



## GRIESBACH COMMUNITY LEAGUE

# INTELLIGENCE REPORT

January 2012

This fall Griesbach residents expressed interest in forming our very own community league. Since then, an interim board and dedicated group of volunteers have met to submit the necessary items to obtain official status with the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues. We expect approval very soon. Find out more about our early efforts at our new website: [www.griesbachcommunity.com](http://www.griesbachcommunity.com)

### TAKE THE GRIESBACH COMMUNITY SURVEY!

To help us set goals and priorities, please take a moment to let us know what's important to your household. (For residents of the Griesbach Community only). It's quick, easy and anonymous. All responses are completely confidential. **Please respond by February 6th.** Your feedback is important to the community! Take the survey online at:

[www.surveymonkey.com/s/GHVLVMP](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GHVLVMP)

*Note: If you do not have a computer with internet access, please visit the Castledowns Public Library (15379 Castledowns Rd) to use their public computers.*

### WINTER FESTIVAL

Saturday, January 28  
Noon to 3:00 pm  
153 Ave & Castle Downs Road

An afternoon of fun outdoor activities for the all ages. Sleigh rides. Music. Hot chocolate and more. It's all free!

*Hosted by Castle Downs  
Recreation Society*

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & Canada Lands Development Update

**Monday, March 12, 2012, 7:00 pm – Moose Lodge (10811 - 146 Ave)**

Join us for our first Annual General Meeting. Learn what your league can do for you. Become a member and you can vote to elect the new Board of Directors. Or run to become a Director or Committee Member yourself!

Annual membership is just \$25/household, and is available prior to the meeting. It's free for Canadian Forces veterans, active service members and reservists. Details on our website.

**PLUS:** A special development update presentation by representatives from Canada Lands.



## President's Message

### A Griesbach Community League is almost a reality!

It all started last August with an informal meeting I had with Canada Lands. My family and I were new residents. I asked if there was a community league and learned there was not.

We knew the positive role community leagues play, and saw a great need in Griesbach. There is a brand new school being built with no plans or funding for a playground. There are many families seeking children's sports leagues and clubs. There is great interest from residents who want a say in community development (including the commercial area and central park). And there are many of us interested in meeting our neighbours in a social setting. We thought a community league was essential – and wanted to find out if others felt the same way.

So last fall we invited residents to a public meeting. Over 45 people turned out! A number signed on to assist in the immediate formation of the community league. We have made great progress over the past few months. By the end of January we should be approved as a non-profit society known as "Griesbach Community League".

In this short time we've established bylaws; we have a logo and webpage; have explored grants and funding; and have formed working relationships with Griesbach School, the City of Edmonton and Canada Lands. Most importantly, we have a great group of people meeting regularly to help make this happen – all sharing their experiences, interests and expertise – and becoming friends in the process.

Moving forward, there will be opportunities for everyone who is interested in contributing, regardless of experience. Many ideas have been put forward. Raising money to build a new playground (to replace the old one, which is slated to be removed in the future). Starting sport leagues. Creating an advocacy committee for community issues and development concerns. There is even talk of a spring social event and fundraiser. Ultimately, it's all about what we want and value as community members.

I encourage you to take our community survey to let us know what your priorities are (see the flip side of this sheet). And be sure to join us for the Annual General Meeting. It will be a chance to elect your community league board; learn about community league initiatives; and get a first-hand development update from Canada Lands, including the latest on the commercial space). Come meet your neighbours (even grab a beer while you're here).

So that is where we are today in a nutshell. By participating and volunteering you can help us become the best community in Edmonton. Stay tuned...

Brad Tilley  
Interim President, Griesbach Community League

Questions? Feel free to drop me an email at: [griesbachcommunityleague@gmail.com](mailto:griesbachcommunityleague@gmail.com)

**LEARN MORE AT OUR NEW WEBSITE.**

**Regular updates on community league news, programs, meetings and events.**

**[www.griesbachcommunity.com](http://www.griesbachcommunity.com)**