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# IN THE LOOP



La Perle Community Newsletter



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## We're all in this together

The Hall may be closed, but the La Perle Community League wants you to know we're here for you.

Follow us for regular updates on Facebook, Twitter, NextDoor & Communibee.

## Calling Local Business Owners

**Do you want to reach La Perle residents?**

Register your Business on the La Perle Business Directory [laperlebusiness.weebly.com](http://laperlebusiness.weebly.com)

Advertise in our Newsletter [communications@lpcl.ca](mailto:communications@lpcl.ca)

Offer Community League Membership Perks [membership@lpcl.ca](mailto:membership@lpcl.ca)

Facebook: LaPerle Community League

Twitter: @LaPerleCommLeag

Join our Community on NextDoor

Get the Communibee App: La Perle

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## 2020 Annual General Meeting

La Perle Community League would like to thank to everyone that attended our first-ever, online Annual General Meeting on Sunday, June 7th. We were happy to see so many faces on the call, and we're excited to keep the momentum going in 2020.

Special thanks to our guests Ward 1 Councillor, Andrew Knack, Constable Corrine Kline - EPS SW Division, Connie Marciniuk - Community Safety Liason, City of Edmonton, Neighborhood Empowerment Team, and for Wendy Keiller from Abundant Communities Edmonton.

### 2020 Board of Directors

President: Bill Bowers

Vice-President: Shaun Jones

Treasurer: Cassie Ackroyd

Secretary: Annette Sieffert

Casino Director: Wendy Antoniuk

Communications Director: Karin Ferrari

Crime Prevention Director: Marissa Giroux

Events Director: Rachel Blackwood

Membership Director: Tiffany Conrad

Social Director: Perry Delbridge

Facility Director: Denis Ricard

Website Director: Dave Umrysh

Director at Large: Christa Ruel

Director at Large: Louis Ruel

Director at Large: Janet Doblanko

Director at Large: Debbie Goodhue

Director at Large: Dan Schuler

Director at Large: Trevor Elliott

## La Perle Helps

With the weather warming up, many of us are beginning to venture outside again and becoming more comfortable with our new normal, but we should remember that not all of our neighbors can afford to risk exposure to the COVID virus.

"La Perle Helps" volunteers can help with small jobs for neighbors who cannot, or should not leave their homes.

Tasks like:

- grocery shopping
- picking up prescriptions
- lawn mowing
- meal delivery, etc.



If you're interested in participating in La Perle Helps, email [laperlehelps@gmail.com](mailto:laperlehelps@gmail.com)

“ What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make. ”

– Jane Goodall

## La Perle Playschool Minister's Award of Excellence in Child Development Nomination

The Community League is proud to announce that our very own La Perle Community Playschool was nominated for a 2019 Minister's Award of Excellence in Child Development.

Our program qualifies for this prestigious provincial award by demonstrating Professional Excellence in:

1. "Family/Parent support" through inclusive, family-oriented programming, and
2. "Community Building" through an advancement of supports within our community.

This is a true testament to the hard work, commitment, teamwork, and passion of our families, teachers, Board Members, and community members stepping up to make magic happen for young learners in Alberta.



**LAPERLE**  
**Community**  
**Playschool**

*The Stepping Stones of Early Learning*

### Playschool Board of Directors

The Playschool is in need of Parents or Community Members to step into recently vacated Volunteer Board Positions. Our 3 & 4 year old programs rely heavily on community involvement, simply put, the playschool can't run without the help of volunteers.

The Playschool is actively recruiting for the following positions:

1. **President** - We need a leader to help us navigate this new school year. The President will be the main point of contact between the Playschool, Elementary School, the Community League, and various other stakeholders.
2. **Vice President** - In charge of advertising, and supporting the President in their duties as required.
3. **Fundraising** - As a non-profit organization, fundraising plays a major role in the quality and accessibility of our program. The Fundraising Director will develop fundraising opportunities like selling pizza vouchers, movie tickets, comedy night-outs, chocolate covered almonds, etc.
4. **Volunteer Coordinator** - Our program runs on volunteers, this individual must be organized, and thorough.
5. **COVID Committee Members** - Responsible for staying on top of emerging COVID response, and ensuring the Playschool remains compliant with recommendations.

