



NEWSLETTER

January 2020

Spruce Avenue Hibernation Celebration

When: Saturday January 18, 2020 from 11:30 am to 3:30 pm.

Where: Spruce Ave Community League Hall, 10240 115 Avenue

What: Winter is a time for festive celebrations and community building, do not let the cold weather keep you away. All activities are free!

Community league memberships and Spruce Avenue community signs will be available for purchase. Watch our Facebook page for weather updates (we will reschedule if the temperature drops below -21). Please join us and help celebrate winter in Spruce Avenue!

Activities

- Horse and wagon ride around our area, Noon until 3:00pm
 - Free skating and skate rentals, snowshoes and outdoor snow fort building.
 - Warm up around our outdoor firepits and roast a hotdog, smores, bannock or campfire popcorn (available for free while supplies last).
 - We will also be serving warm drinks to keep your mittens toasty warm. Indoors we will have children's imagination playground foam blocks for building, Jenga and connect-4 games as well as a mini carnival.
- If you would like to volunteer or have an idea for a winter activity please contact : volunteer@spruceavenuecommunity.com or programdirector@spruceavenuecommunity.com

Heritage Street Blades in Spruce Avenue

Notice anything different around Spruce Ave? Our brand new Heritage Street Blades are the result of a project instigated by the SACL History Committee, with the goal of beautifying and enhancing pride in our neighbourhood, and acknowledging our history. The History Committee researched the original street names in Spruce Ave and approached the City with an itinerary of our intersections and a decorative street blade design. The result is stunning! The signs now include the street/ave name, the historical street/ave name, and the SACL logo. We encourage you to take a stroll around and note the historical addresses. You might be living on what was once Second street and Elm! This project was funded by SACL.

- Jan 1 New Year's Day
- Jan 2 Day After New Year's Day (Quebec)
- Jan 6 Epiphany
- Jan 7 Orthodox Christmas Day
- Jan 14 Orthodox New Year
- Jan 25 Chinese New Year
- Feb 2 Groundhog Day
- Feb 10 Tu B'Shevat (Arbor Day)
- Feb 14 Valentine's Day
- Feb 15 National Flag of Canada Day
- Feb 17 Islander Day (Prince Edward Island)
- Feb 17 Family Day (AB, BC, NB, ON, SK)
- Feb 17 Nova Scotia Heritage Day (Nova Scotia)
- Feb 17 Louis Riel Day (Manitoba)
- Feb 21 Yukon Heritage Day (Yukon)
- Feb 25 Carnival / Shrove Tuesday
- Feb 26 Ash Wednesday

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Spruce Avenue is pleased to announce the launch of CommuniBee as a communication tool for our neighbourhood. CommuniBee is a mobile app that promotes awareness and engagement for all residents.



Getting the app is easy:

Step 1 – Download the CommuniBee App, either from the [Google Play](#) or [Apple App Store](#)

Step 2 – Sign up for a free account

Step 3 – Select Spruce Avenue from the list of communities or use Code: SPRUCEAVE

May 1 & 2 24th Annual Community Garage Sale The 24th Annual Community Garage Sale will be held at the community hall. If you wish to reserve a table please call 780-479-8019 or email treasurer@spruceavenuecommunity.com.

10240 - 115 Avenue NW

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www.facebook.com/SpruceAveCommLeague

Volunteers Needed:

Shinny Hockey Co-ordinator - If you have an interest in working with youth 6 - 12 years and have an understanding of hockey we would like to hear from you. Contact Verna at 780-479-8019 or email

treasurer@spruceavenuecommunity.com

Hall Director to sit on the SACL Board - we would like to hear from you if you have an interest in sitting on the board. You would be responsible for renting the league facilities, manage bookings, including contracts for hall rental and collecting deposits and fees. You will also work with the facility manager and oversee hall maintenance and supplies. Please email president@spruceavenuecommunity.com

Up coming casino January 29 & 30 at the Grand Villa - Casino workers are needed for the evening shift - cashiers, chip runners and count room as well as a cashier for the day shift on January 29. For more information please call 780-479-8019 or email:

treasurer@spruceavenuecommunity.com

Become a member with the Spruce Avenue Community League and you will have

- Access to programs including sports programs offered by Spruce Avenue Community.
- Voice on community issues and future planning.
- Free access to community rinks.
- Access to free swimming and recreational activities offered at the Commonwealth Community Recreation Center at 11000 Stadium Road **Saturdays from 5:00 – 7:00 pm and Sundays from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.**
- Reduced rental rates at Spruce Avenue hall
- Discounts at any City of Edmonton Recreation Center through the Community League Wellness Program (20% on annual and continuous monthly memberships and 15 % on a multi-admission pass.
- Free access to use hand, power and garden tools from the Edmonton Tool Library located in Bellevue Community Hall at 7308 – 112 ave. **Wednesdays 6:00 – 8:00 and Saturdays 11:00 – 3:00**

Family: \$15 Single \$7 Seniors \$7 or Free with 2 volunteer hours

Email: treasurer@spruceavenuecommunity.com or call 780-479-8019

Spruce Ave Celebrates History: 2019 updates & house signs still available

We had another well-attended Jane's Walk during May with a "part 2" version of the Spruce Ave House Histories Tour, in celebration of our 5th annual community walk.

There are now 35 participating properties in the neighbourhood with house history signage, the green and white signs that are part of our grant program. We still have some funds, so please be in touch at

spruceavehistory@gmail.com to inquire about being added to the list for researching and getting a sign during 2020.

What is Abundant Community Edmonton?

Across the world, cities and communities are recognizing the importance and need for caring and connected neighbourhood life. The City of Edmonton believes that more neighbourliness on every block in the city will contribute towards this culture of care and connection, increasing sense of belonging and inclusion, ultimately leading to a more inclusive and livable city. Spruce Avenue will be exploring this - stay tuned!



Next Spruce Avenue Monthly Meeting January 21, 2020 at 7pm

SPRUCE AVENUE COMMUNITY RINK HOURS

Monday:	4 - 6 pm family skate & 7 - 9 pm family skate and kid's shinny hockey
Tuesday:	4 - 6 pm family skate & 7 - 9 pm shinny hockey* (*must be booked in advance by calling 780-499-2649)
Wednesday:	4 - 6 pm family skate
Thursday:	4 - 6 pm family skate & 7 - 9 pm shinny hockey* (*must be booked in advance by calling 780-499-2649)
Friday:	4 - 6 pm family skate & 7 - 9 pm family skate and kid's shinny hockey
Saturday:	1 - 5 pm family skate & 7 - 9 pm family skate and kid's shinny hockey
Sunday:	2 - 4 pm family skate

NOTE: CCA approved helmets must be worn by all skaters. **Skates and helmets are available at the rink for your use free of charge.**

If you can spare a couple of hours in the evening to supervise the family skate and kids shinny hockey we would love to hear from you. Please call Henry at 780-499-2649.

Rink will be closed with a wind chill factor of -25 and colder or at the discretion of the rink manager.

Cost: free family skating with a community league membership or \$2.