

Terwillegar Community League News

Serving the Communities of Terwillegar Towne, Terwillegar Greens, Terwillegar Gardens, South Terwillegar, Sandalwood and Magrath

Snow Valley night a hit with residents

by Priya Nelson
Fundraising Director

Over 120 Terwillegar Community League members and their friends took advantage of a beautiful night for skiing and snowboarding on Feb. 17.

The league rented out the ski hill at Snow Valley and participants had the night of powder to themselves.

We started the evening with a quick registration and then off to the rental shop to get equipment. Most people took advantage of the small lesson

groups and great instructors. The hill was full of people learning a new sport or brushing up on some new techniques.

The instructors were awesome as there were a lot of beginners out there! It was great to see kids as young as two-years-old out on skis learning on the bunny hill! The lodge was open for hot chocolate and some visiting, but most people were out on the hill!

We were actually called off the hill at 10 p.m. I know that lots of kids went home tired after a fun evening on the slopes.

We enjoyed ourselves so much that we have already booked for next year! Mark your calendars as we will be doing this again on Sunday, Feb. 15, 2009.

I would like to say a huge thank you to Starbucks on Rabbit Hill Road, Campers' Village, and Snow Valley for their door prize donations. Thanks to Anne Smith for helping out with registrations and to the Snow Valley instructors for teaching us some great skills.

It was great to see so many of you there, keep watching for registration for next year's event.

Family Day photos inside this issue Pg. 3



Terwillegar Community League members of all ages skied for four hours at Snow Valley on Feb. 17. See more pictures on Page 6.

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Full slate of activities keep families busy

By Teresa Krefting
Program Director

Wow! We couldn't have asked for better weather for our annual Family Day event.

We had many families from our community and some from even outside of the area which is so great! I think it's pretty safe to say we had about 500 people out this year, which tells me that this event is something worth doing.

With only 400 hot dogs, and two hours with the horses, we definitely could have used a bit more food and rides!

I think that the city leaders were a nice addition and many children (and adults) got to try snowshoeing for the very first time. Having Darcy come out from M&M Meats was also a great part of the event. He cooked up every last hot dog and was a pleasure to have with us for the afternoon. Thank you to Scotiabank for the hot chocolate donation.

MP Stables did another fantastic job, giving the families a ride around the playground field. It was really great of the driver to give the last ride to some very patient families – although it was past the booked time. The sleigh ride around the field seemed much nicer and safer for the families (and horses!).

We had a great display set up by Julie Cournoyer from the City of Edmonton illustrating the plans for the playground field. I hope that everyone got a chance to voice their thoughts, ask questions and took time to choose which field option they liked best.

I think that the best part of my day was the amazing volunteers! Thank you, thank you, thank you! We had six fantastic community members step up and help us out and without them, the event wouldn't have happened.

You not only came out for the hour (or two)

but you came with smiles and energy. I am truly thankful for your help.

With that being said, I would also like to thank two other amazing volunteers whom I don't even know and have never seen.

In the last issue I mentioned that families could come out and skate on the lake during the event. What I didn't mention was that the community league has nothing to do with the lake being ready for the community.

Two men, who don't even have children to skate on the lake, took it upon themselves to get the

lake ready and keep it clear for people to use. They have continued to clear and clean it for these past few months and I just wanted to say thanks. If you hadn't taken the time to do something so nice for your neighbours, they wouldn't have it.

I am so thankful for this wonderful gift to our neighbourhood; I saw so many people out skating the day of the event, and it really made the event that much better.

It's volunteers like you that make events for the community league run smoothly.



Photo by Tamara Stecyk

A woman pulls a toddler on the lake during the Family Day event in Terwillegar Towne. More photos of the event see Page 3.



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Healthy Home 2008!

This Healthy Home for 2008 partnership between Burke Perry Master Builder and a team of trades takes place every two years and results in funding for the Royal Alexandra Hospital Foundation. This year's proceeds from the sale of the home are designated to the Lois Hole Hospital for Women. This 2 storey home is the popular Williamsburg floorplan. Features include 1873 sqft of living space, hardwood flooring throughout the main floor, ceramic tile, a formal dining room, a den and a large great room with a gas fireplace with a custom mantle. The kitchen boasts stainless steel appliances, an island, a corner pantry and a breakfast nook. Upstairs the master bedroom boasts a lavish ensuite with a corner jetted tub, separate stand up shower and a walk in closet. There are 2 other bedrooms, a 4 piece bathroom and laundry room also on the upper level. There is also a rear deck perfect for entertaining! Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to help build hope for the Lois Hole Hospital for Women and to help support a great cause! This home is located in Terwillegar Towne at 1822 Towne Center Boulevard. \$485,000



