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Christmas*

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# Winter? Bah. Humbug!

By **CHRISTINE BREMNER**

I understand why bears hibernate. If it were up to me, I'd hunker down at the first snowfall and emerge some time in March. Or April.

Yes, I hate winter. I hate stumbling on icy sidewalks. I hate the way my bones ache. I've been known to stop, take one deep breath of freezing air and admire the bright blue sky and the shadows on the snow – as I scurry for cover between the car and the Great Indoors.

Oh, I've tried to like winter. I actually tried cross-country skiing, twice, long ago – and the bruises on my backside from landing sharply on my bindings looked like a map of the globe. When it comes to winter, I'm with Ezra Pound: "Winter is icumen in, Lhude sing Goddamm..."

But, as the powers-that-be remind us (as if we needed it), we live in a Winter City. In 2010, the City put together a think tank which came up with ideas to help us "embrace winter." They've released the report, entitled *For the Love of Winter*. It contains a strategy that ranges from the predictable (have community groups organize more winter festivals and outdoor activities) to the practical, if expensive (heated bus shelters), to the downright zany (flood streets so people can skate to work).

Other ideas being floated include an outdoor Christmas market, such as you'd see in dozens of cities and towns in Germany and other cities and towns throughout Europe. There is even a strategy for the sedentary to encourage restaurants and bars to have outdoor heated patios. If you'd like to look over these ideas for yourself, go to the City of Edmonton website at [www.edmonton.ca](http://www.edmonton.ca) and search "winter strategy."

In the preamble to the report, Councilor Ben Henderson said that most of the favourite childhood memories of those who participated in the think tank were of winter activities. Maybe so, but my favourite childhood memories were of long summer evenings, free to roam at will until the street-lights came on.

Least favourite memories: being dared, in Saskatchewan in January, to lick the metal post of school fence. (I didn't. I avoided the yellow snow, too.) Getting into a snowsuit for recess – just long enough to go out, turn around and head back inside again.

Not for me the making of snow angels: I was dressed in so many layers of clothing, I'd have rocked myself to sleep trying to get up. Oh, yes – being sent home from school in a heavy snowfall because my mother (the Feminist) had dressed me in pants instead of a skirt. She kept me home for two days, on principle, until the snow stopped.

However, even I have to admit that winter isn't all bad. I enjoy Christmas and the holiday season. Yes, Christmas is worth coming out of hibernation for.

Especially if one of my favourite tipples is being served.

The following recipe is one that has been served at many a Pub Night.

To a bottle of pleasant red table wine in a saucepan or crockpot, add one cinnamon stick, 8 to 12 whole cloves, a slice of candied ginger or thin slice of ginger root (and one or two allspice berries if desired).

Wash a navel orange and a lemon. Leaving the peel on, slice thinly and add half of each. Over medium heat, bring to a gentle boil and add sugar to taste (starting with a quarter cup). When sugar is dissolved, reduce heat and cover and simmer gently for at least 15 minutes.

Before serving, strain to remove the spices, mashing or squeezing the fruit to release their juices. Serve hot.

Use the remainder of the fruit, thinly sliced and halved or quartered as a garnish, or save for the next batch.

Enjoy, and to all of you who read this column: may health and happiness be yours in the New Year, and may you and those you love have a very Merry ChristmasZZZZZZZ...



The smell of mulled wine, a crackling fire and the company of good friends can entice even the most anti-winter humbug into enjoying the cold months, especially around the holidays when a warming cup is mandatory in the Bremner household.

## An exciting and busy time in the 'Hood

By **SUSAN RUTTAN**

There's always lots going on in Highlands, and this year has been no exception. Many thanks to all the volunteers who make our wonderful neighbourhood flourish.

I'm very excited by the possibilities of the Abundant Community initiative that Howard Lawrence is spearheading. It's a huge undertaking, trying to connect with every household in the community and hear about their interests and priorities.

For those of us who are on Howard's team, it's also been enormously rewarding. I have met so many interesting people, and I've enjoyed the fresh hot croissants at Howard's Saturday morning get-togethers.

As you know, 112th Avenue is scheduled for recon-

struction next year, and the city has been consulting with the neighbourhood on our priorities for the "extras" we will get. One idea that I like is to have strings of lights across the avenue in the commercial area between 64th and 66th Streets to highlight this important part of Highlands.

If you haven't seen what's proposed, go to [www.edmonton.ca/112avenue](http://www.edmonton.ca/112avenue)

We have a wonderful Highlands Community League board this year, a group full of fun and great ideas. We still have a couple of openings on the board, so anyone interested should contact me.

Our big challenge remains our community league building, a beat-up two-storey annex that isn't adequate for what we should be offering.

In particular, our three

bridge groups, many of them elderly, have to trudge up two flights of stairs to get to the lounge where they play their games.

We have a new Building Revitalization Committee going, headed by past-president Susan Petrina-Prettie. It's got a very important job – figuring out if the current building can be salvaged and improved, or whether we must have an entirely new building.

Then, we must make a plan how to move forward. Ours is a changing neighbourhood, with many long-time residents but with many new families moving in.

I encourage you to get involved in whatever way you can to keep building a strong Highlands.

And on a final note, as we head into the busy holiday sea-



Susan Ruttan

son, please take time to reach out and help someone in need – even if it's shovelling the snow from your neighbour's walk. The small gift of your time and effort could go a long way to making their Christmas a little brighter.

Merry Christmas to you from the HCL.

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# Borden Park facelift and improvements continue

By JANICE FLEMING WEEKS

I want to update residents of Bellevue, Virginia Park and Highlands on the changes and construction of Borden Park, the oldest Park in Edmonton.

In the Spring of 2014, construction of the new live pool (pond) will start. There will be three graduated pools which will accommodate up to over 300 people.

There will be a separate wading pond for infants and toddlers, which are only allowed in this pond, as they have the technology to clean it regularly.

There will be a volleyball net and sand near the pond and a concession at the pool at the far north end near Northlands Park. Glass walls will enclose the pool and tall live grass will surround it in some areas.

A carousel replica will be built close by and ready by July 1, 2014. The public will be able to sit inside at tables and chairs and see the park. The band shell has been refurbished and is complete.

The ponds will be used for skating in the winter and cross-country skiing will be encouraged in the winter once the entire park is complete.

