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La Perle Community Newsletter



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Getting back to normal

We're eager to re-open the hall for some activities, but we do need to adhere to AHS recommendations to ensure the safety of our staff and visitors.

Please email any questions or requests to laperle@laperle-community.ca

Calling Local Business Owners

Do you live in La Perle and operate a small to medium business? Find out how you can get into the La Perle Business Directory - details inside!

And if you're interested in advertising in this newsletter, or adding your company to the list of local business that give back to our neighborhood through community league membership perks, please email us.

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Fun for the whole family

It's been a busy few months here in La Perle! This summer, we had an Edmonton Symphony Orchestra concert in our very own backyard, kicked off Community League Day with an Outdoor Movie Night complete with Food Trucks, and a Big Bin Event. And most recently, we celebrated "spooky season" with a Reverse Trick-or-Treat Parade, and Scavenger Hunt.

What do you want to do next? Share your ideas with us, we'd love to hear them. And as always, if you're interested in helping us host our next awesome event, please let us know!

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ESO Concert

On August 16th, La Perle hosted a brass concert courtesy of the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra, guests were invited to bring a chair or blanket to enjoy the show!

We couldn't have had better weather, and everyone respected social distancing guidelines. Thanks to the ESO and Rachel for coordinating!



Food Trucks in La Perle

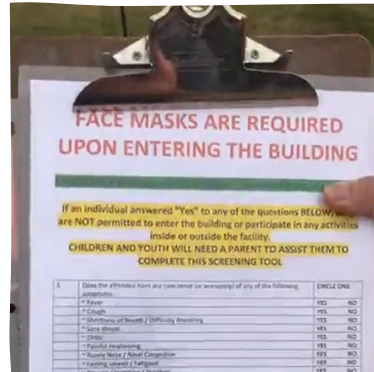
We were fortunate to have a couple local Food Trucks join us on Community League Day. Poutine World brought their delicious poutine to La Perle and Royal Treats supplied the Ice Cream, we want to thank them again for taking our Community League Day to the next level.



Community League Day 2020

The third weekend of September kicks off Community League Day here in Edmonton.

Even though we weren't able to have fireworks, we were still able to celebrate this year with our ever popular Big Bin Event, and an Outdoor Movie Night featuring the movie Dolittle.



Sincerest thank yous to all the volunteers who took on even more responsibilities this year to make sure our events were safe for everyone involved.

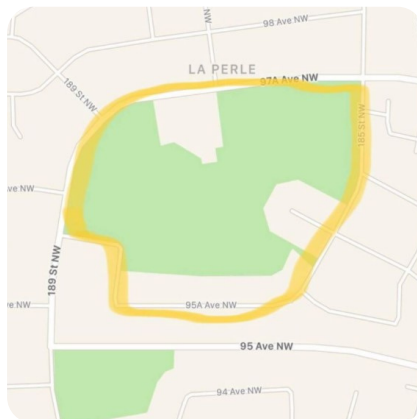
We really couldn't put this together without you!

Reverse Trick-or-Treating with the Theatre Garage

Halloween 2020 in La Perle kicked off with a "Reverse Trick-or-Treat" parade hosted by the Theatre Garage on October 17th. Volunteers braved the cold and dressed up in their Halloween best to hand out candy to residents lined up along our parade route.

It was wonderful to see everyone, young and old alike, dressed in their Halloween costumes. We even made the front page of the Edmonton Journal!

Big thanks to the organizers Christa and Andrea for coordinating with the Theatre Garage to bring this very cool event to La Perle!



Halloween Scavenger Hunt

On Halloween, organizers hosted a Scavenger Hunt for families here in La Perle.

Participating residents who decorated their yards, posted color coded signs in their windows with words that related to clues distributed by event organizers.

There were so many participating homes that we were able to create 3 lists, broken out by age group:

1-6 year olds

"Trick or treat, bags of sweets, ghosts are walking down the street"

7-12 year olds

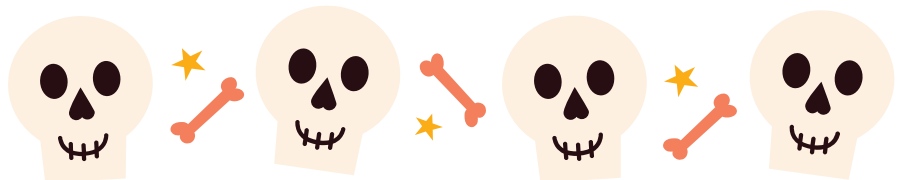
"Little goblin, little ghoul, the one night of the year monsters rule!"

13+ year olds

"When black cats prowl, and pumpkins gleam, luck be yours on Halloween"

Did you solve the riddle?

