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# Callingwood-Lymburn Community Newsletter



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#### Message from the Board

Dear CLCL Residents,

We hope that this newsletter finds you all well as we continue to navigate through these difficult and uncertain times with COVID-19. These past months have proven to be quite challenging for us as we have faced multiple openings and closures of our facilities. With that being said, the Callingwood-Lymburn Board of Directors' top priority is making sure that everyone is safe as we try and navigate through a new way of functioning.

One of the difficulties the Board faces, is keeping in contact with the community and its members. The lack of person-to-person interaction has made it challenging to fill vacant board positions and ensure that your concerns are being addressed. We meet virtually each month, keeping the league active. Currently we need a Secretary, Membership Director, Communications Director, Playgroup Director (dependent on Covid-19 restrictions), Community Safety Director (Edmonton Neighbourhood Watch) and Heath & Safety Representative. If you are interested in volunteering, we could use your help! Contact us at admin@callingwoodlymburn.com for more information.

Unfortunately, our annual Kites over Callingwood festival has been cancelled again this year due to the uncertainty surrounding large public gatherings. We are very optimistic that it will be back in the summer of 2022, bigger and better than ever before!

Also affected by the pandemic is our volunteering at Caesar's Bingo. CLCL looks forward to the time when we can once again engage in this activity. If you play bingo, Caesar's is offering virtual bingo games. If there website is still in development, check out their Facebook and Instagram pages <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Caesarsbingo">https://www.facebook.com/Caesarsbingo</a> and <a href="https://www.instagram.com/caesarsbingowem/">https://www.instagram.com/caesarsbingowem/</a>

Know that we are all in this together during these trying times. We miss you all and we look forward to the day when we can all be together again in our beautiful community. We hope all of you have a safe and wonderful summer!

**CLCL Board of Directors** 



#### Kites Over Callingwood

It is with sadness that the Callingwood-Lymburn Community League Board of Directors must announce that due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, our annual Kites over Callingwood Festival will **not** be taking place for the second year in a row. We are very optimistic that the festival will be held in the summer of 2022, and it will be the best year yet! Stay tuned for updates, and if you are interested in being a part of our wonderful festival, please don't hesitate to reach out to specialevents1@callingwoodlymburn.com

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#### Callingwood-Lymburn Community Playschool At our playschool, or kids live, love, laugh and learn!

Our playschool is located within Lymburn Elementary School at 18710 – 72 Ave. The school follows a the Learn Thru Play philosophy, believing that helping children to use their imagination fosters wonderful daily opportunities for learning. The purpose of the playschool is to provide enriching pre-school experiences for children from the ages of 3 to 5 years old.

Our playschool is accepting registrations for the 2021-2022 school year in both our 3 and 4 -year old programs. We have made modifications to our program following COVID 19 Safety guidelines, to help your little ones remain safe. Check the playschool website for these guidelines at www.callingwoodlymburnplayschool.com. See our virtual tour to meet our teachers and to register online click on **Registration** and:

- Complete the online registration form IN FULL
- Pay the \$50 registration fee by credit card to hold your child's spot
- Complete the Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) Agreement form and send it in with your void cheque or Bank Direct Debit form









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If you have any questions please email us at <a href="mailto:clcpadmin@callingwoodlymburn.com">clcpadmin@callingwoodlymburn.com</a>

### **Outdoor Soccer Update**

According to EMSA West's latest update on the 2021 outdoor soccer season, they are expecting a delayed start to the soccer season for all teams. It is expected that there will be no games, scrimmages or physical contact for the entirety of the outdoor season. Only skills and conditioning that allows for physical distancing will be permitted.

The anticipated start date is July 5th 2021 for a 6-week program, following all Alberta Health Services guidelines and protocols. With the uncertainty of the current situation, these guidelines are subject to change with short notice. For more detailed information, please visit the EMSA West website: <a href="https://emsawest.com">https://emsawest.com</a>

Please remember that Callingwood-Lymburn has no control over this process and what EMSA West will be providing. If you have questions, contact our Soccer Director at <a href="mailto:soccer@callingwoodlymburn.com">soccer@callingwoodlymburn.com</a>. If you wish you child to play and the portal is still accepting registrations, we recommend that you register. CLCL will **not** be accepting any payments with the uncertainty of the season.





#### **CLCL Membership**

CLCL memberships are available for \$35 for a family and \$20 for an individual adult. Individual and family memberships are valid for 1 year from September 1<sup>st</sup> (current year) to August 31<sup>st</sup> (following year).

