



GRIESBACH COMMUNITY LEAGUE

INTELLIGENCE REPORT

August 2014

Join us on August 10th for two ceremonies to dedicate Patricia Park and the Canadian Airborne Cairn.

Former Governor General, the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson and Alberta's Lieutenant Governor will be among hundreds of guests, soldiers and dignitaries visiting Griesbach on **Sunday, August 10th**. They will be in our community for a special ceremony to dedicate Patricia Park to the storied Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) followed by a second ceremony to unveil the Canadian Airborne Regiment Cairn.

As the PPCLI's Regimental Colonel in Chief, Clarkson will preside over an event that is expected to eclipse the recent Remembrance Day ceremony in size. It will include a dedication to the fallen soldiers who served with the PPCLI since its inception in 1914. As well, a time capsule will be placed in the plaza.

This special event is part of a four-day commemoration taking place in Edmonton to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the PPCLI.

Griesbach residents are invited to attend both events. It is recommended you arrive at the plaza on Patricia Lake by 10:00 am. The Airborne ceremony is slated to begin shortly after 12:00 pm.



Both the Princess Patricia's and the Canadian Airborne Regiment served out of Griesbach when it was a garrison.

The PPCLI have done a remarkable job creating Patricia Plaza (in partnership with Canada Lands Corporation). A wall of recognition has just been installed, along with plaques noting the regiment's battle honours. GCL contributed an engraved stone on behalf of the community.

Bill Dickson, a proud veteran who served with the Canadian Airborne at

the Griesbach Garrison has worked tirelessly with a small team to create a fitting memorial to pay tribute to Canada's fallen paratroopers. Perron-Berger Park is named for two paratroopers who perished in Cyprus in 1974.

We hope you can join us for this day of commemoration and celebration.

Patricia Park Dedication

Sunday, Aug. 10, 10:00 am

Patricia Park (off Griesbach Parade)

Canadian Airborne Cairn Unveiling

Sunday, Aug. 10, 12:00 pm

Perron-Berger Park (off Pegasus Blvd.)

Griesbach Playground Committee
PLAYGROUND TOUR

Sunday, August 24th, 2014
10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Cost: A donation to the new playground
(any amount).

Meet at MGG School between
9:30 am and 10:00 am



Griesbach's Playground Committee is looking for parents and children of all ages to participate in a guided play tour of Hudson, Elizabeth Finch, and Britnell Park playgrounds.

The goal is to visit these existing playgrounds, to play, and to provide feedback on which features you liked and which you didn't. Your input will be used to help us design a great playground for Griesbach.

Bring your own picnic (B.Y.O.P.). Bus transportation, snacks and refreshments will be provided to all who RSVP. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Interested? Please RSVP by AUGUST 17th so we know how many busses to book, and so we can guarantee you a spot.

RSVP online at <http://goo.gl/AmEAZ3>



Planning is underway for the 2014 Shake at the Lake: scheduled for Saturday, September 20th.

We're bringing back all the fan favourites: *the bouncy castles, facepainters, games, military and fire vehicles. Plus our ever popular adult beer garden with live music.* We even have some food trucks with a community connection. BUT THAT'S NOT ALL...



This year we have a vibrant new addition to our annual community extravaganza.

Griesbach Community League is pleased to be holding our first-ever **ART WALK** as part of the festivities. We have nine artists already lined up, and would love to invite any residents with artistic talents to participate. Tables are provided free of charge. Artists are free to sell their work, or just put it on display. Hurry, spots are limited.

To reserve a table
contact bryanevans@shaw.ca
before September 8, 2014.

Lock your Garages.

There have been a number of garage break-ins reported in Griesbach lately. In many cases, it was because people have left their access door unlocked. So be sure to lock up. Window blinds probably aren't a bad idea if you have lots of tools and valuables inside.

Development Update:

It's been a busy summer of building in Griesbach. Here's the latest update...