### New Programs

Bellevue Community League approved a junior/high, senior high Teen Night once a month on the first Friday of every month at 7-9:30 pm for junior high and 9-11pm for senior high students.

This will give an opportunity for kids aged 12-18, to gather and play games and get together at the hall with the supervision of adults.



Janice Fleming Weeks

There will also be a Men's Night once a month (every fourth Friday at 8 pm) for men to gather and play cards, pool, etc. These programmes will be managed by Greg Brandenburg and supervised with other volunteers.

### EPS General Meeting

The Edmonton Police Service (EPS) have been invited to speak at a public meeting to address general safety concerns ie. how to deal with hostile neighbours, drug dealers, and other crime and safety concerns.

We invite the community to attend this on Wednesday, Nov. 27 at 7:00 p.m. at Bellevue Community Hall, 7308 - 112 Avenue. Coffee, tea and cookies will be provided.

I want to take this opportunity to wish every community member and resident a blessed Christmas and a happy, prosperous and safe New Year.

### Kudos

I also want to thank the Bellevue Community League Board members for their hard work this past year, and the Whetstone Pottery Guild members who have helped deliver newsletters in the community and worked parking during Klondike Days.

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# An abundance of info coming together

By HOWARD LAWRENCE

*Avenue Magazine* says that Highlands moved from the seventh best neighbourhood in the city to the fourth best in the Edmonton this year!

Great, but what does it mean to be a best neighbourhood?

I've been reading *Where We Live Matters: Place-Based Neighbourhood Work – Review, Promising Practice and and Approach* (August 2013). If we interpret “best” to mean “strong,” it means, according to this article:

“There is wide agreement on what a strong neighbourhood is and what conditions need to exist to make it so, although there is no single list of dimensions or defining characteristics. From a review of the literature, three inter-connected kinds of defining characteristics emerge:

- those related to social relationships (e.g. community involvement, mutual responsibility);
- those related to ‘place’ (e.g. active street life);
- and those related to both (e.g. safety).

Using these as a foundation, this paper defines strong neighbourhoods as:

1. Inclusive – This includes active community involvement; strong sense of belonging; a welcoming community; respect for diversity; tolerance of differences.
2. Vibrant – This includes an active street life (e.g. cafes, shops and services); opportunities for community interaction (e.g. street festivals); a strong sense of ‘place identity’ and pride.
3. Cohesive – This includes a sense of mutual responsibility and strong bonds of reciprocity (e.g. neighbours looking out for each other’s children); trust (e.g. not having to worry about locking doors); negotiated solutions to conflicts.
4. Safe – This includes both subjective feelings of safety (people feeling they can go anywhere, feeling comfortable in public), as well as objective measures of safety (e.g. freedom from crime).”

While these are not the measures used in the *Avenue Magazine* survey, there’s a similarity of focus in the magazine’s questions.

1. My neighbourhood has friendly neighbours
2. My neighbourhood is close to a coffee shop
3. How many of your neighbours do you know?
4. How much time do you spend chatting with your neighbours in a typical week? Almost never, less than 5, 5-10, 10-20, 20-30, 30+minutes.

All of this points to the concept of what is called “Social Capital.”

In *Community Building: What Makes it Work*, Mattessich, Money and Roy deliberately focus on social capital. Their model lays out a process for place-based neighbourhood work aimed at vitalization or revitalization.

An Engagement Process: Canvassing door to door, preferably with a community member or two asking non-threatening questions can be a good strategy

Building Social Capital: A step by step process of identifying and connecting people and organizations to each other.



Building Social Capacity: At some point, developing a vision or concrete goals.

The Abundant Community Initiative is our process for building this important social capital. So far, 49 of the 55 blocks in our neighbourhood have people who are engaging in a conversation with every neighbour on their block!

The questions are sort of the “ice breaker” type: What activities do you enjoy? What are you gifted in? What is your vision for our neighbourhood?

The array of answers is amazingly diverse, yet when you consider our neighbourhood of some 2,500 people, the answers have some definite patterns to them.

This is what we have heard so far:

## Part 1: Vision for the Highlands neighbourhood:

Neighbourliness	Arts core junior high
Tree Care	Better traffic flow on 112th
Youth group	“Route 66” street traffic concerns
Toy swap	Enhance Highland’s downtown
Safety	Neighbourhood TV room/lounge
Pub and/or Wine bar	Seniors Care and Connection

## Part 2a: Participating Together in Activities:

Baseball	Dog walking and socialization
Walking	Biking
10 year old boys group	Band/Instruments
Basketball	Church
Golf	Ball hockey
Adult hockey	Wine club/making /tasting
Curling	Lawn bowling
Gardening club	Bird watching
Cooking	Board games
Photography	Film/Cinema
Choir	Crafts
Art/drawing	Exercise/ running
Marathon running	Volleyball
Motorcycle riding	Book clubs
Kids of various ages gathering	



### Part 2b Participating Together in Interests:

Grandparenting	Tuner cars
NASCAR	Biblical Theology
Third World Travel	Sustainable food production
Art History	Astronomy
Parenting	“War and Immigration stories” (Seniors coffee chat)

### 3: Skills and experiences:

Notary/Commissioner of oaths	Auto mechanics
Bicycle maintenance and repair	Babysitting
Recovery	Handy man
Computer help	Writing
Landscape Architect	Snow Shovelling
Seniors pension guidance	Yard Care
Playing and Production of rock music	
“War and Immigration stories” (Seniors coffee chat)	

One lady said to me something which really captures what we are about:

“I really like the idea of this project. It certainly promotes a feeling of community. Personally I wish we had a place where locals could drop in for coffee, say one morning a week or every other week. I drive to a knitter’s group every week, but a local group would be good.”

One of the interviewers, Leann Stroh, is already willing to put this program into action by forming a group of new parents. She invites everyone who has had, or will have, a baby in 2013 to form a group for mutual support, whether it’s socializing, walking together, or exchanging advice and babysitting services. You can reach her at 780-238-2679 – text messages work best.

If “Social Capital” is what makes Edmonton neighbourhoods “the best,” then as I see it, there is lots of room at number one!



A small sample of the assorted ghouls and goblins that attended this year’s Halloween Party

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# Virginia Park Greenhouse more than just produce

By JO-ANNE GRANSTROM

Many readers of this article may be familiar with a local neighbourhood business, Virginia Park Greenhouses previously located on 7534-110 Avenue. However, many of you may not know how that business began and who owned it.

