



Greenfield Gazette

Spring/Summer 2020

President's Note

Hello Greenfield –

I hope this message finds you well and healthy. There has been a lot of change and challenge in the last few months. Connecting as a community feels more important than ever before.

I work in emergency management, and we do a lot of research about first responders, who play a critical and formal role in responding when emergencies strike in our communities. But have you ever heard the term “immediate responder” or “community responder”? These are people, ordinary people, who are thrust into a disaster simply because... they were there. They have no formal training, no special skills. They don't wear capes or come with sirens. These are your neighbours who may have no greater connection to you except basic geography but hopefully, maybe, they will share a deep, personal connection to the area and the neighbourhood.

The research shows that overwhelmingly, these immediate responders step up to the challenge when confronted with a disaster. Despite fear and confusion, ordinary people really can do extraordinary things. In disasters all over the world, neighbours and communities are the first to respond to immediate needs of those around them. They come up with creative, grassroots solutions to pressing challenges. They create neighbourhood hubs in Calgary to help clean water out of basements, and they rally around foodbanks in Fort McMurray to support struggling families. And it works.

The challenge for us now, is finding this connection in the socially distant world where our disaster is measured in months not hours. When confronted with someone in immediate distress, it's instinctive to offer a hug or a coffee. To provide a meal and a moment. It's scary and exhausting to respond to an emergency, but then... it's over. What we need now takes slow, measured actions over many, many days. Perseverance. Tenacity. Taking the time to find your neighbour's phone number so you can check in. Not once, but every day. Offering not one run to the grocery store, but once a week, every week. Not a novelty night with friends online but a routine of comfort and regularity.

We're in this for the long haul Greenfield – and we absolutely have got this. We may have closed the physical hall, but that doesn't mean that our community stopped being engaged. If you need something, please reach out to the community league. If you have something to offer, reach out to your neighbours. If you take one thing from this message, please keep reaching out.

As always, I can be reached
at president@greenfieldcommunityleague.com.

See you soon.

Amanda

COVID-19 Updates

Community League Facilities

- To comply with government regulation for social distancing, all community league facilities are closed.
- This includes the community hall, the skate shack, skating rinks, the playground and surrounding areas.

Hall Programs

- Because the community hall is closed, all hall programs conducted within the hall have been cancelled.
- Programs are expected to be postponed until at least September, and will be re-evaluated closer to that date.
- Contact information for each program is available on the community league website (www.greenfieldcommunityleague.com).

2020 Outdoor Soccer Program

- There was recently a public health announcement indicating no gatherings throughout the summer
- We are currently awaiting more information from national and provincial governing bodies (Soccer Canada and Alberta Soccer Association) on direction for the 2020 outdoor soccer season.
- More information will be available on the community league Facebook page and will also be emailed to registered families once it becomes available.

2020 Tennis Program

- The 2020 tennis season is currently on hold; we are waiting until the city and provincial restrictions are lifted before any consideration for the resumption of the summer tennis programs.
- As no dates have been set by the City and Province for removing the prohibition on recreational activities including tennis, we can't yet give a date when we can resume our tennis programs.
- If we are allowed to start our tennis programs this summer, we'll take the additional precautions as recommended by Tennis Canada for a safe playing environment.

Petrolia Seniors Group

- Due to the closure of the Greenfield Community Hall, Petrolia Senior's Group programs have been postponed.
- As soon as possible, events will be rescheduled on the third Tuesday of each month.
- For more information, please contact Betty (780-434-0711) or Claire (780-435-3051).

Shout Outs!

The Greenfield Community League Board of Directors would like to acknowledge some of the incredible things that Greenfield residents and other Edmontonians have done to help others during the pandemic.

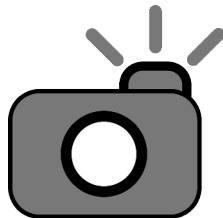
It has been truly amazing to see the level of community spirit during a challenging and difficult time.

A few examples:

- Some individuals posting on Facebook, offering to grab a neighbour's items during a Costco run (who may happen to be a total stranger)
- Coming up with creative ideas to rally the community together and make St Paddy's Day and Easter weekend more fun and eventful
- Placing inspirational messages around the community in front windows, randomly placed rocks, fences, sidewalks and light posts.
- Organizing community-wide "thank you" events such as school bells ringing in the evening and applauding essential workers from your front step

We would also like to commend the efforts of essential services workers such as first responders, grocery store workers or many other essential service workers, etc. Thank you for everything you are doing!

The next page contains a number of local residents' window art, all captured within Greenfield.

