



GRIESBACH COMMUNITY LEAGUE

INTELLIGENCE REPORT

June 2013

SPRING FLING SOLD OUT!

**Playground Fundraising Party
Friday, June 7, 2013 • 7:00 pm doors
Duke's Bar and Grill**

It looks like the 2nd annual Griesbach Spring Fling has sold out. With lots of great silent and live auction prizes lined up, we are looking forward to raising a good chunk of change for our playground project. And with a full house guaranteed... it's sure to be a great time.

We've lined up an amazing band: The Salesmen. (You may recognize singer Stu Bendall from the Shake at the Lake). Plus 35¢ wings and happy hour prices all night.

A few tickets may surface at the last minute. To inquire, email griesbachsocialdirector@gmail.com.

Airborne Cairn Sod Turning June 9 – 11:00 am

Griesbach continues to recognize our proud military heritage. On Sunday, June 9 at 11:00 am there will be a sod turning ceremony for a new cairn honouring the Canadian Airborne Regiment.

It will be held at Perron-Berger Park (off of Pegasus Blvd) and over 80 veterans of the 3 PPCLI Paratroop Company will be attending. From its inception in 1968, the Airborne was considered one of the elite units of our military. This cairn will recognize the exceptional accomplishments of those airborne members who bravely served our country with dignity and grace. Residents are welcome to attend.

Sobeys Coming To Griesbach

Welcome news! After much anticipation, it has been confirmed that a new Sobeys store is confirmed for Griesbach. It will be the anchor store of the commercial development off of 97 St. and 137 Ave. Construction will begin immediately, and the store is slated to open in the Spring of 2014. With an anchor in place, talks are now underway with several other potential tenants. We will share details as we learn more.

Further Development Updates: The bulldozers have been busy at the old school site, making way for the next stage of development (Stage 6b). Eighteen new single-family homes will be going in. Meanwhile, construction on the west side of the community continues to progress as new homes go up in Stages 9 and 11.

Expect a flurry of activity as Canada Lands moves full speed ahead on Central Park. This season, crews will finish grading the site and putting in a system of trails. Landscaping will commence next spring. Griesbach Community Gardens is being relocated to Central Park and will be ready for the 2014 growing season if all goes according to plan.



Running on Empties: Thanks to everyone for saving up your bottles for the GCL Bottle Drive. We raised close to \$3,600, which will go towards the new playground. A big hand to all the kids, parents and volunteers who helped with collecting and sorting.

Help us win a playground for the lil' tykes.

The MGG School Parent Council has submitted an entry for a contest to win a small playground through Blue Imp.

This contest is won based on votes, so please take a moment to vote for our school (listed on the site as Major General Griesbach School). You can ask friends and family to vote. Remember you can vote once a day, so let's see if we can get this going!!

If we win, this playground (intended for younger children) could be integrated into our larger playground plans.

You can vote by visiting:

<http://www.blueimp.com>

Jane's Walk provides little known facts about Griesbach.

Over 60 Griesbach residents and guests were treated to an entertaining and insightful tour of our neighbourhood as part of the 2013 Jane's Walk. Guide Tony Druett was an encyclopedia of information. He shed light on the architectural and planning decisions that have helped make our community more welcoming and interactive from a design perspective.

The tour unveiled several little known facts. For example, the initial plans called to have the statue of General Griesbach on his horse at one end, and a statue of the general as a civilian at the other. It was later decided to replace the civilian statue with one of Mrs. Griesbach. And the four trees on the brick plaza on Patricia Lake were planted to acknowledge the four Canadian soldiers killed in a friendly fire airstrike that occurred in Afghanistan in 2002: privates Richard Green and Nathan Smith, Corporal Ainsworth Dyer and Sergeant Marc Léger.

WATCH IT ON YOUTUBE! Visit youtube.com and search "JANES WALK - THE VILLAGE AT GRIESBACH ". There are 12 parts to the video.

A fond farewell to Principal Coggins.

We have learned that Principal Chris Coggins will be leaving MGG School to take the helm at Elizabeth Finch (K-9) School. Principal Coggins was extremely popular among students, parents and staff: and was a big supporter of the Griesbach Community League. He helped lay the groundwork for the brand new school, and successfully guided the transition to the new building. We wish him the very best in his new position. He will be missed.

Front Yards In Bloom

The largest program of its kind in Canada, Edmonton's Front Yards in Bloom asks neighbours to recognize neighbours for their attractive front yards. Front Yards in Bloom started in 1999 and received 150 nominations in its first year. Last year, the City received 1,800 nominations and this year they need our help to reach 2,000.

The deadline for nominations is June 30th.

Yards can be nominated in three categories. A **'Front Yard in Bloom'** has an aesthetic front yard designed with colour and character. A **'Natural Front Yard in Bloom'** is a yard with a "natural" aesthetic, using native plants, and limited pesticides and herbicides. An **'Edible Front Yard in Bloom'** is a yard incorporating edible fruits and plants into the landscape design.

After the deadline, volunteers will deliver a sign and certificate to each nominated yard. Volunteers will also choose some top yards for recognition. The top Natural Front Yard is selected by the Edmonton Naturalization Group and the top Edible Front Yard is selected by Sustainable Food Edmonton. Results will be announced during the Edmonton in Bloom Awards on August 15th at City Hall. Everyone is invited!

It's easy to nominate a neighbour!

Anyone can submit a nomination (no self-nominations, please). Nominations must be for a FRONT YARD or a yard visible by everyone. There are 5 ways to submit a nomination:

1. Online: www.frontyardsinbloom.ca
2. E-mail: front.yards@edmonton.ca
3. Phone: 311
4. Fax: 780-423-2883, Attention: Front Yards in Bloom
5. Mail: Front Yards in Bloom 11001 – 107 Street, Edmonton, Alberta T5H 2Z6

For information and to complete the nomination form, visit www.frontyardsinbloom.ca.

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