

# Monthly Minders



A Newsletter from Community Building West

## 'Totems' in the Park Provide Color During Winter Days

### A Butler Memorial Park success story

It may be the middle of winter, but a local Edmonton park has become a lot brighter this month thanks to a group of Grant MacEwan University Fine Art students.

Butler Memorial Park, located a block west of MacEwan's Centre for the Arts and Communications campus, will temporarily be the new home for nearly 30 first-year student sculptures.

Fine Art instructor, Agnieszka Matejko says two classes were assigned the task of creating abstract totems based on historic and prehistoric traditions. While each student interpreted this project in different ways, each piece had to also follow certain guidelines such as it had to be made of wood to make it light enough to transport, at least six feet tall, and very colourful and easily seen from the street. Matejko says the project was designed to create cheerful and uplifting sculptures for the public to enjoy during the cold and bleak winter months, but has also turned into a great social service and community involvement lesson for the students. "I believe that a part of the role of the artist is not to work silently in a garret, but to create art that people enjoy on a daily basis," she says. "My hope is that this attitude of art as a community service will be one that students take with them long after they leave our institution," she adds.

The show, entitled *Totems*, is part of the revitalization of the Stony Plain Road area. A \$500 grant from The City of Edmonton was used to purchase paint and other materials.

The first class will be installing their totems on January 27, with the second group set to follow on March 8. *Totems* hopes to remain in Butler Memorial Park until sometime this spring.

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## West Spring Break Programs

For children ages 6 – 12.

Join our action packed animated play spring break camp with a video game twist—all the fun of video games without playing them! Enjoy arts & crafts, games, drama, sports and a new theme everyday inspired by popular children's video games! A visit to Let's Play (boasting a 4 storey indoor jungle gym) makes this camp the ultimate spring break adventure! All Spring Break Camps run 9:00 am - 4:00 pm (with early drop off starting at 8:00 am & late pick up until 5:00 pm).

### Caernarvon Community League

March 29 – April 1, 2010 (Course Code: 353138)  
14830 – 118 Street

### Sherbrooke Community League

March 29 – April 1, 2010 (Course Code: 353125)  
13008 – 122 Avenue

### Belmead Community League

March 29 – April 1, 2010 (Course Code: 353324)  
9109 – 182 Street (No field trip)

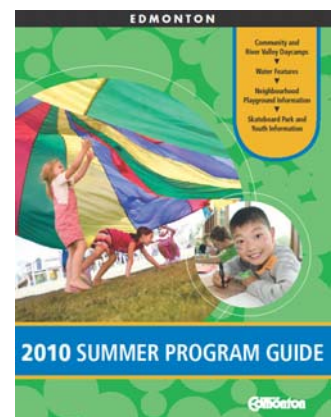


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For more information or to register in these programs please call 311.

## 2010 Summer Program Guide

Summer is quickly approaching and the City of Edmonton, in partnership with local community leagues have been working hard to deliver the promise of great programs this summer. The 2010 Summer Program Guide will be out in mid to late April. The guide will be distributed to all elementary schools and available at your local City of Edmonton Leisure Centres. Be sure to pick up your copy and start planning for the summer! Summer Program registrations start May 4, 2010.



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## Red Cross Babysitting Courses

Learn what it takes to be a great babysitter! This well rounded course covers basic child care, first aid, safety, and introduces participants to the importance of play in a child's life.

Each lesson will be taught by a Red Cross certified instructor and will include role playing, brainstorming, and hands-on exercises. Certificates will be awarded upon **successful completion** of the program. These courses are offered by the City of Edmonton in Partnership with communities.

