WEST JASPER/SHERWOOD COMMUNITY LEAGUE 9620-152 Street

Website: westjaspersherwood.ca

September, 2016 Newsletter

REPRESENTATION

Our community league represents the area from 92nd Avenue to Stony Plain Road and 149th to 156th Street. This includes Sherwood Community and West Jasper Place Community. Our Board of Directors are: Jerry DeBoer, President; Jack Krys, Vice President; Wilma DeBoer, Treasurer; Jerry DeBoer, Facilities Director; Irene Blain, Civics Director; Jim Andreakos, Past President and Soccer Director. **Hall Rentals:** phone Jerry DeBoer at 780-289-0347.

LAST DELIVERED NEWSLETTER

This is the last community league newsletter that will be delivered. Unfortunately, we do not have enough Individuals to regularly distribute the newsletter. Our newsletter will be produced quarterly (**September, December, March, and June**) and posted on our website, **westjaspersherwood.ca**. Several paper copies will be left at the community league hall.

Note: Any senior member of our community league who does not have access to the internet may receive a paper copy of the newsletter by mail. Phone Wilma DeBoer at 780-483-0347, leave a message, spell your full name, address, postal code and phone number.

COMMUNITY LEAGUE BOARD MEETINGS

Regular community league board meetings will be held on the **second Monday of the second month**, in the community hall at 9620-152 Street, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. This year the next two meetings will be on **September 12th** and **November 14th**, **2016**. Any urgent meetings may be held on different dates. Everyone is welcome to attend, however, only members have voting privileges. **Note:** If a meeting falls on a holiday, it will be moved to the following Monday.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

On Saturday, September 17th, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 9620-152 Street, a barbecue and children's activities will be provided for individuals signing up for a community league membership. Fees: Family - \$25.00 (\$30.00 after September 17th); Single (18 and over) - \$15.00; Senior (individual) - \$5.00

The community league is a recognized stakeholder with the City of Edmonton. Through consensus building, the community league provides a voice for homeowners at city council meetings. Membership with the community league allows children to participate in hockey and soccer. Typically, families may swim at no cost on Saturday evening at the Jasper Place pool, however, this year the pool is closed for renovations. In the winter, members may skate at no cost on our community league ice rink.

DRAINAGE SERVICES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMUNITY MEETING

Drainage Services has encountered more problems regarding our sewer. Further repairs on the sewer line on 100th Avenue must be done which will delay the relining of the deep sewer on 99th Avenue, east of 151 Street. Since the 3 traffic lanes on 100th Avenue will be closed, we are concerned about traffic congestion and shortcutting through our neighbourhood. Drainage Services will provide an update at a public meeting on **Monday, October 3rd from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at 9620-152 Street**. The Transportation Department and Councillor Knack will be in attendance.

TURKEY BINGOS

Thanksgiving Turkey Bingo will be held at the community hall on **Sunday, October 2, 2016**. **Christmas Turkey Bingo** will be held at the community hall on **Sunday, December 18, 2016**. **Doors open at 11:00 a.m.** Bonanza precall begins at 12:00 noon, earlybirds to follow. Regular games start at 1:00 p.m. Door prizes, 40 regular games, and chances to win a prize. There will be 8 chances to win a turkey. Cash prizes include 2 earlybirds, 2 bonanzas and 1 odd/even game. Children, eight years and older, are welcome to participate in the regular games when accompanied by an adult.

SECURITY ALERT

Property crimes have increased in the area. If you have valuables in your garage or garden shed, ensure you have a deadbolt lock on the door and security bars on any windows. Do not leave anything of value in your yard or on display in your vehicle. Ideally, install a screen door with a lock as well as a deadbolted main door on each of the entries to your house. Basement windows should have security bars. Clear all shrubs that obscure your house entrances and install motion lights. Most importantly, connect with nearby property owners. Exchange names and phone numbers so you can monitor each other's property.

SOCCER

Phone Jim Andreakos at 780-489-7596 regarding registration.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR SENIORS GROUP

Volunteers are required to work once or twice a month at Caesar's Bingo at West Edmonton Mall from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Payment is provided in credits to be used toward group trips and entertainment. Phone Jack at **780-489-2021**.

