

GREENFIELD

President's Message

Gazette

Happy Spring Greenfield!

March - April 2023

Can you believe it - it is still light out AFTER 6pm? I went for a run at 6:30pm and it was still light out! I mean - let's be honest, after a long winter, my run is more of a slow amble, but that all the more sunshine on my shoulders!

I hope you all have been able to get outside and feel the seasons changing on your face - it feels so good even if it does mean dodging puddles and tiny ice rinks around the edges of the alleyways.

Congratulations to the Greenfield U17 Girls team who brought home an indoor soccer bronze from City Finals and huge congratulations to the U15 Boys team who brought home a Gold Medal from City Finals. What an amazing achievement. In addition, congratulations to all the runners from Greenfield and St. Stanislaus who participated in the Running Room Indoor Games - you all did so well and were so fast!

Thank you so much to everyone who was able to join us at our Winter Fun day on February 26th. I think the day was a huge success - more than 400 people came out, sampled some maple, tried some sledge hockey (thank you Alberta Paralympic Sports Association), high fived Hunter the Oilers mascot, met Amanda Panda and heard the sweet tunes from MACapella (Archbishop Macdonald High School).

I want to give an enormous shout out to No Frills (Matt & Ashley) and Square One for your constant support at our community events (such good cookies). And a heartfelt

thank you to all the volunteers who give up their time and energy to make this all happen for our community - with a special thank you to Scott Alberts for making the sound system at the rink work.

Please stay tuned for our June Annual General Meeting - this is key time to connect with the League that represents your home and neighbourhood across the City and get your voice heard. We will have short updates, be taking suggestions and asking questions and will provide wine, cheese and child minding!

With the return of spring, this does sadly mean the end of our ice-making season. Thank you to Brian for all your dedication in making us the best ice in the southwest (in my opinion at least!) and a shout out to your crew for making it all possible.

Keep checking out our web page and our Facebook page for updates as we look forward to a great soccer season, a kick off in our community garden and lots of time out and about in the neighbourhood.

Don't forget to get your Greenfield Community League membership - your support allows us to keep providing fun activities and events all the year around. See greenfieldcommunityleague.com for more information.

And - as always - I can be reached at president@greenfieldcommunityleague.com or found on the soccer field explaining why handballs are a bad idea!

Amanda

A Cartful of Compassion

Students making a difference in the community

By Anna Fay and Isabelle Bernes



This year, the grade six students at École Greenfield School have teamed up with United Way, and their Make your Mark educational initiative to create a meaningful project to raise awareness about poverty in Edmonton.

Our project is called a *Cartful of Compassion*. For this project, we partnered with Vee Duncan, the leader of *Nékem: To Change Something, an indigenous-led organization*. In early January, he came to our school to share his story about his experience living in poverty, the challenges he overcame living in homelessness and how he becoming an anti-poverty advocate.

To aid houseless and indigenous peoples on the streets, we decided that we would use Vee's shopping cart to create a collaborative project in which we fill it with donations. Vee Duncan gifted us this cart to use, and we started to decorate the cart with finger knitting and positive messages.

We believe he motivated the grade six students to do their best for him and the rest of the houseless community.

It took about two weeks for all the grade six classes to complete all of their tasks, such as filling the cart with backpacks, which included necessities and kind notes.

In my opinion, I think that decorating the cart was the hardest part of this project. We had to find a way to make the cart look appealing but, at the same time, make it durable enough to take onto the streets. We made that possible by spraying it with a paint primer to make it look like a white mat surface. The next step was to take some permanent marker and draw cute drawings of inspiration, and write kind messages. I'd say it looks pretty good for three grade 6 classes.

On February 1st, our work was showcased on Global News.

On February 26th, the Cartful Of Compassion will go to the streets, and all the donations will be handed out to the houseless community. Vee himself will be there, along with one of our grade six teacher, to hand out the donations.

If you are interested in supporting *Nékem: To Change Something*, please visit their website at <https://www.nekem.org>.

Programs in the Community



Accepting New Members for Japanese Martial Arts

Kendo (Swordfighting)
6:00pm Wednesdays at the Greenfield Community League
New Intake Starts May 2023

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Thursdays at the Greenfield Community League
Open for new students year round




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See website for further details and full practice schedule

YOUTH LEADERSHIP IN SPORTS: SOCCER

April 23rd at 1pm

Greenfield Hall
3803 114 Street

This FREE half-day course aimed at 11 - 16 year olds will talk about what it means to be a leader on your team - introducing concepts of sportsmanship, providing feedback, and talking in front of a group. You must be registered to play community league soccer in one of the following Edmonton communities: Greenfield, Duggan, Royal Gardens, Aspen Gardens or Empire Park. Come prepared to learn both inside and on the field. Weather appropriate athletic clothing and a pair of runners / cleats required.

Tickets at Eventbrite (search: Greenfield Community) or through greenfieldcommunityleague.com

PETROLIA SENIORS GROUP (55+) Invites you to COME & Enjoy!



