

Left: Lilac buds and Maple Leaf buds ~Photos courtesy of Terry Mandrusiak

Right and below: Spring Adonis blooming on the hills above the paved path down to Rundle from Ada Blvd ~Photos courtesy of Gary Maitland



Signs of spring in the Beverly area!

Notes from the BHCL board

April Annual General Meeting

On Tuesday April 13, 2021 the Beverly Heights Community League Annual General meeting was held virtually. This was a difficult year with the hall closed and programs, events, and activities cancelled. Expenses continued although revenue has dropped significantly. We are optimistic that within a few months we can start planning some ways for the community to gather once again.

Thank you to all the community members who attended! I'd like to extend a warm welcome to new and re-elected board members, and a heartfelt "thank you" to two board members who are moving on - Jason Burgardt for his many years of service as Secretary, as well as to Nathan Tuckwood who has been rink director the past two years.

Board Member Opportunity

Two vacant positions are available! If you are looking for a way to get more involved with your community, please consider volunteering to be the **Secretary** or the **Rink Director**. Need more information? Interested? Email volunteer.bhcl@gmail.com.

The 2021/2022 Beverly Heights Community League Board EXECUTIVE:

President: Jim Trudel Vice-President: Sheri Grist Treasurer: Jackie Ewanchuk Secretary: Vacant Past President: David Grist

DIRECTORS:

Civic Affairs: Chris Keeler

Facility Maintenance: Alvin Ewanchuk Fundraising: Tracey Hirtle Membership: Crystal Boyde Neighbourhood Watch: Jackie Ewanchuk Publicity & Communications: Tracey Hirtle Rink Director: Vacant Playground Representative: Noma Morrisey Programs & Social: Crystal Boyde Sports: Bronwen Harvey Variety Show: Ken Boyde

Next Meeting

The next monthly board meeting is **Tuesday May 11, 2021 starting at 6:30 pm**. Community members are welcome to attend - email volunteer.bhcl@gmail.com for the virtual meeting link.

Get your 2020/2021 Membership

Your Community League membership card is valid from September 1 to August 31. Visit <u>bev-erlyheights.ca/memberships/</u> for membership benefits and more information.

Price: \$25 Family \$15 Single \$5 Senior

Need a membership? Email Crystal at <u>membersbhcl@hotmail.com</u>. Once your information is confirmed she will review your payment options - send an etransfer to treasurer.BHCL@gmail.com or drop off / mail a cheque (payable to **Beverly Heights Community League**).

Once payment is received your card and skate tags will be delivered!

Memberships are also available at Edmonton Servus Credit Unions or online at EFCL.org (service charge will be applied)

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Beverly Heights Community League ENewsletter May 2021

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Community Conversation: Join the Beverly Heights Community League Public Group on Facebook and join the conversation! Topics are posted Sunday with a winner chosen at random from the comments on Thursday. The winner receives a reusable BHCL bag.

Contact us!

Do you have questions for the board? Feel free to email Volunteer.BHCL@gmail.com or visit our website <u>beverlyheights.ca</u>

Join our Facebook group <u>Beverly Heights</u> <u>Community League (Public Group)</u> to keep in touch.

Neighbourhood Watch

Walk your Block

Walking you block helps narrow the timeframe for crime and reduces vandalism. Reach out to your neighbours to start a walk your block group, or those that jog, walk their dog, or take daily strolls can register their walks as well.

You can register online and log in on the ENW website at <u>https://enwatch.ca/walk-your-block/</u>. A mobile app is in development and will be available soon.

Report Crime:

Remember if you see something suspicious report it by calling 780-423-4567, #377, or on the EPS Mobile App. If you see a crime in progress, call 911 and do not engage. It is better to be a good witness than an injured victim.

Victims and witnesses of any crime should be reporting.

Door Sticker Program

By displaying a Edmonton Neighbourhood Watch Door sticker, you are indicating that you'll get to know your neighbours and look out for them. Would you like a sticker? Email Jackie at <u>beverlynw.bhcl@gmail.com</u>. Find more information at <u>https://enwatch.ca/doorsticker/</u>

Car Curfew Project

If you have a "car curfew" decal and your car is being driven between 1am-5am the police may stop the vehicle to ensure it is not stolen.

Would you like a sticker?

Email Jackie at beverlynw.bhcl@gmail.com.

More information at <u>https://</u> www.edmontonpolice.ca/Resources/ Campaigns/CarCurfewProject



Register your bike

Have you registered your bike yet? Register your bike on <u>http://bikeindex.org</u> so others can identify it in the case it goes missing.

If you find a bike, find the serial number and search the registry to see if you can connect with the owner.