Virginia Park Greenhouses was originally built in 1912. It had a few owners throughout its early years, one being a gentleman by the name of Blocklinger. Around 1920, Blocklinger borrowed money from Mr. Johnston, the owner of Johnston's Cafe (101 Street and Jasper Avenue).

The greenhouse went bankrupt around 1925 and sat empty for approximately three years. In 1928, Marius Granstrom and his brother, Pete, bought the business for \$5,000.

Marius and Pete got off to a rough first summer as the greenhouse crops got destroyed by hail. Mr. Johnston didn't want the business back so he let payment lapse for the entire year before Marius and Pete had to pay it back.

Virginia Park Greenhouses started out growing mainly vegetables. Back in the day, there were no houses around so it was just a big field of various crops. The corn and cabbage crops expanded East of 75A Street all the way to Concordia College, including the entire area from Ada Blvd to 112 Avenue.

Potatoes, peas and carrots were also grown west of 75A Street to 76 Street and 112 Avenue where the Hair Gallery sits today.

Children used to walk diagonally between the two trees on the corner of 7534-110 Avenue (which are still there today). Actually, the pathway divots between the first two trees can still be felt when you walk between them!

As years passed, Pete sold his share of the business to Marius (and his wife Kathrine). The business grew and they got a contract to sell vegetables to the RCMP (located at the top of Grierson Hill, site of the old Remand Centre). Back then, not everyone had money to buy food, especially during the time of the great depression.

Kathrine would place a flag up on their fence when they had left over vegetables letting the less fortunate grab a bite to eat.

As the business grew, they expanded from vegetables to

flower arrangements. Every Saturday, flowers were sold at the Market (located where the Stanley Milner Library is downtown). At the market, they had two stalls; one inside to sell their vegetables, and one outside for their horse to feed and have water.




In winter, coal was used to heat the greenhouses and they hand shovelled a ton of coal each and every night. The walls of the greenhouses were dug out and came down below grade. The rooftop came all the way down to the ground.

Around 1950, the greenhouses were torn down and a new one was built. The business was heated by natural gas which kept the building warm during the cold winter nights.

Marius and Kathrine had four children, the youngest named Ray Granstrom. Ray and his wife, Kathleen purchased the business in 1965. They had three children; the youngest named Jo-Ann – that would be me. My husband, Ross and I purchased my grandparents home in 2009. We tore the house down in October, 2011, and in December, 2012, we built a brand new energy efficient home.

Times have changed since the start of the small family business located in the heart of Virginia Park. I enjoy talking to the entire community about the history of the area where I once played. I especially enjoys seeing my son, Cason, say "Hi" to the dog named Ruffus that so many of you know. Ruffus lives in the house where the greenhouse once sat and where so many children walked on their way to school.





## Cold Weather Safety

Alberta Health Services EMS responds to many cold weather related emergencies every winter. Simple actions, such as: dressing appropriately and anticipating sudden weather changes, may help keep you warm and safe this season.

Frostnip	Frostbite
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Frostnip occurs when skin is extremely cold, but not frozen. It commonly affects the ears, nose, cheeks, fingers and toes;</li><li>• Skin appears red, but also turns white when pressed. It may also feel numb to the touch;</li><li>• When treated promptly, frost-nipped skin will heal without complication;</li><li>• Gently re-warming the affected area in a warm environment, is advised.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Frostbite occurs when skin becomes so cold, that the skin and underlying tissue freeze, completely;</li><li>• It may look white and waxy and will feel hard to the touch;</li><li>• Treatment begins with removal from the cold environment and placing the affected area in warm, <i>not hot</i>, water (about 41°C), until re-warmed;</li><li>• Seek further medical attention as required.</li></ul>

### Hypothermia

- Hypothermia is an abnormally low body temperature - less than 34°C (as compared to normal body temperature of about 37°C);
- People suffering hypothermia may act inappropriately with uncharacteristic stumbling, mumbling, and fumbling, as their body temperature continues to lower;
- Early recognition and prompt medical attention is crucial. Left untreated, hypothermia may progress to coma and death;
- Call 9-1-1. Don't forget to protect yourself from the factors that originally lead to the patient's situation;
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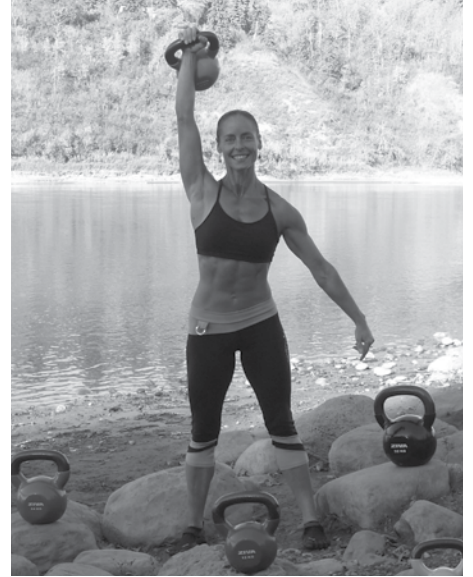
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# Musings of a Master Composter

By HERB GALE

The facility North East Edmonton Eco Station (to be located at 127th Avenue and 55th Street) was to be operational late 2013/early 2014. Construction has not commenced because tenders are currently being analysed. I would assume the Eco Station will be operational by mid-2015. One positive step is that the access roads to the site have been upgraded with new paving.

**Biofuel:** The word is that the plant will be fired up by the end of 2013. If all systems operate as intended, then burnable materials will be directed to the plant with full production in 2014.

**Greys Paper:** The plant is producing new paper from used cotton and recycled paper. Currently Greys paper and envelopes are available at Carbon Environmental Boutique, the Paint Spot, and Notables Stationers. The Paint Spot has tested the paper for suitable use for graphite, soft pastel, oil pastel, markers & ink, and acrylics. Bottom line: they say the paper is very good for each medium.

The City of Edmonton will be using the paper for general office use, once current stock is depleted.

## Disposal of Christmas "Stuff"

Prior to Christmas and after the unwrapping of presents we generate "Christmas garbage."

Kathy Cottee (manager of the garbage sorting crew at the Waste Management Facility) has some simple steps that will help make the sorters' job easier!

