



GRIESBACH COMMUNITY LEAGUE

INTELLIGENCE REPORT

July 2012

MOBILIZE THE TROOPS FOR SUMMER!

It happens like clockwork. A couple of days into summer vacation, you're rattled by that all too familiar cry of childhood: "I'm borrrred. There's nuttin' to do." There's no need to call in the drill sergeant! Here are a few ideas for Griesbach parents that are just outside your front door.

THE GREEN SHACK IS BACK (arriving July 4). Located at the Major General Griesbach School Playground, it's a place where children can sign out balls and sports equipment, participate in games and create arts and crafts. **Hours: Monday - Thursday 10 am - 5:30 pm; Friday 1:30 pm - 5:30 pm.**

Just a stone's throw away (on Castle Downs Road and 153rd) is one of the city's biggest and best **SPLASH PARKS, SKATEBOARD PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS** - located at the **Castle Downs Recreation Centre**. Free of charge, it's the envy of parents everywhere.

GET WITH THE PROGRAM: Both the **City of Edmonton** and the **Castle Downs YMCA** have summer programs for kids of all ages. YMCA programs at: edmonton.ymca.ca. City Program Guides are posted at griesbachcommunityleague.com/resources

CASTLE DOWNS HOCKEY SCHOOL still has spots available. Taking place **August 20 - 25**, it's one of the longest-running hockey schools in the city (celebrating its 30th anniversary)! For boys and girls aged 6 to 14. \$205. For details and registration: castledowns.ca/hockeyschool.html

BABY SITTING CLASS COMING SOON. There is a huge demand for baby sitters in our community. So the Griesbach Community League will be teaming up with the City of Edmonton to offer an accredited baby sitting course sometime this fall. Stay tuned for details.

FALL INDOOR SOCCER REGISTRATION. Griesbach will once again be partnering with Caernarvon to offer children's soccer programs in the fall. It proved to be a successful partnership last season, and allowed us to keep our kids playing together as we work to establish our own teams. To register you'll require an active Griesbach Community League Membership.

First Registration:

Sunday, August 12, 2012, Noon - 3 pm
Caernarvon Community League, 14830 - 118 St.

Second Registration:

Sunday, August 19, 2012, Noon - 3 pm
Caernarvon Community League, 14830 - 118 St.

By attending the first registration you are only required to volunteer for one bingo. If registering the second date, two bingos will be required. For more info contact Brett Kurley: griesbachsportsdirector@gmail.com



Canada Lands invites residents to enter the Village at Griesbach Gardening Challenge. You could win a trip for 2 to Butchart Gardens (Victoria) or a shiny new BBQ.

Simply make your yard among the most beautiful in the community and send in a picture for judging.

Registration deadline July 30th.

For more information - and to register - visit www.griesbachgardening.ca



GRIESBACH DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Canada Lands Director, Marvin Neumann took time out of his busy schedule to attend the last GCL Board Meeting. He shared the following updates:

- The next stage of residential property development is underway in the northwest corner. This phase will include yet another lake feature.
- When the new school opens in September, the old one will be torn down (with some bricks being preserved for a proposed memorial). The site will be redeveloped to include 17 home sites.
- A new tree-lined boulevard is being built to connect the community to Castle Downs Rd. at 144 Ave. The design will be similar to Pegasus Blvd. and will provide another entrance into Griesbach.
- Recently, crews have been busy clearing the site of the Commercial Development. There will be a lull as Canada Lands seeks additional approvals from the City for the proposed through fare to 97th St.
- The hill at Central Park has been built up to its full height. Canada Lands is finalizing plans, which will feature a toboggan area, winding pathways and natural landscaping. It's been said you can see West Edmonton Mall from the top!
- In honour of the distinctive maple trees that line 97th Street (planted by the garrison in the 1950s) a commemorative sculpture of a maple leaf is being created. It will further add to the charm of our community, while recognizing its proud heritage.
- While it may be years away, an LRT stop is being planned along the west side of Griesbach. Have your say on the type of stop and potential location at: edmonton.ca/LRTprojects

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COMMUNITY LEADERS WANTED!

The Griesbach Community League has three important volunteer positions to fill. If you're interested in any of these positions and want more info, email:

griesbachvolunteersdirector@gmail.com

1. Neighbourhood Watch Director: We need someone who is interested in heading up a Neighbourhood Watch group in Griesbach. You will be responsible for planning and coordination. *We thank Ryan Bielby for the effort he's put into this position and regret he was unable to continue at this time.*

2. Castle Downs Variety Show Representative: Now in its 28th year, this adult-oriented fundraiser features standup comedy, skits, song and dance. You will be responsible for representing Griesbach, and coordinating community volunteers to help out with this annual event that runs October 12 - Nov. 10. (As a member community, we are committed to running and staffing one of the 10 performances.) More about the show at: castledowns.ca

3. Playground Committee: With the old school coming down, it is clear we will need a new playground (fortunately, it appears the old playground will be kept around until the new one can be built). It ain't cheap. Fundraising is a must. And a lot of planning and input is required. We need a team of 6 to 10 volunteers who are dedicated to making a new playground a reality. Interested? Contact Jim Chronopolis: griesbachstructuresdirector@gmail.com

4. General Volunteers: We're always looking to add to our list of volunteers to help with social events, fundraising initiatives, newsletter delivery and special committees.

GCL NEWEST MEMBER OF CASTLE DOWNS RECREATION SOCIETY

Griesbach Community League is now an official member of the CDRS, which is made up of seven neighbouring community leagues.

"They are probably the most committed, most visionary community alliance in Edmonton," says Ryan Chmilar, Griesbach's CDRS Representative. "We're lucky to be able to draw on their expertise and share in their resources and facilities. We look forward to doing our part to contribute."

There are many benefits for Griesbach Community League members. More at: www.castledowns.ca