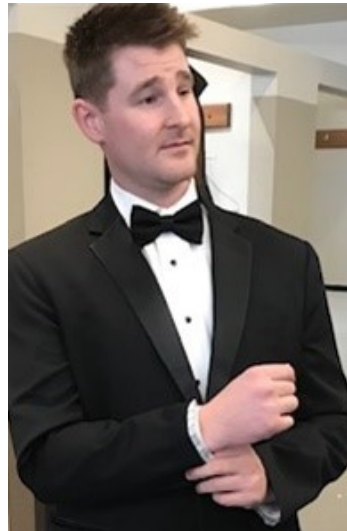


Have you spotted any of these in the neighbourhood?

Meet a Greenfield Board Member

Sean Breckon

Communications Director



Greenfield Resident
Since:
2016

Greenfield Board
Member Since:
2019

What duties does your board role involve?

- Editor-in-chief of the Greenfield Gazette
- Author of e-newsletter distributed between Gazette issues (to subscribe, email: communications@greenfieldcommunityleague.com)
- Post events, share community league information and respond to inquiries on Greenfield Community League Facebook page
(join us! facebook.com/greenfieldcommunityleague/)

Interesting facts:

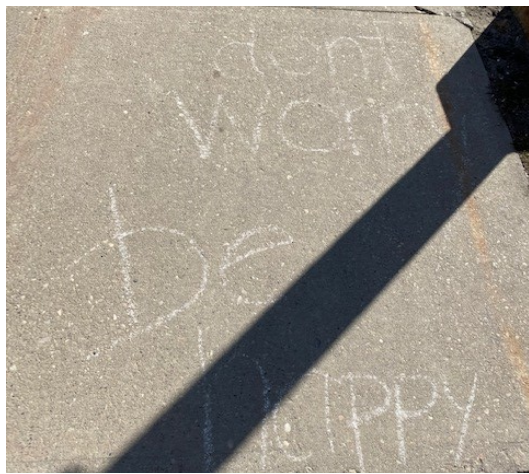
- Love spending time with my wife Stacey and 9 month old daughter Scarlett.
- I have been to 16 countries on 3 continents and try to add new ones every year.
- I love playing hockey and am a HUGE Oilers fan!

If you have ideas on how the board can better communicate with community league members, or have ideas for content in the Greenfield Gazette, I would love to hear them!

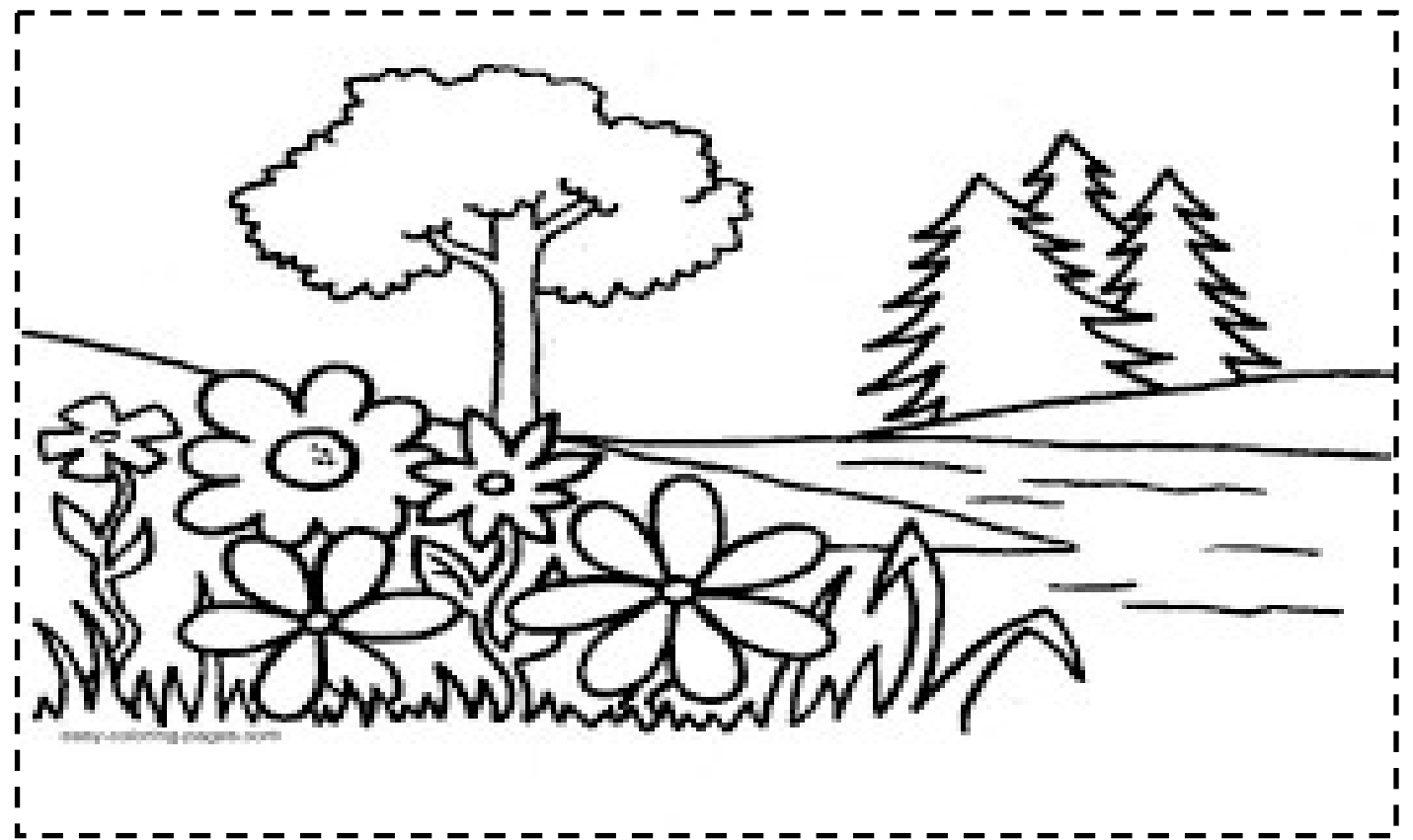
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Art Around the Community