**Disposal of Strings of Christmas Lights:** If you are tossing out old strings of Christmas lights, please take the time to coil and tightly secure them with bands of duct tape. The light bulbs do not have to be removed. Strings of lights that are placed in plastic bags or just tossed (unwrapped) into the garbage become unravelling and, if not caught by the sorters, can get wedged in the sorting drums and conveyor belts. This causes down-time, as the offending material has to be dislodged and the equipment restarted.

**Disposal of Gift Wrap:** Paper, envelopes, greeting cards, gift wrap, cardboard boxes (flattened), etc goes into the blue bags. Aluminium foil, tin foil, bubble wrap, string, shredded paper, etc goes into garbage bags.

**Christmas Tree Disposal:** Prior to placing your natural Christmas tree out for disposal. remove all the ornaments, tinsel, garlands, nails, screws, tree stands. Cut long trees into two metre (six foot) lengths. The City will advise the dates when the trees have to be put out for pick up.

## Highlands Golf Course

Jamie Gansauge asked me to remind winter users of the Golf Course of the following:

1. Dog walkers need to pick up their dog's poop and throwing sticks. Deposit the refuse in the receptacles provided. Both items cause the grounds keepers grief in the spring.

2. The golf course is not an off-leash area. Please keep your dogs under control.



If you are planning on replacing old strings of lights this year, make sure to coil and tightly secure them with bands of duct tape. The light bulbs do not have to be removed.

3. Remember there is a range (skunks, porcupines, coyotes, deer, etc.) of wild animals that also use the golf course. Keep your distance and do not allow your dog(s) to chase! Injury to a dog could occur if there is an encounter.

4. Everyone (including dogs) are to stay away from the ponds early in the season. The ice needs to solidify. Rescuing a dog or a person who has fallen through the ice is not a fun activity at the best of times.

Remember – use of the Golf Course in winter is a privilege not a right. So we walkers, snowshoers, skiers and dog walkers need to treat the course with respect. We do not want to lose this great asset we have!

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# HHS celebrates 25 years

By Johanne Yakula

"In 1988 after a few glasses of wine with some Highlands neighbours in the lounge at La Boheme, the discussions centered around what a great neighbourhood we lived in."

So started Ted Smith's talk at the official celebration of the Highlands Historical Society's 25th anniversary which was held at the Magrath Mansion on August 18. The overall objective of this new group, he said, was "to enjoy and celebrate the past and present of our community with like-minded people and to take steps to ensure that the area's present vitality continues into the future".

Judith Hibberd, past president and active member, spoke about the days when the society almost folded. Due to the ongoing efforts of a small group of volunteers, however, the society has grown exponentially and today is highly regarded as an example of how people can truly make a difference when they are committed to a goal.

Members of the HHS were invited to attend this celebration, and it was followed by a public open house at the Magrath Mansion. Over 350 people visited this important historic home right here in the heart of the Highlands. The HHS wishes to thank Sid and Nellie Braaksma for their continued support throughout the years.



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# 100 years of a great life and memories

By GRANT MCLEAN and HERB GALE

The Motta family had a baby girl born at the Prince Albert Hospital. That girl was Emilie, who now has celebrated 100 birthdays.

Emilie's earliest memories are of living in the town of St Brieux (named by French Settlers) located south west of Melford, Saskatchewan. She remembers arriving by horse-drawn wagon to a new log house which was built by their neighbours. At that time, her father worked at La Colle Hydroelectric in a colliery which closed during World War 1.

There were no close neighbours to play with; transportation was by horse-drawn cart or sled in the winter. The doctor used a cutter (horse-drawn carriage) for house calls in the winter.

Tuberculosis took her mother when Emilie was seven years old, and Emilie and her siblings were cared for by a neighbouring family while her dad worked. Every fall, a wagon would deliver a big grocery order to put up in the root cellar for the coming winter months.

Entertainment was Saturday night community dances at Shannon View School. All the school desks would be pushed against a wall, and local talent would provide the music. As families arrived for the dances, the mothers would place their babies on a long shelf along one wall in the baskets they had brought them in, side by side like so many loaves of bread (very carefully watched bread).

Before she left school in grade nine as a teenager, Emilie's Saturday afternoons were filled with baseball or basketball.

After leaving the family home, Emilie babysat children until she became enchanted with hair styling. She was lucky to be accepted for training at the Marvel Hair Styling School in Saskatoon.

After completing her training, Emilie plied her trade throughout Saskatchewan (where some of the hair salons were located behind the barber shop). One highlight in her career was attending the First World Beauty Convention in Vienna, where she spent a glorious two weeks enjoying European hospitality.

In 1944 Emilie was married in a Calgary church. Marriage ended her hairdressing career, as her husband, Hugh, did not approve of his wife working.

For the first several years of their marriage, the McLeans lived in many Edmonton houses, one located across from Highlands United Church. Rent control was in place in Edmonton which made finding accommodations difficult, and finding a new home was even more difficult.

However, Hugh discovered a house under construction at the corner of 113 Avenue and 57 Street. The original purchaser backed out of the deal and the McLeans purchased their new home in 1950. Hugh had the lino and carpet floor changed to oak (cost \$120.00) and some millwork added. The family, including three very young children, moved into an unfinished house where the plaster was still wet!

When Hugh died in 1951, Emilie did the best she could and never thought of moving away from Highlands. She noted that being a widow meant she did not face any discrimination for being a single mother. Emilie remained at home raising her three boys until they went to Highlands Junior High.

Upon returning to work, she worked as a stylist at Woodward's until it closed its salon and transferred to the Eaton's salon by arrangement of Woodward's management. Later, Emilie became an instructor at Marvel College in Edmonton and taught there for almost 20 years.

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In her early years, Emilie McLean was a bright, independent young woman who study at Marvel Hair Styling School.

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In her spare time, Emilie was kept busy by the demands of the boys; making hats, attending antique auctions at Highlands Community Hall, services at Highlands United Church, having tea and tea cup readings with her work mates, and, of course, yard work!

Until the children could help, Emilie did all the lawn mowing with a push mower, shovelling snow, and gardening. Every summer, two weeks or more were spent at Lake Wabamun. Emilie attributes her longevity to not smoking, no alcohol (except for a glass of wine at Christmas), but this does not include the brandy in the coffee after shovelling snow.

Currently three times a week, Emilie is chauffeured (by Miss Daisy) to Choice Norwood. There she socializes, exercises, plays games, etc. At home, she listens to the radio, watches birds, and keeps in touch with her four grandchildren and son who live in Italy.

