

Rossdale Community Memberships

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ROSSDALE NEWS

Fall BBQ

It was great to see so many neighbours come out for the Fall BBQ and enjoy our new deck space. A special welcome to those new to Rossdale! Many thanks to David Shepherd for manning the BBQ, and others for helping out in cooking, set up, and cleaning.



Christmas Party

Mark your calendars for the annual community Christmas Party on Sunday, December 10th, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome! Refreshments and dinner are provided along with the photo booth and outdoor activities.

How much food should we order? Please RSVP by December 5th to karen.edwards@shaw.ca

100 Raspberry Plants now in Rossdale

Many thanks to **Treetime**, an Edmonton-based online business that sells tree and shrub seedlings, for donating raspberry plants this past spring. Although the seedlings looked like little sticks when they were handed out, they grew quickly and bore fruit in their first year.

Art Gallery Initiatives

Recently the Art Gallery of Alberta introduced **All Access Evenings** with free general admission on Tuesday and Wednesday nights between 5 and 8 PM.

The AGA is also free for those under 18.

Pop up play

Rossdale hosted the Pop up Play program in the playground over the summer. It was well attended and we had an outstanding facilitator. Keep this opportunity in mind for next year when you are looking for activities for your children over the summer.

Join the Rossdale Community League. It's Free!

Membership is free to all residents of Rossdale. A community league card is required to register children for soccer plus it gets you discounts on passes at City of Edmonton fitness facilities. Contact lynn.parish@shaw.ca to obtain a pass.

Rossdale Fire Hall

The community league continues to work with Fire Services to minimize disruption to the community and to ensure the development of the pocket park on 101 street. Recently there was a call for proposals for public art to be displayed in the park. We can look forward to the display in the future.

West Rossdale

The West Rossdale planning process is gearing up again. Watch for details of an open house at the Old Timers' Cabin at the end of November.

Community Garden

EPCOR has granted us permission to use a large piece of land adjacent to the hall along 101 St. Pending a development permit and funding through grants, we can start working towards implementing a community garden. Many families signed up for the garden at the fall BBQ. If you are interested in assisting the team please contact Karen Edwards at karen.edwards@shaw.ca.





Local Concerts - an opportunity to see some great music

Once a month or so our community hall becomes an intimate space with a gathering of neighbours ready to listen to some great music. Recently, one of the musicians noted that the community has something very special going on, another reason Rosedale is unique and treasured! Would you like to be notified of up & coming concerts, contact Beryl @ 780 700 6349 or forbesw@shaw.ca to be on the concert email list.

A few tickets for Jeffery Straker are still available for November 23. Advance tickets are \$20. Contact Louise at 780.423.2035.

Books to Buy

The Edmonton Public Library hosts Books2Buy, an opportunity to purchase used books at great prices. The next sale is at the Whitemud Crossing Branch at 145 Whitemud Crossing Shopping Centre, .4211 - 106 Street.

Friday, November 24 - 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
 Saturday, November 25 - 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
 Sunday, November 26 - 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Prices:

- Paperbacks, kids' books, audiobooks and CDs - \$1
- Hardcover books and DVDs - \$2
- DVD sets & series - \$3
- Sunday Box Sale - \$10/box

2017 Casino

Many thanks to those who volunteered to work the casino. New funds will help toward renovating the hall kitchen and bathrooms, and supporting the community garden. Remember to use your free hall rental as a thank you for helping out.



I Feel the Earth Move Under My Feet ...

Historical Discovery in Rossdale

Submitted by Andrew Hopkyns

With apologies to '70's songwriter and performer Carole King, for the blatant metaphor, but this summer Rossdalians certainly did feel and hear the rumbling of back hoes and trucks and jack hammers moving earth on their streets and avenues! For almost 4 months the city embarked on the Rossdale Sewer Rehabilitation Project.

Under the direction and supervision of EPCOR, KCB Construction was the company that did the ground work on replacing decades old sewer pipes and drains.