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This year I have teamed up with the Second Chance Animal Rescue Society (SCARS) to help raise awareness and hope for those animals who are in need of a second chance in life. I will be donating a portion of each sale directly towards this organization. By listing or purchasing a home through me you are helping in supporting SCARS. SCARS is a volunteer-run, not-for-profit organization that provides veterinary care and foster homes for animals in need until a permanent home can be found. SCARS relies solely on money raised through memberships, donations, sponsorships and other fundraising efforts, therefore every dollar counts. In the past 5 years SCARS has found homes for more than 1600 animals and with your help they will continue to give animals this second chance! For more information on this organization or to start the search for a new addition to your family, go to www.scarscare.org today! Thank you for our support!



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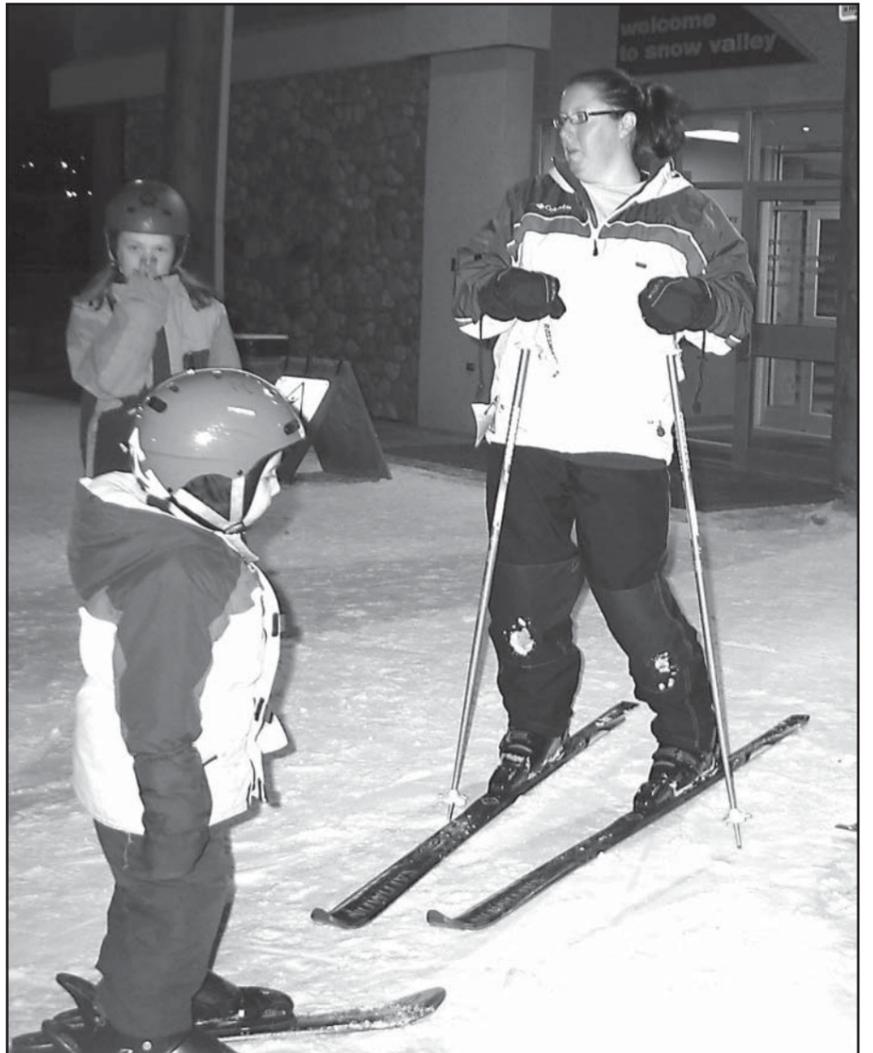
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Library hosts antique show

Riverbend Library presented the Antique Roadshow with invited antique appraisers, Arthur Clausen, Michael Clausen and Arie Hoeksema on March 8.

The three hour event attracted over 60 people and each person received an appraisal on one object.

What wonderful treasures were presented? There were beautiful china pieces, a rare Navajo blanket, an arrow from the Battle of Little Bighorn and many, many more interesting objects from all time periods. The highest valued items were several original drawings of a famous comic book hero from England; their value was set in the tens of thousands of dollars!