LUNCH and a PROGRAM (\$25)

Greenfield Community Hall

3804 -114 Street

11:45 am to 2:00 pm

(Please be seated no later than 11:40 am)

April 18th

Josh Classen – CTV Meteorologist
Our Weather and Climate Change

May 16th

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor
Salma Lakhani

For more information or to CONFIRM your attendance PLEASE CALL:

Claire (780) 435-3051 or Betty (780) 434-0711

All Seniors are very Welcome

Come to enjoy lunch, fun, door prizes, and an interesting program!

Reminder: An additional "outing" is offered each month. Call Joyce for information: (780) 435-6388



Greenfield Community Garage Sale

June 3rd, 2023

We are doing the Greenfield Community Wide Garage sale on June 3rd, 2023. Can you please put an ad in the gazette and online to let people know please.

The 2023 Greenfield Community Wide Garage Sale will be scheduled for June 3rd!

While the community league does not host the event, we do help organizers spread the word! For any and all inquires about this event, please email greenfield-garagesale@gmail.com

For those unfamiliar with the concept, the residents of Greenfield hold a coordinated garage sale in June throughout the community. The idea is that residents host their own individual garage sales at their own house on the same day. This year, it will take place on June 3rd.

With everyone doing it on the same day, the organizers 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.

If you apply to participate, your house/sale will be marked on a map shared with the neighborhood, enabling prospective shoppers to find you and browse your treasures!

Want to be part of this?

Send an email to greenfieldgaragesale@gmail.com by May 29th, 2023.

Remember the sale will be scattered all over the neighborhood, so please don't show up at the community hall on June 3rd, as you'll likely end up interrupting a private event!





Does your mortgage
come up for renewal this year?

A Guide to Mortgage Renewals

Mortgage renewal time is a great opportunity to speak with a licensed mortgage broker. The conversation will cover current and future mortgage and financial goals, as well as your options for your mortgage. Working with a mortgage broker doesn't cost you any fees and it's the broker's job to shop around and find saving opportunities for their clients. Topics covered during a conversation with a broker include:

Current financial goals. You plan on paying the mortgage off faster or refinancing to use equity for renovations, investments or to payout other debts.

Future goals. If you want to stay in your current home for the next 1-5 years, a broker can help you find the best mortgage solutions. Brokers help homeowners see the big picture. They can provide guidance and avenues to consider if you are thinking of either upsizing or downsizing, doing a major renovation, or purchasing other property or large assets.

Close to retirement. It may be a good time to open a HELOC (Home Equity Line Of Credit) before you retire. This can be used to space out payments of larger purchases to offset income taxes on retirement savings, vacations or helping kids or grandkids with education, property, and other goals.

Solutions to High Interest Rates. Re-amortizing your mortgage to help with payment increases from higher current interest rates.

Financial Flexibility. If you are 55+ years old and would love to have more time and money freedom, a reverse mortgage eliminates monthly payments and is a solution to consider.

You have many options available to you.

If your mortgage is coming up for renewal in the next six months, now is a great time to reach out and start inquiring. You can get information about the current interest rates, discuss your goals, and decide if changing financial lenders or looking into other options is right for you.

Brokers work with many lenders, including three of the Six traditional Canadian Banks, and 20+ lenders who compete with those banks for your business. One call can have so much value.

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Rhymes That Bind Drop-In Program

(for parents/caregivers and children 0-3 years of age)

An unstructured playtime with a focus on providing an opportunity for parents to spend time with their children in a play friendly environment and meet other parents.

Parents will learn songs, finger plays, and simple movement games with their infants and toddlers as well as discover new ways to bond in a supportive peer environment.

Spring Program Dates:

10 WEDNESDAYS

April 12 – June 14, 2023 inclusive

9:30-11:30am (2 hours)

Program Cost to Participants: FREE

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DATES	TIMES	LOCATION
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Spring Yard Care Tips

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Spring is the time of year when nature awakens from its winter slumber and everything starts to bloom again. This is also the perfect time to give your yard the care it needs after being dormant during the cold winter months. Here are some tips for spring yard care that will help you get your yard looking its best.

Clean up debris: The first step in spring yard care is to remove any debris that has accumulated over the winter months. This includes fallen leaves, branches, and other debris that can clutter up your yard. A clean yard will not only look better, but it will also help to prevent pests and diseases.

Rake the lawn: Once you have removed any debris from your yard, it's time to rake your lawn. Raking will help to remove any dead grass, leaves, or other debris that may have accumulated over the winter months. This will allow new grass to grow more easily and make your lawn look healthier.

Aerate the soil: Aerating your soil is an important part of spring yard care. Aerating helps to loosen compacted soil and allow water, air, and nutrients to penetrate the roots of your plants more easily. This will help your plants grow stronger and healthier.

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Apply fertilizer: After you have aerated your soil, it's time to apply fertilizer. Fertilizer will provide your plants with the nutrients they need to grow strong and healthy. Be sure to choose a fertilizer that is appropriate for the type of plants you have in your yard.

Mulch your garden beds: Mulching your garden beds is another important step in spring yard care. Mulch helps to retain moisture in the soil and prevent weed growth. It also provides a protective layer for your plants, helping to keep them healthy and strong.

