



GRIESBACH COMMUNITY LEAGUE

INTELLIGENCE REPORT

June 2014

CANADA LANDS STEPS UP AS LEAD PLAYGROUND SUPPORTER WITH HUGE \$40,000 CONTRIBUTION.

The campaign to build a new playground is a big step closer to becoming a reality. **Canada Lands Corporation** recently presented a \$40,000 cheque to Griesbach Community League.

As a member of the corporate fundraising team, Stacy Felkar says they are “absolutely ecstatic.”

With Griesbach, Canada Lands has built a unique community that really appeals to families. Having them step forward with such a sizeable contribution is a testament to their commitment to doing things right.

“We are very pleased to help out in order to give the kids a great place to play,” says Canada Lands’ Director of Development, Marvin Neumann.

Bolstered by this impressive donation, the fundraising campaign is nearing the \$80,000 mark.

However, there is still a long way to go. To build the type of playground residents have said they want, it is anticipated the community will need to raise close to \$300,000. Matching grants from the civic and provincial levels of government will cover the balance.

The playground committee will be meeting with architects in July to start the process, which will provide a more accurate idea of fundraising requirements.

Both Major General Griesbach School and its Parents’ Council have been instrumental fundraising partners, and have launched several successful initiatives over the past two years. Meanwhile, Griesbach Community League has been busily collecting funds through bottle drives, a corporate donor campaign and the Spring Fling events.

Last month, **Skuba Dental** stepped forward as the first Gold Level Sponsor. A few other announcements are expected in the weeks to come (fingers crossed).

In addition, individuals and families can make a donation and receive a tax receipt from the City of Edmonton.

GCL President, Brad Tilley says it is conceivable the playground could be built in two years. He stresses that this will require a big push in terms of corporate and personal donations in the next several months.

“If that happens, we could quite possibly apply to begin construction next year,” Tilley suggests.

Personal donations:

griesbachstructuresdirector@gmail.com

Corporate donations:

griesbachpresident@gmail.com



(L to R) Stacy Felkar and Brad Tilley receive a playground donation cheque from Marvin Neumann and Georgette L'Hirondelle of Canada Lands.

Griesbach to host Summer Green Shack Program.

FREE activities & programming for kids.

Starting July 2nd! Griesbach playground.

This summer you won't have to worry about children's cries of "I'm borrrrrred."

Griesbach has been selected for the Green Shack program. It's AWESOME news for kids and parents alike. Run by the City of Edmonton, this amazing program will bring a summer activity shack to the current Griesbach Playground.

It will be staffed by city employees who will coordinate activities for children throughout the summer. A few details:

- Runs weekdays, 10 am - 1:30 pm.
- It's FREE and available on a drop-in basis.
- It's for ages 6-12 (kids under 6 are welcome with parental supervision).
- The program can include everything from games to sports, crafts, music and drama.
- Kids just show up to the playground and the staff will have all the day's activities planned.
- The program wraps up August 22nd.

We hope you can help us make the Green Shack a huge success through your participation.

Community Gardens move delayed until 2015.

Plans to open the Griesbach Community gardens on the new site at Central Park have been pushed back until next year. Due to construction delays, the move could not be completed in time for the 2014 growing season. If you have any questions contact:

griesbachgardensdirector@gmail.com

Birds of Griesbach Nature Walk: Thurs. July 3, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

On Thursday, July 3 join up for a free guided walk around the community to examine the birds that live on or near our storm water ponds. **Meet at 6:30 pm at Topham St. and Stan Waters Ave. (Click for map).** Hosted by Michael Frost of the Edmonton Nature Club. Waivers required. To learn more contact Michael at: learnedloon@gmail.com

Please bring: Binoculars, field guides (if you own one), bug repellent and sunscreen.



Take the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues survey.

The Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues was founded in 1921. EFCL plays a key role in supporting leagues to provide recreational and social programming, amenities and civic advocacy on behalf of their communities.

They are developing a 5-year Strategic Business Plan and review of Civic Engagement strategies.

To do so, they are looking for league members and non-members to be part of the conversation. Your opinions and insights, plus those of your neighbours, will play a major part in the overall process of developing the 5-year plan.

Take the survey online by visiting the following link by Sunday, June 15th.

www.efclsurvey2014.ca



Over 50 volunteers pitch in at first Griesbach Community Cleanup.

Community volunteers of all ages pitched in to help tidy up our neighbourhood. It proved to be a popular family activity. Many parents said it was a great chance to teach kids about the value of taking pride in their community, and how litter can quickly accumulate. Capital City Cleanup helped out by contributing supplies. A big thanks to Westcorp Property Management for allowing us to piggyback on their Big Bin Event, where volunteers and residents were treated to hotdogs, refreshments and a bouncy castle for kids.

