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PRESIDENT'S PEN

Hi Lynnwood,

As the pandemic pandemonium winds down I am excited at the opportunity to finally bring some life back to the Hall. The league is busy planning the best ways to bring families, friends and neighbours together in a safe environment to enjoy everything Lynnwood has to offer.

Not surprisingly, the pandemic has created some serious funding shortfalls for our organization our main source of funding, a casino, is over a year late! Our casino will take place in Q4 of 2021 and requires loads of volunteers. Please reach out if you can spare some time and help us with the casino.

And did you know by purchasing an annual membership, you are also helping fund our rink and hall? I will be hitting

the street this September with the memberships team in an effort to meet residents and get our memberships into your hands. I would like to hear your feedback as well.

Join us at our next meeting or send me an email. I hope to hear your ideas on how to make our community more inviting for every resident!

Stay informed through our Facebook, join our mailing list, the Lynnwood Communibee group or check the hall sign for upcoming events!

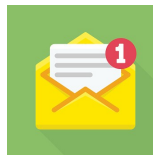
Your neighbour,

Dustin Sim

President, Lynnwood Community League

We're MOVING ONLINE!

Starting this winter, the Lynnwood Link will deliver its magic through email.



Be sure to subscribe at our website: [lynnwoodcommunity.com](https://www.lynnwoodcommunity.com)

Updates will conveniently arrive in your inbox once a month. From rink opening and community events to volunteer opportunities and ways to get to know your neighbours, we'll have you covered.

Can't do email? Let me know and I will deliver a printed copy right to your doorstep.

Kate, Lynnwood Link Editor

780-996-3474

Lynnwood Used Book Sale

Friday, July 23, 2021 | 3PM—7PM

Lynnwood Hall (15525 84 Ave)

Looking to rehome your pre-loved books?

Donations gratefully accepted!

Contact Kate by July 20 at 780-996-3474 or
vicepresident@lynnwoodcommunity.com

*All proceeds will support
Lynnwood Park Revitalization*

LYNNWOOD COMMUNITY LEAGUE MEMBERSHIPS

Family: \$25 Single: \$15 Seniors: FREE
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Purchase through:

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membership@lynnwoodcommunity.com
- The **Communibee App**. Purchase your membership and save it on your phone.
- **Online:** efcl.org/membership

Note: there is a fee for this option

Benefits:

- Free access to Lynnwood's skating rink.
- Affordable hall rental.
- Discounts at City of Edmonton Leisure facilities
- Free swimming at Jasper Place Pool (time TBD)
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This year has been like no other in many ways! However, there are some things that did not change at all. Students continued to be engaged in their learning and treated each other with kindness and empathy.

We are so appreciative of our community supports and can't wait to be more involved in our neighbourhood in the upcoming year.

GREEN THUMBS UNITE!

12 gardeners have come out this year to plant, weed and water Lynnwood's pop-up gardens. The result is a beautiful array of vegetable plants.

Dedicated individuals made short work of the floppy "garden" bags that were delivered. They scoured the back alleys for landfill-destined fence boards and upcycled them into spiffy garden containers.



Hot spell? No problem! Designated Water Captains watered daily and made sure no one lost a plant.

Lynnwood's gardeners have taken the opportunity to slow down, pull a weed, meet a new neighbour, and become more connected.

Go Green Thumbs Go!

For more info:

garden@lynnwoodcommunity.com

GREEN SHACK PROGRAM

This free drop-in program runs July 12—Aug 27 (Mon-Fri) offering crafts, games and sports for 6-12 year olds, younger children are welcome with an adult. Come out and play! Behind Lynnwood Hall from 2:30—5:30 PM.

A MESSAGE FROM HALL RENTALS...

Do You Belong to a Club? How Often Do You Meet?

Why not use the Lynnwood Community League building. Our rates are competitive.

There is a charming building within your community that needs to have people coming and going. Share your ideas and make your requests.

I look forward to working with you. Anna at
hallrentals@lynnwoodcommunity.com

Some ways to bring activity back into the community:

Social events, house concerts, card games, ukulele circles, craft & bake sales, conversation corners for newcomers, kids & crafts, story telling, dancing clubs, fitness, music clubs, choirs, garden clubs, quilting clubs, bicycle maintenance, cultural events...use your imagination. **What would you like to see happening in your community?**

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOURS

Pamela and Thomas are parents to Flynn (2) and Cooper (14). They love spending time as a family at neighbourhood parks and the river valley, staying active and hosting barbecues and board game nights at home.

