

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Submitted by Ryan Young

2015 was another great year in our community. We had a few changes on the board but thanks to the amazing people involved, the transition was seamless. Marie-Jo Bruneau was elected President last March and ensured that our league started with a solid footing. During the summer, we had some shuffling on the board which resulted in me becoming President. It has been a pleasure to serve in this role and to work with a great bunch of people.

During the past year, our league has continued to grow in exciting ways. Pub night draws good crowds each month, our playschool is bursting at the seams and our sports programs are so popular that it's tough to keep pace. New and rebranded activities took place in the families, 45+ and community day events as well. Behind the scenes, people have been busy behind the scenes doing the bookkeeping, maintenance, selling memberships, writing cards, taking minutes, applying for grants, planting flowers, creating rinks, taking photos, renting the hall, handling development permits, and producing our world-class newsletters. We live in a community with some pretty awesome people.

What I am most excited about is what 2016 has in store for us. Our board has decided to implement the Abundant Communities Initiative. This initiative is currently in several place throughout the city and every community says nothing but positive comments about it. In a nutshell, it's a way for us to connect with each other in new ways. On most of our streets, there is someone who seems to know almost everyone on the street. They know about the "skateboarder" in the bungalow or the "gardeners in the yellow house across the street." The Abundant Communities Initiative works with this people to help us know who is in our community. It's not a "big brother database" but a way for us to connect people in the community who have shared interests. For example, there might be someone in the community who wants to start a running club but does not know of others who share their interests. This new initiative will allow us to help facilitate the connections. More details will be presented in the upcoming months but make sure to google what is happening in other neighbourhoods to find out how exciting this can be for North Glenora.

PAST PRESIDENT REPORT

Submitted by Bruce Jakeway

I have been working with our Community Recreation Coordinator to get signs at the entrances to the community and near the Community Hall. I monitor the condition of the roads and sidewalks. If you have any problems to report, please submit them at <http://northglenora.org/reconstruction>.

1st VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Submitted by Corinne Sawarin

I am thrilled to have had the opportunity to be part of the North Glenora Executive for part of the 2015/16 year. It has allowed me the opportunity to work closely with both Ryan and Carolyn, and the Board as whole to plan events to celebrate our community and our amazing volunteers and to learn more about both the priorities and the challenges our community league is facing.

North Glenora is an incredibly diverse and vibrant community, one I am very fortunate to be a part of. Clearly, two of the major priorities are being welcoming and encouraging community participation and engagement. I have learned first hand how responsive the Board is to community concerns how hard everyone works to ensure North Glenora has events and activities that are universal in appeal.

Thank you to Ryan, Carolyn and the entire Board for allowing me the opportunity to work with such an amazing team.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Submitted by Carolyn Aarnoutse

It has been a great year for North Glenora. I took the time this year to focus on our Summer Program. This is a wonderful program and great to see all the kids and parents that attended on a daily basis. I look forward to our 3rd summer and finding ways to make this program even better. Together with Westmount Presbyterian Church, St. Pauls Anglican Church, and Grovenor Community League we supported this program financially and in a creative way. At the end of the summer we hosted a BBQ which was a success. Thank you to the many local businesses and volunteers who made it possible. I hope this is something we can do every year.

Indoor playground started up this year, it has been a slow start however, there are now families that come on a regular basis. Please come and join my family and I on Mondays (9:15am-11:15am)

Thank you to the many volunteers who helped out in North Glenora; it is wonderful to see so many people committed to their community.

SECRETARY REPORT

Submitted by Melissa Altamirano

I am very happy to have served on the Board as the Secretary, unfortunately I will not be returning to this role in the upcoming year. I have learned a lot about the community and really enjoyed being part of the executive team. North Glenora is wonderful community and the members are what make it so great and such a lovely community to live in and be a part of.

AED STATUS REPORT

Submitted by Kurena Adams

Light green, All supplies there.

CARD REPORT

Submitted by Agnes Brennan

This past year I have sent and delivered the following neighbourhood cards. These cards were delivered by my husband, Jim, for part of the year and continued by Elizabeth Turner.

