



GRIESBACH COMMUNITY LEAGUE

INTELLIGENCE REPORT

June 2015

GRIESBACH BIG BIN EVENT AND COMMUNITY CLEANUP

SATURDAY, MAY 23
10 AM - 4 PM

- HELP US TIDY UP OUR COMMUNITY
- DROP OFF DUMP ITEMS
- BBQ AND SNACKS

**CLICK FOR DETAILS OR
TO VOLUNTEER...**

Pitch in for Griesbach

Saturday, May 23
104 St and Griesbach Road

Community Cleanup: 11 am - 2 pm
Big Bin Event: 10 am - 4 pm

Do you take pride in a clean, inviting community? We're looking for volunteers of all ages to help us do a little spring cleaning around Griesbach. We'll provide the garbage bags and pickers. Bring your own gloves and sunscreen.

There will be a barbeque and refreshments provided by Westcorp Properties. Last year's cleanup proved to be a popular volunteer activity for families - and a great way to teach about volunteerism and the importance of taking pride in one's community.

To volunteer for the community cleanup contact Chrystal in advance if you're able. Otherwise, drop by at 11 am: griesbachvolunteersdirector@gmail.com

Do you have oversized items that need to go to the dump? Save yourself a trip. Drop them off at the big bins provided by Westcorp. Some restrictions apply.

Drop-In Bike Safety Program



A FREE program hosted by The City of Edmonton

Thursday, May 28, 2:30 pm – 5:30 pm
Kinross Road (parking lot by old playground)

Join us for a free program to help kids enhance their basic bike safety skills while participating in stations and games. Training wheels welcome.

The program will be adapted to the age and skill level of the participants. The program will take place in the vacant parking lot by the old playground.

Participants must have their own bikes. A CSA approved helmet is mandatory. Children 5 and under require a parent or guardian to attend. No registration required. Just drop in.

The program may be cancelled in the event of inclement weather.

Griesbach Residents Rock Spring Fling Flashback



It was a night when the crimpers, the leopard spandex and the neon came out in full force. Griesbach's annual playground fundraiser kicked it old school, with an 80's theme that had the dance floor shaking under rays of laser light.

The fundraising team outdid itself with some incredible silent auction items. All 99 Red Balloons were popped until the winner of the condo weekend in Kimberley was revealed. We're

still working out the numbers, but it appears we managed to put another good dent in our fundraising objectives (we raised close to \$3,000).

Thanks to everyone for joining us and supporting the cause. Especially those who went to the effort to dress up. A lot of work went into some of those costumes.

A big hand to all of the companies and individuals who donated items (see page 4) and to the organizing committee for their incredible attention to detail: Jen Horne, Felicia Dewar, Carl Knowler, Brad Tilley, Dave Neufeld, Milena Ferr, Chystal Norris, Stacy Felkar and Natalie Hanratty. (Hope I didn't miss anyone).

Ideas are already flowing for next year's theme!



Spotted in the crowd were a few Madonnas, a handful of glam-rock headbangers, lotsa Valley Girls, Hulk Hogan, Rick Springfield, Olivia Newton John and an 80's vintage tennis pro.

PRIDE WEEK

Pride Flag to Fly in Griesbach

**Flag raising: Friday, June 5,
7 pm – Patricia Park**

Griesbach Community League will be flying the Pride Flag in Patricia Park throughout Edmonton's Pride Week celebration. This is being done in cooperation with our partners at 1 PPCLI.

A brief ceremony will be held to raise the flag on June 5th. We hope you can come out and show your support for our fantastic friends and neighbours in the LGBTQ community.



City of Edmonton Summer Program Guides now online!

The City's SUMMER PROGRAM GUIDES are now posted online. Find information on nearby programs and day camps, summer attractions, swimming schedules and more.

Some programs fill up quickly, so register early to secure your spot.

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www.griesbachcommunity.com

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Be a Good Neighbour... Nominate their yard for glory!

Spring is here, and we want to see your bloomin' great yards! Edmonton's Front Yards in Bloom program is all about recognizing neighbours who make an effort to beautify their front yards.

Front Yards in Bloom started in 1999, with 150 nominations in its first year. It is now the largest program of its kind in Canada. Last year, we received over 3,400 nominations city-wide. This year, our goal is to receive 3,700 nominations.

Front Yards can be nominated in one of four categories:

- **General:** Appealing front yards that makes people smile as they pass by! These yards could include a variety of colours, textures, plants, and garden features.
- **Natural:** Yards with a "natural" aesthetic, using native plants, and limited pesticides & herbicides.
- **Edible:** Yards incorporating edible fruits, flowers, and plants into the landscape design.
- **Public Spaces** (*New*): Yards with landscaping features and aesthetic appeal in front of a public building (including schools, businesses/offices, multi-unit residences, churches, and community league halls)

After the nomination deadline, volunteers deliver a sign and brochure to each nominated yard, and also choose some top yards for recognition. Edmonton Native Plant Group and Sustainable Food Edmonton judge the top Natural and Edible yards, respectively. Results will be announced during the Edmonton in Bloom Awards on August 12th at City Hall. Everyone is invited to attend the celebration!

