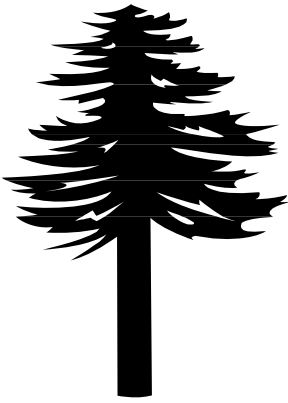


March 2009



Have you checked out the Parkallen Community Website lately??
www.parkallen.ca



Parkallen Newsletter

Parkallen Community League, 6510-111 Street T6H 5W2

Parkallen Local Motion Update

Become a part of the ecoMobility movement in June 2009!

Local Motion is a demonstration project encouraging eco-friendly modes of transportation. Parkallen has been chosen as the host community for this unique project. It is a first in Canada and a first in the world!

An information night was held on February 10th, followed by a Workshop and visioning session on February 17th. Participants shared hundreds of ideas with City staff and also shared what they felt were priorities that would help make Parkallen a more ecoMobile community.

Here are just a few of the ideas that were shared : Have bike locks, trailers, strollers, etc for loan and increase number of bike racks, Bike Lanes, free bus passes, community events such as a "car-free day". There were many more! The City and the Parkallen ecoMobility committee will now be working to bring many of these ideas to reality for June 2009.

To view the notes from the February 17th workshop and for more information, visit:

www.parkallen.ca www.edmonton.ca/localmotion

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Local Motion Project Coordinator:
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Parkallen ecoMobility Chair:
ecoMobility@parkallen.ca

CAUTION!

LRT Testing south of Health Sciences to McKernan/Belgravia
Feb 27 until April 26

EFCL Edmonton
RUSH Lacrosse
Promo

\$10 tickets for
March 28th game.
Great seats!
www.efcl.org or
(780)437-2913

snow festival
2009

I had a lot of fun at the Snow festival the past Sunday. I had a lot of fun playing Sledge Hockey and tug of war. I had a giant snow ball Fight with my friends on the other side of the Community hall too. There was skating, sledge hockey, Tobogganing, Sleigh rides, Snow Shoeing, and Barbequed Hotdogs. Something for everyone to do. there were lots of people and the weather was great I can't wait for next year. Elan Andison, Grade 4, Parkallen Elementary School

Parkallen Newsletter

• Comments/questions regarding content or delivery of this newsletter, or if you would like to help, please contact Christine at 780-439-7951 or newsletter@parkallen.ca

• We welcome submissions from *all* members of the community and will print these as space allows

• Deadline for submissions to the next newsletter is April 1st..

• Cost for advertising is \$20 for a business-card sized ad, space permitting.

• Classifieds are free for community league members.

• **Please note that inclusion in the newsletter does not constitute endorsement by the Parkallen Community League Association**

Belgravia Elementary School Open House & Registration Night

Thursday April 16th
5 to 7 PM
11605 - 74 Avenue
(780) 435-5560

www.belgravia.epsb.ca

- Academic excellence
- Low student/teacher ratios
- Excellent music program
- New playground
- French as a second language (Grades 4-6)
- Strong parental involvement
- Running, Caring, Choir, and Math clubs, artist in residence, Study Buddy program
- Out Of School Program, no wait list (www.ebosc.ca)

Green Circle Preschool Silent Auction April 4th

5:30pm until 8:00pm
Westwood Unitarian Church (11135-65 Ave.)

A Silent Auction to help raise funds for the Green Circle Preschool (located in Parkallen Elementary School). All are welcome, including children of all ages, as there will be many items they can bid on. Dessert and refreshments will be served throughout the auction. Admission rates are \$5.00 per person, or \$10.00 per family. We have many excellent items up for bid. We hope to see you there!

St Martin's Ukrainian Bilingual Playschool OPEN HOUSE

April 15th at 7pm.
St. Martin's Ukrainian Bilingual Elementary School (11310 51 Ave.)

◆ 5 day/week morning Playschool programs for 3 and 4 year old children with flexible scheduling to meet your needs (no knowledge of Ukrainian required).

◆ Afternoon Kindergarten Ukrainian language enrichment program for 4 1/2 to 5 year olds.

For more info. please email sadochok@hotmail.com or phone our Playschool teacher, Lesia Maschak at (780) 919-8244.

WHY ARE WE RE-DEVELOPING THE COMMUNITY PLAYGROUND IN PARKALLEN?

Our playground is loved and extremely well. Although there have been add-on's such as the tire swing, the current playground construction was built in 1990 and the builders and committee at that time did an amazing job. The testament to that is our children never seem to tire of going to their local playground.

So why are we re-developing?

I started my volunteer efforts with the League in June of 2007. Shortly thereafter, I discovered that the Ellingson park playground had been given a rating of "Fair" by the City of Edmonton. This rating means that our park is getting old and worn out. As pieces of equipment become unsafe or need repair the City, has let us know that they will do minor repairs only and unsafe equipment would be removed. It was recommended to us that we pre-

pare for a redevelopment within the next 3-5 years.

As well, the City has a project underway to convert all community wading pools to spray parks. There are several communities already converted and everyone else is in the line-up. Parkallen is on the schedule for 2009, however, it is in our best interest to combine the park redevelopment, playground redesign, and the wading pool conversion into one overall project. By doing this there will be a one-time inconvenience to park users during the construction phase, and we will have access to significant extra funding through additional grant matching options.