Sympathy	15
Get Well	5
Thinking of you	5
Baby Congratulations	1

Respectfully submitted,
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TREASURER REPORT

Submitted by Fraser Porter

See 2015 financial report

GRANTS REPORT

Submitted by Jordan Elias

This year we didn't fully capitalize on the opportunities available to us for grant funding. To help prevent this in the future, we have created a time table of grants that we are aware of with their timing, purpose and contact information to allow us to better plan for our projects and make the most of the grant opportunities that are available to us. Hopefully this document will continue to grow and help the league itself grow by making our funds go further.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped and worked on the board for making this a great learning opportunity and a truly memorable and unique experience!

ADULT PROGRAMS REPORT

Submitted by Rhonda Van Heyst & Marg French

NGCL Adult Activities Report for 2015

The goal of Adult Programming is to provide community building events. However the hope each year is that we generate a small profit for the league to keep the hall heated and the lights on! As you can see from the budget documents this is becoming a bigger issue each year. With the increase in the prices of what we serve at Pub Nights and the increase in food for the craft weekends we have to increase what we are charging for the various Adult Programming events.

Pub Night is Ongoing:

Once again we organised a total of 9 Pub Nights (July, August and December were skipped) with various themes being celebrated for each of them. We serve beer, coolers, wine and no-alcohol beverages. To meet the requirements of the liquor permit we ask the participants to bring a snack to share. We want to express our thanks to Sherbrooke Liquor on 118 Ave and St Albert trail and Anderson Liquor at Centre 149 for their support of the pub nights in our community by offering us a price reduction on the items we buy, helping us find interesting beer to serve and of course giving us items for those famous door prizes! Also a thank you to Tim Brocklesby for the donation of a number of Lorraine's football hand warmers which have been door prizes received with delight. We are open to requests for items to stock and if you want to organize a theme for a pub night evening - again please contact us. We want to thank our husbands Daniel van Heyst and Frank French for their ongoing help and support. Frank is our "music man" and Daniel and Alex Mather created the fun mini-golf course for the January Snowbird pub night. As well, Pub Night is becoming a venue for other community events. The Planning and Transportation committee often holds their meetings in a corner at pub night, the school just had a parent mixer before pub night that more or less flowed into the evening, and community day is ended with a pub night. As well the Reuse Fair and pub night work together well.

In addition to Pub Night we assisted with the bar for New Year's Eve and the Halloween Party.

Craft Weekends are Growing:

As well two craft weekends have been held with the leadership of Tara van Meter, Andrea Laurie, Tatjana Sopiwnyk, and Catharina Fraser and the two of us. Both these events have been very entertaining and have turned a small profit. A wide variety of crafts are created at this event. These events are so popular that the last craft weekend sold out. We had a massage therapist come to Saturday afternoon and worked the crafty kinks out with chair massages. This addition to the weekend was very well received.

Yoga is Flowing:

Sherri Marienhoff moved so is no longer able to teach Yoga classes. We wish to thank her for her years as our yoga instructor. Tasha Davidson is our new instructor and her website is www.tashadavidson.com Yoga is held Monday and Wednesday evenings and just recently Friday mornings have been added.

If you have an adult oriented activity you would like to help make happen at the league, we are open to helping you make it happen. Send us an email or give us a call. We will probably not make any more events happen than we currently manage, but are happy to help you get things up and running and be a liaison with the league executive.

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Submitted by Barbara Urias

I am proud to inform that this year North Glenora has sold 250 memberships and counting, this means that approximately 700 people are members and enjoy the variety of activities that North Glenora Offers, thanks to a great team of Canvassers because without them this will not be possible, their contribution is really appreciated. Unfortunately we were not able to visit every house but we had more people purchasing online than past years.

Being a Canvasser is a good opportunity to meet our neighbours and gives you a great satisfaction. I invite you to participate next year, it requires about 2 or 3 weeks of effort.