The EPS outlines the fundamentals of protecting yourself from bike theft. Be sure to record your bikes serial number, lock your bike safely and securely, and report it should it go missing. Read more: <u>https://</u>

www.edmontonpolice.ca/.../Property.../ StolenBicycles

Rundle Heights Park Redevelopment Project

We are hard at work fundraising and applying for grants to raise money. The goal is to have all the necessary funds in place by Dec 2021; park build Spring/Summer of 2022. A few ways to help:

SPRING PLANT FUNDRAISER!

Purchase vegetables, herbs or flowers and support the Rundle Heights Park Project!

Order online: Click Here

Order deadline: Wednesday May 5

Pickup: Friday May 21 at St. Jerome School

Bottle Drive Saturday May 29!

Ivor Dent, in support of the Park project, is organizing a bottle drive on May 29th. Drop off at the school is encouraged, community pick up is pending volunteers and AHS regulations/ guidelines. Watch the Facebook page for updates and more information to be posted as we get closer to the event day. And as always, you can drop off your bottles at the Beverly Bottle Depot and donate the funds to the Rundle Heights Park Project. **Fundraiser - Phil's Fudge & Jerky:** Starting May 6th our next playground fundraiser is starting - Phil's Fudge and Jerky. The order forms are on the BeverlyHeights.ca website under Rundle Heights Park Redevelopment, or click <u>here</u> for Fudge or <u>here</u> for Jerky order forms. Orders can be submitted to the St. Jerome school office or to <u>stjeromeparentcouncil@gmail.com</u>, no later than May 20th. Delivery is June 4th.

Boston Pizza Receipts: St Jerome is collecting receipts to raise money for the park project. Need details? Contact <u>Stjeromeparentcouncil@gmail.com</u>.

Donations with tax receipts: Looking for a way to support the park redevelopment but want a tax receipt? Donations of \$20 and more are eligible for a tax receipt. Please contact <u>stje-</u> <u>romeparentcouncil@gmail.com</u> or find the donation information on our: Facebook page: <u>Rundle Heights Park Redevelopment</u> Website: <u>beverlyheights.ca/rundle-heights-park-redevelopment/</u>

And more! Check with your workplace to see if they have any in-kind donations or grants available to employees that you could donate to the park project.

Keep an eye out for opportunities to provide more feedback or to join in on some public engagement opportunities, watch the Facebook page and the E-newsletter for more information to come.

Project Progress

The Park committee has agreed to an updated concept plan, estimated at \$790,533. The next steps are to have the 3 boards represented in the committee (BHCL, Ivor Dent and St Jerome) approve the

plan and the budget before we proceed to the next exciting stage, design!





Abundant Community Edmonton: Beverly/Rundle

A message from Rayna Haythorne:, Abundant Community Neighbourhood Connector

So, here we are....into our second year of the Covid-19 pandemic. So much change, loss, inconvenience and isolation for so many. If there ever was a silver lining, I would like to think it is all the inspiring stories of neighbours helping out neighbours and their community.

What is "neighbouring"? The short and sweet answer is getting to know your neighbours.

We have all heard people talk about the "good old days" when neighbours looked out for one another. Back then, you knew them, you trusted them, and you could rely on one another to help when needed. It was an important, reciprocal relationship. This is the essence of what we are recreating.

Research has proven getting to know your neighbours makes your community stronger and healthier. It's absolutely true! A wellconnected community is safer and healthier, more resilient, children do better scholastically, everyone's mental and physical well-being improves, the local economy thrives, and crime goes down.

For some time now, our society has been really anchored in the ineffectual and outdated "mind your own business" mentality when it comes to neighbours, and so leading by example, and making the invitation to act differently can be all it takes to begin to create a cohesive, connected community. Instead of just saying 'hi' to your neighbour, ask a question, invite a reply, ask about their home, how long have they lived here, if they noticed the new construction down the street, how their kids/dog/garden are doing. It matters less what the topic is, it matters most that you create the opportunity to chat.

The 'neighbouring' program as we call it, officially known as Abundant Community Initiative, is a program supported by the City of Edmonton which offers resources and supports to for each community to create its own unique version of it. Here in Beverly and Rundle, our 'neighbouring' program is supported by the Beverly Heights Community League, and is overseen by a Support Team of four neighbours.

I am the Neighbourhood Connector and my role is to find the 'point person' or 'block connector' on each block, the person who connects with each person on their block and will arrange (when permitted) a casual get together for the block residents to meet one another. Nothing formal, or fancy, it can be a 'bring your own coffee and stand in the driveway spending 15 minutes saying hello to the people you share your block with'. Anything that helps to create the opportunity for folks to meet. We will go door to door with you as sometimes it's easier with two, and we will help you plan your Block Party-when Alberta Health Services Covid-19 protocols allow for it.