- The hill at **CENTRAL PARK** gets more and more impressive with each passing day. Decorative rock is being used to create naturalized lecture areas and play spaces, while providing a handy place to sit and enjoy the view. The wild grasses seeded in the spring are taking hold. A new pergola is expected to crown the park by the end of summer.
- Take advantage of one of these warm summer evenings and stroll to the top if you haven't already done so. The view is simply amazing. On Canada Day, over 100 spectators were treated to a 360° fireworks extravaganza. Amazingly, we could see the shows from downtown Edmonton, Sherwood Park, St. Albert, Mill Woods and a couple from parts unknown.
- Meanwhile, the irrigation system has been installed at the **COMMUNITY GARDENS** site at the base of Central Park, and will open next spring.
- If all goes according to schedule, the **NEW TRAFFIC LIGHTS** linking Griesbach to 97th Street will be fully operational by mid-August – allowing the intersection to finally open.
- The pathways will soon be in at **ROUNDEL LAKE**, the newest storm pond on the west side of Griesbach. Dedicated to Canada's air force, Roundel lake will feature aerial silhouettes of several well known military aircraft (a Spitfire, a Mosquito, a Hercules, an Avro Arrow and a Griffin helicopter). These are being poured starting early of August.
- Ground has been broken on the new **4-STORY FAIRFIELD INN AND SUITES**, which will be located in the southeast commercial area. This is a 106-room boutique hotel by **Marriott**. More details to follow.
- You'll notice a new sales centre has been set up on Griesbach Parade. This is for the new four-story **VALOUR CONDOMINIUM** development by Carrington. Carrington was recently voted Multi-family Builder of the Year, so we're expecting big things! The **JUNO TOWNHOMES** have started going up along Pegasus Blvd. and look great with a combination of brickwork and coloured siding.
- Finally, work is now underway on **Stage 16** – along 113A Street. Houses have also been steadily popping up on old school site.



NEWS FLASH...

Griesbach to be profiled on CBC's *Our Edmonton*.

Host Adrienne Lamb will be visiting Griesbach for this week's episode of *Our Edmonton*. It's a weekly program on Edmonton – for Edmontonians.

Set the PVR for CBC at 6:00 am on Saturday, Aug. 9th. Or watch the rebroadcast at 4:00 pm Sunday and Monday morning at 11:00 am.

Whispers from the Garden...

Thanks to Griesbach Community League Parks and Gardens Director, Bryan Evans, and his committed band of volunteers (Audrey Macdonald and Mike Sury) for hand-weeding the flower beds in the two traffic circles. They look amazing. If you have some spare time and want to lend a hand, please contact Bryan:
griesbachgardensdirector@gmail.com

Also, thanks to everyone who nominated a neighbour's yard for the Front Yards in Bloom Contest. Surprised nominees were greeted with a yellow sign on their front lawn, indicating that their yard was recognized. Winners will be announced on August 14th. Find out by visiting www.edmonton.ca.

It will be a tough decision, as there are so many great yards in Griesbach.

Fall Indoor Soccer & Mini's Program sign up dates TBA.

We are planning to hold registrations for the fall indoor soccer program and Griesbach Mini's program in late August and early September. We are waiting to confirm dates and times with MGG School. An announcement will be sent out as soon as we confirm.

Outdoor soccer wraps up.

The spring soccer season wrapped up with a huge party for players. It was another great year of footie.

Thanks to all parents, players... and especially our coaches and managers who all volunteer their time for the kids.

Congratulations to Griesbach FC U12 Boys team for ending their season on a winning note, capturing gold at the City and Inter City Games.



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Homes by Avi and Veterinary Emergency Clinic North join the growing list of playground fundraising corporate sponsors.

Griesbach Community League is thrilled to announce two new corporate sponsor for our playground fundraising campaign.

HOMES BY AVI has stepped forward as a gold level sponsor. Homes By Avi has been here from the early days of Griesbach and have built many of our neighbours' homes. They know how to do things right – in their builds and in their commitment to give back to the community. We are elated to have them as a builder in Griesbach – and as a partner in our fundraising effort. If you haven't had a chance, visit their new showhome on Pegasus Boulevard: it's as spectacular as it is tall.

VETERINARY EMERGENCY CLINIC NORTH has also joined us as a Silver Level sponsor. They recently opened in Namao Centre (next to Yoga Life). VECN offers on-site x-ray, laboratory and surgical suites, ICU critical care, diagnostic ultrasound and private consultation rooms. Your pet is in good hands!



Griesbach Community League spearheaded an effort to fly flags year-round in Patricia Park. MLA David Eggen (pictured with GCL Director Dave Neufeld) generously donated an Alberta and a Canadian flag.

Councillor Bev Esslinger is seen raising the City of Edmonton flag with Joe Salaysay and son. Resident Art Chase was instrumental in securing permission to fly the PPCLI Regimental flag. "The flags add to an already scenic view," Neufeld said.