

# Windsor Park Community Newsletter

## February 2013

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### Message from the President...

#### The Bentley?

Yes, the new condo replacing the old shopping centre is going to be called "The Bentley" — apparently a building in Belgravia is already using "Windsor Park". Construction is set to start in April. For the curious, they have a website up at: [thebentleycondos.com](http://thebentleycondos.com). A wee bit of artistic licence has the rather barren old Esso site shown covered in mature trees.

#### Guesthouses

An application has been made to re-zone the Mennonite Guesthouse property at 8304 – 117 St (on the corner of 83 Ave. and 117 St). The property would be re-zoned from RF-1 (residential) to DC-2. DC-2 (Direct Control-2) is a fancy name for zoning that is custom-written to suit circumstances that cannot be accommodated in the standard zones in the Zoning Bylaw. This re-zoning is necessary because guesthouses are not allowed in areas zoned RF-1.

The 8304 – 117 St. Mennonite Guesthouse has been in operation in Windsor Park for quite a few years. The guesthouse offers inexpensive accommodations for Cross Cancer Clinic outpatients. In order to offer low prices, it is staffed entirely by volunteers. It has been run in a quiet, respectful manner and has not generated a single complaint to either the City or the WPCL.

Another, unaffiliated guesthouse opened up at 8319 – 120 St in 2011. Unfortunately, this house has been the source of much illegal parking and numerous complaints. There was no way to complain about one guesthouse without the City finding both, so we asked the City to investigate both properties. The City has decided that if the Mennonite Guesthouse at 83 – 117 St. is to stay in

operation, the property will have to be re-zoned and the building renovated to meet current safety regulations for such facilities. Cost estimates are in the \$200K range. Last week, after careful consideration, the Mennonites have decided to go through with the re-zoning and renovations.

Following consultation with residents by email and after careful deliberation, the WPCL executive has decided to work with the City to make sure the 8304 – 117 St DC-2 bylaw is written so as to reflect the property's intended use and actual construction as closely as possible, so that the property cannot be used for any other purpose in future without applying for re-zoning again.

The WPCL executive will continue to oppose the guesthouse at 8319 – 120 St and will work to see it cease operations as soon as possible.

#### Social Director

The WPCL is looking for a social director, or even better, a social committee. The league has in the past generally put on one large event each year, a summer picnic in late June, and one or two smaller socials, such as a winter toboggan/sleigh party or a wine and cheese social. However, the new social director/committee would be more than free to try new things. Interested? Contact me at the coordinates below.

#### Keeping Windsor Park Safe

We had another flurry of B&Es in Windsor Park just before the holidays. Please, please, please keep an eye out and report ANY suspicious activity to the police non-emergency line at 780.423 4567. Let's make Windsor Park the safest neighbourhood in Edmonton!

### **Lame-duck president**

I am starting my last year as president of this marvelous community. If you are interested in helping keep Windsor Park special, safe and a pleasure to live in, contact me, and I will fill you in on what's involved.

### **Even MI6 doesn't know...**

The super-secret code to allow you to use the hall wireless is the building address number repeated twice: 1184011840.

If you have any question or concerns on these, or any other, issues, please feel free to contact me at  
jbcollier@shaw.ca  
780 433 1270.

### **John Collier**

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### **River Valley Alliance**

The new River Valley Alliance mobile app, marks an exciting new way for visitors and residents to explore Alberta Capital Region's many parks and trails. Visit our partner page at EveryTrail to view the app on your desktop computer or laptop.  
<http://rivervalley.ab.ca/>

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### **Communities on Foot Map Series**

Walkability adds strength and enjoyment to the fabric of community life. While out walking, we meet our neighbours, get some exercise, visit local shops, and enjoy public spaces. We also become the 'eyes on the street' that enhance safety and reduce crime.

Walkable Edmonton, Active Edmonton, and our community leagues are working together to create neighbourhood-based walking maps. These maps bring neighbours together and build a more walkable community  
[http://www.edmonton.ca/transportation/cycling\\_walking/community-walking-maps.aspx](http://www.edmonton.ca/transportation/cycling_walking/community-walking-maps.aspx)

### **Garneau Food Security**



For another year, three churches on the south side have cooperated to provide a weekly food security program out of Garneau United Church on 84<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Volunteers from Garneau United, St. Paul's United and Pleasantview United Churches take turns each Saturday to help meet the needs of members of the community who are unable to provide sufficient nutrition for themselves and their families. The need only continues to grow.

