

Cloverdale Chronicle

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Cloverdale Community League Executive 2007/08

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Presidents Message

There is no better place to be than in Cloverdale in the summer! We have had a spectacular Folk Fest, and I must say thanks to all those who helped make it a very special event. We get to showcase our community and welcome friends and visitors to see how wonderful our community really is. We also recognize and say thanks to the volunteers who helped the Cloverdale Kids with the concession. This fall we will have our next membership drive. For each of us, we can demonstrate our community support by purchasing a membership. We welcome new residents. Please feel invited to join our programs - fitness, dance, walking, and book club. We can always benefit from new volunteers to work on our committees. It's our community. It's our neighbourhood. It's our treasure. It's our responsibility!



Cloverdale Dance

Wednesdays beginning
September 24th

Parents & tots (ages 1-2yr)
5:30-6:00pm (tentative)
Creative Dance (ages 3-5yr)
6:00-6:30pm
Tap/Jazz/Ballet I (ages 5-7yr)
6:30-7:15pm
Tap/Jazz/Ballet II (ages 7-
9yr) 7:15-8:00pm
Hip Hop (ages 10yr +) 8:00-
9:00pm

Contact Kari at 450-6619

Indoor Playground

Watch the Community
Billboard Sign for Indoor
Playground information.
Start up will be in November.

If you or someone you know
are interested in coordinating
the program contact Moon @
461-8381.

Hatha Yoga with Nita

Tuesdays at 7:30 pm
Beginning on October 7th
Contact Marta at 465-7512

Thursday Fitness

Call Janet at 439-3149 before
September 18th to register.

Indoor Soccer Registration

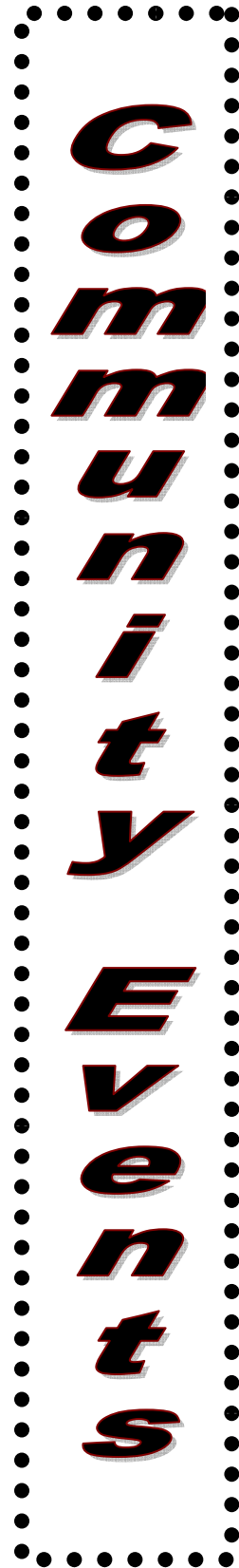
Saturday, September 13, 2008
10 am to 2 pm
Hazeldean Rink Shack
9630 66 Avenue

Thursday, September 18, 2008
6:30 to 8:30 pm
Bonnie Doon Community Hall
9240 93 Street

Upcoming Events

Cloverdale Hallowe'en Party
Sunday October 26th

Cloverdale Christmas Party
Sunday December 7th



Cloverdale Classifieds

Indoor Playground Coordinator

An Indoor Playground Coordinator is needed to run the program starting November. This is a great way to meet other parents & children in the neighbourhood.

Please contact Moon @ 461-8381 for more information.

Ice Skating Instructor

Are you or someone you know interested in teaching skating?

Cloverdale is looking to hire a skating instructor for our next winter season. To find out more call Rick at 462-7799.

Hall Rental Agent

CCL is looking for a hall rental agent. Duties include: conducting hall viewings, contracts and money management, fielding questions and scheduling. If you are interested or would like to learn more about this paid position call Janet at 439-3149.

72nd Strathern Scouting

Now accepting registration for boys and girls aged 5 to 18. For more information contact Garson Law at 780-438-0492 or send an email to gklaw@ualberta.ca.

Look for your local scout members this fall in Cloverdale on their annual popcorn drive.



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A Good Place to Live

Front Yards in Bloom

Beautiful front yards that reflect beautiful communities are judged in two categories:

- Natural Yards
- Edmonton Journal Readers' Choice Awards

The Front Yards in Bloom program has run for eight years in Edmonton. The program started with the support of the Edmonton Horticultural Society and nominations from Canada Post carriers. Nominations are now received from residents throughout the city. We are very proud in our tiny community of Cloverdale, to have had a strong showing of three nominees in the Front yard in Bloom Program. Congratulations!

As you walk in the neighborhood look for the noticeable yellow signs identifying our nominees.

