



NEWSLETTER

FALL 2019

ANNUAL SPRUCE AVENUE COMMUNITY HARVEST FEST 2019

When: Saturday, September 21, 1pm- 5pm

Where: Spruce Ave Community League Hall, 10240 115 Avenue

What: a celebration of autumn, our Annual Membership Drive, petting zoo, & recognition of our Front Yards in Bloom! All activities are free!

Come join us for the annual celebration of autumn and membership drive. We have expanded this years line up of activities. Perfect for families and adults alike you will have fun from start to finish.

Activities

- Bouncy castle and obstacle course: 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
 - Horse Drawn Hay rides: 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
 - Front Yards in Bloom: recognizing the many yards nominated for their valuable contribution to the beauty and spirit in Spruce Avenue
 - A final splash in the water park, weather permitting.
- Free hamburger/hotdog BBQ: 5:00 pm



Slogan Contest

On June 15th, 2019 we launched a contest to find an original slogan and artwork/ photograph/graphic/design to brand the Spruce Avenue Community. The winning submission will be reproduced onto signage (16"x24" sign) for the community to display. It will be announced at the Annual Spruce Avenue Community Harvest Fest September 21, 2019 and available for purchase to show your pride! Proceeds of the sales of the slogan and artwork.

Increasing community connection and educating people about our historic roots is at the center of this contest. Winner will be chosen via board selection and a social media contest that ended August 31, 2019.

Visit our webpage for more: <http://www.spruceavenuecommunity.com/slogan-contest/>
Slogans: 'The Heart of Edmonton' and 'Living in Historic Midtown'

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DISPOSAL SERVICE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR

UPCOMING CASINO



I am a resident of Spruce Avenue and would like to volunteer my help to SENIORS and SINGLE MOMS who need unwanted furniture, appliances etc. hauled to an Eco Station or the city dump. I am willing to offer my time, and gas to haul away items in my small truck. You would be responsible to get the item to your back alley for pickup and for the disposal charge (generally \$20).

If you are a senior or single mom (living in Spruce Avenue) and need something hauled away, please call the community league and leave a detailed message for Susan (780) 471-1932 or email a message to Susan

I will do my best to contact you within 2 business days. I can only take items that fit on my truck and are accepted by the city for disposal.

The Spruce Avenue Community League will be holding a casino on Wednesday January 29, 2020 and Thursday January 30, 2020 at the Grand Villa Casino Edmonton located adjacent to Rogers Place.

We will be needing a banker, 2 cashiers and 2 chip runners for the day shift (11:30 – 7:45 pm); a banker, 2 cashiers and 2 chip runners for the night shift (7:30 – 3:15 pm) and count room shift from 11:00 – 3:30 pm.

Transportation, parking fees, meals and snacks will be provided as well you will receive a 2020/2021 league membership. As the league depends upon the proceeds from the casino to cover ongoing operational costs and infrastructure upgrades and development we appreciate you volunteering your time. It is also an opportunity for you to meet your neighbors. For more information email

president@spruceavenuecommunity.com or call 780-479-8019.

BEWARE : Creeping bellflower (Noxious Weed)

This perennial was introduced from Europe as an ornamental and reproduces both by seed and creeping rhizomes. Roots can travel under fences, through lawns and even under side-walks and concrete. It can survive periods of drought and tolerates a range of light conditions. Its creeping root system and resistance to some herbicides makes Creeping bellflower extremely difficult to eradicate. Flowers are pollinated by insects, but in the absence of pollinators flowers can become self-fertile still produce seed. Native harebells can be confused with creeping bellflower as the flowers are quite similar, but the native plants can be distinguished by either much shorter stems, smaller flowers and leaf size & shape.

Creeping bellflower can be an aggressive invader in natural plant communities. It can survive droughts and survive in a wide range of light conditions. This plant's thick creeping roots can travel under fences, lawns and concrete, making it very difficult to control. This plant is also resistant to many chemicals.