Big thanks again to Christa and Andrea for putting together this amazing event!



Spooky and Safe Halloween in La Perle

Halloween 2020 was a roaring success.

Great work La Perle!



Halloween



La Perle Business Directory

Have you seen the La Perle Business Directory? Knowing the challenges small and home businesses face Linnea Nordstrom created this helpful website directory, where La Perle residents can list their business online.

Shop local this holiday season! You could be making a big difference.



Check it out today!
www.laperlebusiness.weebly.com

Membership Benefits

Did you know your Community League Membership comes with 10% off Yardly snow removal services? Check out this, and other awesome membership perks on the EFCL website efcl.org/members-benefits/

Visit www.efcl.org to purchase your Community League Membership online or email membership@lpcl.ca.

Rink Committee

Are you interested in supporting an initiative to bring outdoor skating back to La Perle? A committee started by the Community League is taking the first steps to restore and re-open our rink (Pending City and Provincial Covid Precautions and Regulations).

On October 24th, volunteers met to assess the state of the rink and do a few minor repairs. The committee is optimistic that the rink could be usable for this season. The state of many rinks across the city has been somewhat up in the air as leagues wait to hear updates from the province.



The EFCL has been hosting a number of virtual meetings to discuss the possibility of community rinks this winter. Taking things like reduced capacity, washroom/changeroom availability, cohorts and contact tracing into account.

If you're interested in more information about this project, or if you'd like to get involved, please email vp@lpcl.ca

Community Safety Meeting Summary

We want to thank everyone who attended our first Community Safety Virtual Town Hall on November 2nd.

The neighborhoods of Belmead and La Perle teamed up for the meeting featuring a number of speakers from the Edmonton Police Service, Neighborhood Engagement Team, Edmonton Neighborhood Watch, City of Edmonton, and Abundant Communities in Edmonton.

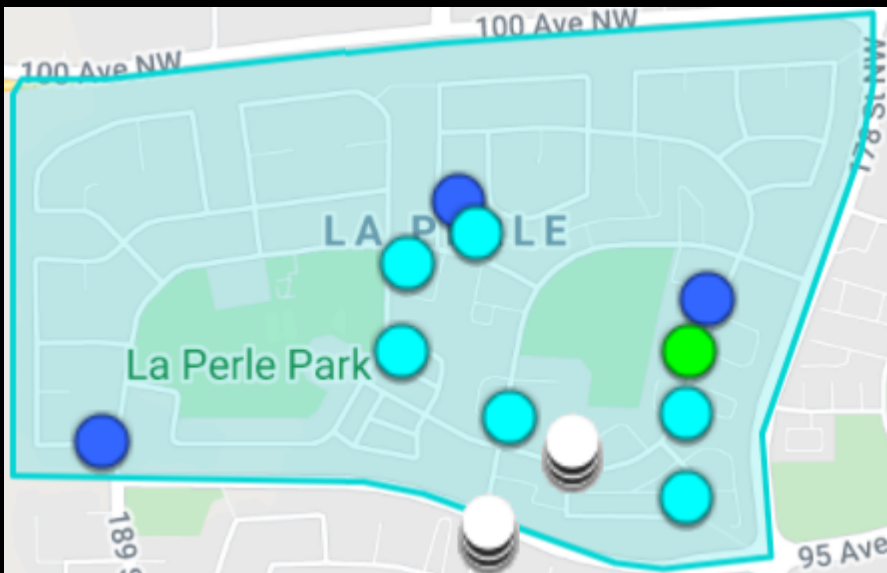
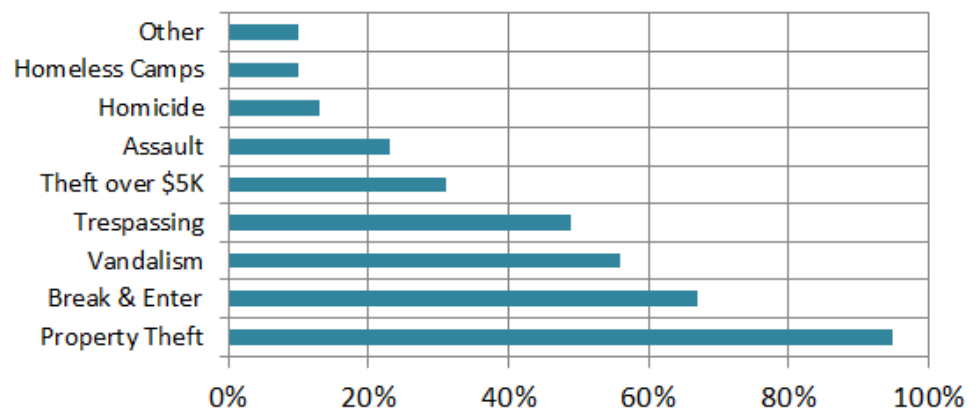
If you weren't able to attend the meeting, but would like to hear what our speakers had to say, a video recording is available on our website, and on the "La Perle Community League" YouTube channel.