Most of the audience stayed all afternoon and listened to wonderful stories, history and appraisals from the experts and the audience. This is an annual event so see you next year!

Volunteers appreciated

Thank you to the following volunteers for selling memberships for two hours each at the soccer/baseball registration.

Sarah Nysetvold
Lorrie Payne
Colleen Doak
Shauna Pilgrim
Andrea Saunders

Please consider stepping forward to volunteer for the next round of registrations. Visit www.terwillegar.org for ways that you can help the Terwillegar Community League and reap many benefits yourself - new friends and experiences.

Crime prevention needs all eyes

By Teresa Krefting
Program Director

I attended the Edmonton City Police Service Community Consultation for the Southwest District on Feb. 20.

It was really interesting to hear what changes have happened in the city with the police department over the past year and the success they have seen because of it. Superintendent Nigel Stevens was very receptive to the concerns addressed and did a great job informing the public about the southwest division and its success. Chief Mike Boyd, Deputy Chief da Costa, as well as a few other members of the southwest division spoke that evening.

There were about 60 people in attendance and some very important issues were brought up from community residents.

Some of the major issues were speeding, and other traffic concerns, neighbourhood watch programs and the future LRT expansion and what will come with it in regards to traffic and crime.

I thought it was very interesting to see the stats on different types of crime and where it is taking place in our city. The biggest crime in our area

seems to be car theft and break in. (I think I saw my car on that list!) There was information given regarding prevention and I think that is what I took from the evening.

In order for us to keep our neighbourhoods safe, we need to be involved in the prevention. I think we are missing a valuable piece to our community- neighbours who watch out for each other and their community and take the time to report concerns.

The Terwillegar community is not a new one; however, we still don't have a neighbourhood watch program. How can this be? On the day that my car was stolen and then a few months later we got it back only to have it broken into. I felt a bit worried. When a major drug bust happened down the street from my home just last year, I felt a bit scared. I attended this information session and learned that communities who have only been together for less than two years. I came to Terwillegar Towne to be a part of a community that was safe, full of families that knew their neighbour by name, who could feel safe walking their dog in the evening.

I haven't done the best job in getting to know

my neighbours, and I haven't stepped up to join a neighbourhood watch program. But I will now. Car theft (although not the only crime) is the biggest issue and I want my neighbourhood to be safe. I want my children to be able to play with other children in the playground without worrying about what may be left in the sand from the night before. I want my neighbour to feel comfortable asking me to shovel their walk while away, and pick up the flyers so that it doesn't invite theft. And I want the traffic to stop speeding down my street.

We have city police officers who are 'designated' to our area. This means they only work in the southwest area and know what happens in our community. I think this is fantastic, and will be so helpful in resolving issues we may have - traffic, construction, or car theft. I encourage you to join a neighbourhood watch program in your community. The league needs a neighbourhood watch coordinator.

For more information you can check out the Terwillegar Community League website or contact the Edmonton Neighbourhood Watch Program Society - watch@tera-byte.com.

League experiences a busy February

President's message
by Steve Simala-Grant

February was an extremely busy month for your volunteer community league board, and I am immensely proud of our team and the effort they put in month after month.

A community is about people, relationships, mutual respect and support, and working together, and I saw those values lived out with excellence.

Our first ever ski night went extremely well; many thanks to our Fundraising Director Priya Nelson for organizing this.

More than 125 people attended, enjoyed the excellent facility and weather, and reported a

great time. Snow Valley was very positive about their experience with us as participants. We look forward to growing this event in years to come.

We also held our annual Family Day Celebration - a day of snowshoeing, hay-riding, tobogganing, visiting, and hot dog eating (408 hot dogs, to be exact!).

Programming Director Teresa Krefting worked extremely hard to organize this event, and had excellent help from a troop of amazing volunteers!

A week later our community league staffed a casino to raise funds for facilities in our community. We'll know the total amount raised in a few months, but we are expecting it to be substantial.

Volunteer Joanne Knox ran this for us, and with another great crew of volunteers the two day event went smoothly. Tons of thanks to Joanne!

February saw progress made on the park development in T-Towne, results are elsewhere in this newsletter. Thanks to all who provided input. With all of that in the recent past, we are now looking forward to a spring clean-up, a "I'm Too Big For It" sale, some more ways to appreciate our volunteers, continued improvements in our communications, and summer park programs.

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By Marilyn Bergstra
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Schools

Thank you for your questions regarding school gymnasium availability

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This is a concern that was raised at the door throughout the Ward 5 community during my 2007 campaign. Further, my own family has been affected by anomalies in available gym space by having to drive across the city to attend events.

