



Greenfield Gazette

September/October 2019

The Annual Community League BBQ is September 21, 2019 @ the Greenfield Hall!

Join us for our annual BBQ on **September 21 from 12 to 2 pm!**

Come out to enjoy some free food, listen to musical performances by Wendy Gregson and her students, bring your extra garden produce to swap, and get a chance to catch up with your neighbours! There will be children's activities and a visit by the local firefighters of Station 13 and their big fire rig.

Starting at noon, we'll be firing up the BBQ to celebrate another year in Greenfield with complementary hot dogs and snacks, giving visitors a chance to check out the programs and clubs offered at the Community Hall throughout the year! The BBQ also includes the opportunity to renew your League Membership for the 2019 year in person!

Update to the Greenfield Scholarship

As those residents (particularly those with teenagers interested in post-secondary education) may know, for the last few years, Greenfield Community League has been offering a scholarship that is open to youth living in the neighborhood to help with their education. As a board, we have been talking about ways of sustaining this unique initiative (it is currently funded entirely by the board through membership and program fees) as well as keeping it relevant to our community.

As of this year, we will be making some changes to the program. Instead of a granting a scholarship, we will transition to a Youth Board Member. This position will serve on the board from October to August and at the end of that term, will receive a \$1,000 honorarium for their volunteer time.

It is our hope that this position will help the board engage with the younger members of the community, gain experience working with non-profits and grass-root initiatives, and see lasting community impact from their endeavors. Applicants need to be between 16 – 23 years of age, live in Greenfield on September 1st and plan to pursue post-secondary education. Honorariums will be held until proof of enrollment is provided.

Please visit the community league website (<http://www.greenfieldcommunityleague.com/>) for additional details and application information.

President's Note

A month or so ago, my neighbor phoned me out of the blue on a Saturday morning, and asked me if I knew where my daughter was. My first thought was "What? Of course I do.. wait, do I?" It took me a second to realize, yes, I knew where my daughter was, she was skipping down the road to her friend's house (still in her pyjamas and carrying a box of timbits, but let's move right passed my parenting choices).

My neighbor had seen her running out of the house and heading down to the street on her own and phoned me to check up on her. I thought about getting annoyed – why wouldn't I know where my child was? But... then I thought: my neighbor knows my name, my children's names and has my phone number. He paid attention when he saw her on her own and cared enough about her to make that phone call to make sure she was safe. And the follow on thought was, what a wonderful community I live in, where not only do I feel safe enough for her to walk to a friend's house, but I feel safer knowing that there is a wide safety net ready to catch her.

So, as we move out of a long, lazy, rainy summer and into another busy fall, keep an eye out for each other Greenfield. Let's reach out and connect, share recipes and stay in each other's lives.

A great opportunity for connection is the Community League Day BBQ on September 21st, starting at 11am. Come join us for a free hot dog, share some extra garden produce, talk to our community garden planners and chat with your community board about ideas you'd like to see for the fall. We will also be unveiling our 50th Anniversary mural on the east side of the hall!

As always, don't forget to purchase your Community League Membership for 2019/20. Your membership gives you a vote at our AGM and other great benefits. Memberships are \$30 for individuals, \$15 for seniors, \$25 for senior couples and \$50 for families. Memberships can be purchased online or at our AGM in January.

I can be reached at president@greenfieldcommunityleague.com and look forward to seeing everyone on the playground!

Amanda

Part-Time Ice Maker Needed!

Greenfield Ice Rink is in need of a part time Ice Maker. This is a paid position that runs between late November to early March.

Job Requirements: Clearing the ice and spraying rinks

Time Commitment: Weekend mornings before 9:00am after a snowfall and designated weekday evenings after 9:00pm

This position would be working with our current ice maker who can only work part time this season.

If you are interested, please contact Wendy Lauber by email at:

Hallmanager@greenfieldcommunityleague.com

Meet the Board

Do you know who is representing you on the Greenfield Community League Board of Directors?