Nominations can be submitted May 20 – June 30. It's easy!

Anyone can submit a nomination (no self-nominations, please). Nominations must be for a front yard or a yard visible by everyone. There are two ways to submit your nomination:

- Online submission form at www.frontyardsinbloom.ca
- Phone 311

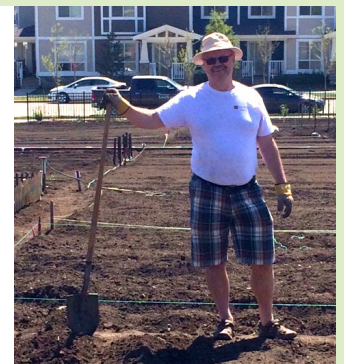
Front Yards in Bloom is a partnership between the Edmonton Horticultural Society, the City of Edmonton, and the Canadian Union of Postal Workers.

For information, visit: www.frontyardsinbloom.ca

Questions? Email: front.yards@edmonton.ca

10 Spots Open in Community Gardens

After missing out on last season while the new Central Park location was being prepared, Griesbach Community Gardens is back in action. Kudos to Bob and his dedicated team of volunteers for all of their efforts, and for accommodating so many Griesbach residents. Fingers crossed they have a bumper crop! There are still a few spots open. First come first serve. **Call Bob at 780.456.0671.**



Walk with Griesbach in the K-DAYS Parade

Have you always wanted to march in a parade? Now's your chance. We're looking for Griesbach residents, local teams and community groups to join us to walk with us behind the Griesbach banner.

Griesbach is one of numerous city community leagues participating in recognition of the 100th Anniversary of Community Leagues in Edmonton.

To sign up, and for more information, please contact Dave Neufeld:

griesbachcommunicationdirector@gmail.com

This year, the K-Days Parade is on July 17, 2015. All ages welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Development Update

- More condos are coming to Griesbach. Juno Townhomes are being planned for the vacant lot on Gault Blvd and Sir Arthur Currie Way. Escape condominiums are being sold in the Commercial area off of Griesbach Parade.
- A sign has gone up seeking a retail tenant for the lot on the north side of Griesbach Parade (near the hotel). We do not know what type of retailer they are seeking for this space but will look into it.
- Construction is steaming ahead on the Valour Condominiums on the west side of Patricia Parade as both buildings are going up rapidly. The same goes for the Juno Townhomes on Pegasus Blvd. Development continues to progress around Roundel Lake.
- No news to report on the commercial centre.
- There have been several brazen daytime break-ins reported over the past two months. Please close your blinds and be diligent. Police are on the lookout.

NEW PLANS (AND PLANTS) FOR TRAFFIC CIRCLE

Griesbach Community League has been working with Canada Lands on a new look for the base of the monument at our community's main entrance.

GCL Parks and Gardens Director, Bryan Evans has developed a plan to plant hardy, drought resistant perennials and grasses. This includes Karl Forester grasses, yellow Stella de Oro daylily

and blue cornflowers, with long-lasting red rubber mulch as a decorative accent. The existing spirea and junipers will be retained.

"Annuals are expensive and are a lot of work from a maintenance perspective. We're confident the perennials will look spectacular for years to come, and will provide a beautiful base for our signature monument," Evans beams.

Thank You **SPRING FLING DONORS**

Our Spring Fling Flashback social and fundraiser was a big success – raising close to \$3,000 for our playground campaign.

It wouldn't have been possible without the incredible generosity of the individuals and companies who contributed to our silent auction and 99 Red Balloons draw. On behalf of the kids of Griesbach, we'd like to thank the following donors (and everyone who bid on all the great items):

- Famoso • Corso 32 • Molson • Big Rock • Hole's Greenhouse • Lori Olson Johns • The City of Edmonton • Goose Hummock Golf Resort • Jurassic Forest • Boston Pizza (Fort Road) • The Pint • Sorrentinos Café • Edmonton Garrison Golf Club • FC Edmonton • Snow Valley • Mercy Animal Hospital • Edmonton International Raceway • Edmonton Symphony Orchestra • Promolinks Canada • Jacked by Jones • Peter Sandhu • Shoppers Drug Mart – Rosslyn • Taste of Edmonton • Safeway Manning Crossing • Mucho Burrito (North Town Centre) • CWB • Moe Amery • KeyLime Athletic Wear • Tony Caterina • McQuiston's • Tonya Barich • Save on Food • Cora's – Kensington
- Finally, special thanks to the anonymous donor of the getaway weekend in Kimberley.

FREE Community Summer Drop-In Recreation Programs

Join in games, sports, crafts, music, drama, and special events at your neighbourhood park! Ages 6 to 12 are welcomed; ages 5 and under must be supervised by a parent or guardian.

Pop Up Play

Location: Maple Leaf Park, 14300 102A Street

Dates: Wednesday & Friday

July 2 to August 25, 2015

Time: 10:30 am to 1:30 pm

Find all
community
summer
programs at

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or call 311.