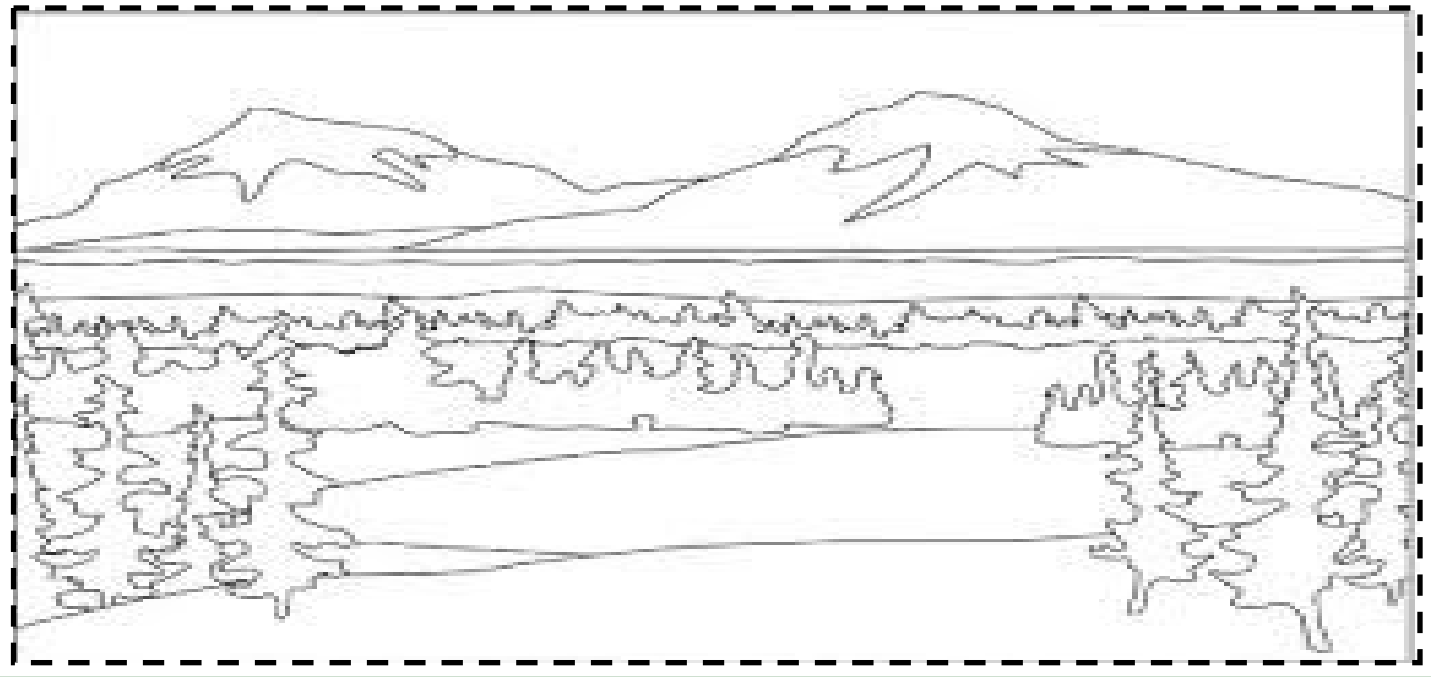
Activity Page



CONTEST ALERT! Colour the picture above ▲ or below ▼ and submit a picture of your work with your name and age to [communications @greenfieldcommunityleague.com](mailto:communications@greenfieldcommunityleague.com)

One entry for each picture will be selected and featured in our next issue of the Greenfield Gazette!

Check out getdrawings.com/ for more awesome blank colouring pages!