The twins reside in Edmonton and look after their Mum. Emilie enjoys sharing memories of her early life and early days in the developing Highlands Community.



Photo HERB GALE

Seen here at Mount Royal school with Edmonton Elections worker, Murray Hoke, Emilie McLean casts her ballot during the city's last election.

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# CRIME: you can be an agent for change

By **JANICE FLEMING WEEKS**

So many times, I've heard people complain about a neighbour or a home where there is drug-dealing going on and they think nothing can be done about it. You can be the agent for change if you work with your police, community residents, patrol and SCAN (Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods).

This happened to me, approximately three years ago, near my home in Bellevue. I had several neighbours complain to me about a house near mine, which was not a rental. There seemed to be drug deals going on, a lot of cars were broken into and prostitutes started coming into our neighbourhood. Both I and the police had spoken to the owner and occupants, but nothing was accomplished.

I wrote a letter to residents in my area who knew of the criminal activity and followed up with a private meeting in my home. We then organized two community league general meetings with the police and our city counsellors. We had a huge turnout and a lot of interest. During this process, another drug house down the street burnt down. I was so happy for the neighbours nearby, who had to endure this atrocity for years.

I also contacted Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN), a provincial-based funded organization that sends surveillance into the area once you call its toll-free number, 1-866-960-7226. A member of the SCAN unit will confidentially and discreetly contact you about your concerns.

Any member of the community can make a confidential complaint to SCAN – you will not be called as a witness nor identified to any policy agency or court. SCAN investigators can

then begin an investigation, gather information, issue a warning letter to the property owner, mediate the dispute and even apply to the Court of Queens's Bench for a community safety order (CSO).

This is a court order that can require the occupants to vacate and allow SCAN to seize the property up to 90 days, and can also impose conditions on occupancy or tenancy. The more calls they get regarding the same address, the higher the surveillance level rises to become a higher priority. I worked closely with our neighbourhood police and SCAN. For more information on SCAN, visit [www.solgps.alberta.ca/safe\\_communities/scan](http://www.solgps.alberta.ca/safe_communities/scan)

The final straw for me was when a drug deal went down right before my eyes as my husband and I walked down the back lane with my three-year-old on a summer day.

The next day I called Global TV and had an on-camera interview with them. When the reporter asked what I wanted done, I simply said, "We want them to move out of the neighbourhood. We have a lovely community and the people and families who live here do not deserve this type of activity here."

The following day after this interview aired, a for-sale sign went up on the home the next day. It sold to a nice family who redesigned the home. We do have the power to eliminate unwanted residents, especially those who commit acts of crime in our community.

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By KAREN NELSON

Remember the garbage can with the beautiful dog painting on it from the last issue? This is what it looks like now – this is a sign that crime is not only moving in, but is in our neighbourhood.

It is up to all of us to take action and make those accountable for their actions. The police, agencies and community are there to help you.

In November, we held a community general meeting at the Bellevue Hall that provided some much needed information to area residents. The police were on hand to answer questions and help provide strategies on dealing with difficult situations. Please watch for a follow-up column on the outcome of that meeting.

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Despite the increased awareness of the need for donor organs in Canada, there is still a shortage; about 200 people still die each year while waiting for transplants because no suitable organ is available. If more people were registered as organ donors, perhaps some of those lives could be saved. When such legislation was introduced in Israel there was a dramatic increase in the number of people who registered as organ donors. Perhaps many who are not now registered here in Canada would similarly be motivated to do so.

I have some personal experience. In 2010, after years of daily dialysis required to replace her failing kidneys function, my sister Sue was privileged to receive a new kidney from an anonymous donor. To be liberated from the dialysis machine was such a joy for her and such a blessing to all her friends and to our family, all due to the generosity of someone who signed an organ donor card and a family who thought of others in their grief.

I want to stress that this is a situation where the medical needs of the transplant candidates are determined to be identical. It does not allow a person to jump the transplant queue, but it does provide doctors with an extra criterion they can use when making what can be a very difficult choice.

I think we should do whatever we can to encourage Canadians to become organ donors. You never know when someone in your family may need such a gift. It might even be you.

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# The trials of a would-be composter

By JOHN TIDRIDGE

I first learned about composting around the time I first heard of the Esperanto language. This would have been about 63 years ago, when I was in school. I would suggest that both have enjoyed about the same amount of popularity.

It is probably sacrilegious to question the benefits of composting, but my own experiences have not been happy ones. I was first exposed to the 'art' of composting as I began work on a small holding in the UK. The owner had a huge 'compost' heap (about eight feet square and four feet high). I should add that my boss was quite progressive and had several hundred feet of cloche-cultivated vegetables and strawberries. I digress...

## The dog was keen

Much material was added to the pile but it was not, to my knowledge, ever turned. One day he decided it was to be turned out and onto the land. He brought his dog along. For some reason that was quickly apparent, the dog, a bull terrier, sat watching, then suddenly would dart into the compost pile and come back with ... a rat.

What the dog didn't get, the boss shot with his .22 rifle. I had the task of filling wheelbarrow after wheelbarrow and dumping it on the land. The compost container was not refilled.

It was another six to eight years before I ventured again into the compost arena. Now owning a home and 'inheriting' a compost container, I really tried to do it right, using all the correct materials, turning it frequently. The results were not particularly good. I finally waited until the bin, which was filled to capacity at one time, completely rotted down. It shrank by at least 75%. The remaining material looked OK, did not smell, but covered so little ground it was hardly worth the effort.

## Two bin project

The trouble was that my garden could not produce enough waste to produce enough compost on a continuing basis. One would need two bins – one being worked on and the other being filled. I used household material, grass clippings, (reluctantly; they are a pain, clogged together and were hard to mix in with the rest of the material). Leaves just disappeared, apart from the veins and ribs and whatever they

are called.

Moving ahead several years, I occupied a position, handling bylaw infraction complaints. Composting was now the 'in' thing and there were great efforts by various groups and the City to compost anything that could not be tied down. (hyperbole for emphasis!).

We received complaints about containers, their size, their construction and their location. More complaints were received about the material used, the amount of material being used, and the smell of the material.

Most concerns were resolved amicably. The City produced and distributed written material. I even attended a session of the Master Composter group and offered some advice so neighbours would not be upset. We made suggestions for locating bins and stressed that the compost be handled according to the written material.