So for all of the above reasons we have formed a committee and started the process with last month's survey. **THANK YOU to EVERYONE who took the time to fill out and submit the survey. We REALLY appreciate it!**

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

After, we gather survey results, we will proceed with additional data gathering this summer through a variety of methods which may include kids play park tours, focus groups etc.

We will then proceed to submit our applications and contact playground suppliers for plan possibilities. At that time we may come back to the community, next spring, for further review.

Construction is tentatively targeted for the fall of 2010 or spring of 2011.

We look forward to a community collaborative effort and creating a great park space! If you have comments for the committee please contact us via email at park@parkallen.ca.

Regards, Nora Begoray Chair,
Park Re-development Committee



Ladies, are you in need of relaxation?



Give yourself a well deserved hour of nurturing and relaxation.

Mady Mooney is a Registered Massage Therapist and practices in the Belgravia area. Massage Therapy, Cranio-Sacral Therapy, Foot Reflexology and Reiki are offered.

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Parkallen Knitters

Wednesdays 1 to 3 pm at the Community Hall. Everyone is welcome to "drop-in". Contact: Edith at 780-434-1178 or Betty at 780-465-3723.

Parkallen Playgroup

Tuesdays 9:30 to 11:00 am at the Hall. For babies, young children and their caregivers. **March 31st Teddy Bear Picnic.** Rhonda 780-989-1984.

International Year of Astrology

Submitted by D.L. Darnell

Treasurer for Aspen Garden's
Community League

Venus Evening Show Closing

The Star of the International Year of Astrology's opening show has been Venus, a brilliant beacon which has hogged the stage of our Western evening sky since the year began. After a stunning rendez-vous with the moon at the end of February (some of you may have recognized the design for the flag of Turkey), Venus is finally starting her long, dramatic exit stage left. You can see her through almost the end of March: an unmistakably bright point in the early evening sky. Take a look through binoculars and you may be able to make out the phase of the planet. Through March she appears as a waning crescent, as she heads toward

inferior conjunction – that's when Venus gets right between us and the sun, where we cannot see her. Venus won't be gone for long, though. In April you'll get to see her again, rising and waxing in the early morning Eastern sky.

As the evening progresses and Venus starts to set, you cannot miss majestic Orion claiming center stage in the South. Orion is clearly visible throughout the winter: a "box" of four bright stars outlining the hunter's body, a slanting belt of three bright stars in the middle, and a blur of fainter stars that form the sword hanging from his belt. This constellation is home to some of the best known star-forming regions, including the Orion Nebula (in the sword) and the Horshead Nebula, both of which you have probably seen in pictures. To the left of Orion sparkles Sirius, the brightest star in the night sky. This star, which

seems to twinkle red and blue in the winter night, is part of the "big dog" (Canis Major) at Orion's feet. Most visible late at night, Sirius is actually made up of a pair of stars orbiting each other: a main sequence star that is about twice the size of our sun, and a much fainter white dwarf.

The Great Equalizer

Spring officially arrives on March 20, with the Equinox. Just twice a year, the turnings and tiltings of our planet give us something to share with everyone else on earth: a fairly even split between day and night. When the sun rises on the 20th, people from Beijing to Borneo, and even the penguins in Antarctica, will measure just about the same length of time from sunrise to sunset.

For more on what to watch for:
www.skyandtelescope.com/observing/highlights

www.skynewsmagazine.com/

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Super Tots! SPRING BREAK PROGRAM

For Children 3 – 5 years at
Parkallen Community League
Hall

6510 – 111 Street

Lets discover together what your super talents are. Is it singing, dancing, cooking or acting? We'll try all of these mediums and more in this super duper program for Pre-schoolers.

Date: Monday March 30 & Tuesday March 31

Time: 1:00 – 3:00pm

Cost: \$18

Registration Code: 320790

To register:

please call: 311

OR register on-line: <http://eReg.edmonton.ca>

Sportin' Around

SPRING BREAK PROGRAM
Parkallen Community League Hall
6510 – 111 Street

Join us for this outdoor program and try out a variety of different sports and wide games.

When: Thursday April 2 & Friday April 3

10:00 am – 12:00 noon

Who: Children ages 6-10

Cost: \$18

Please register early by calling 311 or on line at <http://eReg.edmonton.ca> or in person at any City of Edmonton Swimming Pool

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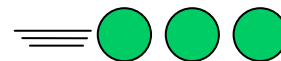
Do one of these VACANT positions interest you? To find out more about any of the VACANT positions, please contact one of the Executive members.

Classifieds

- *Diverse recreational folk dance club. McKernan Hall. 437-1405. <http://www.geocities.com/eifdancers/>
- *Independent NORWEX sales consultant in Parkallen. For a catalogue, place an order or book a show, please call Jennifer at 780-438-6156 or email jnederpel@shaw.ca
- *House and Pet Sitting Service. Parkallen Resident since 1990. References available on request. Reasonable rates...call Michele, 780-434-7871 or 780-905-7871.
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**Saturday, April 18
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**In the McKernan School
gym, 11330 - 76 Avenue.**

Join Edmonton Transit at a drop-in Open House to learn about the new LRT line opening in April, for info. about changes to transit service, as well as a TraXSafe display and slide show on safety for transit customers, pedestrians, and motorists.