Thank you for letting me be part of the Executive Board this year and for the effort and time that each of you give to the Community; without a doubt the best Community in Edmonton.

SCHOOL LIAISON REPORT

Submitted by Louise McKay

Report not submitted.

FAMILY PROGRAMS REPORT

Submitted by Monika Ibrahimi

2015/2016 was a busy year for the Family Program as we organized many community inclusive events. The Halloween and New Year parties were a great success, everyone seems to have had a great time. We had many prizes to offer and for this I want to thank everyone that helped make it happen. I hope that we continue to hold these events in the future (maybe a new community tradition) and why not look towards adding more of them in hopes of raising more money for the community.

The summer program is one of the things that we should continue to fund as a community. It has proved to be very popular and necessary for many families. It is a fun time for the kids, it allows them to be outside and be active on a daily basis through the incorporation of many diverse activities.

I want to thank everyone that has helped out with the events this year, it would not have been possible without you!

NEIGHBOURHOOD CLUB PROGRAMS REPORT

Submitted by Bev Orchard

The 45+ Club has had a name change to North Glenora Neighbourhood Club. The name was chosen from submissions received at Community Day & our Pot Luck Suppers. We hope that the new name being none age specific will encourage people of all ages to attend our events.

Our pot luck suppers are popular events with good food, musical entertainment & door prizes. Cards & Games nights have featured crib, scrabble, floor shuffleboard, crossword puzzle & jenga. Refreshments are always part of the evening.

This year the club has contributed to the community hall with the purchase of an electric kettle & 4 card tables.

Our executive meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30PM at the hall. We welcome additional members to help plan & organize events. Events will be held every 2 months or more depending upon the input and support of the community.

Current members are Marg Bowler, Donna Chanaszyk, Jean Chernish, Kim Donnelly & Bev Orchard.

Thank you to those who have helped at our events to make them a success

HALL BOOKINGS REPORT

Submitted by Catharina & Stuart Fraser

As newbies to the hall bookings position it has indeed been an instructive year for Stuart and I. Updating the North Glenora google calendar, reading the fine print in insurance certificates and getting the sense of a potential renter are some of the several skills we continue to hone.

North Glenora Hall is a busy hall and serves as a venue to both North Glenora programs and other regular users (Brownies, Sparks, Skills and TOPS)

Our long term renters, the Fiddlers, have expanded their service by offering a family dance from noon to 6 on the second Sunday of every month. This is being done on a trial basis and may continue if successful. On the third Saturday evening, for a four month trial (Jan to Apr) a square dancing group is using the hall and may continue if the response has been good.

The hall rentals review committee (Kurena Adams, David Salmon, Rhonda Van Heyst, Stuart And Catharina Fraser) met to update the renter's information sheet as well as the rental agreement. At the same time we looked at the current operations manual and tweaked the hall rentals sections. A separate report is available.

I attended a hall rentals information session at Leagues Alive in early February. It was a very informative session; it affirmed that we were doing a lot of things right and definitely gave me resources to call on if we have questions.

HISTORIAN REPORT

Submitted by Andrea Laurie

This year I was able to get out and photograph some amazing events in North Glenora, this included Community Day, Volunteer Appreciation, and Soccer Wind down. I am hoping this year I will have more time to dedicate to this task.

I created and presented a photographic slide show, showcasing our fantastic events and volunteers for last year's Volunteer Appreciation event. I will do this again for 2016.

I have done some work on sorting through and cataloguing items contained in the North Glenora history collection. This is an ongoing project I have been working on and I hope to spend more time on it this year.

I purchased a few acid free, archival quality storage containers from the Provincial Archives to house memorabilia such as sports jerseys, flags and other delicate textiles in our collection. Storing these items properly will increase their preservation for years to come.

I have been slowly scanning and converting hard copy North Glenora photographs from the old photo albums into digital/electronic files. There are so many photos and it has proven to be a big undertaking, but it's been fun to look back and reminisce.

