



# NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2019

## HISTORY PROJECT UPDATE:

Spruce Ave Celebrates History, our community history project, took a bit of a hiatus over the summer/fall, but we are looking to get back into things this winter.

We have several requests for house history signs which we will be doing the research for, and some folks will hear from us soon to arrange pick-up for signs that arrived from the printers. There are now over 25 green and white signs up in the neighbourhood, displaying the year of construction and first residents.

We recently shared neighbourhood history materials to be included as part of the Missing Middle Infill Competition (details elsewhere in this newsletter). We are also gearing up for the 5th annual Spruce Ave Jane's Walk in May. Stay tuned for details. If you are interested in... ..helping with the history project, please contact [spruceavehistory@gmail.com](mailto:spruceavehistory@gmail.com).



## COMMUNITY SWING & SKATE!

February 2nd, 2019

Spruce Avenue Community Hall

12pm to 4pm

Presented by the Edmonton Arts Council

The event of the Season! A must for all!

Free skate rentals, live music, and dance lessons with Sugar Swing Ballroom. All ages. Concession Available. Volunteers Needed! call 780-479-8019 or email [president@spruceavenuecommunity.com](mailto:president@spruceavenuecommunity.com)

## WHAT'S NEW AT SPRUCE AVENUE:

- You may have noticed the Spruce Avenue Community Hall has a parking lot. The lot can be accessed from 103 street on 115 avenue. Landscaping and parking lot lines will be completed this year.
- 102 street to 103 street on 115 avenue has been returned to parkland so it is **no longer** accessible to vehicular traffic.
- Neighborhood Renewal will resume in the new year. For more information about Building Great Neighborhoods go to [www.edmonton.ca/residuenual\\_neighbourhoods/building-great-neighborhoods.aspx](http://www.edmonton.ca/residuenual_neighbourhoods/building-great-neighborhoods.aspx)

10240 - 115 Avenue NW



[www.spruceavenuecommunity.com](http://www.spruceavenuecommunity.com)



[www.facebook.com/SpruceAveCommLeague](https://www.facebook.com/SpruceAveCommLeague)



[President@spruceavenuecommunity.com](mailto:President@spruceavenuecommunity.com)

[vp@spruceavenuecommunity.com](mailto:vp@spruceavenuecommunity.com)

[secretary@spruceavenuecommunity.com](mailto:secretary@spruceavenuecommunity.com)

[treasurer@spruceavenuecommunity.com](mailto:treasurer@spruceavenuecommunity.com)

## TIPS TO PREVENT A CRIME FROM HAPPENING:

- During this cold weather if you are idling your vehicle always lock it, park in a secure location and keep all valuables out of sight including your garage opener.
- if you see suspicious activity around your vehicle call 780-423-4567.
- When leaving ensure your home and garage are properly secured and before driving away that your garage door is closed.
- 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](http://www.edmontonpolice.ca)
- Anonymous information can be submitted to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or online to [www.tipsubmit.com/start.htm](http://www.tipsubmit.com/start.htm)

## BOARD MEMBERS ARE NEEDED

If you are interested in joining the Spruce Avenue Community League Board we would love to hear from you. We are currently looking to fill vacant director positions including:

**Programming Director.** If you are interested in organizing programs and/or events for specific age groups or for all ages we have an opportunity for you.

**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.

---

### League meetings

Next Community League meeting Tuesday January 22, 2019 @ 7:00 pm. If you have an item for the agenda email secretary@spruceavenuecommunity.com

Spruce Avenue Community Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of the month @ 7:00 pm.

EVERYONE WELCOME

---

## REMINDERS:

- ◆ Keeping your sidewalks free of snow and ice is critical in keeping residents moving safely and enjoying winter. Property owners are responsible for clearing snow from every walk and driveway including any vacant properties they own. Failure to maintain your walks could result in a fine and cleanup costs. The City of Edmonton website states that 'Warnings are a courtesy and will not always be issued'.
- ◆ Consider helping a neighbour with snow removal.. Some residents need help due to mobility or health issues and might not always ask.
- ◆ Parking violations are reported to 311
- ◆ Spruce Avenue Playground and Park is not an off-leach area. For location of off-leach areas for dogs you may go to [www.edmonton.ca/activities\\_parks\\_recreation/parks\\_rivervalley/off-leach-sites.aspx](http://www.edmonton.ca/activities_parks_recreation/parks_rivervalley/off-leach-sites.aspx)

---

10240 - 115 Avenue NW



[www.spruceavenuecommunity.com](http://www.spruceavenuecommunity.com)



[www.facebook.com/SpruceAveCommLeague](http://www.facebook.com/SpruceAveCommLeague)



[President@spruceavenuecommunity.com](mailto:President@spruceavenuecommunity.com)

[vp@spruceavenuecommunity.com](mailto:vp@spruceavenuecommunity.com)

[secretary@spruceavenuecommunity.com](mailto:secretary@spruceavenuecommunity.com)

