



Greenfield Gazette

Spring/Summer 2019

Small Town in the City

When I was growing up in a small rural community in central Alberta, I never would have guessed that years later I would feel planted in the city enjoying some of the benefits of a small town community right in the midst of a city. Growing up on a farm in Alberta had lots of benefits but some of the richest were the many ways that we ended up building connections together with our neighbours. We gathered together for functions. My parents lent equipment or a hand to each other, called each other if something of question was going on on their land, drove each other's kids around, coached each other's kids, laughed together, and even shed the occasional tear together. I never would have dreamed that this same sense of community, belonging & support could develop in the city.

My husband and I have lived in our little corner of Greenfield now for nearly 17 years and we have benefited immeasurably through the community that surrounds us. We enjoy connections with neighbours of various different talents, often sharing skills with each other. We shared toys, tools, food, and great conversations. We keep an eye open for each other's homes, kids and pets. We have adopted grandparents for our kids and dog. We gather to celebrate. We gather to grieve.

When I reflect back to the very beginning, I recognize that one of the keys to these connections developing was that we moved onto a block where there was already a traditional block party booked for each June. I remember the first summer as we timidly walked down the street to join the party. The street was blocked off, kids were riding their decorated bikes all over and BBQ's, tables and

chairs were pulled into the street. Within minutes I had this immediate feel of "small town community". Kids were playing on the street, adults were introducing themselves to each and many others were reminiscing of the years of old. We were included and belonged!

Our block continues to host a block party every summer, rain or shine...over 30 years running! It isn't super fancy as we gather a few BBQ's, share food, fire pit and games. Through it all there is a sense that we can belong and care for each other making our little town in the midst of the city a thriving place to growth and connect.

If you would like to start a legacy of block parties on your block or in your alley these websites might be helpful resources for you. The sites are also rich with fresh ideas if your block party has already been going for a while now. The city recognizes the importance of connections like this and are happy to help with resources. Feel free to connect with us on the Greenfield board too if you would like more stories and ideas for how to coordinate your party.

Cheers to your "small town" in the city!

- Loretta James

Block Parties: https://www.edmonton.ca/residential_neighbourhoods/neighbourhoods/block-parties.aspx

Play Streets: https://www.edmonton.ca/residential_neighbourhoods/neighbourhoods/play-streets.aspx



Greenfield Tennis Club: Summer 2019 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.

Contact **Coach Chris Crowley** at **780 802-2101** or coachchriscrowley@gmail.com

2019 Community-Wide Garage Sale

This years' community wide sale is scheduled to June 1st. To participate and have your sale on the map, read on for more details.

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 1ST, 2019 and also, anyone who may be interested in helping planning or organizing the event. I am looking for some that has computer skills to help out with doing the map and placing it up on Kijiji.

PLEASE EMAIL

greenfieldgaragesale@gmail.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

- May 21: The First Tiny Houses on the Prairies
John Robinson, Owner and Designer at Robinson Residential Design (Regina SK)
- June 18th –Wild Prairie Edible Plants,

Billie Milholland, Author

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.

Community Garden Update!

Hi Fellow Greenfielders!

I am so happy to see all of the snow finally gone in my yard and to see my daffodils and tulips peaking through the ground. This is the time where I start to get excited about gardening and relaxing on my deck or front patio as my kids play outside and we all enjoy the warmer weather. If you are interested in gardening or would like to start gardening then I have some great news for you!

First of all a little bit about myself. My name is Sandi LaFleur, I'm Chair of Greenfield Community Garden. I've been a Greenfield resident with my husband for almost 18 years. We have been blessed to raise our four children in this community and have benefitted from all the schools in close proximity from elementary thru to High School along with creating some very dear friendships with our neighbours.

Over the years we have always had a garden of some sort but were a bit limited to what we could grow as we still have many large trees in our yard. When I heard from Sam Goertz about the possibility of having our own community garden I was very interested in getting involved so I could have a different plot of land with full sun exposure for all the vegetables I just couldn't grow in my own yard.

Sam created the Garden Committee (early spring of 2017) and I wasn't able to be a part of any of the preliminary planning nor the research and efforts that went into creating and developing a plan that could be submitted to the city to qualify for a grant and the approval to build/develop a garden on City Land.