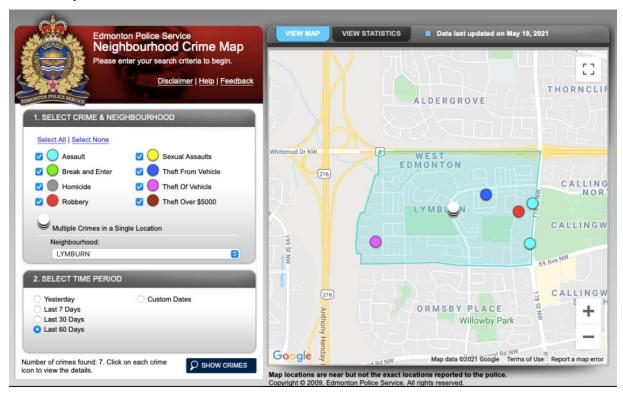
Memberships can be purchased online via our website at <a href="www.callingwoodlymburn.com">www.callingwoodlymburn.com</a>. Payments accepted are cash and cheque. Payment by debit or credit card can be arranged by contacting <a href="mailto:admin@callingwoodlymburn.com">admin@callingwoodlymburn.com</a>.

For more information on the benefits of having a membership, visit our website for a list of the businesses that support CLCL.

**Did you know that CLCL has a membership with the Edmonton Tool Library.** By showing your membership card you can **rent tools free of charge**. Check out their website for a listing of the available tools at <a href="http://edmontontoollibrary.ca/">http://edmontontoollibrary.ca/</a>.



#### **Community Crime Stats**



Occurrences of selected crimes in CALLINGWOOD NORTH													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2021	5	5	7	4	3								24
2020	10	6	8	11	5	1	7	6	3	5	5	6	73
2019	3	2	7	5	2	9	4	5	7	4	4	8	60



#### A Message from Councillor, Sarah Hamilton

Through my first three and a half years as your City Councillor, I have heard from hundreds of you regarding traffic safety issues in our neighbourhoods. Whether it be the need for crosswalks and traffic control upgrades, issues with poor sight lines, speeding or shortcutting, residents have been diligent in communicating their concerns to my office and to the Office of Traffic Safety. I want to thank those of you who reached out for being my eyes and ears in the community every day.



I want to let you know that we have had some substantial wins: since 2018 we have advanced 15 crosswalk upgrades in Ward 5, along with nine traffic control changes and six school safety improvements, with several more slated for this construction season. Some of you may also be aware that I introduced a motion in April to move towards removal of the southbound traffic control at the intersection of 188 Street and 69 Avenue. The intent of this motion, which was supported by City Council, is to facilitate a more equitable and appropriate solution to speeding concerns along Ormsby Road without pitting communities against one another.

In 2015 Edmonton became the first city in Canada to adopt Vision Zero, and since then there has been a renewed focus at the City to introduce new programs that will make our streets safer and more welcoming. Limited resources and cumbersome processes have made for a slower rate of change than I know many of you want as we shift towards building a safer city, but one thing is clear: residents want to see more tangible action on traffic safety in their neighbourhoods.

You may have seen in the news over the past year that Edmonton City Council voted to reduce residential speed limits from 50 km/h down to 40 km/h, which will be taking effect August 1, 2021. I wholly support this change. The evidence is clear; a modest reduction to residential speed limits will prevent collisions and reduce the severity of the accidents that do occur, making a meaningful difference to the safety and liveability of our neighbourhoods. I want to be clear that this will only be affecting residential roadways, so the speed limits on the major arterial roads that you use to commute or move between parts of the city will not be changing.

Turning to new programming that can be more responsive to specific community needs, the City has recently introduced the Safe Mobility Strategy. This is Edmonton's newest approach to achieving Vision Zero through safe and livable streets.

The Safe Mobility Strategy uses a combination of location-based and system-wide actions to support traffic safety, no matter how people get around. It is designed to be flexible and evolving, and will be adjusted over time by its outcomes. This will help the City tackle widespread issues that contribute to crashes, such as street design and deep-rooted cultural norms around traffic and mobility. There's plenty more to learn about, and if you're interested I would encourage you to visit edmonton.ca/safestreets.