COMMUNITY BABYSITTERS REQUIRED

Young families in West Jasper Place and Sherwood have requested that our league canvass for neighbourhood babysitters. We will post all eligible names and phone numbers on our website. The requirements are: (1) You must be 12 years of age or older; (2) A babysitting course is an asset and is required by some parents; (3) Your parent or guardian must consent to have your name listed on our website. Please contact Irene Blain at **780-489-2994**.

Note: West Jasper/Sherwood Community League or any representative thereof will not be held responsible for verifying babysitter qualifications or responsibilities.

SWEEP OF PROBLEM PROPERTIES IN WEST JASPER PLACE AND SHERWOOD

An enforcement officer worked with the Civics Director to address problem properties in our area. Approximately 20 properties were investigated: nuisance properties in need of painting or siding; ungraded and unlandscaped new properties; yards with uncut grass and/or noxious weeds; a vehicle and trailer parked on front lawns; derelict vehicles parked behind garages; graffiti on an apartment; and noxious and prohibited weeds on our multi-use trail. Most of these problems have been corrected. Currently, a list of properties with illegal secondary suites or boarding houses is being formulated. I would like to appeal to all of you. If you know of a property that is in violation, contact Irene Blain, Civics Director, with the address and details. Please leave your name and phone number for further follow-up. Phone 780-489-2994.

PLANNING UPDATE

The Mature Neighbourhood Overlay (MNO) is undergoing a major review. The city is conducting different public engagements. If you would like to provide your input, google Mature Neighbourhood Overlay City of Edmonton to obtain more details.

In August, 2016, there were revisions to the MNO, which besides the Jasper Place ARP, governs the development in our neighbourhoods. Section 814.3.10 now reads, "Regardless of whether a site has

existing vehicular access from the front or flanking public roadway, there shall be no such access where an abutting lane exists, and (a) a treed landscaped boulevard is present along the roadway adjacent to the property line; (b) the site width is less than 15.5 meters (50.85 feet); or (c) fewer than 50% of principal dwellings on the blockface have vehicular access from the front or flanking roadway." As well, our Jasper Place ARP policies state that any discretionary development or rezoning cannot have front access to a garage.

RF1 residential lots in mature and established communities that are 50 feet or wider may now be subdivided. Google Evolving Infill Edmonton, scroll down to RF1 Eligible Subdivision Maps, click on Northwest. The map with neighbourhoods in green you can click on. Click on West Jasper Place or Sherwood. Only the RF1 lots that are 50 feet or wider will be colored in red. The Municipal Government Act dictates that municipalities notify only adjacent property owners of a proposed subdivision. Since our community league is not informed, please phone Irene Blain, Civics Director, at 780-489-2994, if a lot subdivision is proposed. Approximately 6 lots in West Jasper Place have started the subdivision process, 2 lots are complete.

Two discretionary developments and one rezoning proposal have had to adhere to our Jasper Place ARP policies. These developments must produce high quality design, no front garages, and replace any mature trees clear cut from the site.

SKATING RINK

Weather permitting, our skating rink typically opens mid-December. Watch for 'Rink Open' on our community league sign. Hours will be posted on the Ice Shack door (north side of the league building). Skating is free for community league members and a toonie a skate for non-members.

PROGRAMS (community league hall, 9620-152 Street)

<u>Cards:</u>

- 1. Whist on Wednesday from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.; Sundays from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. The cost is \$1.00. Beverages are provided.
- 2. Progressive Rummy on Thursday from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. You don't need a partner, just drop in. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Beverages are provided. Payout is based on the number of players.

Cribbage Tournaments:

Tournaments are held the **first** and **third** Wednesday of every month from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Beverages are provided. Payout is based on the number of players. <u>Carpet Bowling:</u>

Come and get some exercise on Mondays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$1.00 per person. If you have any questions about the programs, please call Shirley at **780-489-8945**.

MODERN SQUARE DANCING (community league hall, 9620-152 Street)

The St. Peters 2x4's Dance Club, a non-profit organization, promotes square dancing, round dancing, and clogging. On Fridays, Beginner level from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. and Mainstream level from 8:30 to 10:00 p.m. The cost is \$5.00 per person. The first three introductory nights are free for new beginners. Beverages and snacks are provided. Phone Mike and Anne Sopario at 780-481-3122.