In 2012, there were 2,079 guests signed in for food. These people sought supplementary food for 3,730 adults and 1,708 children, for a total of 5,351 persons. This number was over 200 more than in 2011. Sadly, the number of children in need grew by over 100. (The Edmonton Food Bank estimates that 40% of those in need of supplementary food are children.)

Coffee, snacks and conversation continue to be an important element of these Saturday mornings as guests and volunteers get to know one another. Sometimes we are able to offer help beyond food. Recently, a young immigrant from Egypt has been coming for food assistance as he seeks employment. He is an electrical engineer and one of the volunteers was able to connect him with an electrical engineer who is assisting him as he looks for work in his chosen field.

The food program is underwritten with produce received from a number of local stores, the Ashbourne Assisted Living Place, the Edmonton Food Bank, the occasional grant, and donations in money and kind by members of the three congregations. There is always a need for more. Donations of money or of volunteer help from the community are always welcome. For further information, contact Garneau United Church (780 439 2501) or email [garneauuc@shaw.ca](mailto:garneauuc@shaw.ca). You may also contact John Wright: 780 433 5962 or [jgwright@shaw.ca](mailto:jgwright@shaw.ca)

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- ♦ 4-year-olds on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.



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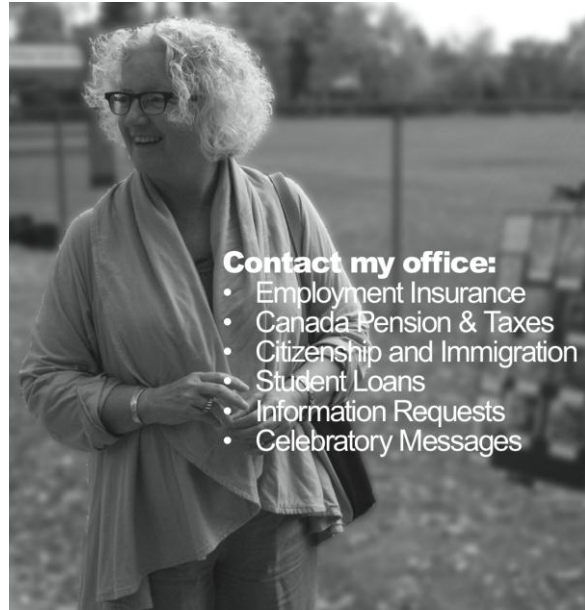
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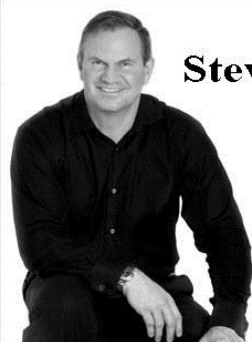
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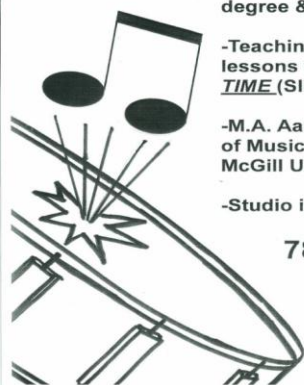
- Currently teaching drums for MacEwan University's degree & diploma programs.

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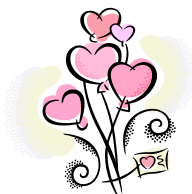
-Studio in Parkallen!

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## Valentine Wine Tasting Social

Friday, February 8  
Windsor Park  
Community League  
6 to 9 PM



This event is organized by the Windsor Park School Fundraising Society. Dress in your smarter clothes and come enjoy a fun Valentine-themed night that will feature a Wine Tasting where wines will be paired with food.



The wine tasting will be hosted by Scott Meadows (a Windsor Park resident), who owns Ashton's Liquor located at 14315 118 Avenue. Tickets are \$60/person. Ashton's will also take wine orders at the event with 25% of all sales going to the school. All net proceeds from ticket sales will also go to the school.

To reserve your ticket please send an email to WindsorParkFS@gmail.com, include the number of tickets that you wish to purchase.

## South Edmonton Minor Softball

2013 Registration

For information:

780 561 7178

[semsa@saw.ca](mailto:semsa@saw.ca)

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## February Is Heart Month

Do you know the signs and symptoms of a heart attack and what to do if someone experiences these? Knowing can make the difference between life and death.

Recognizing and responding immediately to the warning signs of a potential heart attack can significantly improve survival and recovery.

**February is Heart Month** - take the time to be heart safe and learn how you can reduce your risk.

### Know the signs of a heart attack

(Any or all of these signs & symptoms may occur)

- Chest pain described as crushing, squeezing, pressure or chest heaviness;
- Pain that moves beyond the chest such as shoulder, arm, neck or jaw pain;
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