



NEWSLETTER

May 2020

Spruce Avenue Connects!

With growing concerns over COVID-19, we are launching a new program to be proactive should we face increasing challenges, where we will need to learn to support and care for our neighbours locally. While there are some groups offering assistance and support across Metro Edmonton, we want to encourage the power of local connection in Spruce Ave and be resilient in the face of changing times. Rather than spreading fear or germs, we are building community in the face of crisis.

To be a volunteer means you could help out with grocery, prescriptions delivery, loan equipment, outdoor chores, or just have a conversation with an isolated senior who just needs to talk! Also contact us if you are in need of help from a community volunteer.

If you are interested in signing up as a volunteer to support others in Spruce Ave, please either

- (1) sign-up for our new Facebook Group Spruce Avenue Covid19 Community Group and Direct Message us to volunteer for "Spruce Ave Connects",
- (2) send an email to secretary@spruceavenuecommunity.com, or
- (3) call and leave a message through the league at 780-479-8019

Whichever way you get a hold of us, please indicate you're interested in volunteering for "Spruce Ave Connects" and we'll add you to our list.

Urban Polling

We will resume our Urban Polling Program when it is safe to do so. Contact Verna @ treasurer@spruceavenuecommunity.com

What can you while Physically distancing? Take a university level course online free!

<https://www.mooc-list.com/countries/canada>

STAY HOME— WASH YOUR HANDS—STAY CONNECTED

FIND SPRUCE AVENUE COMMUNITY LEAGUE ON **Nextdoor**

May 10	Sunday	Mother's Day
May 18	Monday	Victoria Day
Jun 21	Sunday	Father's Day
Jun 21	Sunday	National Indigenous Peoples Day
Jul 1	Wednesday	Canada Day
Aug 3	Monday	Heritage Day
Sep 7	Monday	Labour Day

When the night has come
 And the land is dark
 And the moon is the only light we'll see
 No I won't be afraid, no I won't be afraid
 Just as long as you stand, stand by me
 So darlin', darlin', stand by me, oh stand by me
 Oh stand by me, stand by me



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Spruce Avenue Celebrates History - Update:

The house history placard project continues, with the green and white signs you might notice popping up around the neighbourhood. Most of those who've requested a sign in the past year will be getting their sign and research notes dropped at the door soon if you haven't already. If you are interested in participating to get a sign with your home's year of construction and first owners listed, please email your name and address to spruceavehistory@gmail.com or connect with SACL on social media.

Jane's Walk

While the Jane's Walk festival - an international festival of free, citizen-led walks normally held the first weekend of May - had to be postponed this year, the Edmonton Jane's Walk group has posted some "virtual" walks you can check out or do on your own, maintaining physical distancing, at janewalksyeg.wordpress.com. Our Spruce Avenue 6th annual neighbourhood walk was scheduled for May 9, but has been cancelled this year. In its place, we are working on a self-guided version of a house history tour, which we hope to share by early June. Stay tuned to the Spruce Ave League Facebook and SACL website where walk details will be posted.

On a last note, we remind those with green & white house history placards to please make sure they are out for display this spring and summer. Your neighbours just might pass by on a walk and be interested in some history!

Building Great Neighbourhoods - Spruce Avenue

Spruce Avenue will have its landscaping completed on construction that occurred south of 114 Avenue this summer. This will conclude our official renewal project. Since 2018, our neighbourhood had construction on going over the summers in two parts. North of 114 Avenue construction was completed and so a 2 year warranty period begins. We must report any deficiencies before the warranty period is over. Our board took a visual inspection of the neighbourhood for obvious deficiencies but would like your help with reporting deficiencies that might not be obvious.

Email president@spruceavenuecommunity.com before June 15, 2020 to report any deficiencies.

Covid 19 Supporting our Health Care Providers

We were hoping you could join us every Saturday nights (7pm) starting Saturday May 23, 2020 on your porches to make some noise in solidarity with our health workers! Pots pans, instruments or singing all in! Board members may walk down your street and record or live stream some of the action to our Facebook page.

Volunteers Needed:

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

CAPITAL CITY CLEAN-UP

Free litter clean up kits will be available until the end of September. Help to keep our neighborhood litter free - it begins with you and me – pick up some winter debris!

Email: treasurer@spruceavenuecommunity.com or call 780-479-8019. *World Environment Day is June 5; and World Clean Up Day – September 21. To report litter, graffiti, vandalism or discarded needles, dial 311*

Financial supports for Albertans

Residential customers can defer electricity and natural gas bill payments until June 18, 2020 to ensure no one will be cut off, regardless of the service provider.

This program is available to Albertans who are experiencing financial hardship as a direct result of COVID-19, such as those who have lost their employment or had to leave work to take care of an ill family member.

Call your utility provider directly to arrange for a deferral on all payments until June 18, 2020.

For support in negotiating a repayment plan that fits your budget or in resolving any service or billing issue, contact the Utilities Consumer Advocate at 310-4822 or email UCAhelps@gov.ab.ca