What you may not be aware of is that because our community is located on one of many floodplains of the North Saskatchewan River, Alberta Culture

and Tourism often requires Historic Resource Act clearance for projects in these locations as buried cultural deposits are likely. These floodplain terraces, like ours, were used for thousands of years by Indigenous people and in the case of Rossdale, for at least a couple of hundred years by European traders and settlers.

Gareth Spicer M.A. was the Principle Archeologist from his company Turtle Island Resource Management charged with overseeing, either by assessment or construction, monitoring of the work and for reviewing suspect materials.

I sat down with Gareth this fall and asked him to give us an idea of some of the findings he came upon during his research. The following is a summary of some of the amazing things they



found right outside our homes!

“The flood plain terraces of the North Saskatchewan River, like the one upon which the Rossdale neighbourhood is located, are landforms which are known for buried cultural deposits. Monitoring for both paleontology and archaeology were

requirements for this job.

Because of this work, eleven new archaeological sites will be recorded, four of the more notable ones are described below:

1.) At the intersection of 101 St. and 98 Ave. We recorded debitage from stone tool making and butchered animal bone (likely a large ungulate such as bison, moose or elk) between 155-165 cm below the surface. The location was likely one of many Prehistoric



campsites that silts left behind by the flooding of the river has buried.

2.) A similar site was recorded at the intersection of 101 St. and 96 Ave. In addition to the debitage from stone tool making and butchered animal bone, we recovered fragments of river cobbles which had been heated in a fire. The deposit is about 100 cm below surface. In Prehistory people would use heated cobbles to boil water, commonly considered evidence for the rendering of fat from bone. This rendered fat was often mixed with dried meat. Known today as pemmican, this mixture would keep fresh for some time making it a dependable food source.



3.) Because of a water service replacement at 9737-101 St., we recovered bison bone and stone tool debris at 160 cm below surface. This location seems to represent one bison and likely represents a location where the animal was killed and selectively butchered on the spot. Several Historic period sites were also recorded. Most notable to my mind was the one at the intersection of 100A St. and 95 Ave (kitty corner to the playground). Given all the complete bottles and burnt bone, this is likely an intact dump from around the turn of the last century. Many of the bottles have distinct maker and product marks that can be traced and researched. For example, a bottle which contained Coca Mariani, a Bordeaux wine fortified with coca was found. The drink was sold as an energy tonic and I suspect worked like a charm. Also recovered was a Hunyadi Janos Saxlehner’s Bitterquelle, a popular brand of mineral water from Hungary. Both products seem to have been popular in the 1890’s.”

Gareth, kindly has sent us some photos of some of the items mentioned in his report which I have included here on our website.

Thanks goes out to EPCOR and CKB construction for being good and careful stewards of our neighbourhood (and our city’s cultural and historical record) while this work was going on.



Crime in Rossdale

The community has seen an increase in activity over the past few months. Remember to be vigilant in locking all doors. Garages and vehicles have been particularly targeted. Report break-ins and suspicious activity to the EPS at 780-423-4567 for non emergencies and 911 for crimes in progress. If you have an opportunity to snap a photo of any suspects, police find that very helpful. A record of serial numbers for bikes helps in arrests as well.

Yoga

Yoga will resume in January. Contact Tori @ tori.lunden@gmail.com for her 2018 schedule.

Family Activities

The City of Edmonton is hosting indoor green shack programs for children aged 6-12. Programs are led by City of Edmonton staff. The program runs from September to February at select locations. Call 311 or visit edmonton.ca/dropincommunityprograms for further information.

The City also has neighbourhood drop-in skating programs. Contact 311 or visit edmonton.ca/dropincommunityprograms for more information.

January 13 and 14 **Deep Freeze**, a byzantine winter festival, celebrating diverse cultures and the magic and beauty of winter. Visit: deepfreeze fest.ca.

January 25 - February 4 **Ice on Whyte Festival**, winter fun with a giant ice slide, ice carving competition and more. Visit: iceonwhyte.ca.

February 2 and 3 **Flying Canoe Volant**, is a cultural event that tells the legend of the flying canoe. Visit flyingcanoevolant.ca.

February 9 - 19 **Silver Skate Festival**, is a winter festival with snow sculptures, skating and live entertainment. Visit: silverskatefestival.org.

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