

ROYAL GARDENS



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

Winter 2024

President's Message

What is a community? There are many ways to define or describe a community and many of us belong to multiple communities already. For me a community is a group who have come together for a positive change or to see a collective vision come to life.

A community league functions similar to this, with all of our Directors, members and volunteers coming together to make our vision of local programming, events and experiences a reality. Our community has a long history of this, with over 50 years and the things we do have evolved.

We would like to have more input from our community about what interests you. I encourage everyone to join us at one of our events, our programs or in our planning for the community.

Join us in making our neighbourhood vibrant, welcoming and a community you call yours.

Chase Gingles (rgcl.president@gmail.com)

Update on Cividia Housing Site on 41 Ave

As many members have noticed, the Cividia housing site along 41 Avenue and 115 Street is vacant and fenced off. An update was provided by Edmonton City Councillor Michael Janz in December 2023.

This site is a City-owned, Cividia operated 70-unit community housing complex. Starting in 2021, an investigation identified that major structural issues were present and that the whole site would require redevelopment. In 2022, mitigation work began to address safety hazards and in 2022/23 tenants were relocated to other sites.

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Winter Fest 2024

Our annual **Winter Fest** is returning on **Sunday, February 18, 2024**, from 1-5pm in **Royal Gardens Park** (4030—117 Street).

Bring your friends and family for an afternoon of outdoor fun. Horse drawn sleigh rides, sledge hockey, snowshoeing, and more! Come and try something new.

Once the site was vacant in 2023, the complex was secured and is awaiting demolition.

The City of Edmonton approved funding in Fall 2023 to demolish the site and both the City of Edmonton and Cividia are working to secure funding to redevelop the site.

If you need to report a site issue, contact Cividia at 780-420-6161 or districtd@cividia.ca.

As more information becomes available to the public, we will do our best to share it.

Our Community Garden is Growing

If you want to rent a garden box, this is the time to sign up. We have plans to add 10 more boxes for the 2024 growing season.

We will be contacting our last year's gardeners in March to give them the first option to return. Then we will be contacting individuals on our waiting list.

If you want in this spring, send us an email to rgcl.garden@gmail.com.

A growing church in your community. Come join us!

• Make new friends • Discover God's love • Family Events • Everyone Welcome

Sundays 11:00 A.M. @ Royal Gardens Community Hall

www.cityviewchristian.com

Phone: 780-487-2001

Family Movie Matinee at RGCL Hall

Come join us for a family-friendly movie on the second Sunday of every month at our community hall. Doors open at 3 pm and the movie starts at 3:15 pm. FREE entry for everyone plus one FREE bag of popcorn. Additional snacks and drinks available for purchase at the cash concession. **All children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.**

Soccer Registration

RGCL partners with Greenfield Community League to bring you community soccer. **Soccer registration opens on February 1, 2024** using the EMSA soccer portal (<https://emsasoccerportal.com/ui/?>). Community soccer programs provide kids of the south west communities a chance to get active, meet new friends, and learn soccer skills. Community teams accept all players that register, do not have tryouts, and support kids to learn and play the game from age 4 to 18. Be sure to stay up to date for soccer registration by checking out EMSA's website <https://emsasouthwest.com/play/>

Join our Community League Board!

Have your say in the programs, events, and happenings in the community. Join our community board and help to create a welcoming space. Director-at-Large positions are open! Meetings are monthly (first Tuesday of the month) from 7 to 9 pm.

Community League Swim Day

Have you taken part in community swim times yet? With a valid 2023/24 community league membership, you get two swim times at Confederation Leisure Centre (11204—43 Ave)! Saturdays and Sundays from 4 to 5:30 pm. You can also get a discount on annual passes or multi-admission passes at City of Edmonton recreation facilities for you or your family (Note: does not apply to the City of Edmonton's Leisure Access Pass).

Sportball Classes Available

In their Multi-Sport programs, children from 16 months to 12 years of age are provided with a skills-driven, high-energy, and fun-filled curriculum. Multi-Sport instruction introduces children to the fundamental concepts and skills behind eight popular sports: soccer, hockey, basketball, baseball, volleyball, tennis, golf, and football. Using creative instruction and positive encouragement, our program focuses on the development of gross motor skills, along with balance, strength, coordination, stamina, and timing.

Programs are Saturdays between 9am and 1pm and RGCL members get a discount with a valid membership. E-mail rgcl.programs@gmail.com for your discount code and register today! Pro-rated registration available.

Karate Classes Available

Royal Gardens is proud to partner with **Kaizen Dojo** to offer Okinawan Karate and Kobudo classes. It doesn't matter your age, gender, or overall fitness level, karate has something to offer everyone. Programs are offered to youth and family (age 7—12), adult (ages 13+), and Ryukyu Kobudo (ages 13+). Call 780-619-3136 or e-mail kaizen.dojo@shaw.ca for more information.

Skating Rink is Open!

We are pleased to report that the Royal Gardens Community League skating rink is open! This year, instead of using a contractor to build and maintain the ice surface, the RGCL board elected to hire two of our own residents to coordinate and share the duties of making and maintaining the ice. Bill Werthmann, our past president, is the lead on this project and is joined by Peter Greenwood, who runs a local handyman service. Many hours have been put into making this year's rink viable, and a great number of those hours came from SUPER VOLUNTEERS Gary Poliquin and Aaron Suttley. A huge RGCL thank you for your commitment!



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Piano Studio in Royal Gardens

A new piano studio from **Pauline Mah** has opened in the community at **4315—116 Street NW**. There are weekend and evening times available. This is a wheelchair accessible studio with discounts for siblings and seniors.

- Private piano lessons are available for students ages 5 and up (30 minute lessons for beginners)
- Group lessons are available for students ages 5 to 8 (30 minute lessons for beginners)

More information can be found at

royalgardenspianoteacher.nicepage.io or by contacting royalgardenspianoteacher@gmail.com