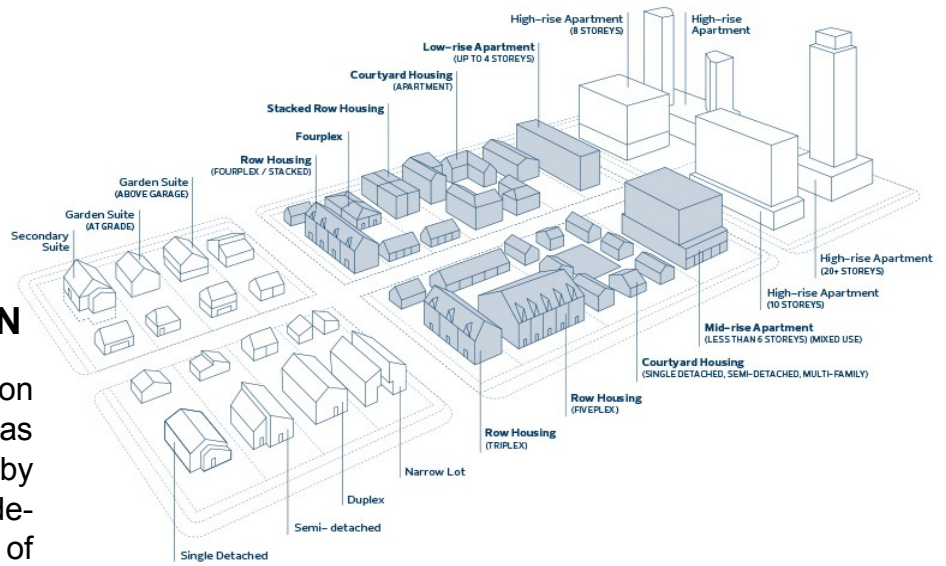
[treasurer@spruceavenuecommunity.com](mailto:treasurer@spruceavenuecommunity.com)



## MISSING MIDDLE INFILL DESIGN

Missing Middle' Infill Design Competition has Launched! The City of Edmonton has launched a competition, endorsed by mayor and council, for a potential infill development on 5 lots owned by the City of Edmonton located in our neighbourhood. Competition submissions are to be innovative in design while also thoughtfully integrating into our neighbourhood context, while also being economically feasible, responds to local market conditions and advances the design ethic for infill in Edmonton. The winning team will be given the opportunity to purchase the site and build their winning design, conditional upon rezoning approval. The finished development will be used to inspire innovative 'missing middle' infill development in other parts of the city.

Spruce Avenue residents Joshua Culling and Jonathan Hlewka will be liaisons between the Community League, residents, and the City during this process. They will also help to inform the selection of compe-



tion winners by supporting a national jury or architects. They will keep the community league and residents informed as the process unfolds (stay tuned for future newsletter updates!)

Check it out! [edmontoninfilldesign.ca](http://edmontoninfilldesign.ca)

### What is 'missing middle' housing?

The term 'missing middle' refers to multi-unit housing that falls between single detached homes and tall apartment buildings. It includes row housing, triplexes/fourplexes, stacked row housing, courtyard housing, and walk-up apartments. These housing forms are considered "missing" because there has been a decline in their development in recent decades in many cities, and they were never widely developed in Edmonton. Encouraging this type of housing is essential for welcoming new people and homes into older neighbourhoods and creating complete communities with a variety of housing options for people at every stage of life and income level. (Source: City of Edmonton)

## 23rd ANNUAL COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Friday May 3 and Saturday May 4

A limited number of tables will be available for rental @ \$10.00 per table. Book your table early.

Donations of gently used items will be accepted with proceeds going to the continued Spruce Avenue Community Park Re-development Project. Due to limited space large household items such as sofas and large appliances will not be accepted. Donations will be accepted the week of April 29. Please call Verna @ 780-479-8019 or email [president@spruceavenuecommunity.com](mailto:president@spruceavenuecommunity.com) for more details or to book a table.

10240 - 115 Avenue NW

[www.spruceavenuecommunity.com](http://www.spruceavenuecommunity.com)

[www.facebook.com/SpruceAveCommLeague](http://www.facebook.com/SpruceAveCommLeague)



[President@spruceavenuecommunity.com](mailto:President@spruceavenuecommunity.com)

[vp@spruceavenuecommunity.com](mailto:vp@spruceavenuecommunity.com)

[secretary@spruceavenuecommunity.com](mailto:secretary@spruceavenuecommunity.com)

[treasurer@spruceavenuecommunity.com](mailto:treasurer@spruceavenuecommunity.com)



## COMMUNITY LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP MEANS YOU WILL HAVE:

- ⇒ Access to programs, including sports programs offered by Spruce Avenue
- ⇒ A 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 Sundays from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.
- ⇒ Reduced rental rates at Spruce Avenue Community 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 the Bellevue Community hall at 7308 – 112 avenue. Open on Saturdays from 1:00 – 5:00.

Family \$15.00      Senior or Single \$7.00

Or free with volunteer hours

Memberships available at the rink or call 780-479-8019 or

email [president@spruceavenuecommunity.com](mailto:president@spruceavenuecommunity.com) .



THANK YOU!!!!

A huge shout out to residents who lite up the community in celebration of the Holiday Season!!!

### 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.

**Concession available:** Hot Dog (\$2), Chips, Pop, Candy, Coffee or Hot Chocolate (\$1)