I have looked into the issue and can confirm that Edmonton Catholic Schools fully participates in the joint use agreement (JUA) Facilities with the City of Edmonton for coordination of the rental of gym space for community use. Under this agreement, Edmonton Catholic Schools has made

all of its school gyms available for community recreational activities, although some have limited use due to their small size.

It should be stated, that under the current agreement, both Edmonton Catholic and Edmonton Public Schools have provided approximately 90,000 hours of available gym space for public use annually.

Roughly only 50,000 of those hours were used by organizations looking for available gym rental space last year. It is therefore reasonable to assume, based on community feedback and by the number of hours utilized by various organizations that certain time slots are in much greater demand than others and accordingly our district wants to ensure that we can best meet the needs of the community.

Having said this, both Edmonton Catholic and Edmonton Public Schools are currently working with the City of Edmonton towards a more effective roll-out and implementation of the new

JUA agreement that better meets the need for additional weekend rental space. Consequently, we are looking to increase gym space times provided to the City of Edmonton to better serve our communities.

However, until the new JUA agreement is fully implemented, any organization can call Edmonton Catholic Schools directly, at 453-4545 and ask for Maria to book weekend gym space, if it is available, should they be unsuccessful in booking their space needs through the City of Edmonton.

As your Ward 5 Catholic school trustee, I have made it known that I am very concerned not only with the quality of education, but also with the health and well-being of our students and community. Access to affordable and local recreational facilities is an important issue, as healthy families lead to healthy communities.

Thank you to all who have expressed concern in this area, and I would be happy to speak with anyone who has further questions.

Residents' feedback on park redraws plan

In February we asked for your feedback on two possible sports field layouts for the park site on Tomlinson Common.

You may have seen the options in your community league newspaper or at our open house during the Family Day festivities at the park. Thank you for all your comments – by mail, phone, e-mail and in the drop box on Family Day! We received over 50 responses.

There were a few re-occurring themes in the feedback we received: “Keep some free space in the park.” “Make the park suitable for a variety of uses.” And “Parking congestion is a problem already – don’t add to it.”

Your feedback told us that both options had

some good features, and some that were not so great. Having three fields that are bookable is likely to cause more parking congestion, however, many residents seemed to like the two sizes of soccer fields. Most of the feedback also told us that the ball diamond was a lower priority. Residents also commented that they really would like to just see some free space for flying a kite or enjoying the park in their own way.

After reviewing all of your comments we felt that we could take the best of both options and merge them. The new layout will include a large soccer field on the east side of the park site and a smaller soccer field in the northwest corner of the park.

The two different sized fields will allow for a variety of age groups to play soccer. The large field also allows for younger teams to play cross-ways. We have decided to leave the ball diamond out of the plan, partly because of space concerns, but also because we felt that an open, unstructured space could be used for a greater variety of activities. The free space will still be usable for throwing a ball around, but, can also be used for frisbee, kite flying or just enjoying the park. If you enjoy baseball, you can rest assured that the new large school/park site just northeast of the Mac’s will include ball diamonds in a couple of different sizes.

There were a significant number of concerns around parking congestion and we have kept the number of “bookable” fields to two. This will help to minimize the number of vehicles parking around the site during “booked” games. Park users that live nearby can also help to minimize the parking congestion by simply taking a few extra minutes and walk to the park instead of driving.

What next? The landscape architect is re-drawing the plans. As soon as they are ready, the plans will be passed along to the city’s sportsfield fixture installation crew. If all goes well, and the weather co-operates, the soccer goal posts should be installed this spring!

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Toddler soccer program draws much interest

By Jane Calvert, TRSA president

After growing up watching from the sidelines as their older siblings play, many four-year-olds are eager to play the sport of soccer themselves.

The Terwillegar Riverbend Soccer Association (TRSA) has received many requests to offer a toddler program over the years. In response, a small, informal, parent-run program was put in place.

Demand for the program has continued to grow. The number of toddlers wishing to play now far exceeds anything that can be handled on an informal basis by one or two enthusiastic parents. The decision must then be made whether to incorporate a U4 toddler age group into the overall TRSA soccer program.

Because of the nature of toddlers, toddler soccer does not fit the organized game structure fol-



lowed by the older age groups. Attention spans are short, and the little ones need to be introduced to a number of concepts and skills before any real games can be played.

Toddler teams are smaller and require a high coach to player ratio. In addition, a very high level of parent participation is needed. All this

requires attention and effort above and beyond that required for the organization and administration of the older age groups.