The Greenfield Community League board of directors is made up of dedicated and passionate volunteers who work to make Greenfield an incredible place to live.

Over the next several issues of the Gazette (beginning in the Nov/Dec publication), we will be showcasing each of the board members that serve you and the community, providing some information on

- Who they are
- What they are responsible for
- How long they have been a member of the community / board, and
- a few interesting details about them

Watch for more details in future Gazettes!

Outdoor Soccer Update

Greenfield had a successful outdoor soccer season during April, May and June.

We had 17 teams running programs age U5 to U17, which included 250 players supported by 46 team officials.

The program is budget neutral.

Thank you to all the players, parents, volunteers, and supporters of our successful program. I'd especially like to thank Mike Chow, Ray Helgason, and Yingjin Duan who manage our uniforms and equipment year round.

SWEMSA indoor soccer program is taking registrations until September 4. Outdoor planning will begin in January with on time registration in February 2020.

If you have any questions or comments regarding soccer please email Tara Wren at soccerinfo@greenfieldcommunityleague.com.



Greenfield School Silent Auction

Greenfield School celebrates 50 years this year! To commemorate the occasion, the school is fundraising for a playground enhancement project. The goal of the fundraising is to support the construction of a new playground within the next year for use by the students of the school as well as the community of Greenfield.

Some fundraising initiatives have already taken place to date. A silent auction is also planned as a final fundraiser for the project, **taking place on September 27** at Greenfield School (located at 3735-114 St.). Donations for the silent auction can be made at the school prior to the event.

For more details on the silent auction event, please contact Karen Fedun by email: greenfieldFAS@gmail.com

Tennis Club Update

2019 has been a great year so far at the Greenfield Tennis Club.

Pyramid Explosion Nite: 20 people

Our Wed and Thurs nightly meetups took a beating from the relentless rain this summer. However on Tuesday July 30 the potential energy of frustration and anger exploded. The sun came out and, what seemed like the entire tennis club membership, showed up for our nite of singles mini-matches. We had to alter our format just to get folks out on court faster.

St. Stans

Kids group classes are great. When a school class comes over for tennis, there is something extra special. The kids are already connected and it becomes a magical environment for learning. St. Stans, grades 2-6 made their usual 3-classes each spring visit. Now, if we could only woo Greenfield School over again !

Spray Park vs Top Junior Tennis Intensity

The spray park world met again this June with the top Alberta tennis players in our U16 Selections (for Nationals). It is an unusual collision: kids screaming from the trees and shouting in the water, and on the other side of the fence, kids grunting and shouting and bashing balls on the courts.

The match of the year occurred during that same tournament. It was Ali vs Frazier 4. It was an all out war. Intense, loud and long rallies, with both girls refusing to wilt. To watch how low they would get to ensure their whole body (and not just their arm) was hitting the ball was a coach's dream.

Tues/Thurs Group vs Kids Class on Court 1

The Tues/Thurs morning group had a remarkable revival this year. If I hadn't been running camps on 1 court, I think they might have taken over the club on some mornings ! The kids and the mostly seniors generally enjoyed each other, despite the incessant ball spraying.

Lights

We launched a new "only & exactly when you need them" lights system this year. Thank-you very much Wendy & Tim!

Hall Programming and Events

Fun for Wee Ones

A popular Greenfield Community League program for children 0-5 years old and the people who care for them. Open to all city residents.

Free play * lots of toys *
crafts * parachute games * circle time * stories and songs

Children develop gross motor and fine motor skills as well as interpersonal and communication skills with other children and adults.

Wednesdays: 9am-11am

Fall session: (12 weeks) September 18 - December 11/2019
(No November 13)

\$100 for Community League Members
\$125 for non-members
Half Price for Second Child

To register please contact Stacy Walker at
funforweeones@gmail.com.



Rhythm, Rhyme & Storytime

Rhythm, Rhyme & Story Time is a music program where you and your child share music, art and instrument exploration together! Our classes combine singing with a wide variety of musical instruments to share and explore.

