



FRONT YARDS IN BLOOM

The Spruce Avenue Community League will again recognize the front yards that make our neighborhood beautiful and welcoming. Front yards are recognized for:

- 1) Their variety of colors and blooming times,
- 2) Natural front yards with native plants, limited pesticide use and reduced water use, and
- 3) Edible front yards which incorporate edible fruits and plants into their landscape.



With just 12 nominations in 2010, each year more front yards are nominated! Keep up the good work!

How do you nominate someone? Call Elke @ 780-474-4215 or email eladsi@shaw.ca with the address and why you are nominating the yard. You can not nominate your own yard.

NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2019



23rd ANNUAL COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Friday May 3 9:00 am to 7:00 pm

Saturday May 4 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Where: Spruce Avenue Community Hall, 10240 -115 Avenue

What: An opportunity to shop, donate to our community and socialize, make a great find and maybe have a snack too! Concession open with proceeds to the ongoing park area.

Start your spring cleaning! Donations of gently used items would be greatly appreciated!

From toys to tools, this event is a great way to get rid of things you've grown out of and pick up new-to-you stuff you need. Several tables will be dedicated to the ongoing Spruce Avenue Park Re-development Project

*Due to limited space we are not able to accept large household items including sofas, stoves, refrigerators, washers, dryers and computer equipment. Donated items may be dropped off at the hall starting Monday April 29 or can be picked up. To make arrangements call Verna @ 780-479-8019 or email president@spruceavenuecommunity.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Are you able to help with the set-up, sales, tear down or in the concession? If so, please call our Volunteer Coordinator, Rebekah @ 780-477-9803 or Email

volunteer@spruceavenuecommunity.com

NEIGHBORHOOD RENEWAL 2019 UPDATE

Construction in Spruce Avenue will commence in May 2019. More information about the project can be found at edmonton.ca/BuildingSpruceAvenue

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MEET YOUR PROGRAM DIRECTOR



My name is Ashley Ayume and I am pleased to be Spruce Avenue's new program director. Our little family moved into the neighborhood late last year and could not ask for a better community to raise our children. I believe a connected community is a healthy, safe community; which is my goal as program director.

I come from a small farming village in southern Saskatchewan, where everyone knows everyone and is always able to lend a hand. When I am not chasing my children around I also work at the Cross Cancer Institute, at a job I have a great passion for. I have a love of gardening, coffee chats and baking. I am a small town farm girl at heart and my husband (Remo) and I hope to instill the pride we have in our original homes into our girls, here in Spruce Avenue.

Spruce Avenue gave me the impression that it is a small town in the big city. Years ago when I first walked through the tree lined streets; at that time we decided when we were ready to buy we would do it here. Now we are settled and can't wait for the endless possibilities within our own (little) neighborhood. My job is to help **you** make Spruce Avenue what **you** need. Maybe you are interested in volunteering, organizing a weekly walking club or kids play time (or one of the countless other programs we could create). If there is a program that would benefit you or something your interested in reach out to me and we can create it together.

Coming up in Spruce Avenue we have some exciting opportunities. We are in the early planning stages of a community garden project as well as some summer activities. We are always **looking for volunteers** to grow our future events and need a few green (or almost green) thumbs to join us in creating a garden board. Watch the Spruce Avenue Community League Facebook page for more information, keep an eye out for a regular newsletter column or send me an email (abelbeck@ualberta.net) and we can get in touch. I hope to see you at the next board meeting.

CAPITAL CARE NORWOOD RE-DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

On April 1, 2019 the road and sidewalks from 105 Street north of McDonald's to 112 Avenue were permanently closed. Fencing and barriers will be installed closing off the sidewalks, laneways and 105th street.

In the coming weeks before construction gets underway a lot of initial activity will take place on site including:

- Putting up construction fencing;
- Setting up site logistics like trade trailers, and temporary utilities and site roadways will need;
- Establishing a laydown area for construction materials;
- Bringing in construction equipment and cranes

We apologize for any inconvenience, but the closure is required to prepare for construction on the [Capital Care Norwood Redevelopment project](#).

For more information on the project please visit [AHS.ca](#). If you have any questions or want to pass along comments please call the Infrastructure Enquiry Line at 780-415-0507 or e-mail

Infra.Contact.Us.m@gov.ab.ca.

GREEN SHACK PROGRAM

Green Shack Program at Spruce Avenue Park will start on Wednesday July 3 and conclude Friday August 23 Monday through Friday from 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm for children ages 6-12 years (children under 6 must be supervised by a parent or guardian). The program is FREE and led by city staff who ensure participants play safely. You'll find a list of upcoming activities and special events posted on the side of the Green Shack each week. If there's a game or activity that you'd like to play, just ask the Program Leader.

Spruce Avenue Community League Membership you get free: **Swimming and recreational activities** at the Commonwealth Community Recreation Center, 11000 Stadium Road, Sundays from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. **Access to use hand, power and garden tools** from the Edmonton Tool Library located in the Bellevue Community hall @ 7308 – 112 ave. Wednesdays 6:00 to 8:00 and Saturdays 11:00 – 3:00. Memberships available by calling 780-479-8019 or email president@spruceavenuecommunity.com.