And that is why the toddler program is only offered if a group of dedicated parents is willing to step forward and make the commitment to organize and run the program. Names are collected on a waiting list pending the creation of a parent committee to run the program.

Once a parent committee is confirmed, those on the waiting list will be contacted. Up to 80 children can be accommodated in a single toddler soccer session. There was enough demand in the 2007 outdoor season for two sessions. If enough parents are available on the committee, a second session may be offered.

News and updates on the status of the toddler program will be posted on the TRSA website at www.trsa.ca

Upcoming soccer clinic has world champ

The Brazilian Cultural Society of Edmonton (Brased) is organizing a soccer clinic as a charitable event in Edmonton.

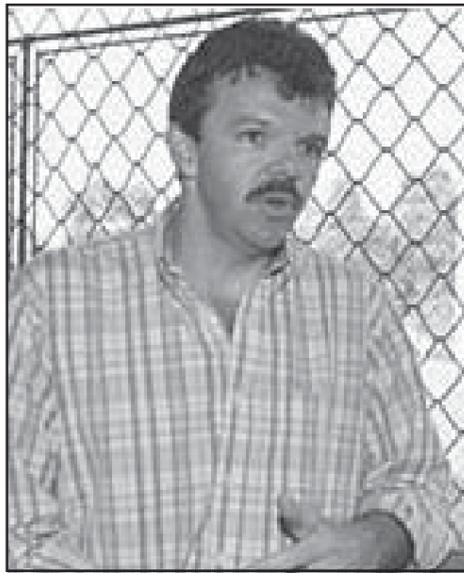
We are bringing Gilmar Rinaldi from Brasil, who was FIFA world champion playing for the Brazilian national team in 1994 world cup. Gilmar kindly accepted our invitation to run the clinic that will take place at the Victoria Soccer Club from June 2-6, 2008.

There will be only 28 lucky participants between 13-16 years of age who will have an opportunity to be exposed to a high level of training and advice from a very successful ex-professional soccer player.

Gilmar also is bringing some videos from the training of the Brazilian national team to illustrate some plays and techniques. After the success of the Brazilian team in 1994, Gilmar was invited to play in Japan where he ended his career as a player and started his career as an agent. He now manages several important players in the soccer scenario such as Adriano and

Juan to name a few.

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hoping the horse would take him home. Instead the horse took him into a swamp filled with crocodiles. The rancher realized his only chance was to get up into a tree. He spent the next six nights tied to a branch as the crocodiles looked up the tree obviously restless to reach him. He had just two meat sandwiches to sustain him over the next six days. He told his story that every night he was stalked by two crocs who would sit at the bottom of the tree staring up at me. Swallowing hard, he blurted out, "All I could see was two sets of red eyes below me." After seven days he was rescued, lifted out of the tree by a helicopter. Fear will keep you up a tree!

Ann Landers, the syndicated advice columnist used to comment that she would receive about 10,000 letters a week. She was once asked

"What is the most common problem that you are asked to deal with?" She answered, "Without a doubt - fear."

There are some occasions in which fear in our lives is a positive thing, typically when it prevents us from doing something that could prove very harmful. However in most cases fear is negative. Fear has a limiting impact upon us. We turn down those opportunities to grow and stretch because we are fearful of the challenges. Paul Tournier writes "All of us have reservoirs of full potential, vast areas of great satisfaction. But the roads that lead to those reservoirs are guarded by the dragon of fear."

Fear has a way of siphoning off honesty in relationships. Fear causes us to not really be upfront with what we are thinking or feeling because of the very real possibility that others may not accept us as we are. Beyond that, fear has a way of robbing us of joy! Anxious thoughts rob us of that deep sleep that is necessary to refresh us. A troubled heart leaves us feeling physically and emotionally exhausted.

What do we do with our fears? One helpful step is to find perspective. Someone has commented on a study in which it was discovered

that 40 per cent of all fears are about the future and never happen. Thirty per cent of the fears we have are about the past and can't be changed. Twelve per cent are needless fears about our health that we don't need to have. Ten per cent are petty fears that are not worth worrying about. Perspective – yes that means that there are only eight per cent of our fears that are legitimate fears. I can deal with eight per cent easier than 100 per cent.

There is also a certain success in dealing with fear when we become more focused on others than ourselves. Fear causes us to look at ourselves. Love causes us to look at others and think of their needs. Interesting how unselfishness reduces our fear.