Learning finger plays, rhythm movement, dancing, and even making time for a story, free play, craft, and parachute activities. This creates the perfect opportunity for fun-filled learning as you watch our child develop their vocabulary, counting skills, creative thinking, listening skills, as well as large and fine motor skills. A musical adventure for you and your preschooler (9 months to 5 years). You can register for one or two days a week.

Mondays: 9:30am - 11:00am **and/or**
Thursdays: 9:30am - 11:00am

Fall session: (10 weeks) September 16 - December 2/2019

For more info and to register, please visit:

www.edmonton-preschool-music.com

Inner Song Music

Learn to sing, harmonize and play guitar.
Beginners ages 7 - 13yrs. Class limit 6 students

Two Classes will be held on **Wednesdays** in the meeting room from 4:00 - 4:45pm and 4:45pm - 5:30pm.

Fall session: (13 weeks) September 11 - December 11/2019
Winter session: (11 weeks) January 8 - March 18/2020
Spring session: (12 weeks) April 1 - June 17/2020

To register please contact Wendy Gregson
Email: wendygregson@shaw.ca
facebook.com/innersongmusic



The Roving ChessNuts

Chess is a game of perfect information, nothing happens due to luck or random chance. The player is presented with all the information they need to make a decision. Every move the player must process the information they are given in a logical manner and come up with the most strategic solution to the problem. Often times this requires planning many moves in advance.

A single game of chess is comparable to solving dozens or even hundreds of logical problems. The Roving ChessNuts teaches chess and organizes chess competitions and events.



Mondays: 6:30pm - 7:30pm (Beginner) Meeting Room
Tuesdays: 6:30pm - 7:30pm (Beginner) Meeting Room
Wednesdays: 6:30pm - 7:45pm (Intermediate) Meeting Room

Fall Session: September 9 - December 11/2019
Tournaments once a month on Sundays in the main hall.

15% discount offered to Greenfield Residents with valid membership. Instructor: Bruce Thomas (780) 474-2318

To register, email: rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca
www.rovingchessnuts.com

Tai Chi

Tai Chi is a gentle form of exercise appropriate for all ages. It promotes benefits such as increased flexibility, strength, balance, and improves concentration. Tai Chi balances the health of mind, body and spirit. The focus of the arts we practice is on maximizing the amazing health benefits, while building a dedicated community of practitioners. Paul Bromley is a registered Occupational Therapist and has over 25 years' experience.

Tai Chi - Beginners **Thursdays:** 6:30-7:30 pm
Tai Chi - Intermediate **Thursdays:** 7:30-8:30 pm

Fall session: (15 weeks) September 5 – December 19/2019

Instructor: Paul Bromley

To register, email : pauldbromley@gmail.com
or call (780) 433-6279.

Essentrics Fitness Classes (eOne Fitness)

Release tight muscles, rebalance joints and restore your body! Improve your mobility, strength, flexibility and range of motion with this full body movement based workout. Different class level offerings for Adults and Seniors'.

Mondays: Essentrics for Seniors, 1:00- 1:45 pm

Fall session: (14 weeks) September 9 – December 16/2019
Winter session: (12 weeks) January 6 – March 30/2020
Spring session: (12 Weeks) April 6 – June 22/2020

Discount offered to Greenfield Residents with valid membership

Please contact Lori Griffith at (780) 916-4483 for more information. To register online go to www.eonefitness.ca

Better Body Bootcamp

Young or young at heart? Fit or wanting to become more fit? Take a step towards a more active, healthy lifestyle! Improve your strength, cardio and endurance in a safe, encouraging, and individually-challenging environment!

An outdoor/indoor fitness program designed to help you get stronger, move faster, and feel better!!! Each one-hour class will include cardio and strength activities aimed at toning and burning fat. Come ready to work hard and have fun!

Regardless of your fitness level, this class is for you!!!
Modifications will be offered to ensure everyone gets a great, safe work-out!!!