#### **Community Real Estate Stats**

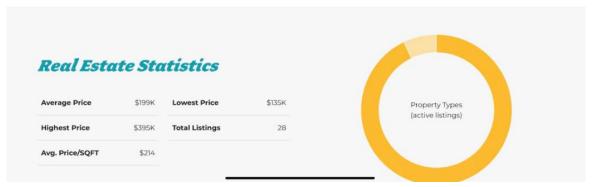
#### Callingwood

#### West Edmonton

#### Callingwood, Edmonton

This is a pedestrian friendly community in West Edmonton with shopping, recreation and restaurants in the neighbourhood. Primarily composed of condominiums, it has a small percentage of single family dwellings that are mostly bungalows. Located in the centre of Callingwood homes for sale is an urban forest with an off leash dog park, a skateboard park, spray park, the Lois Hole library, the Jamie Platz YMCA, arenas, baseball diamonds and Oscar Romero Catholic high school





#### Lymburn

#### West Edmonton

#### Lymburn, Edmonton

Lymburn is conveniently located in West Edmonton, and is bordered by Anthony Henday Drive, Whitemud Drive, 178 Street, and 69 Avenue. There are two large parks in Lymburn, with great playgrounds, playing fields and even an outdoor rink. There are also two elementary schools - Lymburn Elementary and St. Martha Catholic Elementary. Lymburn is quite close to Jamie Platz YMCA, and all the shopping and amenities in Callingwood. It's a popular neighbourhood for families, with a mix of housing types.





## **Community News** (from the City of Edmonton's Keep Neighbouring May 2021 edition) **Big Bin Events:**

Unfortunately with the new Covid-19 restrictions, any Big Bin events have been postponed or cancelled.

#### **Spring and Summer Virtual Recreation Programs:**

With some recreation opportunities unavailable due to current public health measures, the City of Edmonton has a variety of virtual opportunities available. Virtual group fitness programs such as Zumba, Yoga, Tabata, HIIT and many more are available to join from the comfort of your home. Check out <a href="https://movelearnplay.edmonton.ca/">https://movelearnplay.edmonton.ca/</a> to register!

The City Arts Centre is offering a variety of virtual programs for children and adults. Online programs include cooking, dance, art, pottery and more! To register, visit the Arts Programs Registration page on

https://movelearnplay.edmonton.ca/COE/public/category/browse/PROGARTSX922. For more information email cityartscentre@edmonton.ca .

You can also take advantage of Edmonton's extensive network of parks and trail systems at <a href="https://www.edmonton.ca/activities\_parks\_recreation/parks-river-valley.aspx">https://www.edmonton.ca/activities\_parks\_recreation/parks-river-valley.aspx</a>. Please ensure you follow current AHS guidance relating to outdoor gatherings.

#### Visit edmonton.ca/covid-19

https://www.edmonton.ca/programs\_services/emergency\_preparedness/covid-19.aspx?utm\_source=virtualaddress&utm\_campaign=covid-19 for updated information on City programs and services that are impacted by public health restrictions.

#### Helping Individuals Experiencing Homelessness:

The City of Edmonton is working with Community and Social Services, Alberta Health Services, Homeward Trust and our partner agencies to ensure that vulnerable Edmontonians have access to essential services. If citizens are concerned about the well-being of someone who appears to be in distress, please contact the 24/7 Crisis Diversion Team. For additional information on community resources, call 211. In cases of emergency, call 911.

#### Warm Weather brings out the Adventurous Cats:

Tips for Safe Outdoor Play The warm weather has arrived, and just as we enjoy the sunlight and fresh air, so do our feline friends. Some cats are content soaking in the sun through windows, others prefer being outside. If you have a cat that insists on going outside, here are some alternatives for keeping them healthy and safe:

- Provide indoor natural enrichment like feathers and cat grass
- Create hiding places and elevated sitting areas
- ♣ Use a leash and harness for outdoor play
- ♣ Build a catio or utilize fencing that prevents an animal from leaving or entering your yard
- We recommend supervision of your feline friend at all times when outdoors

If your cat still has the need to wander, please be sure they are clearly identified and that their licence and microchip information is up to date, so that if they go missing they have an increased chance of finding their way home to you.

Please remember that although cats are allowed to roam, they remain safest at home!



#### **CLCL Hall Rentals**

In light of the current AHS restrictions, our community hall (Hall 2) located at 18740-72 Ave by Lymburn School is currently closed for rentals. This will likely change in the coming weeks should new restrictions be announced. For more information regarding rentals, contact Lisa Madsen at (780) 444-0235 or madsen@telusplanet.net

Our Hall 1 and meeting room inside of Callingwood Recreation Centre is **closed** until further notice as the facility is undergoing renovations. These renovations will continue into 2022.

Keep CLCL in mind to host your event:

- Birthday Parties
- Wedding Receptions
- Corporate Events
- Baby Showers
- Family Gatherings

#### Rates:

- \$40.00/hr
- 25% discount for CLCL members