



GRIESBACH COMMUNITY LEAGUE

INTELLIGENCE REPORT

August/Sept. 2018

GRIESBACH PARTY AT THE PARK



FALL FAMILY SOCIAL + PLAYGROUND DEDICATION
TYKES, TRIKES & BIKES PARADE | FIREWORKS | BOUNCY CASTLES
ROCK CLIMBING WALL | GAMES | PARK DEDICATION CEREMONY
BEER GARDENS | LIVE MUSIC | FOOD & TREATS | FACE PAINTERS
BALLOON ARTISTS | COTTON CANDY & MORE

Saturday, September 8th
Maple Leaf Playground

12:30 - 6 pm | Fireworks: 9 pm



JOIN US FOR AN ALL-AGES PLAY DATE

Party At The Park, Saturday, Sept. 8th, Maple Leaf Park 12:30 pm

With free food, bouncy castles, a beer garden and fireworks to cap it all off, there will be something for everyone at Griesbach Community League's annual neighbourhood party on Saturday, Sept. 8th.

This year's Party At The Park is being moved to a new location so we can celebrate the playground at Maple Leaf Park. This party will replace the annual Shake at the Lake.

The event kicks off at 12:45 p.m. with a bike parade, followed by the playground grand opening and dedication at 1 p.m.

Then let the party begin. Join your neighbours from 12:30-6 p.m. for balloons, face painting, bouncy castles, a mobile climbing wall, cotton candy, bbq, a beer garden, live music and much more. When it gets dark, look to the top of the hill for fireworks, around 9 p.m.

The kids' entertainment and a barbeque lunch is FREE with a Griesbach Community League membership, so bring your proof of membership. Memberships can also be purchased or renewed at the party for \$25 for a family, or online in advance at efcl.org/membership.

Bring cash for the beer gardens, or for extra snacks. We hope you can come out and play!

WIN AT THE TYKES, TRIKES AND BIKES PARADE

Decorate your bike, scooter, wagon, stroller or unicycle to win a prize.

Kids ages 14 and under, decorate your wheels and meet in the MGG School parking lot on Sept. 8 at 12:30 p.m. We will ride along the park pathway to help officially open the Maple Leaf Park playground.

There are three prizes for winners, worth \$100 each. Categories are five and under, 6-9 and 9-14. No pre-registration is required and participation is free.

GRIESBACH HISTORY SCAVENGER HUNT

We're challenging history buffs to answer a series of skill-testing questions about Canadian military history to win a prize. Head to griesbachcommunity.com/scavenger-hunt or our Facebook page to download the Party at the Park scavenger hunt form. All answers to the scavenger hunt questions can be found on the park plaques in Griesbach. Submit completed forms to the membership tent at the Party at the Park to qualify to win one of three \$100 Shoppers Drug Mart gift cards, generously donated by our friends at Shoppers Drug Mart, Griesbach.



GRIESBACH MINOR SOCCER REGISTRATION: SEPT. 12 & 13

Registration for the **INDOOR SOCCER** program is now open online, with in-person registration nights on **Sept. 12 and 13 at MGG School from 6-7:30 p.m.**

Parents must fill out their online registration and bring all applicable forms, identification and payment to one of the two in-person registration nights.

Edmonton minor soccer is open to kids ages 3-18. See emsanorth.com to register online and then visit griesbachcommunity.com for all the other details.

PUCK DROPS FOR HOCKEY REGISTRATION: AUG. 22 & 29

There are two in-person registration dates set for **MINOR HOCKEY** players from Griesbach: **Aug. 22 and Aug. 29 at Evansdale Hall from 7-9 p.m.**

All players must register online at edmontoneagles.ca and bring all applicable forms and payments to one of the two in-person registration nights.

There are options for kids born between 2001 and 2011.

2018 GRIESBACH MINIS PROGRAM: MENTORS NEEDED/ REGISTER

We are looking for four or five adults to help run the award-winning Griesbach Minis sports program for the 2018-19 season.

This innovative program introduces preschool-aged children to sports, sportsmanship and team play and gives Griesbach parents a chance to meet one another. Children aged 3-5 will participate in a variety of sports and activities throughout the season including, but not limited to, soccer, floor hockey, parachute games, gymnastics and basketball. The program is also low-cost, at just \$50 for the entire season.