At this time I'd like to recognize and thank the individuals who put in their time to get this project started: **Sam Goertz, Tyler Shannon, Naomi Legg & Liz Reid** (garden designers) **Amanda Barros, Cailey Mrochuk, Lorraine Mastre, Rita Koenig, Nav Sharma, Jennifer Reay & Janna McCaskill**. Without these people Greenfield would not be in the great position it is now for gardening in 2019!

I only arrived at the final stages in early spring of 2018 where I could help with my graphic design skills to help find tune the business plan to give the city a visual of what our garden would look like. Due to the long process and two grant refusals people's personal and professional commitments have changed leaving the Committee in need of rebuilding it's members to keep the Garden project alive.

We are ecstatic to announce that we have been approved for the grant from the City and can finally move on to the next stages of having a Garden. Even with approval there are still planning and preparations involved before we can break ground and get our hands in the soil! We are hopeful that we can keep the process going quickly with the city so we can still have some sort of gardening happen this growing season.

More information will be posted on the webpage as the weeks go by to include Greenfield Garden Rules & Regulations. If being a part of the Community Garden speaks to you please reply to greenfieldgardenproject@gmail.com and I will get in contact with you!

I look forward to hearing from you and to another growing season!

Sincerely,
Sandi LaFleur



Volunteer Opportunity: Communications Director

Greenfield Community League is looking for a motivated individual to pick up the torch as the Communications Director.

Duties involve creating the Gazette you are reading, sending out express emails, managing the Facebook page and staying up-to-date on community & league happenings.

For more information, email communications@greenfieldcommunityleague.com

Building a Community

Edmonton was one of the first cities in the world to implement community leagues. In 1912, George Hall, a native of Providence, Rhode Island, was hired as the city's Commissioner of Industry. He began organising a local method to address the rapidly growing city's social challenges. The first formally constructed league was Crestwood, established in 1917. George Hall was the first president. His vision was that leagues "could bring people together, making for a larger and brighter community spirit".

The Earle Family

On the 15th of March 1906, Minnie Earle arrived in Strathcona by train from San Antonio, Texas. From the train, a path, piled each side with eight feet high snow-banks, lead to the arrival hall, a barren room heated by a pot-bellied stove. Her father, William Wahl, planned to homestead in Alberta, but was following by ox cart at the insistence of his wife in order to bring household effects.

Minnie planned to stay in the "Immigration Hall" on 101st Street until her father arrived. However, accommodation was tight in 1906, so tight that a tent city was pitched on the present Garneau Theatre site. Minnie said that the boarded outside walls made it quite comfortable. She stayed there for sixteen months until the rest of her family arrived, at which time they all moved to Onoway area.

At the age of 15, Minnie went into service; firstly at the McDougall Residence, then at the Secord Residence. She worked 12 to 14 hours each day for room and board plus \$3 per month. Following this, she worked at the Cecil Hotel for \$12 per month. There she met William Earle in the autumn of 1909. They married on the 16th of January, 1911. Their first home was the top floor of a house which was later replaced by the Tegler Building. While living there, Robert Tegler informed them about two acres of land on offer for \$500 in what is now Royal Gardens, a neighbourhood in the subdivision of Petrolia. They moved there and lived in an 18' x 10' shack for a few years until

they built a farm house on the site of what is now Harry Ainlay School. They gradually increased the acreage.

Together with other residents, they attended barn dances, quilting bees, bazaars, and stage plays to raise money to build a school. When built, this school had one room and was known as South Edmonton School #3314. In the late 1940s, the Social Credit Government legislated to amalgamate the school districts, and the remaining originators of #3314 were paid off for their contribution.

While living on their farm, Minnie recalled taking a horse and buggy to the annual community summer picnic at Henderson's Round Barn on a farm in the vicinity of 23rd Avenue & Rabbit Hill Road, or to land at the junction of Whitemud and Blackmud Creeks. The latter is now Sandy Mactaggart Sanctuary previously referred to as "The Blue Bridge". The round barn is now in Fort Edmonton Park.

In the winter, families would travel by horse and cutter (a light sleigh) to barn dances, and skating on McKernan Lake or Whitemud Creek at Rainbow Valley. Families would travel to these communal events no matter what the weather.

