



# Greenfield Gazette

Spring/Summer 2018

## President's Note

Greetings Greenfield!

As summer shines just around the corner, a bevy of community events and programs are on tap. Our community hosts one of the city's most popular Greenshacks sites not to mention all of the other great activities our community offers members like free community swim times, and free community member tennis times among many others. I am pleased to announce that after a great deal of work, the community garden has received City approval and has just a few more steps before seeds can be planted. I am stepping down as Chair of the Garden Subcommittee as of May, but I look forward to watching the project's growth in the coming years.

Of course, none of this community work is possible without healthy finances. Fundraising is a prescient issue in our community as traditional fundraising models decline and we search for replacements. Right now we are hiring a Grant Writer to apply for grants on our behalf in addition to exploring other fundraising methods. I am pleased with the strong early support I've received from community members, but more is needed. This issue requires a multifaceted solution, which crucially must involve a stronger fundraising effort. To do this, the community needs its members to step up and take on organizing roles. We are proud to offer the programs and events we do; from tennis to soccer to family movie nights, **but we need your help.**

I would like to take some time to thank some of Greenfield's incredible volunteers who have moved on from an active role with the Board. At our **50th Anniversary Community BBQ on September 15th, 2018** we will be honouring these fine people: Jana Roppelt, Ian Hicks, Yi-Li Li, Kirsten Berg, and

Heidi and Jarvis de Groot. If you see these folks around the community be sure to give them a warm 'thank-you' on behalf of the community.

I am proud to report that the Greenfield Community League Board continues to be remarkably healthy, with wonderful volunteers and excellent attendance. That being said we are always looking for more help: we are specifically looking for a Fundraising Coordinator, an Events Coordinator, and an Assistant Treasurer. Please send me an email if you're interested. Being a community league board member is low commitment and a fun way to meet people in your community and better your neighbourhood.

Don't forget to get your Community League membership for a host of wonderful benefits, from community swims (outdoor and indoor) to discounted hall rental rates among many others outlined on our website. Memberships are \$30 per individual, \$15 for seniors, \$25 for senior couples and \$50 for families. Memberships can be purchased online or at the community league hall. Email [memberships@greenfieldcommunityleague.com](mailto:memberships@greenfieldcommunityleague.com) for more!

Have a healthy and happy spring and summer and be sure to keep up with the latest community programs and events either on our website, Facebook page or by signing up for our email express. As always feel free to contact me at [president@greenfieldcommunityleague.com](mailto:president@greenfieldcommunityleague.com).

Sam Goertz



## Greenfield Tennis Club: Summer 2018 Classes, Camps & Memberships.

With the sun shining, it's time to hit the courts hone your swing!

Head over to <http://dropshot.ca/greenfield/> for more information on Tennis Club Memberships, Tournaments, Classes, Camps, and even court times for GCL memberships! Memberships and classes can be purchased online.

Here is the current 2018 schedule for classes and camps; registration can be done online via the website.

### Adult Classes

#### **Beginner**

Saturdays 3pm (June16-July28)  
Saturdays 9am (June23-Aug4)

#### **Beginner Plus**

Saturdays 4pm (June16-July28)  
Saturdays 10am (June23-Aug4)

#### **Advanced**

Saturdays 5-6:15pm (June16-July28)  
Saturdays 11am-12:15pm (June23-Aug4)

### Kids Classes

#### **U7**

Saturdays 9am (May5-June16)  
[May 26 missed date]

#### **U9**

Saturdays 10am (May5-June16)  
[May 26 missed date]  
Thursdays 4pm (June21-July26)  
[Intermediate]

#### **U12**

Tuesdays 4pm (May8-June12)  
Tuesdays 4pm (June19-July24)

[Intermediate]

### Teen Classes

Thursdays 6pm (May3-June14)

### Kids Camps

#### **U7**

Mon-Thurs 9am (July2-5)  
Mon-Thurs 9am (July16-19)

#### **U9**

Mon-Thurs 10-11:15am (July2-5)  
Mon-Thurs 9-10:15am (July9-12)  
Mon-Thurs 9-10:15am (July23-26)  
Mon-Thurs 9-10:15am (July30-Aug2) [Intermediate]