The flowers are purple, blue or sometimes white, bell-shaped, and nodding. Each plant has numerous flowers that are arranged on one side of the stem. The heart shaped leaves are 2-5 cm wide, have toothed edges, and are alternately arranged along the stem. See picture on next page.

The plant grows up to 100 cm tall and has a creeping root (rhizome) which gives this plant its name. Plants reproduce by seeds and by the rhizomes and can re-generate from very small root pieces in the soil. How do you control this weed? What to do? Mechanical: Hand-pulling or cutting and bagging flower spikes pre-bloom can be an option for preventing seed production. However,



UPDATE! Health care projects in Community

CapitalCare Norwood Redevelopment Project: Construction activities began over the summer after the permanent road closure of 105 Street (north of McDonald's and south of 112 Ave). Fencing went up around the construction area, which includes a parking lot used by Norwood staff, and extends west to 106 St. Norwood staff are now parking at Kingsway Mall. You may have noticed increased foot traffic and less vehicular traffic in the area as a result of these closures. Excavation and piling activity is well underway and will continue throughout the fall and winter. The relocation of the underground electrical transmission line is underway.

CAMH (Child and Adolescent Addiction and Mental Health) Project: Alberta Health Services and the Government of Alberta will be holding an open house for the community this fall to discuss a new project to be built on the Royal Alexandra Hospital campus. It will be one of the largest centres of excellence in Canada offering child and adolescent mental health services. Planning is underway. We will share details once they have been confirmed.

If you have any questions, concerns or for more information on either project please visit <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/about/edmontonzone.aspx>, call the Infrastructure Enquiry Line at 780-415-0507 or email infra.contact.us.m@gov.ab.ca.

the plant will re-sprout from its creep-ing root system. Digging out the as much of the roots system as possible can be successful, but will require several years' effort.



PLEASE MARK THESE DATES & REMINDERS ON YOUR CALENDARS:

Annual General Meeting of the Spruce Avenue Community League will be held **Tuesday, October 22, 2019 7pm** at the community hall located at 10240 - 115 ave. We encourage you to attend.

Spruce Avenue Community League meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. The new league (post-AGM) meetings start November 26. Please note there will be no meeting in December. Please email agenda items to secretary@spruceavenuecommunity.com

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MESSAGE FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Thank you Elke for being a great Neighbourhood Watch ambassador and looking forward to learning from you.

We encourage neighbours to get to know the people around you, the ones across the street, the ones beside you and the ones behind you. Getting to know who lives around you is the best defense against property theft and crime. You may get to meet some really interesting folks. Plus it's a great reason to have a block party.

Its really about getting out and walking your street, it's a great way to deter crime before it occurs.

If everyone has this approach we can be sure someone is reporting suspicious activity such as;

- * people on bikes circling the neighbourhood
- * people knocking on doors for odd reasons
- * People looking for unattended bikes and delivery packages.
- * Camping in unoccupied properties

The goal is to deter crime and theft from property, to ensure Spruce ave is a safe community.



For someone in distress you can assist by calling 211

Needles regardless of where they are found can be reported to 311.

City will only pick up on public property but please report all needles found. To pick up a needle please follow safe handling instructions with tongs and a rigid container with a closable lid, bleach bottle or liquid laundry soap containers work well.

For unsightly weeds and garbage complaints call 311.

If you would like more information on Neighbourhood watch or how you can get involved please contact

Further information on ENW is available at the following website, www.enwatch.ca.

Reporting criminal activity to the Edmonton Police Service (EPS) is crucial to preventing future crime and advocating for additional resources. There are several ways in which a crime can be reported:

To report suspicious activities: Contact EPS at 780-423-4567.

For a crime in progress with immediate threat to a person or property: Call 9-1-1.

If a crime has already occurred: Contact EPS at 780-423-4567 or report the crime online at www.edmontonpolice.ca/ContactEPS/OnlineCrimeReporting

Crime stoppers : 1-800-222-8477 can be anonymous The more reporting we do, the more police surveillance we will get. If you have any concerns regarding neighborhood crime, email

