



President's Message

Welcome to our second newsletter of this year. We heard from many of you who appreciated getting a paper newsletter in your mailbox keeping you informed of the news and events going on in our beautiful Royal Gardens. We also heard from many who wanted larger print in the next offering.



We had a fantastic **Community League Day** in September, ongoing programs like Pickleball, Basketball, Scouting, Green Shack Programming, our celebrated Community Garden and we even had a parade (thanks to The Edmonton Arts Council). When I signed on to be president of the board this past June, I was committed to doing everything I could to promote the idea of having ice at the hall this winter (weather permitting). There were some challenges and some surprises as summer turned into fall and fall into winter but—we do have **ICE**.

The biggest challenge turned out to be a major failure in our sewer system. The main drain coming out of the building had a severed pipe as a result of roots being cleared out one too many times and we ended up having to shut the hall down while the repairs were researched, funded and work completed. As a result, we lost our out-of-school program and our Sunday Church service rental (temporarily).

I'd like to give a shout out to a couple of local businesses who helped us with some other issues that came up over the past months. **Cerberus Paving** for really stepping up and working within our budget for parking lot repairs, **Matt's Roofing** for donating time and materials for our shingle roof repairs, **Dancar Mechanical Group** for co-ordinating our repairs on our sewer system as well as our rooftop heaters and air handlers, **Jim's Electrical Services** for quick response times and working within our budget constraints, our very

Winter Fest₂₀₂₂

You are invited to the **Royal Gardens Winter Fest!** Please join us at Royal Gardens Park (4030-117 St) on **Monday, Feb 21** (Family Day) from 1pm until 4pm. We will have horse drawn sleigh rides, hot chocolate, snowshoeing and more. We would be so grateful if you would volunteer for this event! To help out, contact our social director at rgcl.events@gmail.com



own **Jim Adams and his son Corbin** for going way beyond the call of duty in the operation of our building and ice through a very challenging time and finally, the rest of our **dedicated board** for always answering the call and stepping up to get things done.

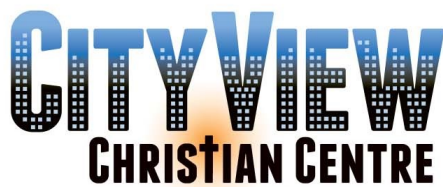
Watch for announcement of our **Spring AGM** date on our **website, FB, NextDoor, and hall sign**. Get your membership now so you can attend; consider volunteering for a board position such as vice president, newsletter coordinator, garden coordinator, casino coordinator, director at large, and more...

And finally - are you looking to increase exposure for your business or organization? Please consider sponsoring a page of an upcoming edition of **The ROYAL GARDENS Review**

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or contact me - rgcl.president@gmail.com

Cheers,
Bill

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*Message from **Matt Jeneroux**,
Member of Parliament, Riverbend*

Thank you for re-electing me as your MP. Many concerns were brought up by community members throughout the campaign: concerns about our healthcare, the economy, and the next steps to returning to normal. As we continue to push for clear answers and more concrete actions to overcome these challenges, new programs have been introduced and many Covid-19 support programs have changed.

Full information on these programs at www.mattjeneroux.ca

Despite many of the challenges of the past two years, we have found that over the course of the pandemic, local communities have been instrumental in helping residents stay connected with one another. The Royal Gardens Community League hosted a virtual community AGM meeting, a Community League Membership day, and spared no efforts in maintaining a beautiful community garden. Your Makers Market event supported local businesses while engaging the community. Thank you for the hard work you've put in to help keep our spirits up as we sail through the storm of the pandemic.