**Rio Terrace Community League** (15500-76 Avenue)  
Saturday April 24, 2010 10:00 am – 6:00 pm  
Course Code: 354476  
Register:  
On-line: [ereg.edmonton.ca](http://ereg.edmonton.ca) (using course code provided)  
Phone: 311 or  
In person at any City of Edmonton Recreation Centre

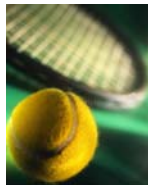
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## Tennis Alberta

Tennis Alberta has partnered with Ace Tennis Academy and a number of community leagues to host a number of open houses on Saturday April 24, 2010 (rain out date is set for May 1, 2010). Sessions run from 9:00 am – 11:00 am for youth ages 7 – 18 and 11:00 am – 1:00 pm for adults.

The locations for these open houses are:  
Glenora Community League – 10426 136 Street  
Westridge Community League – 505 Wolf Willow Road  
Rio Terrace Community League – 15500 76 Avenue  
Wedgewood Community League – Wedgewood Blvd

To pre-register for any of these sessions contact: Tennis Alberta at 780-415-1661.  
Questions? Contact Steve Gould: 780-452-1266 or [info@acetennisacademy.ca](mailto:info@acetennisacademy.ca)



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## Thin Ice Safety

Each winter season, ice-covered water presents a dangerous hazard to Edmontonians. For everyone's safety, please remember not to go on the ice when the DANGER – THIN ICE signs are posted.

If someone falls into the ice, call 911. Do not go onto the ice and try to pull them out.

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## Summer Grants Update – CSJ and STEP

All summer grant applications (Canada Summer Jobs and Summer Temporary Employment Program) should be in! Deadlines were end of February.

REMINDER: Let your CRC know as soon as you receive a decision from the granting programs!

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## 2010 Operating Grants

The 2010 City of Edmonton Operating Grants have now arrived via your CRC and are available in a hard copy or electronic format. All completed forms are due to your CRC by April 1, 2010. Please contact them with any questions you may have.

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## 2010 Maintenance/Renovation Grants

The 2010 Maintenance/Renovation Grant forms are now available from your CRC. Talk to them for information on your community's remaining lifetime allotment and eligibility requirements. Please return the completed application to your CRC by April 1, 2010.

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## National Volunteer Week

National Volunteer Week will be celebrated this year from April 18 – 24, 2010. This year's theme will be released soon, but in the meantime, check out the Volunteer Canada website. The site contains some great ideas to recognize volunteers in your neighbourhood. ([www.volunteer.ca/en](http://www.volunteer.ca/en)).

On behalf of the City of Edmonton Community Services West, we would like to say thank you to the many volunteers who are making a difference in our communities and making Edmonton the best place to live.



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## Community Initiatives Program and Community Facility Enhancement Program Changes

To find out how the program changes impact you, go to: <http://culture.alberta.ca/cip/programchanges.aspx>



## National Youth Week - May 1 - 7, 2010

National Youth Week was designed "to celebrate ways that youth are involved in the community including: recreation, drama, sport, dance, civic engagement, art, volunteerism, or leadership."

Visit the National Youth Week website at [www.youthinrecreation.org/sstory/nyw.htm](http://www.youthinrecreation.org/sstory/nyw.htm) to learn more about this event.

The City of Edmonton will celebrate National Youth Week for the third consecutive year. Hosted by the Edmonton Youth Council, [www.edmontonyouthweek.ca](http://www.edmontonyouthweek.ca) will provide information on local special events. This website will be updated frequently in the days leading up to National Youth Week.

If your league would like to promote a Youth event during National Youth Week contact your CRC.

Watch for more information on upcoming events in the April edition of the Monthly Minder.

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## Capital City Clean Up (CCCU) Funding and Grants Raise Cash While Wiping Out Graffiti

Clean up your community and raise funds for your community league projects. The CCCU Graffiti Management Program will provide paint and painting supplies for an event to cover graffiti. Funding support is also available for groups to purchase snacks and food. Non-profit organizations will receive \$1 for every square foot (\$10.75 a sq. m) of graffiti painted over (not including the applicant group's own property) to a maximum of \$1,500 per application. Agencies can use the funds as they see fit, whether it's for a soccer tournament, a park slide, community league building maintenance or a volunteer appreciation night.