For more information, call 1-866-927-6020  
or email [laperle.community.playschool@gmail.com](mailto:laperle.community.playschool@gmail.com)



# Spray Parks Re-Opening

The City is reopening 25 Spray Parks across the city for safe use this summer!

Hours of operation are 10am-9pm daily. Hours are subject to change due to weather and maintenance schedules.

**As of July 2, the following parks are now open:**

- Avonmore Spray Park - 7902 - 73 Avenue
- Beacon Heights (Jubilee Spray Park) - 12037 - 43 Street
- Callingwood - 17740 - 69 Avenue (No Washrooms)
- Castle Downs - 11520 - 153 Avenue (No Washrooms)
- Central McDougall Spray Park - 10630 - 109 Avenue
- Cy Becker Spray Park - 283 Cy Becker Blvd NW
- Ellerslie Spray Park - 319 - 83 Street  
Southwest (Temporarily closed for repairs)
- G. Edmunds Kelly - 15005 - 79 Street (Temporarily closed for repairs)
- Gallagher Spray Park - 9411 - 97 Avenue
- Glastonbury Park West Spray Deck - 1101 Grantham Dr
- Glengarry - 13325 89 Street
- Holyrood Spray - 9411 Holyrood Road
- Hudson Park - Cumberland Rd NW
- Jackie Parker - 4520 - 50 Street
- Laurier Heights Spray Park - 14405 - 85 Avenue
- Lendrum Spray Park - 11335 - 57 Avenue
- Mill Woods Spray Park - 2730 - 66 Street
- Montrose Spray Park - 5920 - 119 Avenue
- Poplar Park Spray Park - 8403 167 Ave NW
- Queen Elizabeth Park (Kinsmen) - 9100 Walterdale Rd
- Rio Terrace Spray Deck - 15504 76 Avenue Northwest
- Rosenthal Spray Park - 1070 Rosenthal Boulevard (Closed until further notice)
- South Terwillegar Park - 7170 South Terwillegar Drive
- West Meadowlark Community Spray Park - 9311 - 165 St
- Woodcroft Spray Park - 13915 - 115 Avenue

The best way to stay cool during the summer months is to head to one of the City's free, drop in water play features.



## Playground Safety

La Perle Playground is back open as of May 22!

Playgrounds, skateparks, tennis, pickleball, volleyball and basketball courts, disc golf, outdoor fitness parks and athletic tracks have re-opened for safe use.

Please follow safe use guidelines as per the City of Edmonton's website.

- Gather in a group less than 50 people
- Maintain 2 meters from others not in my household or cohort household
- Only share common equipment with my household or cohort
- Stay home if I am experiencing symptoms (go home if I develop symptoms)
- Wash or sanitize my hands and cough/sneeze into my elbow or a tissue
- Disinfect equipment before and after use.

## Sports Fields and Athletic Tracks

**What Can I Do?** Sports training, dryland training, skills practice. With my household or cohort: Baseball, and other diamond sports. Football, Cricket, Lacrosse, Soccer, Rugby, Field Hockey, Ball Hockey.

**What Can't I Do?** No league play. No scrimmages or pick up games with people outside your family or cohort.

## Parks & Open Spaces

**What can I do?** Picnics / barbecues, Use the trails, Paddling, singles Kicking a ball, Informal stick sports (e.g shooting, passing), With my household or cohort: Frisbee, Lawn Bowling, Horseshoes, Bocce ball, Paddling.

Consider wearing a mask to limit the risk of spread to others. Bring my own food, drinks, utensils, & hand sanitizer. Take measures to ensure no accidental contact between participants. Make sure participants do not touch the same ball or equipment. Follow all other public health guidelines.

## EFCL Park Play Program

In the absence of the Green Shack Program this summer, the EFCL will be providing park play programs at select parks in Edmonton. Leaders will be situated in parks to provide drop-in play opportunities for children 8-12 years old, four days a week, from July 13- August 27th. All activities (sports, games & crafts) will be planned and delivered with the safety and health of participants kept top of mind.

The program runs twice a day from Monday to Thursday.

