



Callingwood-Lymburn Community Newsletter

President's Message

By Terry Diane Demers, CLCL President

"Dreams don't work unless you do!"

For many years, some of the league members had a dream of building a hall for our Callingwood/Lymburn community. Over nine years ago, the plan went into action. Companies were approached to build; the city was approached with regard to the regulations. We were told that no new community hall has been approved in Edmonton since the mid 90's. (Some have been replaced, or improved, but none from scratch.)

Many volunteers worked bingos and casinos through the years to help raise funds. Once we had the basic \$175,000, we applied to the province for a grant, the maximum of \$125,000. It was received and we then had \$300,000. After meeting with the City they agreed to cover the cost of the installation of the utilities, approx \$100,000. That brought the total funds to \$400,000.

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Slurpee Cup Tournament 2014



Congratulations to all the teams who played in the Edmonton West Zone Soccer Association (EWZSA) Slurpee Cup Tournament!

This annual tournament took place on May 30, May 31 and June 1 this year, with games played on fields throughout West Edmonton. The weather was sunny and beautiful with just a little rain on Sunday.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 8 & 11 **Bike Week at the Market**
Sunday, June 8, 10am - 3pm & Wednesday, June 11, 2 - 6pm, 6655-178 Street
- June is Bike Month in Edmonton! Bring your bicycles to the Callingwood Farmers' Market and get a free tune-up for summer! Volunteer mechanics from the Edmonton Bicycle Commuters' Society will be at the market both days to tune-up bikes and answer your questions.
- June 14 **SUPER Magical BIRTHDAY BASH at the Marketplace at Callingwood**
Saturday, June 14 from 1 - 4 pm, 6655-178 Street
- Celebrate 30 years of The Marketplace at Callingwood and bring the kids to meet some real princesses and superheroes! There will be photo opps, a petting zoo, bouncy castle, face painting, music, cake, prizes and plenty more family fun!
- June 28 **Sidewalk Poetry Opening**
Saturday, June 28, 1 - 3pm, Callingwood Park Pavilion at the spray park
- Come help celebrate the contributions of local residents, students, groups and businesses who submitted poetry for the Callingwood Park Pavilion sidewalks.
- August 23 **Lymburn Days**
Saturday, August 23 - see pages 6 and 7 for details
- Come out and enjoy the Callingwood-Lymburn Community League's annual community garage sale and BBQ event.
- August 30 **Kites Over Callingwood**
Saturday, August 30 from noon - 5pm, Callingwood Soccer Fields
- The 22ND ANNUAL KITES OVER CALLINGWOOD will be held on Saturday, August 30, 2014, the first day of the Labour Day weekend. Mark your calendar as you don't want to miss it. This event includes kite flying and other activities such as The Adventure Bus, clowns, a DJ, face painting and a concession.



President's Message continued

We were proceeding with plans to build a storage shed. It took two years to go through the process of approval. During that time, the City came up with a new program offering funding for community leagues to improve the halls. We received the maximum amount of \$400,000, bringing our funds to \$800,000! Back to the drawing board, we changed things from a storage shed to an actual hall. Things got really exciting!

It took a few more years to complete all the items required for approvals. Two builders were chosen but decided it took too much time and energy to deal with the various processes required to build on city property, and we went to a third builder - Hendriks Construction.

Finally the summer of 2013, after nine years, the building became a reality. The hall was almost completed in the fall of 2013, the utility hook ups were to happen in the spring of 2014. The adjoining skating rink needed some work as well; there was graffiti, damaged boards and unsafe conditions. Funding was requested from the Federal Government to do the required work on the rink, and we are in the final stages to confirm the amount we will receive from the Federal program.

Four years ago, when we started the discussions with the current builder, the cost for the hall was \$800,000. We added some items such as the rink repairs and a few things we hadn't thought about and the cost for the hall and rink became close to \$900,000. We've paid approx \$820,000 of the \$900,000 bill and are waiting for the federal funding (about \$57,000 will be left after the federal funding is received). We are also applying for other programs such as the RBC and the Scotiabank community improvement funding. The volunteers have also worked another casino. We hope to use those funds to assist with operating the hall; however, they are available to pay the final bill should that be required. Many things are still needed: appliances, tables, chairs and more. After all is said and done, it will be a million dollar project, paid in cash.

There's little left to do before we're able to use the building, and we have many people inquiring to rent the space already. (One major item left is the gas hook up which has yet to be completed.) We'll work on having appliances, tables and chairs so the building will be up and running in the fall of 2014. We hope to have our grand opening to coincide with the city's community league day, Saturday, September 20, 2014.

It most definitely was a labor of love! The dream of a hall became a reality because of all the work done by many people in our community. In a year or two, the hall will be used regularly; it will be an established place in our community. Most won't even give a thought to the amount of work that went in to making this dream a reality, and that's alright, it will be a natural piece of this community.

Those who helped make this happen can be very proud of all they did to provide this. It was a pleasure working with Perry Hendriks and his construction team. They never gave up with the project, patiently dealing with many departments, the changes required and more. The league members have worked together for many years in a variety of roles such as volunteering, organizing the bingo and casino volunteers, and applying for grants and other funding. Thank you to all those who had a hand in providing a hall for our community; a meeting place for the people in this area; and a place to connect with our neighbours. Thank you.

See you at the grand opening in September!

Callingwood/Lymburn Community Playschool

By Kris Gray, CLCP Chair

As our school year winds down, we reflect on another wonderful year filled with new friends and experiences. Our children have benefitted greatly from the expertise of our amazing teachers, Cathey Chisholm (Tues/Thurs program) and Annette Graham (Mon/Wed/Fri program), and the warm, nurturing and exciting learning environment they provide.

