

ROYAL GARDENS



The Official newsletter for the
Royal Gardens Community League
Review.....

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President's Message

I have mixed emotions as we approach the **2023 AGM** at Royal Gardens. When I put my name forward as candidate for president in 2021, it was midway through the pandemic and there was much work to be done. I was fortunate in that a number of great people from the community also stepped up and agreed to start working with me on the long to-do list. I was settling into my retirement from the business world and had some time on my hands to put toward our neighbourhood. So here we are two years later and because of the spirit of community and the willingness to get our hands dirty, we have checked off a number of items from that list, as well as a handful of others that got added along the way. As I move forward with my retirement plans starting with a cross country camping trip this summer, I am confident that the Royal Gardens Community League is being left in good hands. My hope is that other neighbours seize the opportunity to step up and lend a hand to those who are staying on. As they say, 'Many hands make light work' and with so many young families moving into the community, there is more work to be done. It's not always easy to make time to volunteer but I can tell you from experience, the rewards, although not always tangible, far outweigh the efforts.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the loss of 60 families from our community with **Civida's** closure of their townhouses between 41 and 40 Ave on 114 Street. We will have to wait and see what becomes of the property and can only hope that some of those families will be able to return.

Unfortunately, I'm unable to attend Winterfest 2023 in February but I look forward to seeing you all at Community League Day in the fall.

Cheers, **Bill Werthmann**

Winter Fest 2023

Winter Fest 2023 will be held at **Royal Gardens Park (4030-117 St)** on **Saturday, February 25, 2023** from **2:00 to 5:00 pm**.

Come celebrate winter with us! Warm up with hot chocolate kindly donated by the **City View Church**. This free family friendly event will also host horse drawn sleigh rides and marshmallow roasting over cozy fire pits.

We hope to see you there!

Royal Gardens Annual General Meeting

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Tuesday, April 18th, 2023 at 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Royal Gardens Community Hall (4030-117 Street)

Royal Gardens Community League is looking for new board members who are interested in organizing community events, animating the hall with programs, or joining the Executive Committee to support long term planning. If you are interested in joining the Board or would like more information about how you can be involved please email rgcl.president@gmail.com.

NOTE: A 2022/2023 membership is required to vote during the AGM. Memberships can be purchased at the AGM, or visit www.royalgardenscommunity.ca/memberships for more details.

We are excited to continue efforts to build our vibrant and diverse community and provide opportunities to connect and meet with neighbours. We hope you will join us at this very important event. Refreshments will be served.

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Community Garden — Calling All Gardeners!

Is it time to plant yet? Maybe not, but it's always time to put your name on the waiting list for a garden box at the **Royal Gardens Community Garden!** It won't be long before we start our planning for the 2023 garden season. Interested or have questions? Contact rgcl.garden@gmail.com.

Ladies Fitness Classes

Winter Session 2023: January 9—March 24

- **Chair based Fitness** (45 minutes)
Mondays, Wednesdays, and Friday 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/ladies-fitness or by contacting Sharon at rsbruce@shaw.ca.

Community League Swim Day

After a successful re-launch of our Community League Swim Day, this program is ongoing for the 2022-23 year. **Swim times are 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.

You can still purchase a 2022-23 membership by visiting www.royalgardenscommunity.ca/memberships or e-mailing rgcl.memberships@gmail.com.

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Soccer Registration with Greenfield

Soccer registration with **Greenfield Community League** for 2023 will be available starting **February 1, 2023**, supporting kids to learn and play this game from ages 4 to 18. Residents of Royal Gardens are welcome to participate in this program.

Detailed information on the registration process can be found on their website at www.greenfieldcommunityleague.com/soccer.html

E-mail soccerinfo@greenfieldcommunityleague.com if you have questions or need more information.

Little Aspen Playschool Coming to RGCL

Starting September 2023, **Little Aspen Playschool** will be permanently moving to the **Royal Gardens Community Hall** due to renovations at **Aspen Garden Community Hall** underway starting in Summer 2023.

An **Open House** at Royal Gardens Community Hall will happen **February 1, 2023** from 5:30 to 7:30 pm for those wishing to check out the new space. **Registration** for September classes will open on **February 4, 2023**. E-mail registrar@littleaspenplayschool.com for more info.

Community League Day 2022

Community League Day 2022 was a smashing success! A generous grant from the **Edmonton Arts Council** allowed us to host fantastic live performances by **100 Mile House** and **Landon Bushell**. Families gathered on the grass to listen while eating their hot dogs and snacks donated by **Matt and Ashley's No Frills**. The bouncy castles and scavenger hunt were especially popular with the younger crowd, while some of the neighborhood teens competed in a friendly basketball tournament. We would like to extend a generous thank you to all of our volunteers who helped make this event possible - especially the youth from the neighborhood, **Harry Ainlay High School** and **Louis St Laurent!** If you'd like to be a part of future events like this, contact our volunteer coordinator at rgcl.volunteer@gmail.com