#### **U12**

Mon-Thurs 10:15-11:30am (July9-12)  
Mon-Thurs 10-11:15am (July 16-19)  
Mon-Thurs 10:15-11:30am (July30-Aug2) [Intermediate]

#### **Teen**

Mon-Thurs 10:15-11:30am (July23-26)

## Greenfield Casino - Volunteers Needed!

Greenfield Community has been awarded its Casino for 2018 at the West Edmonton Mall Palace Casino. *We only have the opportunity to work a Casino every two years.*

The proceeds from this casino are very important in keeping our hall and grounds in top shape.

On June 30 and July 1, 2018, we are in need of **18 more volunteers** to staff each day.

There will be three different shifts on both days:

9:15am - 6:30pm (10 workers)

6:15pm - 3:15am (12 workers)

11:30pm - 3:30am (14 workers)

If you would like to help out your community by

volunteering, please contact Wendy Lauber at [hallmanager@greenfieldcommunityleague.com](mailto:hallmanager@greenfieldcommunityleague.com) or call at (780) 200-1198.



## Hills, Holes and H<sub>2</sub>O

When Greenfield was being built there was a huge dugout on the N.W. corner of 40th ave and 114th st. It had probably been a watering hole for farm animals but in 1965 it was where the residents bought their potatoes. They drove down to the bottom of the dugout where a farmer was selling potatoes and then drove out the other side. Before you pitched up your potatoes you could buy your eggs from another farmer where Petrolia shopping centre now stands. In a former article we mentioned the huge manure pile on 112A st and 38th ave that the first resident children used as a sledding hill. But a much bigger hill was to emerge in the middle of Greenfield Park. In those days the roads weren't completed before the houses were built. As they removed all the topsoil from the planned roads and lanes it was piled in the middle of the park between the schools where the playground would be built. But that wasn't the completion of the hill. The next project was to plan the ice rinks and that topsoil was added to our new neighborhood hill. In the early years in all seasons the hill was always in use for tobogganing, skiing, flying kites and just having fun running up and down.

The first residents saw lots of water as the first roads were just dirt trails. Due to unseasonable spring rain these roads had turned into mud quagmires and this made driving a nightmare. Many cars had to be towed to more solid ground.

One lady told me her solution to the problem. They had had their sidewalk blocks removed in order to build a solid foundation for them, so the path had turned to a muddy mess. As they drove up to their house in the car and saw this disaster she was determined not to ruin her shoes. So with difficulty she removed her shoes and panty hose in the passenger seat and walked ankle deep in the mud up to her front steps. At that point she could afford to laugh about this crazy situation without the fear of slipping and going down into a mud bath.

There was also water in the area before development. Greenfield had a creek that flowed into the Whitemud Creek. On looking at an old map of the early 1960's compiled by the Surveys and Mapping Branch, Department of Mines and Technical Surveys, the creek flowed just south of Whitemud Drive into Royal Gardens, then into Greenfield crossing 40th ave close to 114th st, down to 111th st where it crossed through a culvert close to 37th ave

and continued as far as the Calgary Trail. When Greenfield was developed there was one house east of Greenfield on this creek and it was called the "Ghost House".

There is a plan to build a surge pond in the N.E. corner of Greenfield Park to prevent basement flooding, according to news reports. Other features present in the early 1960's are the Derrick Golf and Winter Club built in 1959, mining in the Whitemud Creek close to the Whitemud drive and four small lakes where children came to skate as the lakes were beside 119th st. Three were north of "The Bush" and the fourth was across from these three at the Derrick Club.

Another water feature was a well found in a yard on 112th st between 39A ave and 38th ave. When the first houses were being built there was a barn on 112A st and 38th ave but no farm house, so this well was probably on the site of the farm house. We can't leave the water topic without mentioning Twin Bridges or Blue Bridge as it was sometimes called, even though it is not in Greenfield, but it was frequented by the early residents and later Greenfielders. It is just south of 23rd ave at the point where the Whitemud and Blackmud creeks meet. People met here to picnic, party, fish and hike.