Tuesdays: 7:15pm-8:15pm

Fall session: (12 weeks) September 17 – December 10/2019

Instructor: Jane Gannon

To register, please call (780) 920-9137

www.betterbodybootcamps.webs.com

B Fit 4 Life Yoga

Joyful, Blissful, and Fearless Your True Genuine Nature! Re-connect with your true nature with Hatha Yoga. A healthy yoga practice will improve balance and flexibility in the body. The spine will become more supple and it will promote healthy circulation. Level: Beginner - Intermediate

Wednesdays: (13 Weeks) 1:00pm - 1:45pm and/or
Fridays: (12 weeks) 9:00am – 10:00am

Fall session: (14 weeks) September 18 – December 20/2019
Winter session: (11 Weeks) January 8 – March 18/2020
Spring session: (12 Weeks) April 1 – June 17/2020
Instructor: Beverly Bourne-Haybarger

To register, visit www.schedulicity.com/scheduling/BPVNPP
or e-mail - BFit4LifeYoga@outlook.com

PETROLIA SENIORS GROUP (55+)

invites YOU to come to ENJOY LUNCH and a PROGRAM (\$18) every third Tuesday (except July and August) 11:45 a.m. (sharp) to 2:00 p.m. at Greenfield Community Hall 3803 – 114th Street NW

- **September 17th:** Dr. Melanie Moore – Historian. “Trials, Tribulations & Triumphs of a One-Room School Teacher in Early Edmonton”
- **October 15th:** Brad Ward – Auctioneer. “Antique Road Show comes to Petrolia Seniors.” Bring a unique treasure for Brad to appraise.

- **November 19th:** Rod Andersson – Anderson Learning Systems. “Late Blooming” – the last third of your life can be the best third.
- **December 10th:** Turkey Dinner with trimmings \$25. Musical Entertainment and Carol Sing.

To CONFIRM your attendance or for more information, call Nick 780-435-1045 or Betty 780-434-0711

An additional “outing” is offered each month for your enjoyment. For information call Joyce 780-435-6388

We look forward to your participation.

Protests and Petitions

Written by Gwen Muldrew

In the past fifty years there have been seven major protests and petitions that we have records of and which were publicized by our community league and the Edmonton Journal.

1972 — The first one was in October 1972 when the city decided to cut down all the eighteen poplar trees in Greenfield Park facing 112A St. There were two rows of original shelter belt farm trees. The first row was just inside the park fence and the second row was about 20 feet west. The plan was to build a soccer field, so cutting the second row was fine, but when they started cutting the first row Irma Dekker and her neighbor Evelyn went out to protest and try to stop their work. The men stopped cutting the trees and the accompanying picture appeared in the Edmonton Journal. When the removal of the trees became public the city received many letters in favor of the protest. Of the original poplar trees six were left and four of those are still standing. The city promised to plant new trees and this was done.

Another loss in this story was the orioles. Every spring the orioles nested in these trees and we all looked forward to hearing their familiar call and seeing their bright orange plumage. Unfortunately they departed when the trees were gone.

The determination of these women encouraged neighbors to save 'the bush' in the early 1970's. This event was described in the Apr/May 2017 edition of the Gazette.

vere penalty would have been imposed if there had been any evidence that the victim was psychologically harmed by the experience.

Sex offenders face a difficult time in penal institutions, being subjected to verbal and physical abuse which is always potentially dangerous for them, the report states. However, it is an overstate-

ment to say that they are in open publicity, as inmates of a prison generally find out about sex crimes from the news media.

"Ultimately the best handling of the sex offender under our present legal and penal system is to place him in a treatment setting where he will receive the therapy and care he most certainly requires," the report says.

recorded with regular frequency in spite of the security precautions usually taken to protect these individuals."

The report says that one theory on the reason for general hostility toward sex offenders is that most inmates have at one time or another in their lives themselves been victims of sexual attacks.

Most maximum security

to develop facilities to deal exclusively with sex offenders — either in the form of separate buildings or blocks within a prison complex, or in the form of an exclusive institution.