The Horticultural society is encouraging communities to have their own neighborhood judging panel consisting of past nominees.

More information will follow in the winter newsletter.



Good Neighbour

Good Neighbours are always looking out for each other. They respect each others' boundaries but are quick to assist in a crisis. They look for opportunities to collaborate and to socialize. They ask each other for advice and offer to help. A Good Neighbour shows appreciation not only for the big things done, but the little things too. People make a positive impact on us every day whether it's at home, the library, school, work, or even the corner store. Good Neighbours make great neighbourhoods, and it is well worth the effort.

When the City of Edmonton launched the Good Neighbour Awards at the end of February and they received almost 150 submissions! These short stories and nominations were all inspiring and have confirmed a belief that it is the little everyday things neighbours do to assist each other that helps make our city safe. There were two winners from each of the city wards and one of the winners from Ward 4 comes from our very own neighbourhood. Congratulations to Hans for being a good neighbour and to Jeanette who took who put his good deeds into words. Here is Jeanette's winning submission:

WARD 4

Good Neighbour: Hans S.

Submitted by: Jeanette D.

Hans is retired, but has worked for the last 4 years supporting The Landing Condo Board. Without his time, effort, and commitment to looking at the buildings deficiency, and taking active steps to resolving our condo building issues etc, we would never have come together as a Condo Board. There are 120 people living in our condo community.

Hans is an old fashioned guy from Austria, but he takes a lot of pride in helping out his next door neighbour, pushing people in our little community to do the right thing. He should be recognized and appreciated. He is a diamond in the rough, and his love for his neighbours is stellar indeed!

To learn more about the Good Neighbour Awards and Good Neighbour postcards look for safedmonton at Edmonton.ca

Cloverdale Residents Welcome Our Returning Troops

Why are so many trees in Cloverdale bound with yellow ribbons? Are the residents trying to hasten the advent of autumn and can't wait for nature to gracefully alter the green foliage? Sometimes it is easier to forget than to entertain the notion that Canadian troops are engaged in missions and even battles in distant lands while we carry on with our daily lives and family routines. That is unless one of those soldiers happens to be your husband, relative, friend or a good neighbour. For people in that position, personally knowing someone serving our country abroad brings the daily news flashes from the television right to the kitchen table, front and centre. Sometimes too close for comfort.

A case in point is Cloverdale's very own Major William Patton, who is currently serving in Afghanistan, while his wife Carolyn and their two teenage sons, anxiously await his safe return. The yellow ribbons, wrapped around the trees are a small but significant gesture that the family, friends and community have collaborated upon to show their gratitude and thanks, not only to Major Patton but to all the returning troops (as well as those troops not as fortunate to return) for serving our country and presenting them with both a warm greeting and a reminder that they are not forgotten.

When you pick up the yellow ribbons (graciously supplied by Rona), the box clearly states; 'remove the ribbons within 6 weeks'. That seems to be a fair amount of time to display our gratitude to both Major Patton and the other 1,200 troops returning to the Edmonton area. When I heard in a recent news reports that a land mine had taken the life of our 97th Canadian troop in Afghanistan. I thought the least we can do for those who return is tie those yellow ribbons that say, WELCOME HOME!

It is gratifying to know that the Cloverdale Community League and the vast majority of the community residents appreciate the sacrifices these individuals and their families have made on our behalf, and it is our pleasure and honour to have the opportunity to display our community solidarity and support when they return.

Bob Zukerman





Update on Fire at Bennett Centre

On August 21 just before noon, a fire broke out at the Bennett Centre. The fire was contained to the North East annex which houses the cafeteria and residence classrooms. Four people were in the building when the fire began, but all managed to escape unharmed.

The annex of the Bennett Centre sustained significant damage due to the fire, with the roof being completely destroyed. The main Bennett Centre building was not damaged, but sustained smoke damage. There is no admittance to the building at this time and the District anticipates it will be at least the beginning of November before staff can return.

The Edmonton Fire Department is currently investigating the annex site to determine the cause of the fire. Once they have completed their investigation, Edmonton Public Schools will consider next steps regarding the annex.

The staff from main Bennett Centre building has temporarily moved to Ritchie School where they will be able to offer some limited programming. Unfortunately, some of the courses and all overnight programs have been cancelled until further notice.

The phone number for Bennett Centre remains the same at 780.468.1439.

Bennett School originally opened in 1912 and subsequently closed in 1973. In 1981, the Edmonton Public School Board reopened the school as Bennett Environmental Education Centre in commemoration of Alberta's 75th Anniversary and the residence wing was added to the existing 1912 building.

To prepare the main Bennett Centre for staff to return, there will be an increase of maintenance vehicles in the area. Edmonton Public Schools appreciates the community's patience and support during the recovery process.

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