We are looking for 4-5 adults to run the program and activities on Thursday evenings in the Major General Griesbach School gym from 6-7 p.m. from mid-October to mid-February. All coaching courses and security-check costs for volunteers are paid for by the community and being a mentor counts as your volunteer commitment for the season.

This program cannot go forward without new volunteers. Please email sports@griesbachcommunity.com if you are interesting in volunteering.

INTERESTED IN REGISTERING FOR MINIS?

Registration dates are the same as for soccer, Sept. 12 and 13 at MGG School from 6-7:30 p.m.

You must fill out the Minis form, which can be downloaded at griesbachcommunity.com, and bring two copies to the registration session, along with payment and proof of community league membership, which can also be purchased at registration.

A maximum of 24 participants will be accepted in this program. This is a parented program. Parents must remain with their children at the sessions and are they encouraged to participate in the activities, so bring those running shoes!

Children must be three years old by December 31, 2018 to register. See griesbachcommunity.com for all other information.

FREE BIKE SAFETY COURSE COMING TO GRIESBACH

Have a tyke who likes to bike? The City of Edmonton's bike safety course is coming to the small parking lot off Kinross Road on **Saturday, Sept. 15 from 2-5 p.m.**

This program is designed for children aged 6-12, but all children accompanied by an adult are welcome to attend. Training wheels welcome.

Participants must have their own bike, as well as a CSA-approved helmet. No pre-registration required, just show up!



Learn to ride, then enter next year's Tykes, Trikes and Bikes parade.

WORK TO BEGIN ON ORIGINAL PLAYGROUND REVAMP

New equipment is on order to fix up the original playground in the southeast corner of Maple Leaf Park.

Members of the Griesbach Community League voted earlier this summer to spend up to \$160,000 to improve the playground, in an effort to provide an additional safe place for neighborhood kids.

The money will be used to bring the existing blue and yellow climbing structure up to current requirements, including replacing the slides, tightening everything and adding new paint.

The old wooden structure and the climbing dome will be removed, at the expense of Edmonton Public Schools, which currently owns the property. The old sand will also be removed and replaced.

The community league will pay for two brand-new play structures. This will include a climbing and slide structure for kids in the two-to-five-year-old age group and a climbing merry-go-round. This decision was based on feedback from community members, who told the community league they wanted a safe place for preschoolers to play while the newer playground was used at school recess.

The colour scheme of the new structures, and the repainting, will match the existing playground equipment closer to the school as closely as possible.

The \$160,000 also includes money for benches, at least one picnic table and trash cans. The City of Edmonton will plant additional trees at no cost.

The park will be fenced off and not open to the public during the repair and installation, which should start in September and finish in October. We appreciate the community's patience during this time.



DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

- Businesses have now moved into the bottom of the condos along Griesbach Parade. Welcome to Funky Petals flower shop and CoCo Fresh Tea and Juice.
- Construction is ongoing on the Palika Bazaar, which will be the new commercial area on the far west side of Griesbach.
- The city just closed a poll on the future northwest LRT line. It is now planned to run along Castle Downs Road, with stops near 137th Ave. and Ad Astra Blvd.

GRIESBITS & BITES

A cannabis shop has applied for a zone change, which would allow it to set up a store in the Griesbach Village commercial area. Members of the Griesbach Community League are aware of this application and have met with the store owner. Cannabis will be legal in Canada as of Oct. 17 and the community league will work with this business, as it works with other legal businesses in the community.

Community League memberships are about to expire. Get your 2018-19 membership at the Party At The Park. \$25/family. You'll be supporting your community league, plus all your children receive a wristband for kids activities at the Party At The Park. Member benefits include: year-round sports programs, Easter egg hunt, summer foam party, winter toboggan party, free skating and the ability to vote on future infrastructure projects in the community.

Griesbach ranked No. 6 in Avenue magazine's annual **Best Neighbourhoods survey**. Thanks to everyone who voted. Let's crack the top five in 2019.

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Griesbach Maple Leaf Park

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After extensive planning and fundraising efforts, our new playground has been completed, and has been a hit with kids. This would not have been possible without the generous support of our amazing Corporate & Granting Sponsors and residents. On behalf of the children of Griesbach, thank you!

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