For comments or questions about what's happening in federal politics, contact my office at [780-495-4351](tel:780-495-4351)



*Message from **Michael Janz**, City Councillor,
Ward Papastew*

My name is Michael Janz and I am your new City Councillor for the 2021-2025 term! I'm excited to work with you to help tackle many of the challenging issues we have throughout our city. As the former Marketing Director of the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues, I'm a strong believer in "neighbour power" and what can be accomplished by neighbours taking ideas and turning them into action. I have reached out to your community league and I hope to be attending a future meeting where I can listen to you and help you action your concerns. To learn more about my commitments, please visit www.michaeljanz.ca or reach out to me at michael.janz@edmonton.ca



*Message from **Julie Kusiek**,
Public School Trustee, Ward F*

Thank you for electing me as your public school board trustee. I look forward to serving kids, families and the community in this role. Royal Gardens has two great Edmonton Public schools – Richard Secord and Harry Ainlay. In what ways are these schools really well integrated into your community? How could board policy better support community connections for you? Royal Gardens also has two Catholic schools. A key focus of mine this term will be working to build a strong relationship with Edmonton Catholic School District so that we can collaborate where possible on how to best serve students and community.



As a former community league president and community organizer, one of my favourite things is talking to community members and figuring out how to move forward on issues. I want to hear from you. Let's start building our relationship. Sign up for my newsletter or contact me through www.juliekusiek.ca

Royal Gardens Community League Membership

Family membership - \$30

Single membership - \$20.

Contact rgcl.memberships@gmail.com

or www.efcl.org to sign up on-line.

RGCL membership provides a number of benefits such as skating, swimming, community sports teams, use of basketball and tennis courts, ladies fitness classes, parent/tot activities. Your membership helps supports activities such as WinterFest, Community League Day, and more. League membership also includes discounts at: City of Edmonton sports and fitness facilities, Rental rates for community league hall, Courses through Technology Training Centre at the University of Alberta, A variety of local businesses ([see EFCL.org/membership-purchase](http://see.EFCL.org/membership-purchase))

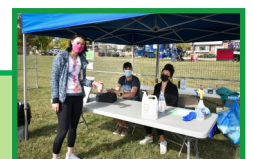
Ladies Fitness Classes

With the outbreak of the Omicron variant and uncertainty as to its implications, the Winter Session of the RGCL Ladies Fitness Program has been cancelled. If circumstances support a Spring Session, it would begin on Monday, April 4th, 2022. Please stay tuned to the RGCL website and social media for an update closer to that time.



Interested in volunteering on our board or working on one of our events?

Reach out to RGCL.president@gmail.com
or RGCL.secretary@gmail.com



Community Garden

Would you like to be involved with our community garden? The raised beds, located north of the Community League Hall and playground and along the multi-use path, are available to rent each summer so you can grow your own food and flowers. Each gardener tends to their own plot and helps maintain the wider Community Garden site by participating in volunteer teams that care for the garden pathways, communal herb and raspberry beds, fruit trees, turn the compost, or fill the water cisterns. Each garden bed is 4 feet x 10 feet and costs \$30 for the May to October season. Soil and water will be provided - you just bring your own seeds and enthusiasm!



Email Ingrid at rgcl.garden@gmail.com to sign up or for more information.

We are pleased to announce that **Free Community Swim Days** are once again available for **Royal Gardens Community League** members at **Confederation Leisure Centre** (11204 - 43 Ave). **Saturdays and Sundays 4:00–5:30 PM**

NOTE: The City of Edmonton has adopted the Provincial Restriction Exemption Program meaning everyone aged 12 and older visiting a City recreation centre, arena, or attraction is required to provide QR code proof of COVID-19 full vaccination, or proof of a medical exemption, or a recent negative test result. Masks are also required indoors at all City facilities when not participating in a physical activity.



