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COMMUNITY LEAGUE NEWS



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Together we will foster a community that understands our past, creates a sense of belonging, and strengthens supportive relationships with each other and the land.

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FALL. FOUR SIMPLE LETTERS CAN FILL SOME OF US WITH FEAR AND DREAD.

IT'S TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT FALL IN OUR COMMUNITY. FALL IS BOTH A BEGINNING AND AN END. FALL MEANS THE END OF ANOTHER WONDERFUL EDMONTON SUMMER.

Daylight grows a bit shorter, the air has a crispness to it, and the leaves begin to change. The kids will be returning to school and all of us will begin preparing for 8-10 inches of snow and -35 temperatures within days of Halloween.

But summer isn't over yet, and there are a great number of things you can still get out and do before it ends. Walk outside as the sun sets. Take a walk around the neighbourhood to appreciate all of those who were nominated for this year's Front Yards in Bloom. Or join us at the **Community Day on Sunday September 24**.

This year, we will be hosting a **Fall Community Garage Sale** on Community Day. From 9 am to noon on Sunday, September 24, come to the Community League parking lot to see what your friends and neighbours have to offer. Anyone who would like to sell their surplus items at the Fall Community Garage Sale can reserve a spot by contacting president@northglenora.org. If you can't make it on the 24th don't stress, we will be holding a Spring Garage sale in early 2024, right before the Reuse Fair, to help folks get a head start on their spring cleaning.

See page 8 for a full list of Community Day Events!

Chris Hyde

President, North Glenora Community League
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L > R Heather Markham, Melissa Campbell, Karen Edwards, Marina Koffi, Lionel Pereira, Chris Hyde, Shree Subramanian, Sandy Sift, Erin Olefeldt

WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME OUR NEW AND RETURNING VOLUNTEERS TO THE NGCL BOARD.

NORTH GLENORA IS VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE SUCH A DIVERSE GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS SHARE THEIR TALENTS AND EXPERTISE WITH NORTH GLENORA. IF YOU SEE THEM IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD, BE SURE TO SAY "HELLO". SEVERAL BOARD MEMBERS SHARED WHAT THEY HOPE TO ACHIEVE IN 2023/2024.

President Chris Hyde My family and I have had the privilege of living in North Glenora for the last 7 years, taking advantage of the great local schools, parks and amazing neighbours.

Past President Melissa Campbell I am excited to see events and activities starting back up in our community! This year, I would like to build on this momentum and continue to create a sense of belonging and community connection for all North Glenorans.

Secretary Bernadette Chevalier I am looking forward to meeting more of my North Glenora neighbours by participating in and helping out with many community events planned for this next year!

Membership Director Sandy Sift This year my hope is that all North Glenora neighbours have the opportunity to participate in at least one league event or service.

Sustainability Director Erin Olefeldt I'm looking forward to continuing to work with our amazing Board, Sustainability Committee, and Community on more sustainability projects – like the new community garden that will be built soon!

Communications Director Heather Markham I'm looking forward to continue to inform North Glenora residents of upcoming events, news updates and articles that are relevant to you.

Family Programs Marina Koffi Marina is a trustworthy and social person full of energy and always smiling.

Community Safety Director Lionel Pereira As a Community Peace Officer for over 20 years, I hope to be a resource and a person to go to if our community has questions or concerns regarding safety in our community.

Other Board Members

Vice President: Shree Subramanian, **Treasurer:** Mamatha Swamy, **Grants Director:** Karen Edwards, **Planning & Transportation Director:** Antonella Cortese

NORTH GLENORA BITS & BOBS



IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL TIME



As school doors open, traffic gets a little heavier on our streets. People are back from holidays, school buses and public transit are on regular routes, and more people are walking, cycling or driving to school.

To help with the transition and share the roads safely, read our safety tips. Help everyone stay safe this school year!

1) Observe School Zone Speeds

Children crossing the road on their way to and from school can easily get distracted and step into harm's way. Slowing down and being vigilant is crucial to keeping kids safe.

2) Obey the Crossing Guard

A crossing guard is there to keep children safe. If you come up to a set of lights, and the light turns green, but the crossing guard still says stop, follow his/her direction and not the traffic light. There might be a child still crossing the street that you can't see.

3) Watch for Darting Children

Kids are small and easily distracted, and for drivers, this can create dangerous situations on the roads. You never know when a small child might step out from between parked cars or off a sidewalk. Your awareness and fast reflexes may be needed to prevent an accident.

4) School Buses

Most mishaps take place outside the bus. Make sure children don't arrive too early at the bus stop where they can wander or get into mischief. Ensure children wait well away from the road and stay back until the school bus makes a full stop and the doors open. Explain that they must walk at least three metres (10 feet) away when crossing in front of the bus so the driver can see them. When driving your car near a school bus please note that extra caution is needed.