I learned from the man handling the composting section for the City at that time, that compost was not the 'best thing since sliced bread' and that at least double 'portions' would have to be used to make it useful, compared to other fertilizers. After all, it is rotted material.

So, to Herb Gale, my fellow scribe and Master Composter: good composting, but don't count me in. Leaf me out please!



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# Recognizing the first Highlands settlers

By **CAROL SNYDER**, Highlands Historical Society and **CAROLE TYSON-FLYN**, great granddaughter of James and Ingram Gullion

With funding from the Highlands Historical Society, the City of Edmonton has recently installed a new bench on Ada Blvd. at the intersection of 64 Street. This bench marks the site where the Gullions settled, the first non-Aboriginal family that lived on this land.

James Ingram Gullion was a native of Orkney Islands, Scotland. He joined the Hudson's Bay Company in 1856 and was stationed at Fort Edmonton from 1857 to 1874, working as a boat-builder from 1863 to 1874. James claimed this land, River Lot 32, in the early 1870s when the land was first surveyed, divided, and then made available to Hudson's Bay Company employees.

James married Flora Fraser in 1867 and they lived within Fort Edmonton before moving to the river lot. They were the parents of 10 children. The first two were born at Fort Edmonton and the remaining eight were born on the river lot. The family cleared land and farmed here from 1873 until James' death in 1902, approximately 30 years. James was one of the first members of Rev. George McDougall's Methodist Church in the early 1870s (The original church is now in Fort Edmonton Park).

James' and Flora's neighbours, along what is now Ada Blvd., were all ex-Hudson's Bay Company employees. James' brother George and his family lived on River Lot 34. Flora's sister Betsy was married to William Borwick and they lived on River Lot 30.

John Fraser, brother of Flora and Betsy, lived on River Lot 28, where Concordia College stands today.

Flora died in 1899 and James died in 1902. Ownership of River Lots 32 and 34 eventually passed to Magrath and Holgate who began development of The Highlands in 1912.



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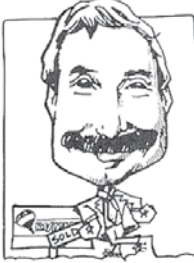
LEFT: The Gullion Family plaque that graces a new bench in the family's honour. ABOVE: Flora Gullion and her family.






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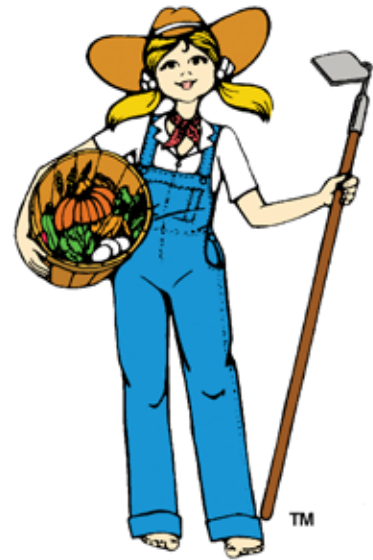
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# He named that last spot

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## NTS Has Run Its Course

The Name That Spot contest has run for more than two years, but now it's time has come to an end. It served to generate interest in our surroundings and the history of our neighbourhood, and get us all paying closer attention to those businesses, amenities, and sometimes-small-details that make this 'Hood unique.



Photo SUSAN PETRINA-PRETTIE

A member of Mario's staff presents a very happy Jeff Nachtigall with a gift certificate.

We want to thank you for participating, and we extend a special thank you to all of our local businesses that generously sponsored each contest.



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# Highlands Hall update

By SUSAN PETRINA-PRETTIE

The Highlands Hall Revitalization Committee had its convening meeting November 3. Following Highlands CL's June AGM, many community members expressed interest in participating in this very important neighbourhood renewal project.

For some of you reading, this is brand new information; for others, you have read this story several times before, and for many years past—decades, actually.

Credit must be given to the many volunteer residents who embraced this project in previous years, for they compiled the information that serves as the foundation for this new team.

For better or worse we must begin anew. There was consensus around the table that we are a reinvigorated community, and we are energized and committed to seeing this project through to whatever the community decides we need.

The Committee reviewed the successes and challenges encountered by previous boards and committees. For starters, we must adhere to the City's current procedural steps that will include neighbourhood surveys and consultations to evaluate and anticipate this community's current and future needs.

Here's what we agreed upon after the first meeting:

- 1) We will get this done.
- 2) We can't do it alone, so that means if you want a new/improved facility—Get Involved. We need your help.

And, 3) We need a punchier name other than the awkward



Photo SUSAN PETRINA-PRETTIE

The hall maybe in bad shape, but that doesn't stop Highlanders from coming out and enjoying community events such as Community League day (shown here), Pub Night or any of the many other community events hosted and/or sponsored by the Highlands Community League.

and uninspiring 'Highlands Hall Revitalization Committee.'

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# Exciting things happening at Highlands School

By **BRAD BURNS**, principal

Highlands School is off to a great start this year, a year of renewal, and a year full of hope. For a century now, Highlands School has been serving our community, providing education for children from Edmonton's upper-east side. As we plan our 100th birthday celebration, which is scheduled to take place from May 30 through June 1 of 2014, I can't help but think about our journey into the next century.

Highlands School is responding to the community with a new commitment to arts education. Both elementary schools in our community have been teaching through arts core programming over the past several years. Upon completion of grade 6, students and families had only one option in the city to continue learning under an arts-core focus. Now Highlands School is beginning to program with this in mind.

With an increase in enrolment of over 25% this year, we have been able to hire a few new teachers which has made it possible to introduce Dance, Fiddle and Creative Writing to our option programming. Other options offered this year include Visual Arts, Culinary Arts, Environmental Education, Personal Fitness, and Digital Design.



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Highlands School principal (and community resident) Brad Burns with his daughter, Sophia, at HCL's Community League Day celebration held in September.

## Highlands School Centennial celebrations

100th Birthday Party at the school – May 30  
Alumni Dinner, Highlands Golf Club – May 31  
Tours at the school – June 1  
For more information please contact Grace Morrison at [gnmorrison@yahoo.ca](mailto:gnmorrison@yahoo.ca)

This exciting list of options is designed to fill each student's toolbox with creative problem-solving skills that can then be used to articulate their understanding of curricular outcome in their core classes.