League membership card must be presented

Pickleball is a social activity for all ages and athletic ability levels, with simple rules that make it easy to learn and fun to play. It borrows from badminton, tennis and table tennis and is the fastest growing sport in North America. Edmonton Pickleball Club (EPC) is open to anyone over the age of 18 from beginner to advanced. Weather depending, our season usually runs May to early October at the Royal Gardens courts. We have six permanent courts and four temporary ones set up on the tennis/pavement side. Registration information can be found at edmontonpickleballclub.org (click JOIN-RENEW)



Edmonton Sports Council

The Edmonton Sport Council is funded primarily by a grant from the City of Edmonton to support sport, active recreation and active living for all Edmontonians. You can access information concerning sport and active recreation organizations as well as sport and recreation facilities on <https://www.edmontonsport.com/>

Confederation Park Little League Baseball

Registration is open for spring teams. We are the only organization providing official Little League baseball (T-ball, coach pitch, and player pitch) for kids 4-16 years old in South West Edmonton. See our website for information regarding registration, camps, divisions, and boundaries; www.edmontonlittleleague.ca/confed or contact Jocelyn at confedparkregistrationll@outlook.com

Greenfield/Royal Gardens Soccer

Edmonton Minor Soccer Assoc (EMSA) runs a community indoor and outdoor soccer program through each city zone (SE, SW, NE, NW) and RGCL is part of the SWEMSA. Greenfield Community League has registered Royal Gardens families into their community for ages 5-18 year round since Royal Gardens has not had its own soccer director or program for several years. The indoor program is organized by SWEMSA directly and the outdoor program is based out of each community with *registration beginning in February* of each year. A typical season runs May/June/July. Royal Gardens has a small but usual volume of soccer registrants each year. For information or questions contact soccer-info@greenfieldcommunityleague.com. Adult volunteers are welcomed and encouraged!

Helping Seniors Age in Place through

Homeshare Canada HomeShare is an intergenerational housing program that addresses social isolation by bringing together seniors and students. In exchange for reduced rent in a senior's home, the student provides up to seven hours of companionship and/or assistance with completing light household tasks, such as preparing and sharing meals, tidying up, carrying groceries, or walking a pet.

Canada Homeshare has funding for a pilot program in Alberta and is working on building a network of "HomeShare" communities across the country that will be connected to researchers, health and community services, policymakers and clinicians, creating opportunities for knowledge exchange, data sharing, and the pooling of resources. To learn more please email michael.janz@edmonton.ca or visit www.canadahomeshare.com

PAST EVENTS

Makers Market

In late November, the Royal Gardens Community League hosted a very successful craft fair called "Makers Market YEG"! We were fortunate to have so many amazing artisans participate in our market, including some local to our neighborhood and those surrounding. Over 500 shoppers attended the event. Follow on Instagram@makersmarketyeg for information regarding future markets.



Community League Day – Fall Festival

After more than a year of activities being suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the *Royal Gardens Community League* came roaring back by participating



in our Fall Festival on September 18th, which celebrates Community League Day. In order to make the event safe for a pandemic, we made full use of the beautiful green space at Royal Gardens Park, which included live music courtesy of John Wort Hannam,

Braden Gates, Bill Werthmann, and Chubby Cree. The Fox Burger food truck and a beer gardens tent were on hand to provide refreshments while lawn games, crafts, and a scavenger hunt kept the kids entertained.

Thank you to everyone who came out to partake in the festivities and doing your part to strengthen our community! Special thanks to our sponsors for helping to make the event possible: ATCO, Backyard Birds Nature Shop, Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues, Matt & Ashley's No Frills, Northern Lights Folk Club, 7-Eleven, Square 1 Coffee, and Sung Lee Taekwondo.



Parade in a Box

Thank you to the Edmonton Arts Council for inviting us to participate in their neighbourhood Parade in a Box program on October 9th. To all who joined in, watched from their front lawns, and joined the activities back at the Community Hall – we hope you had fun! Thanks to No Frills for pushing their shopping carts and collecting Food Bank items along the way!



IN OTHER NEWS

Are You concerned about Coyotes in Royal Gardens?

Contact the Edmonton Urban Coyote Program at the University of Alberta urbancoyoteinterventionprogram.weebly.com or coyotes@ualberta.ca

City View Christian Centre is a new church meeting in the Royal Gardens Community Hall on Sundays at 11:00 A.M. This friendly and welcoming church provides a place for everyone to grow in their faith, experience God's love and be encouraged! Check out our website & watch for fun events where you can join us!

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