

Gold Bar Community Newsletter

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Gold Bar Community Forum – Your Input Counts *“Show Up & Have a Say” in our Community Hall Design*

Saturday, November 24, 2007

9:00 am – 12:00 noon

Gold Bar School Gymnasium

- * All ages welcome – young & old – including families with children/teens
- * See the design plans to date & give your feedback
- * Presentations by Laurie Scott, Project Chair; Wes Sims, Architect; and more
- * Facilitated by Diane Dunn with the City of Edmonton
- * Coffee, donuts & other snacks provided
- * **A chance to win 2 Oilers tickets** (Gold Seats) for those attending the forum

Contact Trudy Berry to indicate your attendance & give us an idea of numbers. Phone 465-2243 or Email tjberrfam@shaw.ca .



Gold Bar Scout Group

The local scouts and their leaders participated in the Remembrance Day Service held at the Butterdome on Sunday, November 11.

Way to go, Scouts! You represented us well.

Halloween Spooktacular

A special “Thank you” to all the volunteers (over 20 of you!) from Gold Bar and Fulton Place communities who helped at the Halloween Spooktacular held at Fulton Hall on October 28th. Without your help, our party could not have been the success it was as there were many activity stations from games and crafts, to cookie decorating and the ghoulish trail. About 120 children PLUS parents/caregivers attended ... and a good time was had by all!

Trudy Berry, Gold Bar
Gayleen Bobinac, Fulton Place

Bingo Dates

Gold Bar is responsible for supplying workers for the following bingo dates. If you can spare a few hours to give us some assistance, please call either **Lorna at 465-5594** or **Lil at 466-4060**.



Fort Road Bingo
Mon., December 31

Parkway Bingo
Fri., November 30
Sun., December 16
Weds., January 2

Public Swimming



Your community league membership allows you FREE swimming privileges on week-ends at the leisure centres in our area:

Hardisty Pool	1:15 – 2:45 p.m. on Sundays
Bonnie Doon Pool	6:00 – 7:00 p.m. on Saturdays
	4:00 – 5:30 p.m. on Sundays

Community League Memberships

If you are still in need of a membership, please call Karen at 465-7294.

Reminder About ... City of Edmonton Community League Wellness Program

Community League Membership has its benefits! How this program works:

Present your valid Community League membership card at any one of the City of Edmonton's sports and fitness facilities and choose from the following Community League Wellness Products:

- q Annual Pass – Community League Members receive a 20% discount on adult, family, child and youth/senior annual passes
- q Multi-admission Pass – Community League members receive a 15% discount on our already discounted multi-admission pass (10+ visits)

Free Public Skating

The Kinsmen Club of Edmonton and the City of Edmonton offer free public skating times at the city facilities. Times for the rinks closest to Gold Bar are as follows:

Arena	Address	Day of Week	Time
Donnan	9105 – 80 Avenue	Monday Thursday	6:15 – 7:15 pm 6:15 – 7:15 pm
Kenilworth	8311 – 68 A Street	Sunday	12:45 – 1:45 pm
Michael Cameron	10404 – 56 Street	Friday	7:45 – 8:45 pm

Safe Sidewalks



Edmontonians are reminded to keep their sidewalks safe this winter. City bylaws state that snow must be removed from sidewalks within 48 hours of the end of each snowfall. Snow and ice are to be piled on private property, not shoveled into the street or alley. You are encouraged to help an elderly friend, neighbour or family member clear the snow from sidewalks and driveways. For seniors or the disabled requiring help, there are agencies that can provide or refer you to snow removal services.

- 1) Citizen Action Centre – 496-8200
- 2) SAGE – 423-5510, Ext. 308
- 3) Seniors Caring About Seniors – 465-0311

Community Forums

Hope Lutheran Church, 5104 – 106 Avenue, is sponsoring a series of forums on current and relevant topics of interest to all. These forums are held at the church on Monday nights at 7 pm.

December 3 – Blue Christmas Service – This is a Christmas service for those who find this season to be a difficult time.

January 14 – Eating Healthy, with presenter Daena Winchell

February 11 – Air Quality in the Strathcona Area, with presenter Kevin Timoney

March 3 – Gang Violence, with presenter Const. Darren Hodson

Community Sign

The community league/school joint use sign on 106th Avenue is designed to keep residents aware of up-coming events within the community. If you have a need to advertise, please call Stacey at 465-0486.

Ottewell Community Patrol Program

These community volunteers cruise the streets and alleys, providing extra eyes and ears for criminal activity and problem detection. They radio to their assigned constables any property damage incidents in progress, disturbances, suspicious vehicles, open garage doors, etc. If you are able to assist to keeping crime down in our immediate area, please drop in to the neighbourhood police station (9807 – 71 Street) and learn more about this valuable program.

Baby-sitting Registry

The league has a co-ordinator for this service, **Lil at 466-4060**. She will put you in contact with a young person who is willing to care for your youngsters while you have a night out.

Gold Bar Hall Plans Move Forward

October 30 Meeting Jam-Packed... with Info

At another open meeting held on October 30th, there was a healthy handful of regular attendees (no newcomers) who met to hear about and participate in the progress that's being made on the community hall building project.

Laurie Scott, Project Chair, reported that he and Rodger Davidson, Gold Bar's Community Recreation Coordinator with the City, had met with a few key representatives from City departments. Those representatives are now well aware of and in favor of our initial hall design, including reconfigured site amenities. The City reps indicated there are less restrictions on the possible hall location than was initially thought – good news for the project as a whole. Laurie and Rodger have more meetings planned with various City reps – all committee members and interested persons are welcome.

Also on hand at the October 30th meeting was Wes Sims, project architect, who is very much involved in the process of listening to the experts and non-experts alike in order to refine the hall design and placement of site elements. One of the biggest factors is the re-positioning of the hockey rink which all parties involved agree needs to be moved from the middle of the property. Once the decision is made with regard to its placement, the rest of the design process can really take shape. Mr. Sims invited committee members to continue open discussions regarding the design, and those present provided a lively discussion with ideas and suggestions coming forward in no small number!

Date Set for Community Forum

A Community Forum is being held on Saturday, November 24 at Gold Bar School for the purpose of gaining input from a wider sampling of our community; therefore, all ages are welcome. Since the hall design is only in its beginning stages, we are still seeking input from as many people as possible. Comments & recommendations that result from the forum will have a great impact on the hall design. For more details, check out the information under “Gold Bar Community Forum” on the front page of this newsletter.

Gold Bar Hall Building Project Committee