## Prevent Graffiti with Community Murals – New for 2010

The *Community Mural Matching Grant Program* is offering grants of up to \$2000 to support non-profit community agencies to develop murals in Edmonton neighbourhoods. Murals may be placed on various private and public structures (with property owner permission). The goal is to deter graffiti and create a shared responsibility for graffiti prevention in Edmonton.

*Graffiti Wipe Out* funding and *Community Mural Grants* will be awarded on a first-come first-serve basis. There is no limit on the number of times an applicant can apply

within a calendar year for either program. However, there is a limit to the amount of funding available for each program, so please apply early by visiting the web site or call 780-442-5302 for more information.

## Clean your Neighbourhood with a Community Bin Grant

CCCU invites local community leagues planning a major clean up event to apply for funding to assist with costs for rental of dumpster bins. Grants are available to Edmonton community leagues on a first-come, first-serve basis to a maximum of \$2,000. The clean up event must be organized and promoted by the community league including arranging for any bins. Approved grants are paid out based on supplied invoices. There is a limit to the amount of funding available, so please apply early. Visit the web site or call 780-944-5412 for further information.

## Adopt a Block Sign-up

CCCU is calling all volunteers wishing to "adopt a block" and act as a 2010 Block Captain to sign up today. Block Captains do weekly clean up on their adopted block during their regular walk from May - September. CCCU provides all supplies including bags, T shirts, gloves, hand sanitizer, litter grabbers and some special items. Block Captains track their bags collected in a log book provided. Tim Hortons, the program sponsor, provides every Block Captain with a travel mug and a gift card for free coffee. Sign-up on the web site ([www.edmonton.ca/capitalcitycleanup](http://www.edmonton.ca/capitalcitycleanup)) or call 780-944-5412 for further information.

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## 2010 Good Neighbour Awards What are the Good Neighbour Awards?

The Good Neighbour Awards were established with the intention of demonstrating the important link between good neighbours and community safety.

These awards are an initiative of the City of Edmonton's Office of Community Safety and sponsored by the REALTORS Association of Edmonton. The Good Neighbour Awards committee includes the Edmonton Police Service, community organizations, City departments, and citizens.

Good Neighbours are a demonstration of the great things the citizens of Edmonton are doing to help make their neighbourhood a better and safer place to live. It is hoped that their kind acts will inspire others to do the same and 'pay it forward' - to continue to make Edmonton a great place to live, work, and play.

Nominate your good neighbour today!

Log on to:

[http://www.edmonton.ca/city\\_government/news/recognize-your-good-neighbour.aspx](http://www.edmonton.ca/city_government/news/recognize-your-good-neighbour.aspx)

## West Edmonton Community Consultation

- ✓ Are you a West Edmonton business, community agency, leader or resident who would like to learn more about your community through demographic and service Maps prepared specifically for West Edmonton communities?
- ✓ Would you like to share your views and concerns on issues of key importance for your community?

Join Us in Planning for the Future ...

March 5, 2010 (10:00 am – 1:00 pm)

(Light lunch provided)

Where: Jamie Platz YMCA (7121 – 178 St)

RSVP by March 1, 2010 (chrismk@telus.net or 780-467-8646)

Hosted by:

West Edmonton Mapping and Planning (WEMAP) Committee

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## Leisure Access Program

The Leisure Access Program allows eligible low-income Edmontonians to access City of Edmonton recreation facilities. Cardholders receive unlimited free admissions to City of Edmonton recreation facilities and a 75% discount on registered programs. Registrants of programs requiring extra materials can get 75% off the cost of these supplies.

Edmontonians are eligible for a Leisure Access card if they are receiving AISH, Income Support, have an Alberta Child Health Benefit card, or an Alberta Works Health Benefit card, or if their income (as shown on their Notice of Assessment) is below the Low Income Cut-Off line.



Further information and application forms can be found online at [www.edmonton.ca/lap](http://www.edmonton.ca/lap) or by calling 780-496-4918.