In 2016, I would like to become a member of the Archive Society of Alberta to have access to professional development opportunities to increase my knowledge to better manage/organize the North Glenora history collection.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SECURITY REPORT

Submitted by Corinne Sawarin

I am proud to have completed another year as the Security Liaison for North Glenora. From my dealing with many of our residents, it is clear our community is dedicated to crime prevention and to making our North Glenora safe and welcoming for all residents.

We were fortunate to take advantage of funds and supplies from the City of Edmonton as part of the Capital City Clean Up initiative, to remove graffiti from areas in and around our community hall.

Remember, if you see graffiti it can be reported to ngcl.safety@gmail.com or to the police non-emergency line at 780.423.4567.

As a result of restructuring and changes within West Division, we have seen two more Edmonton Police Service Security Liaisons, come and go and to date, a new one has not been appointed. I have assurance from ESP that community policing is a priority for them, and that as soon as a new person is appointed, they will ensure the Board is notified.

EPS has some useful online tools, and I encourage everyone to take a look at them. One is the crime map, which provides information about the types of crimes in a specified neighborhood over a specific date range. It can be accessed at <http://crimemapping.edmontonpolice.ca/>

Another useful tool is the online crime reporting system. This allows individuals to report certain types of crimes online, rather than having to phone the non-emergency line. This tool can be accessed at

<http://www.edmontonpolice.ca/ContactEPS/OnlineCrimeReporting.aspx> It can also be accessed using the EPS mobile app for Mac and Android. The app also contains news, alerts, and quick access to the Edmonton Police Facebook and Twitter pages. A great way to stay informed of happenings within our community and the city as a whole.

Remember, if you have concerns related to safety or security within North Glenora, please report these not only to EPS if appropriate, but also to ngcl.safety@gmail.com. This allows the security liaison to follow up with EPS around specific concerns, and also ensure news is circulated to the community as a whole in a timely manner.

Thank you to every member of North Glenora for helping to keep our neighborhood a fantastic place to live.

PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION REPORT

Submitted by Andrew Gregory

Report not submitted.

PUBLICITY REPORT

Submitted by Jason Ross

This year saw Michelle Woodward take over and do a great job as publicity chair. Unfortunately she had to step down in September so Jason Ross said he would produce the newsletter until the AGM. Jason Ross will be stepping down as of March 8 as the publicity chair and is looking forward to handing over the reigns to the new social media coordinator and publicity chair.

We ran a survey to see what people thought of the newsletter in December and January. The majority of respondents said they would like to keep the newsletter as is, while most respondents were also open to a smaller version as well. The desire to have the newsletter online only received the lowest amount of support.

North Glenora started a Facebook group this year (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/185128941819635>). This group is designed for residents of the community (and surrounding communities) to share information about events, services and anything else that may be of interest to others in the community.

This group is in addition to our website (<http://www.northglenora.org>), our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/North-Glenora-Community-League-419715804785328>), our Twitter feed (<https://twitter.com/NorthGlenoraCL>), and our mailing list (<http://eepurl.com/l463z>) as different ways to get information out about events and issues affecting our community.

SPORTS COORDINATOR REPORT

Guy & Chelsey Ambrosio

2015 Annual Report:

We saw some excellent growth to our community sport programs this past year.

Outdoor Soccer saw growth in numbers, we had over 150 registrants this past year. Supertots (U3) continues to be an excellent way for the little ones, sometimes with older siblings in soccer, to participate in some fun physical activity of their own. The league made some investments in new soccer nets which allowed our U10 and U8 soccer teams to remain within the community park for a large number of their games. Indoor soccer also had another successful run this year. I want to thank Elizabeth and Grant Nash for their excellent work as soccer coordinators this past year, they have stepped down for the start of the 2016 outdoor season and have been replaced by a committee of volunteers including: Nathaniel Friedenthal, Michelle Young, Kieran Pilson, Bruce Jakeway, and Braeden Vriend. We are always looking for volunteers for soccer coordination and events as the sport requires support from a number of individuals to be a success. We encourage any interested community members or parents to contact ngclsoccer@gmail.com if they would like to get involved.