We asked you: Community Crime Prevention Survey

Prior to our Community Safety meeting, we asked residents what their major concerns with crime and safety were in La Perle.

Overwhelmingly, "Property Theft" was the top response, with 95% of survey responders saying they're concerned with thefts from homes, yards, and vehicles. Along the same lines, "Break & Enter" (67%) was also a top response, followed by "Vandalism" (56%) and "Trespassing" (49%).

We also had a field to provide additional feedback, and a number of people mentioned the homeless presence in our neighborhood, speeding through school zones, and general safety, as causes for concern.



EPS Crime Map

This map can be found at www.crimemapping.edmontonpolice.ca and it shows the type and locations of crimes in our city.

August, September & October stats:

- 6 Assaults (turquoise)
- 3 Thefts from Vehicles (blue)
- 2 Multiple Crimes (white)
- 1 Break & Enter (green)

Report. Report. Report.

The single most effective thing you can do as a resident to help curb crime in our community is to file a report when you see suspicious activity or witness a crime.

Take note of what the individual was wearing, any physical markings, tattoos, or unusual behavior that can help identify them with police. Often times, persons committing crime in our community have a history with police, and identifying them in multiple incidents can help the Edmonton Police Service with their response.

The more often we report activity, the better the EPS can allocate resources to our neighborhood.



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Who to call

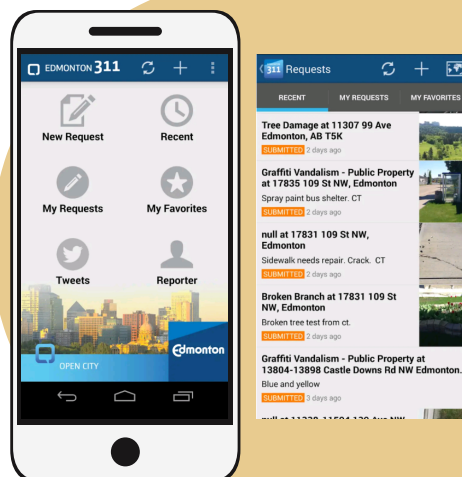
All information is useful:

- **9-1-1** Emergency.
- **780-423-4567** or **#3-7-7** (mobile devices)
- Online at **edmontonpolice.ca**
- **EPS Mobile App**
- City of Edmonton Concerns, Bylaw **3-1-1** or **Edmonton 311 App**
- **24/7 Crisis Diversion 2-1-1** (press3)
- Community Resources **2-1-1** or online **ab.211.ca**



The Edmonton Police App

In addition to Crime Reporting, the EPS App helps you stay up to date on crime news in Edmonton, allows you to subscribe to alerts in your area, search for missing items in their lost and found, and more!



The Edmonton 311 App

Non-urgent issues, bylaw complaints etc can be submitted through the Edmonton 311 App. Create and submit a request, view recent reports across the city, or check the status of your 311 report.