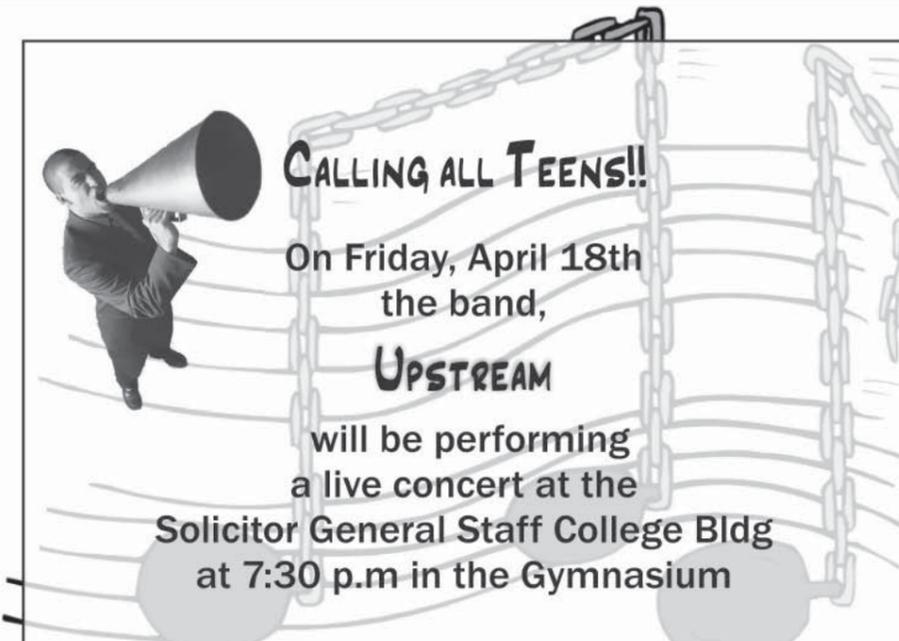
I'm convinced that God never intended for us to live in fear, rather I think He was very encouraging in His counsel to have us live in the freedom of His love and forgiveness. Peter, one of the New Testament writers put it succinctly, "Give all your worries and cares to God, for He cares about you." Let's not allow fear to keep us hostage up a tree!

Ken MacDonald is pastor of Terwillegar Community Church

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Casino a success thanks to volunteers

By Joanne Knox

The Terwillegar Community League supplied volunteers to the Palace Casino in West Edmonton Mall on Feb. 26 and 27 to work a variety of day and night shifts.

This small donation of time, will be the league's largest fundraiser to date! We will find out how much the community league raised sometime in May.....the last six months have averaged \$80,000 per organization. What a great reward for very little effort!

A HUGE thank you goes out to all of the wonderful community members who volunteered to

work a shift or two. I personally had a fantastic time meeting some new neighbours, and putting names to faces of people I have seen out for a walk, or at the park.

I am sure if you ask any of the volunteers, they will certainly agree that the shifts were not strenuous at all, and were actually quite fun and social.

It can be a challenge to wake up to work after getting home at 3 a.m. But well worth our efforts, I believe!

The next step is to figure out what to spend all of the money on!?! There are specific rules and

regulations surrounding what the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission allows an organization to use the funds for, and during a tight timeline. The league will present a plan on the funds raised at the casino at its next annual general meeting. Feedback is welcome and please pass your ideas on to our Fundraising Director Priya Nelson at fundraising@terwillegar.org.

We will be able to volunteer for another casino in the next 18 – 24 months, so please look for notices at that time, and consider volunteering your time.

Thanks again to everyone!

New agreement has fees for user groups

Jane Calvert, TRSA president

The Joint Use Agreement (JUA) is an agreement between the City of Edmonton and the Edmonton area school boards that allows community recreation groups to use school gyms after school hours.

Over 700 groups, ranging from marching bands to cadets, benefit from this arrangement. A new JUA, two and a half years in the making, was unveiled by City of Edmonton Community Services and JUA staff on Jan. 10, 2008 at the Woodvale Community League.

Since then, the city has hosted a series of workshops with user groups. The purpose of the workshops was for the city and the user groups to reach consensus on three components of the agreement. These are:

- Costing and Fees
- Standards of Play
- Allocation Process

No fees were charged to user groups under the previous agreement. Under the new JUA, the city will collect hourly fees from user groups, and

compensate the school boards at the rate of \$10/hour for current hours of usage (49,755 in 2006-2007) and \$38/hour for additional hours.