9:30am-11:30am: Lewis Estates, Westmount, Strathcona, Kenilworth, and Griesbach

1:30pm-3:30pm: Summerlea, Canora, Millhurst, Capilano, Fraser, and Brookview

## Shop Local

Browse the La Perle Business Directory for products and services offered by residents of our very own community.

[www.laperlebusiness.weebly.com](http://www.laperlebusiness.weebly.com)



## Membership Benefits

Are you a local business looking for a little cash-free advertising?

Consider offering Membership Benefits for La Perle Community League Members.

Each Community League Membership sold comes with a perks package, which includes skate tags, gift certificates, and information (menus, brochures, flyers, etc) about participating vendors.

Community League Day kicks off our new year in September, contact Membership Director Tiffany Conrad to get on the list! [membership@lpcl.ca](mailto:membership@lpcl.ca) or call 780-907-7833

## They Poop, You Scoop

It's the right thing to do.

We all know we should pick up our dog's poop, but it's very easy to forget a bag or look the other way especially when no one else is around. Don't be that kind of dog owner. Make a point of scooping your dog's poop every single time they go on public property. Carry a few bags with you so you're always prepared to pick up after your dog.

Neglecting to pick up after your dog could mean that someone else picks it up ... on their shoes. Far more seriously, it could expose people and other pets to bacteria, viruses and parasites in your pet's waste.

You could also end up with a \$100 fine.

There's no denying that scooping up poop is an unpleasant job, but it's a responsibility that comes with owning your dog and a small price to pay for the joys of owning a furry friend.

Help keep the pathways around the park poop free, and please remember that all dogs on parkland must be on a leash.

Reminder: La Perle rinks are not considered an off-leash park; please refrain from using them for your dogs. The nearest off-leash area is Callingwood or Patricia Ravine, visit the City of Edmonton's website for locations and details of all dog parks in our city.





## Abundant Communities in Edmonton

We were fortunate to have Wendy Keiller from ACE (Abundant Communities in Edmonton) present at our AGM last month - the consensus was very positive, and we're excited to join the list of participating communities in Edmonton!



Abundant Community Edmonton is a grassroots initiative fostering neighbor to neighbor relationships. The goal - "to cultivate a culture of care and connection, increased sense of belonging and inclusion, and ultimately create a more healthy and livable city - one block at a time."



Neighbors connected at the block level and in the neighborhood.

Together we form strong, caring and supportive blocks and neighborhoods where we look out for one another, share our talents, skills and resources with one another, recreate together, and collectively create the neighborhoods we desire.

The village is reinvigorated in our imaginations and in our neighborhood.

More information about the Abundant Communities Initiative to come.

If you want to learn more visit <http://www.abundantcommunityinitiative.org/>

Or check out the City of Edmonton website for resource guides and videos:  
[www.edmonton.ca/programs\\_services/for\\_communities/abundant-community-edmonton.aspx](http://www.edmonton.ca/programs_services/for_communities/abundant-community-edmonton.aspx)

# The Benefits of Neighboring

## Increased Care of Neighbors

- Awareness and activation of the diverse needs, skills, and experiences of residents.
- Neighbors helping neighbors; everyone contributing to neighborhood life according to their interests and abilities.
- Watching out for each other. Creating a village for children to grow and play; looking in on seniors and others who can use additional care.
- Better overall mental and physical health through new opportunities for relationships and recreation.

## Increased Care of Shared Spaces — The Environments We Call Home

- Increased block identity and pride.
- Sense of shared ownership and responsibility for local infrastructure like open parkland, playgrounds, community gardens and public buildings.
- Alignment with movement to ‘Think Global - Act Local’; promoting local food, water and energy security - reducing environmental footprint.

## Increased Civic Engagement and Economic Opportunity

- Connected citizens are more likely to engage with and influence community and its institutions. Opportunity to have a more engaged and representative voice in government affairs.
- Enhanced opportunities for employment through relationships and connections in the neighborhood.
- Shared neighborhood vision to build a strong local economy.