Spray Park Opening on May long week-end (Saturday May 18th)



Spruce Avenue Celebrates History - Updates

Heritage Home Signs

The Home placard sign and house histories project continues this spring & summer. We now have over 30 homes and buildings participating - look for the green and white signs showing house construction year and names of original residents. Sign up today! All we need is your name and address and we can start the research and order a sign for you, or we can help you do the research. Those who requested signs during fall

and winter 2018 should hear about sign delivery during April. Email spruceavehistory@gmail.com or call/text Wesley at 780-885-5670 to participate.

A reminder to all those with House History placards to *please ensure they are out and visible by the end of April*, in time for our neighbourhood walk. Thank you :)

5th Annual Jane's Walk:

Coming Saturday May 4th will be our 5th Annual Spruce Avenue Jane's Walk. Jane's Walk is an international festival of free, citizen-led walks encouraging people to share community stories and use walking as a way to connect with neighbours. Building on last year, we will again hold a House Histories Tour, visiting homes participating in the Heritage Home sign program. We'll share interesting histories of Spruce Ave's homes and first residents; if you've joined before, we'll mix things up with some new (and some old) content.

Join us Sat. May 4th. Meet in front of the North Telephone Exchange building (now AHS Rehab Research Centre) at 10105-112 Ave (corner of 101st) at 10am. Bring your walking shoes & a water bottle and join in. All are welcome. Visit janewalksyeg.wordpress.com for info on all Edmonton walks.



UPDATE! 'Missing Middle' Infill Design Competition

The competition has entered its final phase! On April 3rd and 4th the jury worked through all of the submissions and selected the winner of the competition. Jon Hlewka and Joshua Culling, Spruce Avenue community liaisons for this competition, helped the jury to select a winner that reflects the criteria the community put forward in 2018. The winner will be announced on May 29th. Check out <http://edmontoninfilldesign.ca> for more information!

Upcoming dates:

May 29: Infill Design Competition Winner Announced! The winner will be announced and members of Spruce Avenue Community League will present the award. We will be sure to grab some pictures! If you are interested in possibly attending this event, email us at: civicsdirector@spruceavenuecommunity.com. Space is limited!

June 8, 9 AM - 11 AM: 'Missing Middle' Infill Design Competition Community Breakfast Be sure to save the date for this event. We will be having a free community breakfast hosted by the City of Edmonton. A great chance to hear more about the competition, see the winning design, and connect with your neighbours! Get your tickets at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/missing-middle-infill-design-competition-community-breakfast-tickets-56133117666>

Wanting to volunteer ? Come to the Volunteer Fair on Sat April 27 at the Commonwealth Community Rec Center 11000 Stadium Road from 11:00 – 5:00. Lots of opportunities available.

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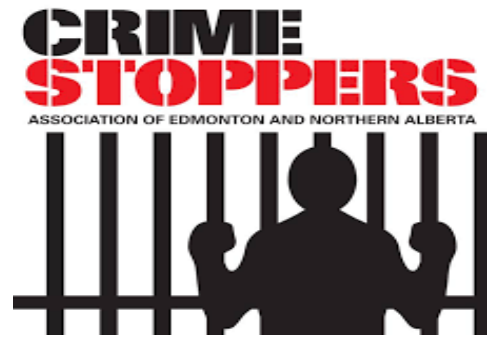
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Board Member Needed

Neighborhood Watch. If you are interested in providing crime prevention information and support neighborhood level programs that encourage awareness, education and participation we would like to hear from you. Training will be available. Please email president@spruceavenuecommunity.com or call 780-479-8019 for more details.



TIPS TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY

When working in your yards & gardens ensure the doors to your house and garage are securely locked. When a gardener is focused on the task at hand we often are not paying close attention to our surroundings. It takes a second for an intruder to slip unnoticed into an unlocked house or garage.

- Deliberately set fires are a HUGE concern not only because of the loss of property but the risk of fatalities. Let's prevent fires by removing items such as unused wood, old mattresses or gasoline by garages. Keeping debris to a minimum will minimize the risks.
- Lock windows and doors before leaving. Ensure doors and entry ways are clear of overgrown shrubs and grasses.
- Do not leave items such as GPSs, lap tops, phones, loose change and other valuables in your vehicle. Either lock them in your trunk or take them with you.
- Get to know your neighbors as a second pair of eyes may deter crime
- It is important to check your license plate before you get into your vehicle to ensure it has not been switched and or stolen. Criminals may use a stolen license plate to disguise a stolen vehicle, to commit traffic violations and other crimes. Citizens can prevent this type of theft by simply replacing their screws with anti-theft screws that are available for free from your local police station (Calder or Downtown).
- Scams are becoming more frequent. As a precaution do not give your personal information to anyone until you have confirmed the contact person is legitimate.

If you see a crime in progress immediately call 911; for non-emergencies call 780-423-4567 or mobile device #377. You may also report non-emergencies online by going to www.edmontonpolice.ca

Anonymous information can be submitted to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or online to www.tipsubmit.com/start.htm

The more reporting we do, the more police surveillance we will get. If you have any concerns regarding neighborhood crime, email Elke @ eladsi@shaw.ca.

CAPITAL CITY CLEAN-UP

Free litter clean up kits will be available from March 15 until the end of September.

Volunteer for Organized Litter Pick Up Events: Earth Day - April 24; Butt Blitz – May 4; World Environment Day – June 5; World Clean Up Day – September 21

To report litter, graffiti, vandalism or discarded needles, dial 311

Help to keep our neighborhood litter free - it begins with you and me – pick up some winter debris!

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