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Enewsletter for the residents of Highlands, Bellevue & Virginia Park.

Highlands HIGHLIGHTS

Community League Day in the Hood

Saturday, Sept 17



Community
Yard Sale
10 AM - 2 PM
Highlands Park



Community
BBQ
Highlands Park
Starts at Noon
Free
for
league members

Prizes,
Games & More

Buy your
Community League
membership

Bellevue &
Highlands
available



8:00 PM

"Finding Dory"
Bellevue Parking
Lot



Pub Night

Doors Open
8:30 PM
Bellevue Hall



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Community League

This year, Bellevue and Highlands community leagues are teaming up to bring you a fantastic day of neighbourhood camaraderie with something for every member of the family. The day starts with a community Yard Sale and continues on into the evening with a Pub Night for the grown-ups and a movie for the little ones. To learn more and to register for the Yard Sale, [CLICK HERE](#).

Support for Northlands' Vision 2020 — Aug 31

Both the Highlands and Bellevue community leagues have attended several meetings hosted by Northlands regarding [Vision 2020](#), its new strategy for redevelopment of the existing Northlands site and the non-profit ag society's long-range mission and focus for the future.

The overall scope of Vision 2020 is ambitious and as our league representatives have learned, involves much more than an outdoor festival venue and multiple ice rinks. It outlines a very clear redevelopment of existing amenities, plus new additions and programs that combined, would inject a beneficial revitalization and renewed energy into our area of the city — something that is long overdue.

Vision 2020 also aligns with the city's own strategic plans in many ways, especially its [The Way We Live](#) initiative, its plans for improving density in mature neighbourhoods plus in many respects, the city's [Main Streets](#) plan. Not to be left out, is Northlands' vision for providing mentorship and space for food-related entrepreneurs through its [FEED](#) program — a program that definitely supports the living and supporting local portion of the city's The Way We Live strategic plan.

But one thing that has not been made clear in the media, is that the Vision 2020 proposal is a starting point — it is not set in stone, nor is it difficult to revise or pare down. Revisions can be made without losing the initial goals set for the ag society, the support for the surrounding communities or ultimately, the residents of Edmonton.

We all know that when the city stamped the approval on Rogers Place and the contract that goes with it, it effectively removed the largest revenue streams for Northlands. And in turn, removed the ability for Northlands to continue making payments to the city on its debt.

While the initial [presentation to the city](#) included a debt forgiveness request on the \$48 million outstanding on the EXPO Centre, Northlands understands that



this would put a financial hardship on the city — Tim Reid, CEO of Northlands has made it clear to those attending the meetings, that the society is now asking for a debt deferral or a re-organization of payments. It's no different than a homeowner trying to renegotiate their mortgage.

In short, Northlands does not want to default on its debt and is looking to work with the city on a revised repayment plan. This is another point that has not been covered in the media — at least not in the articles and TV media that we have seen.

Wednesday, Aug. 31 is not only an important date for Northlands, it is an important date for our communities. Decisions made by council will have a lasting impact on all of Northlands' neighbours, including Highlands and Bellevue.

Northlands has been a wonderful supporter of our two community leagues, including providing financial support for events like Highlandia Fest. As community leagues, we value Northlands for being a great neighbour and a strong advocate of local community living. We also see the long term benefits that will happen to the surrounding neighbourhoods, should the city agree to work with Northlands.

Because of this understanding, both Bellevue and Highlands will be speaking in support of Northlands next Wednesday. We encourage you attend the meeting and lend your support. Or at least, get your information first hand.

If you are still hesitant, please read Cherie Klassen's [article](#) and see what turned her opinion around.

Quick news bites

Indoor Soccer registration

Onsite indoor soccer registration will take place at Highlands Hall (61 St. & 113 Ave.) for Highlands members only on the following dates:

- Wed., Aug. 31— 6:30pm to 8pm
- Wed., Sept. 7— 6:30pm to 8pm
- Sat., Sept. 10—1pm to 2:30pm

Please note: If you would like to play for Highlands, but live in another community, please register online via [EMSA North website](#) in your home community and request a transfer to Highlands.

Community league 2016/2017 memberships are required to play community soccer and you can purchase memberships in person at Mandolin Books and Coffee (6419-112 Ave.) or online through the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues ([EFCL website](#)).



Creating a little gardening gold

The Highlands Garden Group are asking neighbours to help with its outstanding compost program. It's simple! Just take your produce scraps over to the garden (located at Highlands Hall, 61 St. & 113 Ave., just north of the a parking lot) and place the scraps in one of the two compost areas. Simply drop it in the container that has the cutting board attached to it. You are welcome to do it anytime between now and Thanksgiving long weekend.

Free Swim times

A reminder that your HCL memberships lets you swim for free at the following outdoor pools until Sept. 5: Fred Broadstock, Oliver and Mill Creek. [Click Here](#) for more details.

Highlands Hockey Rink

At it's August meeting, the HCL voted on closing the hockey rink for the 2016/2017 season. The rink is in bad shape and in need of a serious renovation. Both the tennis court and the area to the south of the tennis court will be flooded to provide ice for both shiny hockey and general skating. The community league is looking at beginning renovations in the spring of 2017. Please watch the [Highlands website](#) and [facebook page](#) for more details.

Community walking programs

A morning walking group is being formed and everyone is welcome. This drop-in group will meet every Tuesday and Thursday mornings, beginning Tuesday, Sept. 6. The meet-up spot will be the small park located at Ada Blvd. and 51 St. at 8:30am.

The Wednesday evening #LeagueWalk will begin again Sept. 14 at 7pm at the Highlands Hall (61 St. & 113 Ave.). The evening group is open to all members of the Highlands and Bellevue community leagues and includes the use of *Nordic walking poles. *first come, first serve.

Please watch the [Highlands website](#) and [facebook page](#) for more details and contact information on both programs.

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Church Listings

Highlands United Church

Sunday Service at 10:30 am
11305-64 Street
Rev. John Burrell
780-479-1565
Www.highlandsunitedchurch.ca

St. Mary Anglican Church

Sunday Service at 10:30 am
11203-68 Street
Rev. Elizabeth Metcalfe
780-477-5458

Orthodox Cathedral of All Saints

Sunday Service at 10 am
Sunday School every second Sunday (check with church)
5824-118 Avenue
Www.allsaintsorthodox.net

St. Clare Roman Catholic Church

Saturday Service at 4 pm
Sunday Service at 9:30 am
Sundanese Sunday Service at 1pm
6310-118 Avenue
Father Bob Kasun
780-471-2353

The Neighbourhood Church

Sunday Service at 10 am
5347-112 Avenue
780-479-4348

Potter's House Christian Fellowship Church

Wednesday Service at 7:30 pm
Sunday Service at 11 am and 6 pm
Sunday School for children up to 12 at 11 am
Call 780-904-9049 for Bible Study details
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