

# Cloverdale Chronicle

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### *Grand Opening of Spray Park and Tot Lot*

The date for the grand opening date of the 'Spray Park and Tot Lot' will be **Tuesday, July 5th**. There will be representatives from the City and Province to join us in opening our new park additions. We invite you and your family and join us for the celebration. The time of the ceremony will soon be announced on the message board outside the hall.

### *Family BBQ*

This year's Family BBQ will be held at the end of the summer so we can utilize our new spray park! Date to be announced.

## FOLK FESTIVAL CONCESSION

Cloverdale resident children (ages 10 and up) are encouraged to consider participating in the concession. Planning meetings commenced in mid-May but there is still time to get involved.

The concession is in need of a new refrigerator/freezer for the hall. If you have an old one that works well and no longer want it, the concession kids would be happy to pick it up from you.

The concession is also looking for sponsors. Are you interested in having your business featured on the sides of wagons or supplying branded cups or other materials?

Please contact Jeremy Cherlet, Junior Achiever Leader, at [Jeremy.cherlet@gmail.com](mailto:Jeremy.cherlet@gmail.com) for more information.

## THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

A big thank you to all of the volunteers who participated in the April 11 and 12 casino and the May 1 river valley clean up. Our community wouldn't be the same without your efforts!

Also, a big thank you to Jim Macdonald, Bernadette DeSantis, Stacey Bilou and Murray Schneider for organizing and hosting the first annual Cloverdale Rock Lobster Party on June 4. Great food, great music and great neighbours ensured a fabulous time had by all.

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**Cloverdale Book Club**

The Cloverdale book club meets once a month. Please contact Fredda Cherlet at [fredda@shaw.ca](mailto:fredda@shaw.ca) to join.

**Summer Yoga Classes**

Please contact Stacey Bilou at [staceyfortin@hotmail.com](mailto:staceyfortin@hotmail.com) or Bernadette DeSantis at [bdesantis@shaw.ca](mailto:bdesantis@shaw.ca) to register.

**Dance Program**

The Children's Dance Program will resume again in the fall. Please contact Chantal at [forthe loveofdance@shaw.ca](mailto:forthe loveofdance@shaw.ca) for details and to register your child.

**Indoor Playground**

The indoor playground (infant to pre-school) will resume again in the fall. For more information, or to register, please contact Laura Shylko at [laurashylko@hotmail.com](mailto:laurashylko@hotmail.com) .

**Outdoor Soccer**

After 3 successful years of outdoor U6 and U8 soccer programs, Cloverdale was unable to offer a soccer program this spring due to the lack of a soccer coordinator. If you would like to bring soccer back to Cloverdale for the 2012 season, please consider being the coordinator. Please contact Bernadette DeSantis for more information.

**Boot Camp**

Cloverdale resident, Bridgette Jarosch, will run an evening boot camp if there is enough interest. The monthly boot camp would run from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Monday and Wednesday evenings (8 classes per session). The boot camp would be held outdoors, rain or shine, and would meet at the CCL Hall before heading out on the Millcreek trails south of Connors Road and the trails near the Edmonton Queen Riverboat.

Please contact Stacey Bilou at [staceyfortin@hotmail.com](mailto:staceyfortin@hotmail.com) for more information.

## CCL COMMITTEE UPDATES

### *Edmonton Ski Club (ESC) Liaison Committee*

- A vision for year-round recreation in the Heart of the City -

On May 31, representatives of the Cloverdale Community League (CCL) attended a “visioning session” about the proposed redevelopment of the Edmonton Ski Club. Hosted by the ESC, the session included representatives of the Edmonton chapter of the Alpine Club of Canada, the Edmonton Freestyle Ski Club, Bonne Doon Community League, the City of Edmonton, and the Edmonton Folk Music Festival.

As reported in previous issues of the Chronicle, the ESC has proposed to redevelop its lodge and other infrastructure with a view to creating year-round multi-purpose cultural and recreational facilities that would help the ESC become financially sustainable.

Though community concerns about the size and scope of the proposed redevelopment remain unresolved, the visioning session was a positive step towards a more cooperative and collaborative relationship between the community and the ESC. The session also produced a preliminary consensus among all the stakeholders in favour of creating an alliance or partnership to pursue the development of facilities that could make the central river valley the downtown hub of year-round, multi-purpose public cultural and recreational activities.

There was some diversity of views as to how such facilities could be funded and what activities they could support. The facilities might include redeveloped ESC infrastructure including a new lodge, expansion of skiing, biking and hiking trails, and an alpine climbing wall. Supporting

infrastructure could include a new access road to the ESC from the west (replacing the current 96A St. access) and a relocated ESC parking lot further to the west.