Lionel Pereira, NGCL Community League Safety Director
safety@northglenora.org

NORTH GLENORA OPEN MIC



Thanks to everyone who attended our first ever Open Mic! It was a huge success with 15 performers sharing their poetry, music, and dancing. There was also a great crowd of supportive audience members. AND a huge thank you to **Carmon Arlett at Production World** for doing his sound magic.

Join our next community open mic on Wednesday, September 20 @ 7-9 pm.

(Doors/Sign-up 6:30pm). Contact **Melissa** at pastpresident@northglenora.org if you have any questions or if you would like to get involved. Please note, we have a cash bar and do not take debit or credit cards.

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NORTH GLENORA PUB NIGHTS ARE BACK!

Join the Bar Babes (plus a new Babe) for the re-start of the famous North Glenora Pub Nights! The first one is September 15, 2023 from 8 to 11 pm at the Community Hall.

Please note: Our license from Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission states that all of our pub nights are for residents of North Glenora and their invited guests. There will be a variety of beer, coolers, wine and non-alcohol beverages for you to purchase and enjoy, and we ask that you bring a snack to share with your neighbours.

Mark your calendar for future Pub Night dates: October 13, November 17, 2023, and January 19, February 16, March 15, April 19, May 10, June 14, 2024

REMEMBER! HARVEST SHARE ENDS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30!



Donate your extra garden goods to the **Harvest Share** program each Saturday morning before noon! Please leave any extra fruits and vegetables you may have outside the community hall in (or near) the box marked "Harvest Share". Please do not include damaged apples. The program will continue until Saturday, September 30th.

If you are someone or know someone who would like to receive produce, please contact:
sustainability@northglenora.org.

NORTH GLENORA COMMUNITY RAIN GARDEN



Thank you so much to the amazing volunteers who helped to plant our new rain garden the weekend of July 8 and 9th and to all those who have helped to maintain the area throughout the summer! There will be tours of the rain garden as part of our Community Day on **Sunday, September 24th**. All are welcome!

Stay tuned for information on upcoming **workshops** that will take place over the winter to help residents plan rain gardens on their own properties!

Erin Olefeldt

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PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

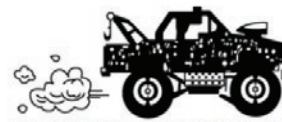
Our community continues to see activity encouraging growth in North Glenora! Here are some updates as of this month:

1. Verona Developments moves forward! The City of Edmonton has issued a development permit for a 35 residential unit, 4-storey structure with one commercial unit on the corner of 135 St and 109 Ave. Excavation is underway for a 36 parking stall underground parkade, with construction continuing throughout the winter season.
2. On the corner of 107 Ave. and Groat Rd., the old Texaco Gas Station location, is now seeing some activity. The company has received a permit to construct exterior alterations on the vacant site, installing a temporary shoring system for environmental remediation.
3. Regency Patio Homes continues to move forward having resolving underground work with Epcor. Regency adjusted its schedule to a March 2024 completion.
4. Our community will have another walkable grocery store! The existing space located at 10720 – 142 Street is being converted into a new grocery store, known as Freson Bros Glenora Circle. For information about this new neighbour, check out: <https://majorprojects.alberta.ca/details/Freson-Bros-Glenora-Circle/10875>.
Remember to continue supporting the wonderful established shops and services adjacent to this new development.
6. T5M Connect is now complete and fully leased, housing new neighbours we welcome to our community!

Thanks to our P & T Committee Members **Suzanne McAfee**, **Cathie Monson**, and **Crystal Oko** for their contribution and updates.

Questions?

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COMMUNITY DAY 2023



Mark your calendar for Community Day, **Sunday, September 24th @ NGCL HALL**, an occasion to celebrate North Glenora as the wonderful community we all know and love.

- Rain Garden tours
- Fall Community Garage Sale: 9 am to 12 pm
- Community Multicultural Potluck: 5:30 pm
Bring a dish to share your culture, or just bring your favourite dish!

If you have questions or if you would like to help out, contact **Marina** at family@northglenora.org

NORTH GLENORA COMMUNITY GARDEN NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The North Glenora Sustainability Committee has received a grant from Sustainable Food Edmonton to build a community vegetable garden! This garden will be located on the north and east sides of the community hall.

Phase 1 of construction will take place on **Saturday, September 30, 2023** and we are looking for volunteers to help build several raised beds as well as establish two large in-ground beds.