Two school districts were formed on the southside in 1895. One was the Mill Creek School District and the other was the Rabbit Hill School District. The latter was situated southwest of 40th ave and 116th st and a school was built on Thomas Stewart's land and named after a prominent hill on his land.

A red brick schoolhouse was built in 1928 up the hill west of Twin Bridges. It became a private residence in 1955 when the school district was disbanded.

Also in the area in 1960 but not in Greenfield itself was the Starlite Drive-In Theatre where Southgate now stands. A fox fur farm was in the present Malmo district and there was a factory in Royal Gardens in the field close to Harry Ainlay High School. A YMCA camp was on the west side of Whitemud Creek as far north as the University farm.

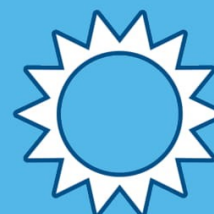
Our district has seen many changes since the first residents moved into a show home in 1964. We can only guess what change will bring in the years to come.

Written by Gwen Muldrew with information from Dora Getschel and Randy Lawrence's book Old Strathcona.



## Edmonton

# Get Active



Date	Time	Ages	Cost	Course Code
July 3 - 6	9 am - 4 pm	Ages 8 - 12	\$140	625957



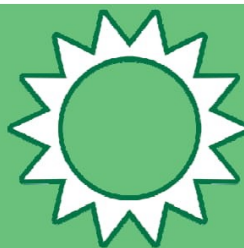
### To Register:

- Call 311
- Online at [ereg.edmonton.ca](http://ereg.edmonton.ca)
- In person at any City of Edmonton Recreation Centre



FREE DROP-IN

# SUMMER GREEN SHACK



Edmonton

LOCATION	DATES	DAYS	TIMES
Greenfield 3755 – 114 St	July 3 – August 23	Monday – Friday	10:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Our Green Shack program is running in neighbourhoods all over Edmonton.  
Come and join us for games, crafts, sports, free play, and more!

Water features are operational seasonally from 9 AM - 9 PM

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



For more information, please visit:  
[edmonton.ca/Greenshacks](http://edmonton.ca/Greenshacks)  
or call 311.

 @GreenShackEdmonton



# COMMUNITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE



This year's community-wide sale is scheduled for **June 2nd**. To participate and have your sale on the map, read on for more details:

Note: We are sharing this event on behalf of the community garage sale coordinator. The garage sale is *NOT* held at the hall, nor are we organizing it. Please email [greenfieldgaragesale@gmail.com](mailto:greenfieldgaragesale@gmail.com) for *\*ALL\** inquiries about this event.

For those unfamiliar with the concept, the residents of Greenfield Community hold a one coordinated garage sale in June. You host your own individual garage sale at your house/garage, but with everyone doing it on the same day, we work together to cover signage, advertising and draw more visitors to each garage sale. Many garage sale shoppers flock to Greenfield as it is easier to visit multiple locations in one neighborhood instead of driving all over town. The increase flow of shoppers has enabled many of our neighbors to have hugely successful sale, plus the fun of browsing around other sales in the same neighborhood. It has been a great traditional event in our neighborhood and we hope to keep it going.

We put together a map of the neighborhood listing the location of all the sales and help with additional signage to draw people to the neighborhood. At this point, we are looking for people who are interested in taking part by holding a garage sale in the community wide event JUNE 2nd, 2018 and also, anyone who may be interested in helping planning or organizing the event. I am looking for someone that has computer skills to help out with doing the map and placing it up on Kijiji.



The volunteer gardeners at the Green & Gold Community garden, on the University of Alberta South Campus, are making plans for our *tenth* gardening season! The garden is a project of the University's Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences. The garden is totally volunteer run; virtually all of the seeds, plants and equipment used are donated.