Consensus was reached on the fees that user groups will pay the city per hour of gym time. The hourly rate will be based on gymnasium size, with the highest rates reserved for the large AA and A gymnasiums. The small D gyms will be made available at an affordable rate of \$1 to \$2 an hour. Children's groups will be charged 50 per cent of the rate charged adult groups.

The allocation process describes how hours will be allotted to the various groups requesting time. Demand for space in school gyms far exceeds supply, so a process that is fair and equitable to all must be devised.

The plan is for groups to request time following the "Standards of Play" set out by their governing body.

For example, if the governing body recommends that a team practice one hour a week, the group may request one hour a week of gym time per team. If the total number of hours requested

by a group represents five per cent of all the requested time, that group will receive five per cent of the available hours. Other factors come into play as well, such as historical use and children's groups having priority over adult groups. Additional meetings are planned to further refine this process.

For more information on the new Joint Use Agreement, contact the City of Edmonton at JointUse@edmonton.ca.

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Community garden project update

By Steve Johnson

Grocery shopping is reminding more of spring with all the tulips and daffodils in the flower section.

That reminds me that the gardening season is quickly approaching and that I haven't provided an update on our planning status.

If you recall we were 'stalled' as the public school board was deciding on how the area was to be used. Here's what I heard from the City of Edmonton: The public and Catholic boards are now both looking at the large school/park site (across the road from the Community League site) for schools. Up until the fall, it was just the public school board that seemed interested in a school on the site - the P3 funded school. I am now hearing from the landscape architect that the Catholic Board is looking at the site as well - possibly instead of Windermere; nothing official, but this is what I am hearing.

So, what impact does this have on the community garden? Similar to the fall. The city wants to make sure everything is lined up correctly on the main park site before commencing work on the smaller community league site.

They would need to take into account a possible building footprint.

So until the fate of the school and community league building is determined, we can not have site plans developed for our review. I will be checking in with the City for updates and maybe revisiting other potential garden sites. I'll update you when I have more information.

My suggestion to those who really want to have a garden plot this year is to obtain space from an existing community garden. The community garden network has a list of existing community gardens in the city.

Please check out the following weblink. <http://www.edmcommunitygardens.org/Pages/FindA-Garden.php>.



Above: Youth play hockey at the Confederation skating rink. Access is free every Sunday with the purchase of a community league membership. Photo contributed by Fresh! Images By Tasha.

Left: South Terwillegar had its own winter festival with wagon rides, chili, hot dogs and give aways. The event took place in February and was a promotion by developer MLC Group Inc. to sell more homes in the growing neighbourhood. Photo by Tamara Stecyk.

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- **May 31 George P Nicholson School**
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- **May 31 Riverbend Community Centre**
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- **June 14 Blue Quill**
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Length: 3 hours (times vary by location)
Cost: \$15/participant

- **May 10 Terwillegar Towne** Code #: 286090
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Setting priorities is important for trustees

By Catherine Ripley,
Edmonton Public Schools, Ward H

People often ask me, "What, exactly, does a trustee do?"

One critical part of the Board's mandated role is "setting priorities and policies to provide leadership and overall direction for the district," and I am excited to say that we have accomplished the "priorities" part of that statement. On Feb. 12, the Board discussed and voted on the new priorities statement that will guide the district for the next three years. This was the final step in a long

process that began with a series of consultation meetings in December and January with junior high and high school students, teachers, principals, and representatives from business, community organizations, our staff groups, and the public (including parents) as well as input given through an online survey open to all Edmontonians. A subcommittee of the Board (Trustees Esslinger, Huff and Rice) then reviewed all the comments, looked for common themes and comments, and crafted the priorities statement accordingly. It's an exciting set of priorities and

I am looking forward to seeing them put into action.

The three main priorities (around which schools will base their plans and budgets) are:

- To ensure every student is successful in their program of studies, with an emphasis on literacy and numeracy.
- To instill in each student the attributes of citizenship and good character in a learning environment that promotes health, well-being and positive relationships.
- To provide a collaborative, healthy and innovative workplace that recognizes individual contributions and supports opportunities for growth and professional development.

These are to be accomplished within a commitment to excellence, embracing and respecting students' unique needs, interests, and strengths, and the belief that education is a shared responsibility that requires the active engagement of students, staff, parents, and community members.

In regard to discussing on parents and community members could actively support the priorities, I held a ward meeting on March 18, at Earl Buxton School to look at the priorities in more depth and also to give residents a chance to meet Edgar Schmidt, our superintendent. If you are interested in attending such meetings in the future, please contact me at 887-1002 or at Catherine.Ripley@epsb.ca and I will put you on my "official" invitation list. Thank you!