Erin Olefeldt

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NORTH GLENORA CASINO FUNDRAISER SUCCE\$\$



Many thanks for the volunteers who helped Aug 15 & 16 at our North Glenora Community League casino at Starlight Casino. We will not know until October as to the exact earnings but it should be at least \$70,000. This helps contribute to building maintenance and projects for our community league.

Of the 32 volunteers there were 25 community members plus 7 angels or non members. Six worked TWO up to seven hour shifts which really helped get the job done.

Our next casino will be in 2 or 3 years.

Thank you to our casino volunteers!

Ellen Abbott, Wayne Arthurson, Joan Batten, Jim Bohun, John Bruner, Melissa Campbell, Kim Christie-Milley, Margaret French, Nabanita Ghosh, Haruko Hashimoto, Sarah Henderson, Marina Koffi, Wai-Ling and Joe Lennon, Bill MacDonald, Andy Mikula, Milt Milley, Carolina Roemmich, Chiranjeeb Sarkar, Sandy Stift, Daria Taylor, Richard Thornley, David van Meter, Kay and Gene Wannamaker.

Neil Lang, Casino Chair
North Glenora Community League



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BOULEVARD GARDENS



The City of Edmonton is embracing the practice of gardening on our boulevards and using this space for to beautify neighbourhoods. Many people have been doing this for years so it's nice to see that the City is now encouraging it!

Boulevard gardening can provide ecological benefits by providing habitat for important pollinator species, decreasing the amount of fertilizer and water people may use to maintain these strips of land, and slowing the flow of stormwater to sewage drains.

How To Begin Boulevard Gardening:

1. Fill out the online form to get your permit: https://www.edmonton.ca/residential_neighbourhoods/gardens_lawns_trees/boulevard-gardening

The form or declaration acts as a permit for simple garden plans and only takes a minute to fill out. There is no fee!

2. Make sure you leave space between your garden and any City trees that may be on the boulevard. Here is a link to the tree protection guidelines: https://www.edmonton.ca/residential_neighbourhoods/gardens_lawns_trees/public-tree-permit#stack80991

3. Choose the location for your boulevard garden taking into consideration fixed objects and intersection allowances. You need to make sure your garden is at least 1.5 m from fixed objects like fire hydrants and utility boxes. Gardens also need to be set back from intersections. Five metres from the corner of an uncontrolled intersection and 10 m from the corner of a controlled intersection.
4. **Design your garden!** Late summer to early fall is a great time to establish a new garden. Consider using native perennials as they require little maintenance, are the best food for local pollinators, and are of course beautiful!

**A note on digging. You are allowed to dig down 2 inches and add 2 inches of fresh soil or compost for a total of a 4 inch depth in your boulevard garden.*

If you want to establish a more elaborate garden on your boulevard you will need a License of Occupation. This is still a pretty simple process, but there is an annual fee. Follow this link to find out more information about obtaining a License of Occupation: https://www.edmonton.ca/sites/default/files/public-files/Licence_of_Occupation_Guidelines_Fee_Schedule.pdf?cb=1691776597

Happy Gardening!

Erin Olefeldt

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An advertisement for Sarah Hoffman, MLA for Edmonton-Glenora. It features a circular portrait of Sarah Hoffman on the left. To the right, there is text: "Our constituency team is here MLA for Edmonton-Glenora to help residents with provincial government departments, programs, and services." Below this is a name tag for "Sarah Hoffman" and "MLA EDMONTON-GLENORA". At the bottom, there is a red banner with the phone number "780-455-7979" and the email address "Edmonton.Glenora@assembly.ab.ca". The background of the ad shows a modern building.

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Volunteers will be knocking on your door in September. This is your opportunity to get your free membership and let us know what you would like to see in North Glenora and what talents or knowledge you might be able to share. Donations to the NGCL are appreciated in lieu of membership fees.

Member Benefits

- Networking with neighbours, the sense of belonging to your community
- Online access to community news
- Free skating on outdoor rinks.
- Admission discounts at any City of Edmonton sports and fitness facilities
- Ticket discounts to some professional sports games
- Option of playing sports on community league teams
- Borrow free tools from the Edmonton Tool Library
- Reduced rental rates for the community league hall

Additional Benefits

Did you know the North Glenora Community League (NGCL) is a member of the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues (EFCL)?

Along with numerous programs for young and old, your community league membership gains the larger benefits of perks, deals, and discounts from various local businesses and organizations that partner with the EFCL. Memberships are also available through the EFCL website. Visit www.efcl.org for details.

NGCL program offerings are available online at www.northglenora.org.

Pay it Forward with Donations

Donations can be made by dropping a cheque in the community hall mailbox 13535 109A Avenue or by Etransfer to member@northglenora.org

Questions?

Please contact **Sandy Stift** or **Wendy Sauvé**, at member@northglenora.org.