Would you like to meet your neighbours? Would you like to introduce your block to one another? Do you want to know if your block already has a 'point person' or Block Connector?

Please feel free to contact me, I'm happy to tell you more, answer any questions, and would love to hear from you and about your experiences with your neighbours.

Best wishes and my sincere thanks to all my neighbours in making this the best community to live in. There is nowhere else I would rather call home.

Rayna Haythorne, Neighbourhood Connector 780-710-5777 (call or text) neighbouringbeverly@gmail.com

Abundant Community Beverly/ Rundle

Check out the updated Abundant Community website page <u>https://beverlyheights.ca/</u> <u>abundant-community-edmonton-beverly-</u> <u>rundle/</u>

Abundant Community Edmonton

Block Connectors Resource Guide

Pop-Up Community Garden - City of Edmonton

The City of Edmonton is again offering temporary community gardens to grow edible plants in selected communities. An application has been made for another Pop Up Community Garden in Beverly / Rundle for

2021, we will know soon if it has been accepted.

The city will deliver the planter boxes and soil to the selected site. Gardens will be assigned to applicants based on City of Edmonton guidelines with priority given to those who are experiencing greater food



insecurity impacts from COVID-19 as well as those who identify as Black, Indigenous, or persons of colour.

Gardeners will provide their own plants, seeds, and tools and tend the garden through the growing season. Gardeners are expected to follow the health requirements, maintaining social distance and sanitizing any shared objects after use. Seed donations may be available, and mentorship from experienced gardeners can be arranged.

Updates will be posted on the Beverly Heights Community League Facebook page and in the On-Line Newsletter.

Pop-Up Community Garden Application

If you do not have access to a yard, patio, deck or other area to grow vegetables and are interested in a community garden plot, please apply! Once the garden has been confirmed, you can find the application form on our website at beverlyheights.ca under Abundant Community or email <u>neighbouringbeverly@gmail.com</u> to have a copy sent to you.

Another option... Yard Share YEG

Do you not have access to yard space and wish to grow food?

Do you have yard space to share with a member of your community?

Check out the information below or at <u>https://www.goodworm.org</u> or email yardshareyeg@gmail.com for more information.

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GROW FOOL GET GROWING WITH YARD SHARE YEG



As a nonprofit, we work to empower folks through free education and ongoing support to grow food in shared spaces.

ARD SHARE

Do you not have

and wish to grow

your own food?

HOW IT WORKS

access to yard space

Do you have yard space to share with a member of your community?

LET'S GROW FOOD!

Instagram: @yardshareyeg Facebook: Yard Share YEG yardshareyeg@gmail.com

City of Edmonton notes for our area

Big Bin Events

The City of Edmonton is hosting Big Bin events for household items that can't be set out for regular waste collection. Ten weekend events will be held in various locations throughout the City. www.edmonton.ca/bigbinevents

Edmonton residents will be able to drop off items such as old couches, chairs, mattresses, and appliances free of charge. Computers and other electronics will also be accepted for recycling. Do ***NOT*** bring household hazardous waste like paint, varnish, household cleaners or batteries. Take those items to an Eco Station.

All events will run from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

City of Edmonton 2021 Big Bin Events in the North East area:

- May 8 & 9 @ Commonwealth Stadium, 11000 Stadium Road
- May 29 & 30 @ former Northlands Coliseum, Wayne Gretzky Drive NW & 119 Avenue (north west parking lot)
- ◆ June 26 & 27 and September 25 & 26 (a) all 4 Eco Station locations (www.edmonton.ca/ ecostations - our closest is Kennedale Eco Station at 5355 127 Ave)

Garbage & Food Scrap Carts

The garbage and food scrap cart initiative will roll out in Beverly and Rundle in May/June 2021. Download the City of Edmonton WasteWise app for pick-up reminders and help sorting trash, recycling and food scraps. Here are some things to note:

- Carts will be delivered to homes in this area between May 9-29, with the first garbage day with the new system on June 4. There is a cost for replacement carts - be sure to mark with your address or name.
- You will receive a 240L trash bin, a 120L food scrap bin, and a food scrap pail to use in the house. You will receive an information package and a new collection schedule.
- Garbage carts will be collected every <u>two</u> weeks. Lids must close completely. No extra bags will be picked up.
- The food scraps cart is collected weekly from spring to fall, and every two weeks in winter. Yard waste and grass clippings can be added to your bin if there is space.
- Recycling is collected weekly use the usual blue bags.
- Yard waste will be picked up seasonally, with two collections in the spring and two in the fall.