In 1951, the City of Edmonton bought the Earle's farm. William Earle's story appeared in the 2016 September/October edition of the Greenfield Gazette.

The Palechuk Family

Evelyn and Ernie Palechuk were original residents of Greenfield. Evelyn recalls a close-knit community where people willingly worked bingos, organised bottle drives, and volunteered their time to develop and support community programmes. Ernie travelled to Williamsport, PA, in order to qualify as a little league umpire. Following this, he umpired girls little league. He was also a hockey referee, a game he had played all his life. Evelyn remembers assembling the boards for the community hockey rink in her yard and hammering in a few nails herself. Evelyn's other role was 'phoning for volunteers.

The Tod Family

Jack and Audrey have lived in Edmonton most of their lives.

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“Being raised in Edmonton, we are aware of the uniqueness of our community leagues and all that they offer”. Always involved in sporting activities with their three children, they coached Shauna’s softball programme from 1978-1982. Shelly played on the Greenfield ringette and softball teams. Scott played hockey and little league baseball. “We were always so proud and pleased with the exceptional parental support for all our coaching endeavours”. One of the teams they coached was the Squirts A, a girls’ softball team that won the provincial championship in 1980. In the deciding game against the host, Lake Bonavista of Calgary, Greenfield was down by three runs and was at last bats. They managed to tie, and were two out with a runner on second. At that point, Audrey Tod called for a pinch-hitter. Lori Luka promptly hit one over second base and the runner, Carrie Mamchur, came in to win the game. “It was a team effort all the way”, said Audrey.

- Vivien Phelan

References

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University of Alberta Press

Helen Heibner and Rick Henderson in *The South Edmonton Saga*; Papaschase Historical Society, 1984.

We invite Greenfield residents and former residents to contribute to the history of our community. There are probably dozens of interesting sports stories : hockey, soccer, baseball etc. There are three churches in Greenfield; tell us when they were built and why Greenfield was chosen. We look forward to hearing your memories.

Send to [communications@ greenfieldcommunityleague.com](mailto:communications@greenfieldcommunityleague.com)



Green & Gold Community Garden

A local garden with global impact

The volunteer gardeners at the Green & Gold Community garden, on the University of Alberta South Campus, are making plans for our *eleventh* 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 \$300,000 for Tubahumurize.

We are now gearing up for the 2019 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 / **Phone:** 780-492-4087

Web site: www.greengoldgarden.com

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Greenfield Pub Night a great success!

Greenfield Community League welcomed more than 80 members and guests to the "Post-Paddy's Day Pub Night" on March 23rd at the Community Hall. Everyone attending had a great time, thanks to a fun team trivia quiz, stand-up comedy featuring Lisa Baker (a native Newfoundlander, now local to Edmonton) and a delicious Irish stew for supper (not to mention one or two grown-up beverages!)

Massive thanks to everyone who made the evening possible, particularly:

- Matt Jones of Matt & Ashley's No Frills for the very generous food donation
- Art and Rachel De Leon (for catering and all their help before and during the event)
- Jan Hicks (for all the planning assistance and the table

decorations/treats)

- Lana Koshkareva and Alex Koshkaryov (for looking after the bar for the entire evening)
- Brad and Jillian Barber (for working the door)
- Amanda Barros (for sourcing the wine)
- Mario of Pacific Wine and Spirits for the prize donation
- Frank and Ann Laucher, Mitch and Sheila Soetaert, Richard and Dana Fahlman and everyone else who helped with setup and cleanup.

Last but not least, congratulations to all the members of "Team Tipperary" who won the trivia quiz and went home with a selection of gift cards.

We hope to see you at the next event - in the meantime, please contact Greenfield Community League via our website or Facebook page if you have suggestions or would like to assist with future events.

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. Features include:

- 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

Winter session: January 16, 2019 - April 10, 2019 (No class on March 27, 2019)

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

Classes begin in September and end in June with a Fall, Winter and Spring session. For more information or to register please contact Stacy Walker via email at funforweeones@gmail.com.

Rhythm, Rhyme & Story Time

A musical adventure for you and your preschooler (9 months-5 years).