Pamela, a junior high school teacher, has been living in Lynnwood for the last 12 years. Thomas, a local plumber, is originally from Mississippi. Both love volunteering within the community league and getting to know their neighbours.



Pamela is dedicated to developing a strong family support network including through the Lynnwood Parent Social and Support Facebook group. Join her!

HELLO NEIGHBOUR TALKS

A series of free 90 minutes talks on various topics will be presented Sunday mornings at Lynnwood Hall.

Lynnwood will put on the coffee and tea. ***If you have some baking to share please bring it along!***

Indoor Playground Chat – August 29th 11:00 am

Interested in starting a weekly indoor playground at the Lynnwood Hall? Let's meet and find out how to make it happen. All community members are welcome to attend. Did your children attend an indoor playground program? Please share your experience. Looking to get an indoor program started? Bring your ideas!

Will & Estates - September 5th – 11:00 am

A local lawyer will offer insight into what is involved in being an executor of a Will.

Is the Ukulele for me? – September 12th – 11:00 am

Instruction and encouragement will be provided along with some ukuleles. Show up, join the circle, and give it a try. All ages welcome. If you already play please come on by and bring your ukulele. There will be singing.

What do you really know about tea? – September 26th – 11:00 am

A tea expert will be on hand to answer questions and share some tips. Some time will also be spent on exploring the impact tea has had on the world. Tea is everywhere for a reason.

Do you have a special skill or interest you can share with the community? Please send your ideas to newsletter@lynnwoodcommunity.com

LET'S TALK TRASH

You've probably been waiting with bated breath for Edmonton's fancy new garbage bin roll-out to reach Lynnwood. Well, wait no longer, our carts are coming!

Lynnwood residents will receive our new carts this summer. First pick up date is estimated at Sept 2.

What are we getting?

- Garbage cart
- Food scraps cart
- Food scraps pail
- Information package including a new collection schedule



Download the app for updates and reminders.



Welcome to the future!

LYNNWOOD PARK REVITALIZATION



Fundraising Update

Over the last few months we held two fundraisers. The first was a community bottle drive which raised over \$3000 for the playground. As well, the school participated in Coin Wars, where students were tasked with bringing in loose change. Thanks to the generous support of our students and their families, we raised over \$2500. Our next fundraiser, a book sale, will take place during the weekend of July 23. Stay tuned for more information!

Thank You!

The following companies have donated gift cards and items to contribute to our fundraising efforts.

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FLOOD FLASHBACK

During the afternoon of July 11, 2004, the atmosphere unleashed the biggest deluge of water and hail ever seen in this area. The storm dumped more than 150 mm of rain in Lynnwood in less than an hour likely making it the wettest moment in the city's history. Hailstones ranging in size from golf balls to baseballs left a frosty coating of slush on lawns and sidewalks. Many streets were impassable by vehicle, leading people to wade through knee-deep water under a dark and green-tinted sky.

Anne remembers the ravine in Lynnwood being full of hail which remained until the next day. Joyce and her husband worked all day and night to stop their basement from flooding.

Many homes suffered water damage in their basements and insurers paid out close to \$160 million in over 12,000 claims in the city. There was flash flooding in the west end

including one report of a 15-metre wide wall of water in Laurier Park.

As the water began to rise, people were forced to climb on top of picnic tables. I remember we could not open our back door because of all the hail pushed up against it.



As soon as the storm passed, I remember the street in front of our house was filled with water and much of the hail had gathered to form small icebergs floating down the avenue. There was an eerie mist rising above the water and I saw many of our neighbours for the very first time as



159 St. Photo courtesy of Chelsea Joyce

they came out to inspect the damage.

But despite all the storms over the years, the Lynnwood neighbourhood has continued to thrive as a community!

James

The end of the ravine (where the toboggan hill is) was full so you could walk across it like there was no hill. There was 3' of water in our garage and sewage in the basement.