The vegetables, fruit, herbs and flowers are "spray-free" --no pesticides or artificial fertilizers are used. The general public is welcome to purchase their vegetables at the garden and all of the money raised -- that's 100% -- goes to the **Tubahumurize Association**. A non-profit organization in Rwanda, it supports and empowers female victims of violence and marginalization through trauma counselling, life-skills coaching vocational training, and micro-credit loans. Many women who benefit from Tubahumurize are genocide survivors, widows, orphans, HIV infected, or survivors of physical and sexual violence. To date, the garden has raised over \$290,000 for Tubahumurize.

We are now gearing up for the 2018 gardening season, and are looking for new volunteers to join us at the garden. Both novice & experienced gardeners are welcome—however, if you aren't interested in gardening, but would like to help in other ways (promoting the garden) please contact us at:

**E-mail:** [gggarden@ualberta.ca/](mailto:gggarden@ualberta.ca)

**Phone:** 780-492-4087

**Web site:** [www.greengoldgarden.com](http://www.greengoldgarden.com)

## Greenfield Spray Park Hours:

**May 15 - Sept 17 from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.**

For info & updates, visit [https://www.edmonton.ca/activities\\_parks\\_recreation/spray-parks-water-play.aspx](https://www.edmonton.ca/activities_parks_recreation/spray-parks-water-play.aspx) or dial **311**.





GREENFIELD

# GOING ZERO WASTE

*ARE YOU INTERESTED IN WASTE  
REDUCTION AND MAKING GREENFIELD  
A ZERO WASTE COMMUNITY?*

Zero Waste simply means linking communities, businesses and industries so that one's waste becomes another's feedstock. Zero Waste Greenfield is a goal where we aim to send nothing to a landfill. We reduce what we need, reuse as much as we can, send little to be recycled, and compost what we cannot.

The Greenfield Community League has dedicated members that will work together to achieve this ambitious goal, but not without your help. Our Zero Waste Director would work with you in the community to understand your needs and help implement the recycling infrastructure at your home. Together, we will ditch single-use plastic, reduce waste, and recycle the rest.

**“BE THE CHANGE THAT YOU WISH TO SEE IN THE WORLD.”**

**— Mahatma Gandhi**

**Are you on-board to see this change happen in Greenfield? Let us know!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: [ZEROWASTE@GREENFIELDCOMMUNITYLEAGUE.COM](mailto:ZEROWASTE@GREENFIELDCOMMUNITYLEAGUE.COM)

## PETROLIA SENIORS GROUP

(55+) invites YOU to come to ENJOY LUNCH and a PROGRAM (\$15 except December) Every Third Tuesday (except July and August) from 11:45 a.m. (sharp) to 2:00p.m. at the Greenfield Community Hall 3803 – 114th Street

**May 15th** –Kecia Kerr – Director of Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society – Importance of Parks and Protected Areas in Alberta

**June 19th** – Children's Choir from

Greenfield School

**September 18th** – How to be Your Own Troubleshooter! – Julie Matthews

Consumer Protection Expert and former Global TV Trouble Shooter

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.**



Weekly Drama Classes begin at Greenfield Community Church on Thursday, September 20th, 2018 for children from grades one through to nine. There is a Meet and Greet for interested children and their parents planned at the Church for Thursday evening, May 24th, 2018 from 6:00 – 7:00. Come and meet the KC Team, have your questions answered, and take in the planned agenda!

Greenfield Community Church  
3712 – 114 Street, Edmonton, AB  
[kidsconnect@greenfieldchurch.ca](mailto:kidsconnect@greenfieldchurch.ca)

## Hall Rentals

Want to rent the community hall for your next function?  
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## KIDS' GAMES AFTERNOON

**Saturday, May 12**

**2:00pm - 5:00pm**

Join us for a fun afternoon of active games at the Greenfield Hall!

Come out and enjoy some FREE fun for kids of all ages. Snacks provided!

## **Community League Day BBQ**

**Saturday, September 15th, noon - 2 p.m.**

50th anniversary redux? It's possible a clerical error means that 2018 will be another big celebration. Come join us on what will hopefully be a beautiful fall day for a complimentary BBQ lunch and activities for the young ones. We will be recognizing the volunteer contributions of previous board members.

More updates on Facebook and an express email later in the season!

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