

ACING Stories: Announcing Block Connectors

Block 13: Maryan Ali



Hello everyone my name is Maryan Ali and I moved to the North Glendora Neighbourhood about nine months ago with my four children. We really love living here and one of our favourite things is that the school is really close to us. We

could not have asked for a better place to live because everyone we meet is so welcoming.

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Block 26: Neil Lang



My wife, Gay and I selected this wonderful community of North Glenora in 1984 to live in. Many times been tempted to move but always stay as a result of the fantastic relationships with others in the community. Since

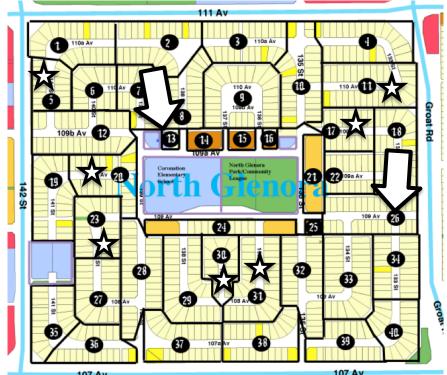
Gay passed away 8 years ago, I have been involved with Front Yards in Bloom, community league memberships, casino fundraisers and now Abundant Community Initiative for North Glenora.

Recently I was saddened to put down my 16 year old dog Conan. Many in our community would see me dog walking and it was great to get outdoors and greet others in all kinds of weather. I should get in the habit again of walking around our community even if just for 10 minutes. Great opportunity to observe what others are doing to improve their front yards.

Gardening.... yes I have three gardens to tend. Wish I had more time to do a decent job to perhaps catch up to the other beautiful front yards in our Neighborhood. I seem to be reducing the number of annuals and going more perennials. My gardens are all organically grown which means there may be the odd weed or two I put up with. I do make exception for the Red Lily Beetle which in the last few years has been voraciously chomping on our lilies. Please join me in pinching these red coloured monsters off our lilies every day.

Now that I retired at the end of August, perhaps I shall have more time.

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ACING Block Map

ACING Summer Party a Success!

On June 30th the ACING team hosted a Summer Party at the North Glenora Community League Hall. Neighbours played air hockey, built bird feeders, made smoothies with pedal power, repaired bicycles with the Edmonton Bicycle Commuters, and learned about community safety from the Neighbourhood Empowerment Team.



These activities were selected based on the interests we heard from our neighbours - and you loved it! This event was so successful we had to end an hour early because we ran out of supplies. The kids particularly loved the smoothies (you could tell by their blueberry blue faces) and there was quite the lineup at the Edmonton Bicycle Commuter's station. We hope you had the chance to meet some of your awesome neighbours. Thank you to the wonderful ACING team for volunteering your time and to the community for showing support!

In the coming months, Maryan and Neil will be visiting all residents within Blocks 13 and 26 to say hi and get to know their neighbours so make sure to welcome them at your door.

If you are interested in volunteering for ACING or if you have any questions about the program, please contact the Neighbourhood Connector, Marissa MacIsaac, at 780.237.5266 or abundantng@gmail.com