Prune your trees and shrubs: Spring is the perfect time to prune your trees and shrubs. Pruning will help to remove any dead or damaged branches and promote new growth. Be sure to use sharp pruning shears and make clean cuts to avoid damaging the plant.

Plant new flowers and plants: Finally, spring is the perfect time to plant new flowers and plants in your yard. Choose plants that are appropriate for your climate and soil conditions. Be sure to give your new plants plenty of water and fertilizer to help them get established.

In conclusion, spring yard care is an important part of maintaining a beautiful and healthy yard. By following these tips, you can help your yard look its best and provide a healthy environment for your plants to grow. With a little bit of work and some careful attention, you can have a beautiful yard that will be the envy of your neighborhood.

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The volunteer gardeners at the **Green & Gold Community Garden**, on the University of Alberta South Campus, are making plans for our fifteenth gardening season!

The garden is an initiative of the University's School of Public Health and Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences. The garden is totally volunteer run and we have benefited from the generosity of many supporters through donations.

The vegetables, herbs and flowers are "spray-free" (no pesticides or artificial fertilizers are used). Anyone is welcome to 'purchase' their vegetables at the garden and all the money raised goes to the Tubahumurize Association, a non-profit organization in Rwanda that provides socially and economically marginalized women with vocational training, counseling, life-skills coaching, health care education, and opportunities for sustainable income generating activities.

Most individuals who benefit from Tubahumurize are genocide survivors and many are widows or orphans, HIV infected, and survivors of physical and sexual violence. To date, the garden has raised over \$450,000 for the Tubahumurize project (includes donations and garden/craft sales).

In recent years, we have been making the transition to alternative gardening methods to grow our vegetables, herbs, and flowers. Some of these methods include low-till gardening, creation of permanent beds with pathways between them to avoid compaction, use of cover crops,

alternative mulching, composting and weed management techniques, and succession planting. The amendments we have made to our soil in recent years has improved the production and quality of our produce, created habitat for bees, worms and other beneficial insects, and reduced the human labour required to control unwanted weed production over more traditional gardening methods. This has freed up valuable time for our volunteers to learn about planting, managing crops, and focusing on community building activities in the garden.

We are now gearing up for the 2023 gardening season, and are looking for new volunteers to join us at the garden. Both novice & experienced gardeners are welcome. If you aren't interested in gardening, but would like to help in other ways (distributing produce, promoting the garden, donating seeds or garden tools) please contact us at:

E-mail: gggarden@ualberta.ca

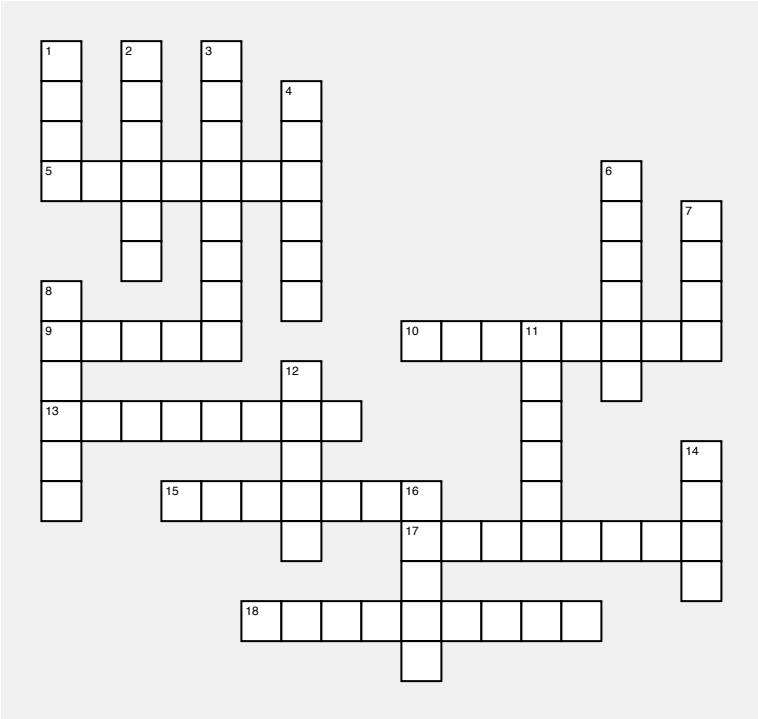
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Spring Crossword



ACROSS

- 5) They're usually found in beds
- 9) Time for showers
- 10) Gloom's opposite
- 13) Yellow spring flower
- 15) Day for diamonds and dreams
- 17) Shower apparel?
- 18) Monarch, e.g.

DOWN

- 1) Sport with tees
- 2) Fledgling plant
- 3) America's pastime
- 4) ___ egg
- 6) Eating outing
- 7) When spring ends
- 8) Vegetable plot
- 11) One of four in a year
- 12) Breezy
- 14) Flying toy with a tail
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Greenfield Funnies

by Liam Grade 7



A Look Back on

Greenfield Winter Fun Day February 26th

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