proposed bylaws before the vote occurs.

Doors open at 6:00 pm and Q&A starts at 7:00 pm. Voting to occur immediately after the Q&A session. **Light refreshments will be available.**

The proposed bylaws are available to view at our website. Questions can be submitted before the event by emailing rgcl.vicepresident@gmail.com.

Ladies Fitness Classes

Fall Session 2022: September 12 to December 2

- **Chair based Fitness** (45 minutes)
Mondays & Wednesdays at 10:15 AM
- **Cardio & Strength** (60 minutes)
Wednesdays & Fridays at 9:00 AM

All classes take place in the large hall of the RGCL building (4030—117 Street). Comprehensive information, including program descriptions, registration process, and fee structure, can be found at www.royalgardenscommunity.ca or by contacting Ruth at ruth.ramplng1@gmail.com.

Community League Swim Day

After a successful re-launch of our Community League Swim Day, this program will continue for the 2022-23 year. **Swim times will be every Saturday and Sunday from 4:00 to 5:30 pm at the Confederation Leisure Centre (11204 43 Avenue).**

A current membership with Royal Gardens Community League is needed in order to participate.

Photos from our Mural Unveiling Event



Makers Market YEG Returns in November

After two successful winter and spring events, Makers Market YEG will return to the Community Hall once again on **November 25th (4 to 8 PM)** and **November 26 (10 AM to 4 PM)**.

This seasonal gift and craft market features curated local artists and handmade goods, this is the perfect opportunity to shop local for the holiday season.

Become a Community League Member!

Have you got your Community League membership for the 2022-23 year? Membership rates are \$30 for a family membership and \$20 for an individual and are good from September 2022 to August 2023.

Becoming a member affords you a number of amenities, including free swim days at the Confederation Leisure Centre, admission discounts at City of Edmonton fitness centres, reduced rental rates at our community hall, and others!

To join our renew your membership, sign up at <https://efcl.org/membership-purchase> or e-mail rgcl.memberships@gmail.com.

Board Vacancies

We have a vacancy in our volunteer Board of Directors needing to be filled. We are looking for someone to be our Secretary. The main responsibilities include taking minutes at monthly meetings and working with the President to create the agenda. E-mail us at rgcl.president@gmail.com for more information.

New Mural at the Community Hall

On **Saturday August 27, 2022**, the Royal Gardens Community League unveiled a new mural on the south-facing end of our community hall!

Thanks to funding from the City of Edmonton Capital City Clean Up grant, **Ashley Rosenow** of **Illustrious Interiors** painted a beautiful garden-themed mural that is sure to brighten up the neighbourhood!

Be sure to check out the mural in-person next time you visit our hall.