Click here for more details.

Road Closure

Our Neighbourhood Resource Coordinator, Anna, shared: "The bridge on Ada Boulevard over Gretzky Drive is scheduled for renewal this year. It will be closed starting April 2021 to vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians. A detour to 112 Avenue is suggested." Project info at <u>www.edmonton.ca/</u> <u>adaboulevard</u>

Ada Boulevard between this bridge and 50th Street is also scheduled for neighbourhood renewal this year to replace sidewalks, streets, lamps and gutters. Project info at <u>www.edmonton.ca/</u> <u>buildinghighlands</u>

City Council to Review the Decision to Route a Major Sewer Line to the Gold Bar Plant delayed until May 10th

On May 10, 2021, Edmonton City Council's Executive Committee will discuss options to revisit the decision to re-route and construct a major Sanitary Sewer Trunkline to the Gold Bar Waste Water Treatment Plant instead of the long-planned Alberta Capital Region Wastewater Treatment Facility.

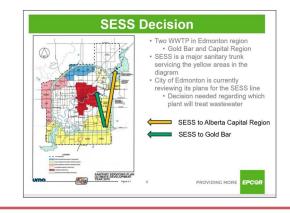
The Beverly Heights Community League Board supports the efforts of the "Save Gold Bar Park Alliance" to have City Council revisit this sewer trunkline decision and provide appropriate city council governance, transparency, and public input.

Interested community members who would like to virtually attend and/or register to speak during the May 10, 2021 City

Council meeting may do so by following this link. <u>https:// www.edmonton.ca/</u> <u>city_government/council-</u> <u>committee-meetings.aspx</u>

For information about the Save Gold Bar Park Alliance please view their Facebook page at: https://www.facebook.com/ GoldBarParkAlliance/

South Edmonton Sanitary Sewage Trunkline Decision



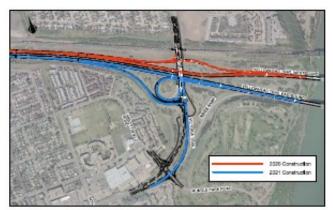
Yellowhead Trail East Widening

During the engagement sessions held in 2019, concerns were raised about safe merging operations at eastbound Yellowhead Trail from Victoria Trail. Bryon Heroux, Project Manager with the City of Edmonton reports "Building on this slightly, the changes we are making to Yellowhead Trail (mainly adding an additional through lane) means that there is no longer capacity to support a dedicated freeflow lane from the NB Victoria Trail to EB Yellowhead Trail on-ramp as the Beverly Bridge is only three lanes across. Additionally, maintaining the two merge locations (NB and SB Victoria Trail to EB YHT) with three through lanes on Yellowhead Trail would mean that the length of merge lanes would not be sufficient."

To access Yellowhead Eastbound, rather than heading east on 118 Ave and taking the current ramp

there will be a new ramp constructed near the Victoria Trail bridge. You will turn left onto the turn ramp to head east. This construction will be completed before the current ramp is closed, and this will be completed by the fall of 2021.

More general information about the Program and the East Widening Project can be found at <u>https://www.edmonton.ca/</u> projects_plans/yellowhead-trailfreeway-conversion.aspx.



Spring Clean Up!

Spring is here and we will all be spending a lot of time outdoors enjoying our community.

A limited number of Capital City Clean-Up kits are available and can be picked up:

Where: Beverly Sports Building / Rink 10906 40 Street

When: 10am-Noon on Saturday May 8th.

Note: Please wear a mask and respect social distancing guidelines. Please wait to approach to ensure less than 10 people are in the area at one time.

If we run out we will have trash bags and gloves for you instead!

We encourage you to get out on the walking trails and streets in the Beverly Heights and Rundle Heights areas and pick up trash. If we all pick up a few items each time we go for a walk our community will be sparkling clean.

Beverly Cleanup Saturday May 15th, 2021

On Saturday May 15, join the Beverly Cleanup! Sponsored by local businesses and community groups and hosted at the Abbottsfield Recreation Centre.

Register online at beverlycleanup.com, choose a shift, pick up your supplies and enjoy a free meal for volunteers after your shift.

This cleanup focuses on all Beverly Towne, including the communities of Abbottsfield, Beacon Heights, Bergman, Rundle Heights and Beverly Heights. Be sure to wear a mask and respect social distancing quidelines.