One of our great accomplishments this year was the building of our rink in the field in front of the rink shack. With a team of great community volunteers we were able to get a beautiful sheet of ice up over the Christmas holidays. A small skating rink was added on top of the basketball court and we had ourselves a very nice skating facility in the heart of our community. The rink allowed for two successful outdoor programs of skating lessons, led again by Melanie Bohun, and pond hockey. Our pond hockey league is a way for kids in the community to experience hockey for the first or second time, without too much of a time commitment in a fun environment. We had growth from 19 participants last year to 29 this year. The rink gave us almost 2 good months, and up until our recent stretch of early spring warm weather the rink was holding strong. As the ice starts to melt we'll begin again to prepare the surfaces for another season of outdoor soccer.

Sports and Recreation are a great way to bring members of a community together. Whether it's young children playing and making lifelong friendships, or youth and adults of the community finding ways to get out of the house and active. There is no doubt it's a wonderful way to get to know your neighbours and make North Glenora a beautiful place to live.

Chelsey and I will be stepping down for the upcoming 2016-17 year. We hope that someone who has an interest in sport, recreation, or simply bringing community together can find time to continue the great programs already in place and perhaps add even more great programs or drop in activities to keep those members of the community active and engaged.

My recommendation for the upcoming year is that the Sports Coordinator position utilize sub-committees to keep the work-load manageable, and encourage further engagement from different demographics and members of the community. Some of the existing subcommittees and new subcommittee recommendations include:

- Soccer Coordination functions very well as a subcommittee, and given the demands of this program, a team approach is a great idea.
- Rink Shack Management and Ice Building. Building the rink starts in November and maintaining the rink and managing the rink shack requires a team of volunteers. With a sub-committee we can reach new heights with how we run our rink-shack when the ice is built!
- Pond Hockey Coordinator. We have seen great growth in this program, and I think we will see further expansion of this into multiple nights, and even drop in nights for adults as well.

By separating out some of the roles already in place, this would ensure continued success and growth of

these functions, and perhaps allow the sport coordinator to focus energy on new drop-in programs, new programs for older age groups, short seasonal programs like skating lessons, and new seasonal sport/recreation events or celebrations.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS REPORT

Submitted by David Salmon and Guy Sopiwnyk

Report not submitted.

KITCHEN KEEPER REPORT

Submitted by Margaret French

Report not submitted.

PLAYSCHOOL REPORT

Submitted by Cara Roemmich

North Glenora Playschool has had an exciting year. The 2015-2016 school year marks the first time the playschool has run two classes. We have 22 students currently enrolled: 11 three- and four-year-olds in the Monday, Wednesday, Friday morning program, and 11 three-year-olds in the Tuesday, Thursday morning program.

Under the very capable leadership of Miss Maria, the students this year have explored life beneath the ocean, dug up dinosaurs, walked to Woodcroft Library, played with seals at West Edmonton Mall, moved their bodies to yoga, gymnastics, and in the Terry Fox Run.

We have held two very successful fundraisers - thank you in so many ways to the amazing community and friends of North Glenora for their ongoing support. We held a liquor basket raffle prior to Christmas, and a sweetheart themed silent auction in February.

In addition to our current schedule, we are excited to offer an afternoon class for the upcoming school year. Please encourage those you feel might be interested to be in touch.

North Glenora Playschool Registration Night and Open House

Wednesday, March 9

6:30-8:30 p.m.

13535-109 A Avenue

780-452-6610

<http://northglenoraplayschool.com/>

In addition to our current schedule, we are pleased to offer an afternoon class next year for our four-year-olds. Our options are:

2.5- to 3-year-olds (turning 3 by March 1, 2017):

T/Th morning - 8:55 to 11:25, or
W/F morning - 8:55 to 11:25

4-year-olds (turning 4 by March 1, 2017):

M/W/F morning - 8:55 to 11:25, or

M/W/F afternoon - 12:30 to 3:00