For the 2014/15 playschool year, we currently have limited space available in our Tuesday/Thursday 4 year old afternoon program. We continue to be a cost effective, high quality playschool option in West Edmonton

and spots fill quickly, so contact us soon to reserve your child's place. CLCP is a parent cooperative program, so you will have the wonderful opportunity to play a "hands on" role in your child's playschool experience through helper days, field trips and volunteering to assist with various special events throughout the year!

Please visit us on our website at www.callingwoodlymburnplayschool.com, or email us at INFO@callingwoodlymburnplayschool.com. You can also see what's happening at CLCP by checking out our Facebook Page.

St. Martha's Playground

By Kim Street, Chair of the St. Martha's School Advisory Council

For the last 2 years, St. Martha School have been raising funds to redevelop our playground costing \$900,000. Last spring, construction began and we now have brand new equipment in our playground. These facilities are located in Monsignor Walter Fitzgerald Park alongside of St. Martha Elementary School. With Phase 1 of the project completed, now we are working on Phase 2. Our goal this year is to raise funds to add a Spray Deck to the playground area which will cost approximately \$250,000. Currently, we are \$50,000 short of this target.



Construction is planned for the summer of 2015 to complete our project. St. Martha School would like to thank the City of Edmonton, our equipment supplier PlayWorks Inc., and Callingwood-Lymburn Community League for their support of this project.



Callingwood Spray Park Open for Summer 2014



The Callingwood Spray Park opened for the 2014 summer season on May 31. The spray park will be open daily until September 1 from 9am to 9pm. The park is supervised by City Water Play staff from 11am to 6pm on weekends in June, and daily from June 28 to September 1.

A new washroom facility (the Callingwood Park Pavilion) next to the spray park will open by mid-June this year. Poetry by local residents will be etched in the sidewalks around the Pavilion. There are currently port-a-potties on site until the Pavilion opens. The new facility's open hours will be 9am to 9pm daily during the summer.

Community Garden

Some Callingwood residents and the Callingwood Cares group are interested in starting a community garden, located beside Callingwood Elementary School. They are looking for more residents who would like to take part in a planning session.

A community garden is a beautiful addition to a neighbourhood and can help you grow healthy food, meet new people, and share gardening knowledge and experience.

The group needs a minimum of 10 people for the planning committee. They currently have 5 volunteers and are looking for at least 5 more. If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact Wayne at 780-717-8282.

There are temporary fences up at the spray park surrounding new sod and seed. Please respect the barricades until they are removed so the grass can grow strong enough to keep the site beautiful and usable throughout the summer.

The skate park is also open for the season. City Skate Park Leaders will be on site from June 4 to September 1, from 3:30 to 8 pm on Fridays and 12:30 to 8pm all other days. There are day camp programs available at the Callingwood Skate Park for youth who want to learn to skateboard - visit the City of Edmonton's website for information on registration and fees.



Green Shack

The Green Shack Playground Program is coming to Callingwood-Lymburn again this year! A Green Shack will be located at Monsignor Walter Fitzgerald Park (by St. Martha's school in Lymburn), 7120 - 180 Street. The program at this location runs Monday to Friday, 10am to 1:30pm from July 2 to August 22, 2014.

Green Shack is a free, drop-in program for children ages 6 - 12. Children under 6 years old are also welcome but must be supervised by a parent or guardian at all times. City of Edmonton staff at the Green Shack will lead activities such as games, sports, crafts, music, drama and special events.

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The Callingwood-Lymburn Community Newsletter is produced quarterly. The League is now distributing two newsletters per year electronically by email to league members instead of to your door. If you wish to be taken off the email mailing list, please follow the instructions in the email you received, or call or email the league.

CLCL Membership Benefits

- Free Public Swimming at the Jamie Platz YMCA Sundays 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- Free Public Skating at the Callingwood Recreation Centre Sundays noon to 1:15 pm
- 25% discount off the rental of the meeting room or hall at the Callingwood Recreation Centre
- Free Admission to the Jamie Platz YMCA indoor playground for children 5 years and under (parental supervision is required)
 - Tuesday: 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
 - Thursday: 11:30 am to 2:00 pm
 - Saturday & Sunday: all day from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm
- Free playgroup through Momstown at the Callingwood Recreation Centre location only, Thursdays (see website or Facebook for schedule)
- 10% discount on annual or multi admission passes at City of Edmonton's Recreation facilities
- Access to programs available at an additional cost: AKF Karate, soccer, and playschool
- Business Discounts:
 - 15% at the Happy Camel
 - 10% off food purchases at Muggn'z
 - 10% at Princess Florence Handbags & More
 - 25% off all public courses at University of Alberta Technology Training Centre



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**Fresh Air Cinemas
Despicable Me 2**

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Photo Booth

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**BBQ
And more!**



CALLINGWOOD LYMBURN DAYS AUGUST 23, 2014

Bring the Whole Family and have a BLAST!

Event opens at 4:00 p.m. Saturday night with lots of activities for the whole family.

Movie starts around 8:15.

Community Garage Sale all weekend

**CALLINGWOOD
LYMBURN
COMMUNITY LEAGUE**

Lymburn Park

callingwoodlymburn.com

Saturday August 23
4:00 p.m. -10:00 p.m.



CALLINGWOOD LYMBURN COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE



Are you planning a Garage Sale this Summer 2014?

Callingwood Lymburn Community League is planning a Community Garage Sale the weekend of Aug 22-Aug 24. All advertising and signage will be provided by us. All you have to do is put on your own Garage Sale. If you are interested in advertising on your property please contact Ian Pretty at iangp@gmail.com.

On Saturday at 4:00 join us at Lymburn Park for Callingwood Lymburn Days, a BBQ, movie and activities for the whole family.

August 22 to 24, 2014

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