The sex offender is usually segregated from the rest of the prison population the moment he enters the prison, the report says.

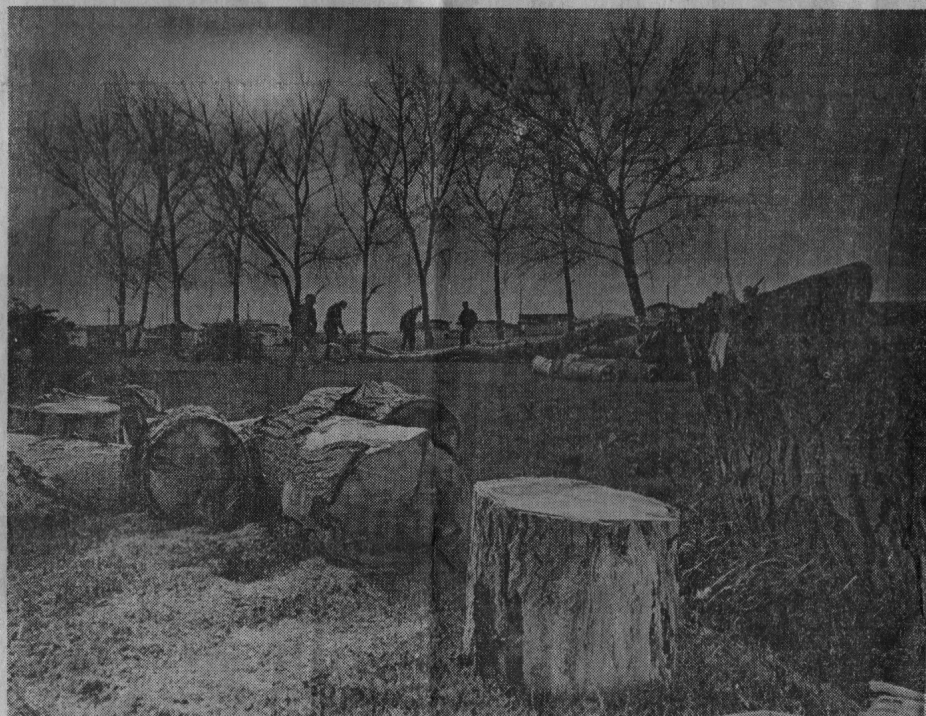
is always present in any prison.

"A release of this tension in the form of a riot by an individual or a group of individuals losing control could be dangerous for them.

"As such, they individually feel uneasy and wary, and as a general rule they will avoid a group of other inmates from the general population.

"A particularly dangerous

which agrees that there are counts of sex crimes, including names of convicted persons, places these individuals in a position of danger when they are incarcerated. He adds, however, that some inmates create their own problems by their conduct with the other prisoners. "Some sex offenders are known, for example, to brag and boast of their crimes."



Nothing but stumps

City crews were cutting down 18 poplar trees in the Greenfield Elementary Schoolyard Wednesday, and residents complained that the only trees that would be left standing are small and scrubby.

A spokesman for the parks department said removal of the trees to make way for a soccer field sparked a "desksful of complaints" from irate citizens near the yard, at 112A Street between 37th



and 39th Avenues. He added that a forester's report says four of the trees are dead and the others are likely to die soon. The parks department plans to plant 25 or 30 trees, at least 18 feet tall.

1977 — In 1977 we had two protests and petitions. The first was that 114 St. was to be turned into a four lane road and was to be a major thoroughway. Residents of Greenfield sent a letter and a 900 signature petition to city council to protest the plan. They wanted 114 St. to be closed at 34 Ave. The residents kept after the city despite the fact that they received little response. Today 114 St. is still a two-lane road with parking, but it does connect with 34 Ave so the original plan was changed.