Some Good News!

Indoor Soccer

The U15G greenfield Tier 6 indoor soccer team won gold at the Slush Cup Tournament March 2020!



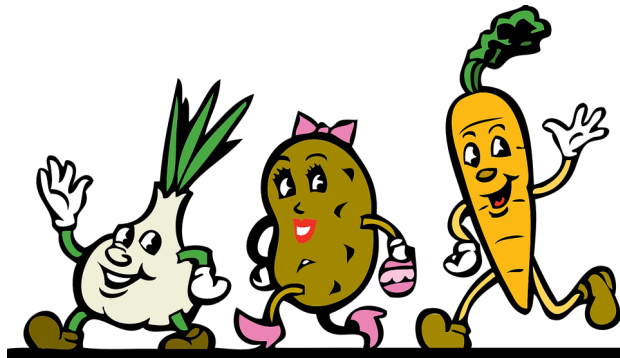
Community Garden

Community gardens have been approved to continue operating in the 2020 season as long as measures are in place to ensure that physical distancing is maintained.

Updated guidelines have been posted to the City of Edmonton website

(http://www.edmonton.ca/residential_neighbourhoods/gardens_lawns_trees/community-gardens.aspx).

Construction of the Greenfield Community Garden is expected to commence by the end of May!



Watch the Greenfield Community League Facebook Page for more details.



Looking to get out of the house, get to know your community and do it all safely?

Here are some fun things to look for throughout Greenfield:

- 1) How many seconds do pedestrians have to cross 111th Street along 40th Avenue? ____ seconds
- 2) There aren't many driveways along 40th Avenue. How many are between 111th Street and 112A Street? ____ driveways
- 3) How many individual mailboxes are on the corner of 112A Street and 39A Avenue? ____ mailboxes
- 4) What bus only stops eastbound at 114th Street and 40th Avenue from November through April? Bus Route ____
- 5) What time does Mimi's pick up ordering start? ____:____ AM / PM
- 6) How many calories are in a sweet onion chicken teriyaki regular grilled wrap at Subway? ____ calories
- 7) What is the age range for children to attend at the R&S childcare centre at DaySprings Presbyterian Church? Ages ____ - ____
- 8) How many houses have railings from their door to the street between 115A Street and 117 Street? ____ houses
- 9) How much is this week's Lotto 6/49 worth? An estimated \$____ million
- 10) There are four instruments on the Edmonton Academy of Music's sign on 119th Street. Name them.

- 11) There is a bus stop, eastbound at the cross street of 37th Avenue and 114 Street. What is it's stop number? Bus Stop ____
- 12) What year is under the main sign on Greenfield Elementary School? _____
- 13) How many soccer goal posts are between Greenfield Elementary School and 112A Street? ____ soccer goal posts
- 14) What is the name of the NHL team painted into the trunk of the Greenfield Community League mural? _____
- 15) On the Green Shack next to the playground, there is a picture with kids playing. What is the girl with the orange pigtails holding? _____
- 16) What words are around the sunflower on the Ecole St. Stanislaus sign? _____
- 17) How many of the "Church Parking Only" signs are in the Enjoy Church parking lot? ____ signs
- 18) How much would four cinnamon buns at Good Stock cost? \$_____
- 19) There are five fruits and vegetables in the front windows of No Frills. Name them.

- 20) What is the bylaw number to enforce no parking in the Petrolia parking lot? _____

Starlight Casino Fundraiser

Greenfield Community League was invited to participate in a casino fundraiser on June 23 & 24. This casino helps the Community raise money to maintain our hall and grounds and sustain our community programs.

Unfortunately, the casino has been cancelled for these dates.

We have been in contact to ensure that we are offered another opportunity to fundraise at the casino when social gatherings are permitted.

Stay tuned for more information.

Community Wide Garage Sale

The community wide garage sale scheduled for June 6, 2020 has been cancelled for this year.

Summer Break

The Gazette is taking a summer vacation!

The next issue will be distributed in September 2020.



Stay safe and have a great summer!

Next-door Neighbour Ads

The following businesses are still continuing to offer service during physical distancing measures:

♦ **R&S Child Care K - Grade 6**

Located in the Dayspring Church (11445 40 Ave) Accredited, family-run over 25 years, serving 5 schools, competitive fees. Now accepting registration for the 2020 summer and fall school year. Please email roxanneplischke@gmail.com.

♦ **Professional Resume Writing 5-Star Reviews!**

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♦ **Tree Ninja: Tree Removal & Pruning**

We are ISA Certified Arborists and have the best reviews in Edmonton.
Call: (780) 394-4024 treeninjaedmonton.com

♦ **Modern Touch Painting**

For all your interior and exterior painting needs.
Call Jennifer @ 780-938-3844
or moderntouchpaintingedm@gmail.com

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.