Recognizing that preservation of recreational parkland in the central river valley is the unifying objective of all the stakeholders, CCL representatives expressed qualified support for the proposals, with the following caveats:

- The 400-seat music venue tentatively proposed as part of the redevelopment is a non-starter for the community.
- New facilities and infrastructure should be situated as far west as possible.
- Redevelopment should minimize visual, traffic, parking and noise impacts in the neighbourhood.

It should be emphasized that the proposals are at a very early stage, but also that there is great potential to develop central river valley cultural and recreational facilities in a way that would benefit Cloverdale residents and Edmontonians in general. Our ESC liaison committee will continue to monitor ESC planning and meet with other stakeholders to explore the proposed alliance or partnership.

A copy of a summary of the results of the visioning session will be posted on the CCL website. This document should be considered a record of the discussion that took place at the session. It should be used as a trigger to further discussion rather than any indication that decisions have been made or community positions finalized.

Anyone who wishes to attend future meetings should register with liaison committee chair Bruce Brandell at [bbrandell@epcor.ca](mailto:bbrandell@epcor.ca).

Bruce Brandell

### ***LRT Liaison Committee***

- LRT Coming our Way -

This month council is expected to fund the next phase of the engineering for the LRT. We anticipate that the project team will come to the stakeholder groups sometime in September to begin public consultation. As engineering progresses, we may see construction as early as next year, but likely in 2013. As well the city is moving forward with Transit Oriented Development (TOD) guidelines that could call for more densification of our neighbourhood. As such, now is the time to start to do the background research on our issues with the current plan, and community members have stepped up to help lead the charge on the issues. We will be meeting in the next few weeks to get the research underway, and get ready for the fall. Your researchers on issues identified include:

- Chris Floden: TOD Guidelines, consultation process.
- Roger Lundberg: Noise abatement.
- Mary Cameron: Station location and design.
- Ron Cherlet and Al Slemko: Bridge design and positioning.
- Russ Clark: Ski hill
- Sarah Hoffman (TBC): Intersection
- Paul Bunner: ESC west side access.

If you are interested in getting involved in the process or want more information about the LRT plans, contact Chris Floden at [chris@speedshift.ca](mailto:chris@speedshift.ca).

Chris Floden

### ***Playground Redevelopment Committee***

The Park Redevelopment Committee is very pleased to announce that, on May 13, 2011, the CCL was presented with a cheque for \$100,000 from the Honourable Lindsay Blackett - Minister for Culture and Community Spirit under the Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP). Paul Bunner, CCL President and Murray Schneider, CCL Vice President were invited to a reception at the Alberta Legislature where a select group of local recipients received their grants. We were joined by 9 local MLAs, which included 4 Alberta government ministers.

Through the Community Facility Enhancement Program, Albertans are able to assist non-profit organizations to plan, upgrade and develop community use facilities and places that enhance community life and well being. Minister Blackett thanked each recipient for their commitment to public service within their communities, and noted that the community investment grants are how Albertans, through their government, are able to invest in the amazing work of organizations in their own communities. Minister Blackett stated that the Government of Alberta is committed to the building of safe, healthy and inclusive communities throughout the province, and that they will do that by standing behind our local non-profit groups. The Minister also announced that the government has provided another \$38 million in CFEP funding for 2011-12. This is excellent news as the Park Redevelopment Committee will need to apply again for a CFEP grant in order to complete our redevelopment plan for Gallagher Park - our jewel in the river valley.

As a result of the \$100,000 CFEP grant the CCL was able to proceed with the Tot Lot portion of the redevelopment. The tender for the construction had already been approved and we were able to

move quickly to the construction phase.

A big thanks to all the parents and kids for being extra careful around the construction site.

Stay tuned for future announcements as we shall have a big party when we open up the new park for all the kids - young and old.

Murray Schneider



**PRESENTATION OF CFEP GRANT TO THE CLOVERDALE COMMUNITY LEAGUE:**

From Left: Fred Horne, MLA Edmonton Rutherford; Hon. Thomas Lukaszuk, MLA Edmonton Castle Downs; Janice Sarich, MLA Edmonton Decore; Hon. Dave Hancock, MLA Edmonton Whitemud; Murray Schneider, VP CCL (holding the big cheque); Hon Lindsay Blackett, MLA Calgary Northwest; Tony Vandermeer, MLA Edmonton Beverly-Clareview; Paul Bunner, Pres CCL; Naresh Bhardwaj, MLA Edmonton Ellerslie; Carl Benito, MLA Edmonton Millwoods; Hon. Gene Zwozdesky, MLA Edmonton Millcreek.