As we continue to reshape our programming to continue to provide quality educational opportunities at Highlands School, we are seeking a meaningful connection with the community. To achieve this, we are establishing a vision committee comprising parents, staff members, and community members.

The vision committee will explore ways to increase the social capital of Highlands School while providing programming that responds to the values of the neighbourhood. Beyond her amazing architecture and historical significance, Highlands School has the potential to become a hub of community activity. We are excited to begin building this relationship with our community.

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# Mount Royal is growing in numbers

By **SUSAN RUTTAN**

Our neighbourhood elementary school, Mount Royal School, is in great shape this year.

Enrolment has surged from 152 last year to 205 this fall, says new principal Donna Forfylow. That includes an impressive 43 kindergarten students – so many that two classes were warranted. And starting this fall, the school again has its own principal.

The impressive new numbers come five years after Mount Royal School was twinned with Virginia Park Elementary as an alternative to school closure. During those years the two schools shared a principal. Virginia Park had a long history of effective and popular arts core programming. Working collaboratively, the two schools expanded upon these successes to provide arts core education at both sites.

“This school has built a strong reputation within the community,” says Forfylow. The arts core programming has been a real strength for Mount Royal, drawing children from outside Highlands as well as

from the neighbourhood.

In arts core programming, all students participate in fine arts classes including art, music, drama and dance as part of their learning. The use of the arts to express learning is a core value.

This year, students will work with an Artist-in-Residence to create a large mosaic, with each child crafting a tile to be part of the mural.

One of the draws to Mount Royal is a day care and after-school program, run by Little Einsteins Daycare, right in the school. Forfylow says parents find this handy. With the Little Einsteins program, all the space in the building is well utilized, she adds.

Parents also appreciate the safe culture and climate at Mount Royal, says Forfylow. “Our students report that they feel safe at school, and coming to and from school.”

Although new to Mount Royal, Forfylow lives in the neighbourhood. Three generations of her family have attended Highlands Junior High School. She looks



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Mount Royal Elementary (and community resident) principal Donna Forfylow highlighted the school’s arts core curriculum at its league day information table.

forward to working in partnership with Highlands school as it embarks on the journey of introducing similar programming.

Not too many years ago, the future of Mount Royal School was threatened by low enrolment. How nice to see it flourishing.



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# The history of Borden Park

By **JANICE FLEMING WEEKS**

In the year 1907, the City of Edmonton decided to develop an east end City Park. The project was originally considered a white elephant because of its sloughs and its distance from the City centre. The City was interested in making this park into a Zoological Garden, and they transferred three buffalo into the park for viewing.

In 1910, the Exhibition Grounds were constructed with new buildings, a racetrack with grandstands in the middle of the park, stables and stockyards and a main entrance.

In 1914, when Prime Minister Sir Robert Laird Borden visited the City Park, the City decided to rename the park after him.

In 1925, the original pool and other buildings were constructed, as well as the Borden Park Funland including the “green rattler” Rollercoaster, a Tunnel of Love called the Old Mill and a merry-go-round. All were dismantled in the ‘30s except the pool.

In 1926, Borden Park became the Edmonton Zoo and the zoo began to expand with many types of animals. Les Grant, one of our former presidents of Bellevue Community League, told me when I interviewed him last year for the Bellevue Video Project, that he remembers as a child seeing the bears in the pit and the conditions for the animals were very poor – as Gord Viske, another former president of Bellevue Community League, also remembers. They recall going to the zoo park and seeing various animals during their childhood years in Bellevue.

In 1958, the Edmonton Zoo was moved out of Borden Park to Laurier Park as it was determined to be a better location. The smells and sounds of the zoo would not affect the residents as much, but the site was still close for people to travel to.

On July 1, 1958 Mayor Hawrelak reopened Borden Park as a newly designed park. The park now had a band shell, sports fields, playgrounds and shelters, wading pools, picnic areas, tennis and skating facilities, landscaping, sidewalks and parking for 800 cars.



Courtesy City of Edmonton Archives

Edmontonians enjoying a day at Borden Park pool; the roller-coaster can be seen in the background.

The Outdoor Pool went up for lease in 1984.

Borden Park has long been a site for family fun and many special events. To this day, it continues to provide a wonderful green space for people of all ages to enjoy the wonders of a park. The new renovations for the 100-year-old historic park will be completed by 2015. 2014 will see a new carousel, a replica of one of the past, in the center of the park. The new pond pool should be ready by 2015.

## Highlands Street Festival Welcomes New Lead Planner

The Highlands Street Festival is excited to welcome Nicole Gabert as Lead Planner. Nicole, her husband Jordan and two-month old are relatively new to the Highlands and super excited to engage in the community. Nicole saw the advertisement in the last *HIGHLIGHTS* magazine and thought, “Festival Planner – this could be the position for me!”

With event planning experience and an education in graphics and design, Nicole is a perfect fit. She brings an abundance of ideas, enthusiasm and event “know how” to an already great festival.

Save the date! This coming year, the Highlands Street Festival will be on Sunday, June 8 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Volunteers are always needed. Please contact Nicole at [nicolgabert@gmail.com](mailto:nicolgabert@gmail.com) or 780-885-6710 to be a part of this great event that showcases the Highlands.

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# Highlands Farmers Market has a new manager



By **ARIE JOL**

The Highlands Farmers Market is a very young market compared to many in Edmonton, but in just two years it has come a long way.

As many of you know, we are now a year-round market, having moved to St. Mary's church (in the basement) on Thursdays for the winter months, and its already being well-received.

None of this could have been possible without the vision and dedication of Yvette Cioran. Two years ago, she came up with the idea, did all the legwork in bringing vendors to our area and giving local residents yet another reason to love where they live.

Yvette has stepped down as market manager, and I have taken her place ... but not before making sure she would

continue to help me with the computer end of things – not my strong suit.

A big Thank You to you, Yvette, for your continued community spirit and support.

I look forward to seeing many Bellevue and Highlands faces at the market this winter. If you would like more information on being a vendor or just on the market, please call me at 780-474-0535.

## Have you got your Highlands membership yet?

By **RHODA MCDONOUGH, HCL Membership director**

Highlands Community League is happy to be selling your 2013/14 Memberships!