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## Children's Fitness Tax Credit

Revenue Canada has updated their webpage and added a new checklist. Go to the links below for more information.

Children's Fitness Tax Credit link:

<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/whtsnw/fitness-eng.html>

Children's Fitness Tax Credit Eligibility Checklist link:

<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/whtsnw/chcklst-eng.pdf>

## Assessment and Short Term Counseling Line



### Counseling

We can help with such concerns as:

- Daily life stresses
- Issues with dating and marital or partner relationships
- Problems with family
- Parenting challenges
- Abuse or violence in the family

### Referral

We can point you in the right direction with:

- Financial resources
- Housing options
- Community resources
- Neighbourhood social and recreation opportunities

### Groups

We offer group program opportunities related to family violence and personal development.

Speak privately with a Social Worker at 780-496-4777

8:30 - 4:30 pm (leave message after hours)

Services are available at sites throughout the City. Evening appointments are available.

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# Volunteer.

You Can Help Make Tax Time Pay For Low Income Individuals and Families

### You Want:

- A rewarding and meaningful experience
- Professional, government training on the U-file tax program
- To choose your own volunteer hours
- No personal liability

### We Need Volunteers To:

- Prepare taxes
- Help people apply for benefits/subsidies
- Provide computer support
- Schedule appointments

Make Tax Time Pay is a free program of E4C, offering low-income families and individuals income tax, benefit and subsidy preparation clinics at tax time.

For more information visit: [www.e4calberta.org](http://www.e4calberta.org)

E4C **MAKE  
TAX TIME  
PAY**

## Important Dates to Remember

**March 4 and 18, 2010:** Combined GAIN and Use of Proceeds Workshop. FREE; call (780) 447-7499 to find out how to register.

**March 20, 2010:** 2010 Board Leadership All on Board, Grant MacEwan, The Robbins Health Learning Centre, \$63, Register at

<http://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Invitation.aspx?e=a86cc87f-b5ee-4b04-bcd4-6316ef73e4ca>

**April 1, 2010:** Deadline for Maintenance / Renovation Grant

**April 1, 2010:** Deadline for Community League Operating Grant

## Reminder to Community Leagues

Please notify your CRC when meetings are cancelled or if details change. CRC's appreciate updated executive lists whenever there are changes to your executive.

Please ensure your CRC receives a copy of your newsletter and minutes.



You may also email changes to your CRC  
[Firstname.lastname@edmonton.ca](mailto:Firstname.lastname@edmonton.ca)

## Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues

For information on upcoming events or resources for community leagues go to: [www.efcl.org](http://www.efcl.org)

## Summer Jobs

Are you interested in getting paid to play?  
Do you want a job where you can make a difference?  
Do you want to work in your community?

Then apply for City of Edmonton summer positions!

- Summer Program Coordinators - February 1 - 12, 2010
- Summer Leader - Playgrounds, Registered, River Valley, and City Wide Youth - February 22 - March 12, 2010
- Skate Park Hosts – February 22 - March 12, 2010
- Junior Leaders and Wading Pool Supervisors – April 12 - 30, 2010

Visit [www.edmonton.ca](http://www.edmonton.ca) to apply. Click on City/Job Opportunities

Changing Lives-One Game of Tag at a Time!

### Community Building West Team



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Sherry Wallace	944-5464
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Catherine McGuire	944-5454
Helmi McHenry	944-5449
Hani Quan	944-7591
Andrea Spurrell	944-5453
Jeannette Wright	944-5447

Website - [www.edmonton.ca](http://www.edmonton.ca)



### Community Services West Office Locations

#### Parks and Community Services (PACS) - West

11410 - 149 Street	Phone: 496-7320
Monday – Friday	8:30 am – 4:30 pm

#### Jasper Place

10030 - 167 Street	Phone: 496-5983
Monday – Friday	8:30 am – 4:30 pm

#### White Oaks Square

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

#108, 12222 - 137 Avenue