This is why for so many years on every real estate advertisement it would say "new roof 2004", "new furnace and hot water tank 2004"!
Michelle

We had an ice dam on the roof causing it to rain through every light fixture on the main floor. The basement had overland flooding through the windows because ice blocked all of the manholes in the street.

Nancy



ROAMING FOR RASPBERRIES



How many of us wander the alleys mid summer looking for ripe raspberries to nibble on during our walks? I have always assumed that raspberry bushes growing along alleyway fences were intended as gifts from one neighbour to another. A feeling of gratitude accompanies me as I wander from patch to patch observing the unwritten etiquette of only taking a handful at each stop.

Thank you to the neighbours who maintain the raspberry patches on the alley side of their fence. This simple gesture of generosity increases my connection to the community. I don't know why I picked this summer to plant my own patch of raspberries on the alley side of my

fence, but I think it had something to do with Covid and my grandsons. I want them to grow up remembering how they helped plant and care for the raspberries outside my fence and the enjoyment we shared as we wandered along the Lynnwood raspberry route finding sweet little gifts of bright, red berries along the way.

The raspberry, a resilient fruit giving shrub requiring so little attention once established, is an easy gift to offer the neighbourhood. If you are so inclined, consider planting a raspberry patch on the alley side of your fence?

Anna Somerville

OUR LADY OF VICTORIES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Our Lady of Victories students and staff wish all our neighbours a wonderful summer break. It is hard to believe that we are at the end of another school year and what an interesting year it has been. The constraints due to Covid have not deterred the staff and students from having a rich year full of fun and learning. The challenges we have faced together have only made all of us stronger.

Some of our favourite memories include Smudge and drumming residencies with Aaron Zorthian, an author residency with Marty Chan and an author/illustrator residency with Jared Robinson. Father Dean from St. John's Parish stayed connected with us all year and, with different groups of students, led us in mass. We also had some amazing projects created as students demonstrated their understanding of books that were read in the classes and related to curriculum outcomes.

The parents in our school community have been busy fundraising for a new school playground. We appreciate

the work of staff and students as they helped make these events successful. We extend a thank you to COBs, and Callingwood Bottle Depot for their support. If you would like to support our school, please let Callingwood Bottle Depot know that you would like to contribute your funds to Our Lady of Victories (the account will be left open over the summer).

Thank you to our neighbourhood friends who volunteered to help us out. I have not forgotten about you, and I will reach out once we begin the building process. If you would like to help out in other ways, please call the school.

We continue to celebrate the friendships that have been part of this learning journey and we look forward to in class learning in September. Remember to check out the Lynnwood Green Shack program if you are looking for some fun in the sun! Our school office will be open on August 26, 2021.

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Catholic Elementary School

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Qualifying and Eligible Individual: To be a qualifying individual you must be 65 years of age or older at the end of the year or qualify for the Disability Tax Credit (DTC) at any point in the year. If your spouse is a qualifying individual you can potentially claim this credit as an eligible individual. If you are unsure about your eligibility for the DTC please contact a professional accountant such as myself or your tax advisor for assistance with this.

Qualifying Property: This must be owned directly or jointly by you or your spouse and is where you live primarily.

Qualifying Expenses: These must meet all of the following conditions:

- Incurred during the taxation year (i.e. Jan-Dec 2021) and have become a permanent part of the dwelling
- allow the qualifying individual to gain access to, or to

be mobile or functional within, the dwelling

- reduce the risk of harm to the qualifying individual within the dwelling or in gaining access to the dwelling
- If you do the work yourself you can claim your small tools, materials/rentals etc. but you cannot claim the cost of your own labour or large tools purchased
- If a family member does the work and they charge you for it they must be registered for GST in order for the expenses to be claimed

A maximum of \$10,000 in expenses can be claimed each year for a qualifying individual. You should keep all receipts, invoices and other documents in support of any expenses claimed in the event the claim is reviewed by CRA.

It is my privilege to serve the community in which I live and I do hope you get value from this column. I encourage feedback and suggestions as to financial topics of interest. Submit to newsletter@lynnwoodcommunity.com.

Sachin, a Lynnwood Resident since 2014, is a Chartered Professional Accountant specializing in owner-managed businesses and personal income taxes. You can often see him and his wife, Kayla, walking their 100 LB Newfoundland/Lab Barney.



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