Thursdays: 9:30am - 11:00am

Winter session: (10 weeks) January 10 - March 21 (No Feb 28)

Spring Session - TBA

\$115 per child for one day a week program. 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 4:00pm - 4:45pm and 4:45pm - 5:30pm.

Winter session: (11 classes) January 9 - March 20/2019

Spring session: (12 classes) April 3 - June 19 /2019

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

The Roving ChessNuts

Teaches chess and organizes chess competitions and events.
All classes will be held in the Meeting Room and Wednesday nights in the Hall.

Mondays

6:30pm – 7:30pm (Beginner)

Winter session: January 7 - March 18/2019 (No Feb 18 or March 25)

Spring session: April 1 - June 17/2019 (No April 22, or May 20)

Tuesdays

6:30pm - 7:30pm (Beginner)

Winter session: January 15 - March 19/2019 (No Jan 8, Feb 12, March 12 or March 26)

Spring session: April 2 - June 18/ 2019 (No April 9, May 14 or June 11)

Wednesdays

6:30pm - 8:00pm (Intermediate)

Winter session: January 9 - March 20/2019 (No March 27)

Spring session: April 3 - June 19/2019

Friday Night Bonanza: 6:30pm - 9:00pm

January 11 & 25

February 15 & 22

March 15 & 22

April 5 & 19 & 26

Sunday Tournaments: 12:00pm - 4:00pm

January 20

February 10

March 17

April 7 & 28

May 12

June 2 & 23

Instructor: Bruce Thomas

Contact: (780)474-2318

Email: rovingchessnuts@shaw.ca; We

bsite: www.rovingchessnuts.com

Greenfield 59th Scout Troop

Kids in Scouts have fun adventures, discovering new things and experiences they wouldn't discover elsewhere.

Along the way, kids develop into capable, confident and well-rounded individuals, better prepared for success in the world.

Scouts is the start of something great. Programs for ages 5 to 26 - See [here](#) for more details.

For more information, please contact Stephen by [email](#) or phone 780-434-6159.

Website: www.scouts.ca

Better Body Bootcamps

Instructor: Jane Gannon
Tuesdays - 7:15pm-8:15pm

Winter Session: January 8 - March 19/2019

Phone: 780-920-9137
Email: betterbodybootcamps.webs.com

Tai Chi and Inner Health Arts

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 20 years experience.

Classes run:
Winter: January 7 - March 28/ 2019
Spring : TBA

Tai Chi Foundations:
Mondays 6:45-7:45 pm

Tai Chi Foundations:
Thursday: 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Swimming Dragon:
Thursday: 7:30pm - 8:30pm

All classes except the Swimming

Dragon class are drop in friendly. For new students the first class is free!
For information on classes and pricing please check

www.innerhealthtaichi.com

Email: pauldbromley@gmail.com

Phone: (780)240-5803

Nicole Wood Yoga

Wednesday: Winter Session:
8:30pm - 9:30pm

January 16 - March 20/2019 (10 weeks)

Wednesday evening yoga is a gentle flow yoga class, suitable for all levels of practitioner.

In this class, we will work with the physical body, doing postures to open, strengthen, and balance the body, then will connect this movement with the breath. The posture sequence will differ slightly each week, but each sequence will leave you feeling balanced, strong, and calm.

To register or if you have any questions, please email nicewood@gmail.com

B Fit 4 Life Yoga

Wednesday: Winter / Spring Sessions: 1:00pm - 2:00pm
January 9 - February 27/2019 (8 weeks)
March 13 - April 24 /2019 (6

weeks) ***No March 6 or March 27**

May 8 - June 9 /2019 (7 weeks)

Joyful, Blissful, and Fearless. Your True Genuine Nature!

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Register at this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/HtZhOVWZYMW1MArz1>

If you have any questions, please contact Beverly at BFit4LifeYoga@outlook.com or 780-938-0781

Essentrics Fitness Classes (eOne Fitness)

Improve your mobility, strength, flexibility and range of motion with this full body movement based workout. Different class level offerings.

Winter - Spring Session: January 7 -June 17/2019

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

Monday: Essentrics RR&R, 2:00-3:00 pm (January ONLY)

To register contact Lori Griffith at (780) 916-4483 or visit www.eonefitness.ca

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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