## Increased Social and Cultural Awareness

- Increased sense of belonging to the block and neighborhood.
- Local and accessible companionship and friendship.
- More groups to join for recreation, fun, education and social time within the neighborhood.
- Opportunity to know people from a wide variety of cultures, backgrounds, experiences and ages.
- Opportunity for intergenerational relationships.

## Increased Safety

- Increased safety on the block and in the neighborhood - quick help nearby when you really need it.
- “Stranger Danger” decreases as children learn the names of neighbors and residents get to know more about each other.
- Residents are able to watch out for each other with insights about each other’s needs and schedules.

## Shared Knowledge, Creativity, & Innovation

- Collective wisdom, guidance, ideas and innovation from broad perspectives shared among neighbors.
- Emergence of creative solutions to common problems by using the unique assets, perspectives and abilities of the neighbourhood.



## Neighborhood Empowerment Team

We all deserve to live in a safe community and city, but there can be many things that impact our perceptions of safety. One of the challenges is that the things that can make us feel unsafe, are the ones that often go unreported. These can include things like a vehicle that appears to be abandoned, graffiti or an unkept property. It can also be suspicious activity such as someone approaching vehicles and trying door handles or peering in house or garage windows. It could be a vehicle driving through the area over and over at odd hours or a broken window. It can be easier for you to recognize when something seems out of the ordinary because you are most familiar with your community. These types of occurrences can be unnerving and when they go unreported we put the police at a disadvantage because they rely on us to tell them what seems out of the ordinary. Your report is a valuable piece of information, and each time you report, the chances of preventing or solving a crime improves.

### Here is how you can help:

- Get to know your neighbours and the vehicles that belong in your neighbourhood. When you know the people who are from your area you are better able to know when a car or person appears to be out of the ordinary.
- Pay attention to your surroundings as you move through the neighbourhood; note the little details like an open garage door or back gate. Be aware of potential hiding spots, recent vandalism, burned out street lights or unsightly garbage.
- Stay up to date on reported crimes in your area by accessing the Edmonton Police Service's Neighbourhood Crime Mapping tool.
- Take action, if you see something unusual;
  - Call 9-1-1 if it is an emergency where life, safety or property is in immediate danger or there is a crime in progress.
  - Call the non-emergency line with concerns or information on a previous crime 780-423-4567 or #377 (on mobile devices).
  - Remember that certain crimes, like theft from a vehicle or damage to property, can be reported online at [edmontonpolice.ca](http://edmontonpolice.ca) or by using the EPS Mobile App.
  - Graffiti, burned out street lights, unsightly or unkempt properties can be reported to the City of Edmonton by calling 3-1-1 or the Edmonton311 App.
  - Share the information you have on crime prevention strategies, such as in the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Guide, contact [net@edmonton.ca](mailto:net@edmonton.ca) for a copy.
  - Let your neighbors know when their gate or garage door is open or if there is something that makes their property vulnerable.

We all want our communities to be as safe as possible.  
Even the smallest piece of information can help reduce crime and disorder.

For more information contact Crime Prevention Director Missy Giroux  
Email: [watch@lpcl.com](mailto:watch@lpcl.com)



NEIGHBOURHOOD  
Empowerment Team



# Benefits

## OF COMMUNITY LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP

### HEALTH & WELLNESS

- Community Swim at Jasper Place Pool. Visit the City of Edmonton website for info.
- Community Sports Programs (Indoor and Outdoor Soccer, Basketball)
- Free Skating at any community outdoor rinks in the Edmonton Area (Requires Skate tags)
- Free Skating at Callingwood Recreation Center. Call 311 for dates and times.
- Community League Wellness Program – 15%-20% Discounts at City of Edmonton recreational facilities . Visit City of Edmonton website for info.

### HOME & LIFESTYLE

- Your child can attend La Perle Playschool
- 25% off Jubilations Dinner Theatre
- \$25 off select courses at A & J Driving School
- Save 10% on Lawn Mowing & Snow removal from Yardly

### COMMUNITY

- Attend and Vote at Community League Meetings
- Participate in Community League Events - like Big Bins
- Member Pricing on Hall Rentals and Activities

### AND MORE!

Visit our website for the full list of membership perks

Contact Membership Director Tiffany Conrad,  
membership@lpcl.ca or call 780-907-7833