Why purchase a membership? By becoming a member of our Community League is a demonstration of your commitment to your community. It also gives you a discounted rate for many of our League's programs AND the City of Edmonton along with The Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues have created a new program called "The Community League Wellness Program" offering a 10% admission discount to all the City of Edmonton Recreation facilities.

If you have children who will be participating in league soccer or hockey, a community league membership is required. This will be one less task to be completed during this busy month of September.

Purchase your memberships at Mandolin Books at 6419-112 Avenue or purchase online at Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues at [www.efcl.org](http://www.efcl.org)

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## BELLEVUE BRIGHT LIGHTS CONTEST

Bellevue community League is having a Bellevue Bright Lights contest. We encourage all residents who live in Bellevue between the boundaries – west side of 67 Street, from 118 Avenue to Ada Blvd & river and east to 78 Street & 112 Avenue, south to the river bank – to light up your house.

Please deck your homes with Christmas lights and decorations. A panel of judges will be touring around the neighbourhood until Dec. 20. If your home is chosen, you will find a letter of nomination in your mailbox if your home is chosen as a finalist. Three homes will be awarded first, second and third prizes. We will select the winners on Monday, Dec. 23 and deliver the prizes to your home before Christmas.

If you live in Bellevue and want to nominate a home, please post your nomination on our Facebook page under the name *The Bellevue Community League* and list the street address of the home you wish to nominate. These will also be acknowledged.

# New general manager at Highlands Golf Club

By **TED SMITH**

On Oct. 7, 2013 the Highlands Board was very pleased to announce that Mr. Graig Walsh was selected from a large group of qualified applicants as the new general manager of the Highlands Golf Club. Graig (pronounced Greg) Walsh has been the recreation manager for the City of Cold Lake over the past five years and oversaw the management of all recreational events, facilities and programs for the city. This included the multipurpose recreation centre, golf and winter club, museum, marina, building maintenance for all city facilities, as well as a wide variety of special events in Cold Lake. Prior to being in Cold Lake, Walsh was the general manager and head golf professional in Grand Centre along with other developmental roles in the golf industry.

If you are wondering about where the name Graig came from... well, his father was a big Yankee baseball fan and so named his son after the great third basemen, Graig Nettles.

A former head golf pro, Walsh has a Bachelor of Arts from the U of A, an MBA, a diploma in Business Management and a Certificate of Specialization in Professional Golf Management from the University of Lethbridge. It certainly sounds like the Board has hired the right person for the job. With an amazing staff in the clubhouse, pro shop and grounds, the members are looking forward to some exciting changes in 2014 and beyond.

Walsh and his wife, Erin, have a two-year-old daughter, Andy, and are expecting a second child in early January. The Highlands Community would be the perfect community for Walsh and his young family to settle in and join all the other young families living here. If being the fourth best community in the city and the 10th best community in Canada isn't reason enough to live here, than being a few minutes from the lovely Highlands Golf Club (and his new office) without having those rush hour commutes should convince them that the Bellevue and Highlands communities are the place to settle down.

He's impressed with the number of Highlands and Bellevue community members he already sees walking their dogs or cross-country skiing on the golf course, but cautions that now that the course has closed, to be careful as the wildlife is venturing back. He hopes many of you will enjoy dining in the club and using the facility for business meetings, anniversaries and weddings.

The club has an excellent offer for new members who are interested in golfing on one of the finest golf courses in the Edmonton area. He knows that a number of residents of the local communities are members at the club and hopes many more will join and enjoy this wonderful club and course.

Walsh grew up in Cold Lake and was involved in many sports. With his height, he was a natural for basketball, volleyball, badminton, hockey and of course, golf.

He hopes to maintain the tradition of the Highlands course and introduce many new initiatives to increase membership. Walsh is passionate about junior golf programs and other instructional programs for members and the community. He is very




Photo **BARB MARTOWSKI**

Graig Walsh, Highlands Golf Club's new top man.

pleased to have been selected as the new general manager and look forward to having a long term relationship with the golf club and the local communities.

The staff and members at the club welcome him into his new job and hope that he and his family enjoy the golf club, living in Edmonton and hopefully in the Highlands or Bellevue communities. If you are down at the club or see Walsh around in the community, please say hello and welcome him and his family to our great communities.



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## Let's play hockey!

By **HOWARD LAWRENCE**

Attention Highlands, Bellevue, Virginia Park guys – if you are interested in play men's hockey, keep reading.

We have booked the Russ Barnes indoor arena (121 Avenue and 67 Street) for Thursday nights from 9:15 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. through the winter for Adult hockey. Games began on Oct. 3 and we play 25 games through to Mar. 27.

Folks of all skill levels are welcome. This will be no hit, full equipment hockey. We will divide teams each week and seek to ensure that we have goalies for every game.

The cost is \$300 per player, for the season. We will limit the number of skaters to 28 per night. I am sure however, that there will be lots of nights with only two lines per team. Friends can join us to a max of five times for \$20 per skate.

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*All programs are held at Highlands Community Hall, 6112-113 Ave., unless otherwise stated*

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### Youth Night – Dec. 6

Junior High (7-pm) Night at Bellevue  
Senior High (9-11pm) Night at Bellevue  
Children welcome from Bellevue, Virginia Park & Highlands neighbourhoods.

### Bellevue Children's Puppet Show

Dec. 14, 1-3:30 pm  
Xmas gingerbread craft and guest speaker – chiropractor



### Men's Night at Bellevue – Dec. 27, 8pm

### Youth Night – Jan 3

Junior High (7-pm) Night at Bellevue  
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### Registration for Winter Classes - Jan 16

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
Ballroom Dancing -- First class begins at 7pm (cha cha, rumba, tango, salsa, waltz, jive, two step, Greek dance) beginner – (Eight lessons)  
Wednesdays, January 15 – March 5 7-8:30 pm  
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### Bellevue Children's Puppet Show – Jan 18

1 – 2:30 pm

### Men's Night at Bellevue – Jan 24, 8pm

### Bellevue Children's Puppet Show, 1 – 2:30 pm

Feb 15 – Valentine theme  
March 15 – Spring Theme  
April 19 – Egg Hunt  
May 17 – Spring Plants

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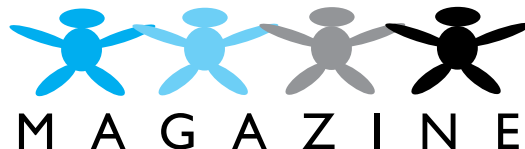
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