The next requests in 1977 concerned traffic lights and stop signs. R.R.Strand, the President of Greenfield Community Club wrote to the city to ask for a flashing light at the crosswalk on 37 Ave. and 114 St. This was necessary because of increased traffic due to construction south of 35A Ave. Al Lust, principal of Greenfield School, wanted a red, green and amber light at 40 Ave and 114 St. and a flashing amber at 37 Ave. and 114 St. At some point it was decided to have a four-way stop at 40 Ave. and 114 St. and another one at 37 Ave. and 114 St. There is also a push button to activate a flashing amber light at 112A St. and 37 Ave.

1986 — In 1986 the Greenfield Community League under the presidency of Elna Nash hosted a transportation forum to discuss depressing Whitemud Drive and widening 34 Ave. The Whitemud Drive involved many communities and they all wanted it depressed. The residents bordering 34 Ave. insisted on a public meeting, and they ripped out all the city stakes and jammed city councillor's home phones. Obviously they won as 34 Ave. is still two lanes.

2004 — Our next protest was in 2004 and involved the future of The Daughters of Wisdom residence which was for sale. Greenfield residents learned that the nun's residence was to be the future home of the Women's Dream Centre, a residence for recovering alcoholics and drug addicts. It was to be operated by the Inner City Mission Centre of Edmonton. A meeting at the community centre attended by 400 people was organized by the Greenfield League president Ted Aime and other members, to discuss the problem.

At the meeting they were told that the Edmonton Housing Trust Fund had already approved a grant of \$950,000 to the mission to purchase the property. The chair woman of the trust told the meeting that they had not been to Greenfield to view the situation or communicate with the residents of the community. At the meeting there were some supporters for the Women's Dream Centre but the majority were against it. A city zoning permit would be required as group homes are subject to the approval of the city's planning department. The applications are assessed on traffic, parking and building guidelines but not on moral issues.

A list of questions needing answers was emailed to the Dream Centre before the meeting. The residents were disappointed with the replies which lacked concrete plans. The negativity expressed at the meeting convinced the Dream Centre planners that this type of group home was not welcome in the community, and they withdrew from the project. The former nun's residence is now a nursing home named Greenfield Shepherd's Care Foundation.

2008 — The last protest and petition was in 2008. This was about building a drop off area for Greenfield School, which would remove a soccer field. The increased traffic on 114 St. made this project a priority of the school board. The parents only heard about it on the second last day of school and felt it was been pushed through without due consultation. Parents went door to door to get 1000 names on a petition. They also contacted city councillors and the area's M.L.A.

Work was to begin at the beginning of July to rip up the green space, but the crews were met by 100 parents and children with signs reading "Save Our Field". The starting date was moved a week by the school board to give its planners more time. The parents decided they would continue protesting until there was a guarantee the soccer field would remain. After this event the school board examined other potential sites. It was finally decided to build the drop off area parallel to 114 St. rather than the perpendicular design originally proposed.

From these protests and petitions we learn that Greenfield residents are a strong community and resent having projects thrust upon them with very little or no consultation. The residents are the ones who live in Greenfield and are the ones who know what is right for their community. Beware to those who think otherwise!

Thanks to the Edmonton Journal and Irma Dekker.

NextGen Cleanup

On June 27th, the Canadian Home Builders Association' NextGen Committee spent the afternoon cleaning up the school yard in the Greenfield Community.

The Committee chooses a neighborhood each year to assist with cleanup and after finding out the Greenfield Community could use some assistance, the committee jumped on it.

The group filled six full garbage bags during their time – this was only the park and school yard area!



Hall Rentals

Want to rent the community hall for your next function?

For info contact Wendy at
hallmanager@greenfieldcommunityleague.com

or call: **780-200-1198**

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If you have a small business based in Greenfield, want to find work mowing someone's lawn, or perhaps sell crafts for a bit of extra cash, the Next Door Neighbour section of the Gazette is for you. As long as you are a Greenfield Community League member, you can have a 3-line ad about your business for free!

Please visit the Greenfield website (<http://www.greenfieldcommunityleague.com/gazette--express.html>) for more information.



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