SPRINGFLING raises over \$3,000 with help of amazing local businesses.

Griesbach residents descended upon Jox Taphouse and Grill to share a pint with neighbours while raising funds for our playground. Thanks to the generosity of several local businesses, we managed to raise just over \$3,000. Cheers to everyone at Jox for being such wonderful hosts. We'd like to acknowledge the following businesses for their kind support:

- CANADIAN WESTERN BANK
- CONSTELLATION WINES
- COUNCILLOR BEV ESSLINGER
- COUNCILLOR DAVE LOKEN
- EDMONTON GARRISON MEMORIAL GOLF CLUB
- EDMONTON VETERINARIAN'S EMERGENCY CLINIC (Namao Centre)
- FC EDMONTON
- FAMOSO (Namao Centre)
- JOX TAPHOUSE & GRILL
- AMANDA KRIEGER
- MUCHO BURRITO (Northtown)
- NORTHLANDS
- PET VALU
- RAVEN CREST COUNTRY CLUB
- THE ROCK – WOOD FIRED KITCHEN
- RONA (Edmonton Namao)
- SHOPPERS DRUG MART (Rosslyn & Namao Centre locations)
- SPIKE CREATIVE
- TOMMY GUNS BARBER SHOP
- TOWN SQUARE CONSULTING
- WHAIR KIDS ARE 1 HAIRCUTTING

FRONT YARDS IN BLOOM CONTEST

Does your neighbour have a front yard that makes your street the envy of Griesbach?

Nominate them for the City of Edmonton's Front Yards In Bloom contest.
The four categories are:

1. GENERAL 2. NATURAL FRONT YARD 3. EDIBLE FRONT YARD 4. PUBLIC SPACES

Voting closes June 30th. For details and online nomination forms, http://www.edmonton.ca/environmental/conservation_landscaping/front-yards-in-bloom.aspx.

PS: For those of you eyeing up the floral displays in the townhomes, the EFCL has a special contest just for you: Patios In Bloom. Details at www.efcl.org

Development Update.

Canada Lands has given us a few details and expected time lines for the following projects:

- The **new intersection linking Griesbach Parade to 97 St.** should be ready by Fall 2014.
- Construction is underway for the new **Marriott Hotel**. It is expected to open next summer.
- By this summer, they are hoping to have the new set of stairs and a pergola at the top of **Central Park**.
- Landscaping has begun on **Roundel Lake**. Weather permitting, the goal is to have it done by this fall.

Griesbach volunteer joins Lorelei Beaumaris Playschool.

You probably know Lisa McCulloch best as the smiling face (and founder) behind the Annual Griesbach Easter Egg Hunt. For the past couple of years, she has explored options to open a playschool in Griesbach. She wasn't able to make it happen, so she's done the next best thing: Lisa has joined the Lorelei Beaumaris Playschool just up the street.

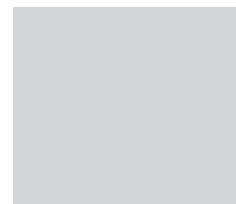
They are now accepting registrations. To register call Heidi at 780.475.7750 or email:

registrar@loleleiplayschool.com

We wish Lisa the very best of luck, and hope that one day she will be successful in opening a playschool in our neighbourhood.

Painting your fence? Here's your official Griesbach COLOUR guide.

If painting your fence is on the Spring chore list, you want to make sure you get the right colour. There are 2 standard colours: Pewter and Monterey Grey. Both are available at the neighbourhood General Paint Cloverdale Paint stores.



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**MONTEREY
GREY**

* Colour may vary depending on your monitor.

Change of Command Ceremony
Thursday, June 19, 7:00 pm sharp
Naval Destroyer Monument, Griesbach

27 Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps Warrior cordially invites you to join them on Thursday, June 19 2014 for the Change of Command Parade Ceremony at The Naval Memorial at the Village of Griesbach (The Naval Destroyer Monument in Peron Berger Park, off Pegasus Blvd. and Frezenberg Ave. Please arrive by 6:45.



2014 Shake at the Lake to include Art Walk.

This year, Griesbach's Shake at the Lake will be taking place on Saturday, September 20th. Plans are already underway for this annual community party. As an exciting new addition to the day's festivities, we will be adding an art walk. It is the brainchild of GCL Director at Large, Bryan Evans. Bryan is approaching local artists interested in setting up a booth. If you are interested in participating as an artist or volunteer, email: bryanevans@shaw.ca.

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