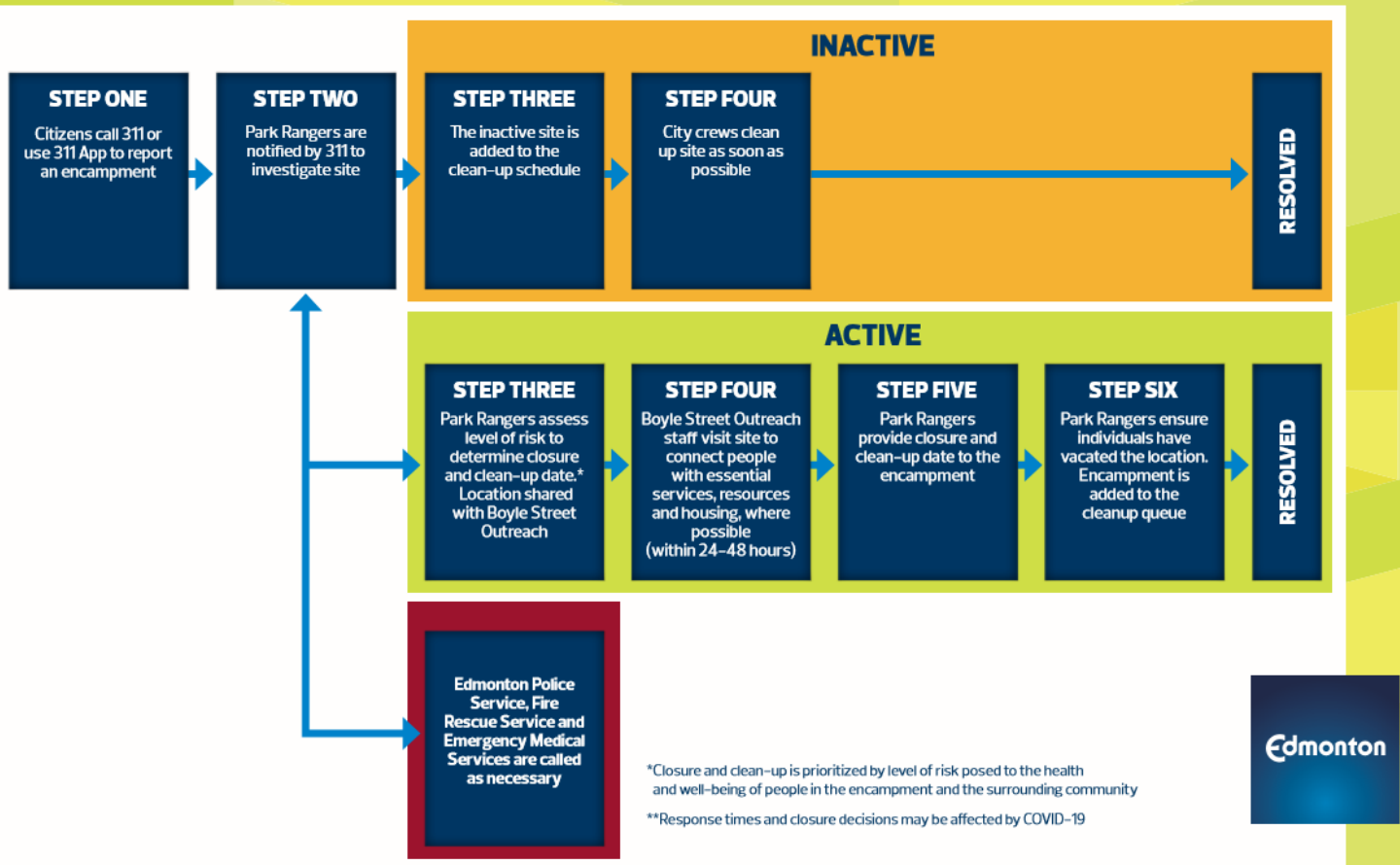
Homeless Camps

Many of our residents have seen the camps and tents along the berm on 100th Ave, and it has been brought to our attention through social media, and our Crime Prevention Survey, that residents are concerned with the increased presence of homeless persons in our community.

It's important to note that being homeless in itself is not a crime, so we need to act appropriately in our response. There are a number of ways we can engage with the Edmonton Police Service or other City of Edmonton resources to handle situations as they arise:

- If there is a crime actively being committed (assault, break and enter, trespassing, property theft, etc) please call 911.
- If you have evidence that a crime has occurred (broken locks, missing items, surveillance footage, etc) file a report by phone: 780-423-4567, #377 (mobile), online at edmontonpolice.ca or through the EPS Mobile App.
- If you notice someone in distress, and in need of immediate intervention call Crisis Diversion 211, or go online to ab.211.ca.
- Dismantling of the camps themselves falls under the City of Edmonton's responsibility. To file a complaint, call 311, or use the Edmonton 311 App.

How the City and its partners respond to encampments on public land



Volunteer Call 2021

We're always looking for members of the community to help with events, planning, fundraising, and more. It could be as little as an hour or two a month, and would go a long way to helping the La Perle Community League grow in 2021, we have some big plans, but we need your help to get there.

#1 Volunteer Support – Do you love working with people? Would people describe you as a “cheerleader”? We need someone to help us rally the troops and organize our volunteer army around events and activities in La Perle. Having a solid database of volunteers we can rely on for events helps take the pressure off our amazing event organizers, and allows us to host the best events possible.

If you're an organized people-person, we want to hear from you! Consider joining, or maybe even leading, the **Volunteer Committee**.

Event Support - Can we call you? We'll keep it casual, no commitments. We know life is busy, but occasionally we need a few helping hands for one-off events or activities in and around the Community Hall – things like setting up and tearing down tents, moving tables and chairs, directing traffic, etc.

Consider joining our **Community League Day, Family Day, Events or Facilities Committees**.



Students - Volunteering is a great way to get work experience, learn new skills, build confidence, and meet new people (plus it looks good on a resume!).

If you're a student looking for volunteer hours, or you just want to help the Community League on a casual basis, let us know if we can put you on our short list of volunteers to help out!

Consider joining our **La Perle Youth Advisory Committee, Community League Day, Family Day, or Events Committees**.

If any of these sound interesting to you, contact us!
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