## ***Folk Festival Liaison Committee***

- Folk Fest Update -

The Edmonton Folk Music Festival will run in Gallagher Park for four days only this year, from Thursday, August 4th through to Sunday, August 7th. No Wednesday night show will be held.

Please check your mailboxes for the annual "Important Information for Cloverdale Residents" flyer which will be delivered in July, and will also be available on the Cloverdale website.

Any questions in the meantime can be directed to the Cloverdale Liaison Chair, Dino Bottos, at 780-465-7847 or cell: 780-940-6060 or email: [dbottos@pringlelaw.ca](mailto:dbottos@pringlelaw.ca).

## **CCL WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER**

To advertise upcoming community events on our website, [www.cloverdalecommunity.com](http://www.cloverdalecommunity.com), please contact Janet Hardy at 780-439-3149 or [hardyboys@shaw.ca](mailto:hardyboys@shaw.ca).

To advertise upcoming community events in the Cloverdale Chronicle, or to be registered for email distribution, please send an email to [cloverdalechronicle@gmail.com](mailto:cloverdalechronicle@gmail.com).

## **CCL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

Memberships are \$5 for individuals and \$10 for families and provide a voice in your community's ongoing development, discounted rates at City of Edmonton pools and leisure centers, discounts on CCL Hall rentals (some conditions apply), access to community programs and free skating at community ice rinks. To purchase your membership, please contact Janet Hardy at 780-439-3149 or [hardyboys@shaw.ca](mailto:hardyboys@shaw.ca).

## **PROPOSED CLIMBING WALL**

The CCL executive has received a Concept Plan related to the all-season climbing wall proposed as part of the ESC redevelopment by the Edmonton chapter of the Alpine Club of Canada.

According to the Concept Plan, the proposed facility would be operated year round as a rock climbing facility in the summer and a waterfall ice climbing facility in the winter. The Concept Plan further states that "[t]he footprint of the two towers will be approximately five by five meters. The overall footprint of the climbing structure will be approximately twenty by five meters. The height to the deck ("the shoulders") will be ten to twelve meters and the overall height approximately fourteen meters. There is additional fenced off space required around the climbing structure."



If funding is obtained, construction would commence in Spring 2012 and the facility would open in late summer or Fall 2012.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the proposed climbing wall, please contact ESC liaison committee chair Bruce Brandell at [bbrandell@epcor.ca](mailto:bbrandell@epcor.ca) or CCL President, Paul Bunner at [pbunner@incentre.net](mailto:pbunner@incentre.net).

## **BACKYARD PLAY SAFETY**

With summer fast approaching, Alberta Health Services would like to encourage parents to ensure their backyard play areas are made safe. Direct supervision is the best method to reduce the chance of injury. It is also prudent to ensure play equipment in your yard is suitable for the age and skill of the children using it. Don't forget to check the equipment often and repair any worn or broken parts. Set up play equipment on 8 to 12 inches of a shock-absorbing surface such as sand, wood chips, or pea gravel. Grass will not adequately cushion a fall.

### ***Water hazards***

- Ensure all backyard swimming pools are fenced. The fence should be at least 1.5 metres (5 feet) high and have a self-latching, self-closing, lockable gate.
- Drowning is the leading cause of unintentional injury-related death among children ages one to four.
- Children can drown in just a few centimetres of water if it covers their mouth and nose.

### ***Insect bites and stings***

- Minimize the risk of attracting insects by not wearing strong perfumes or scented lotions.
- Avoid wearing brightly coloured clothing outdoors.
- Destroy or re-locate hives and nests situated near your home.
- To avoid a bite in case of accidentally stepping on a stinging insect always ensure your child wears shoes or sandals.
- If your child has received an 'EpiPen Jr' prescription from your physician (for serious anaphylactic emergencies only) ensure they understand when and how to use it.
- If your child experiences a severe reaction to an insect sting, seek medical attention or call 9-1-1.

### ***Lawn and garden tools***

- Keep young children away from outdoor power equipment. Serious burns may result from touching hot engine surfaces.
- Ensure that all tools, fuel, chemicals, and other hazardous substances are stored in a secure, locked area. A simple latch may not be sufficient.

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\* Jeremiah Townsend has resigned from his position as vice president due to other commitments. Pursuant to the bylaws, the executive has nominated and elected Chris Floden as Jeremiah's replacement. Chris will serve as vice president until the next AGM at which time his appointment will require ratification.