BEVERLY CLEANUP Saturday, May 15th, 2021

Choose a shift for you and your household: 9 am to 12 pm or 1 pm to 4 pm

Supplies provided. Free meal for volunteers after each shift. Hosted at the Abbotsfield Recreation Centre (3006 - 119 Ave). Sponsored by local businesses and community groups.



LET'S DO THIS Together

Neighbourhood notes

Beverly Towne Farmers' Market:

Tuesdays starting May 18th in the parking lot at Riverview Crossing. This year hours are 3:30-7:30pm.

Support the 118 Ave Businesses:

The Beverly Business Association has launched a new website and social media campaign. Their goal is to revitalize the Olde Towne Beverly business district, featuring its small town atmosphere and historic roots, market it to strengthen existing businesses and attract new businesses, shoppers and tourists. Watch for new banners and street blades (signage with streets) coming soon!

City of Edmonton Election: Cam-

paigning has started for the City of Edmonton election in October 2021. Because Community Leagues are non-partisan we will not be sharing any campaign information nor will we allow candidates to post on our social media page. We encourage you to learn about the candidate platforms and be sure to get out and vote!

As you are also likely aware, the wards will change for this election and rather than our current Ward 7, our ward will be known as Metis Ward as of October 18, 2021. Details at <u>https://</u> www.edmonton.ca/city_government/ municipal_elections/for-voters.aspx

Watch for bikes/pedestrians: With

the warmer weather, folks are out on pedal

bikes, motor bikes and walking more than ever. Please respect the speed limits and watch for others using the streets.



Connecting in your community

Facebook links:

Beverly Heights Community LeagueRundle Heights Park RedevelopmentBeverly Historical SocietyBeverly Page Community News and ClassifiedsBeverly Business AssociationYourAlberta (Government of Alberta)Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues -EFCLCity of EdmontonCity of Edmonton Recreation CentresEdmonton Public LibraryEdmonton Police - Crime Prevention

Community Police - Northeast Edmonton Neighbourhood Watch Website links: Abundant Community Edmonton Alberta.ca (for COVID information) BeverlyHeights.ca BeverlyHistorical Society www.beverlybia.ca https://www.edmonton.ca/city_government/ municipal_elections/for-voters.aspx





Community Connections

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Main Hall & Family Centre: 4209 111 Ave NW, Edmonton AB T5W oK3 780-477-2458

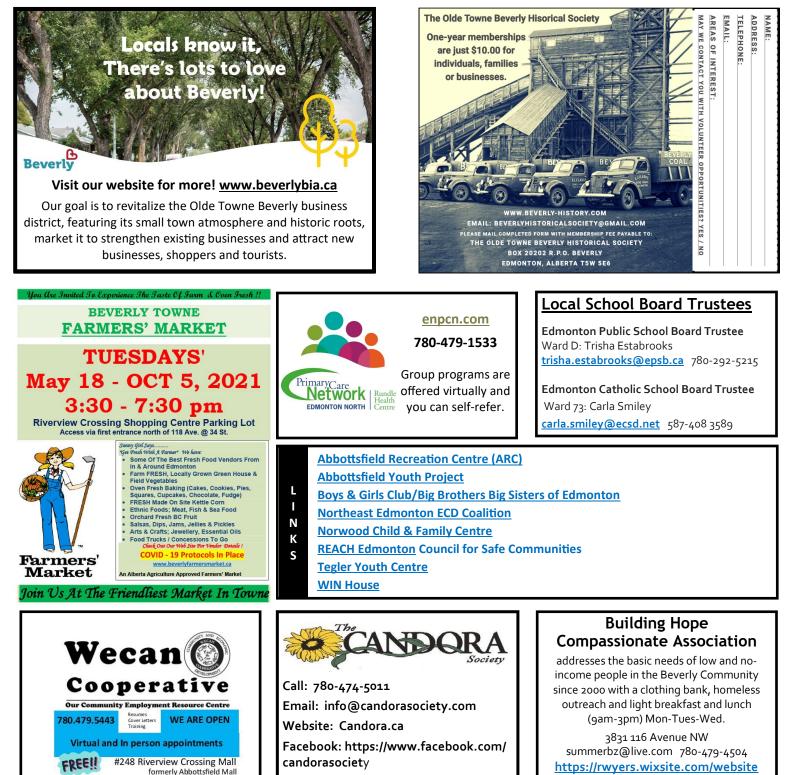
> **Sports Building (Rink):** 10906 40 St NW 780-477-5318

Rental Inquiries: Rentals.BHCL@gmail.com General Inquiries: Volunteer.BHCL@gmail.com

Do you have suggestions for stories? Questions to be answered? Let us know!

Community Partner Page

Beverly Business Association



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Olde Towne Beverly Historical Society