With regard to the new K-9 School for Terwillegar: If you wish to contribute your thoughts on the future programming for this school, please do not hesitate to contact Planning. Your thoughts will be welcomed and appreciated. You can contact Planning in three ways: 1) By phone at 429-8427, 2) By fax at 425-0323, or at jyde.heaven@epsb.ca.



Down the hill and hang on tight...many children went tobogganning during the Family Day festival. Photo by Tamara Stecyk

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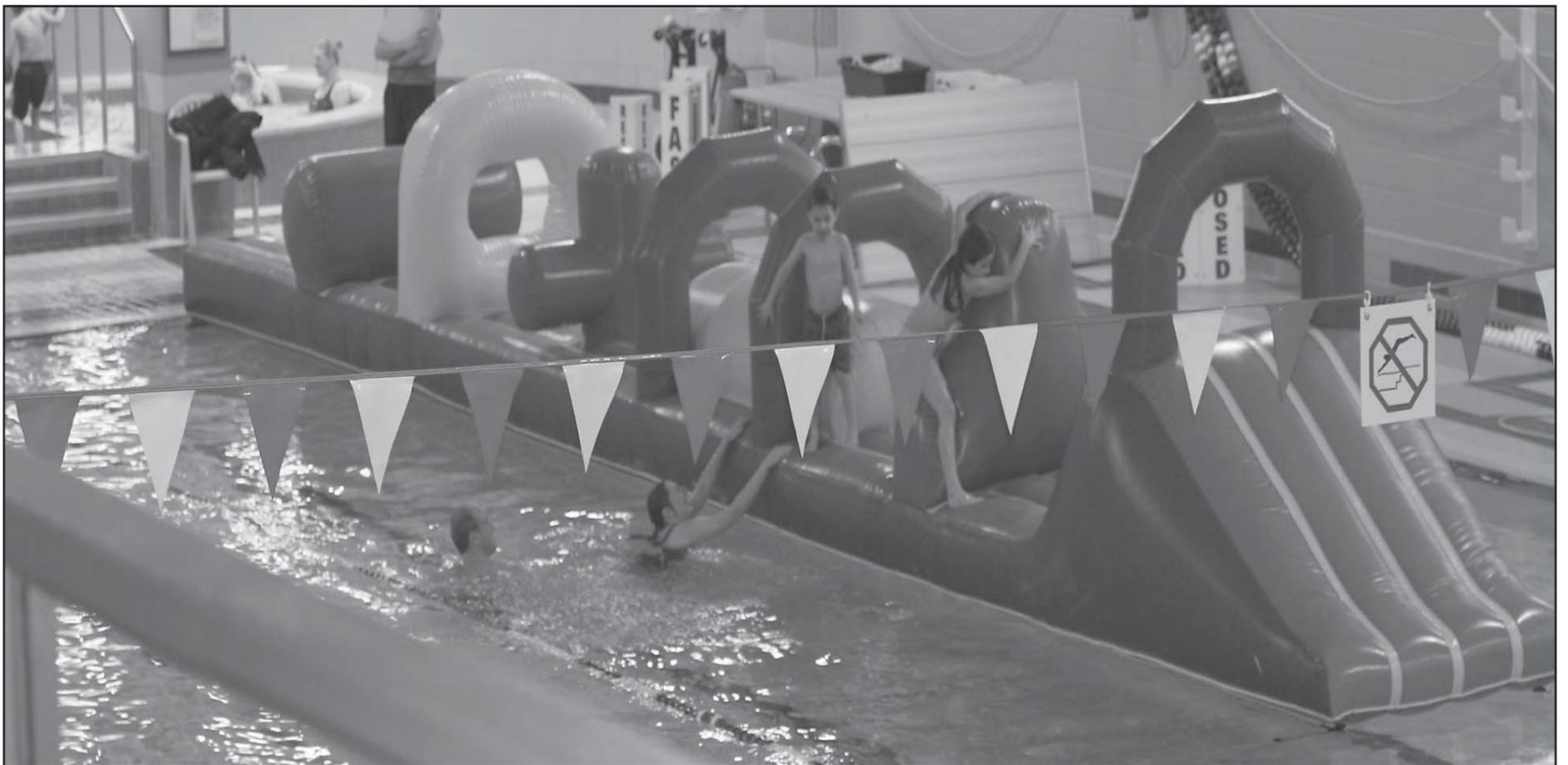
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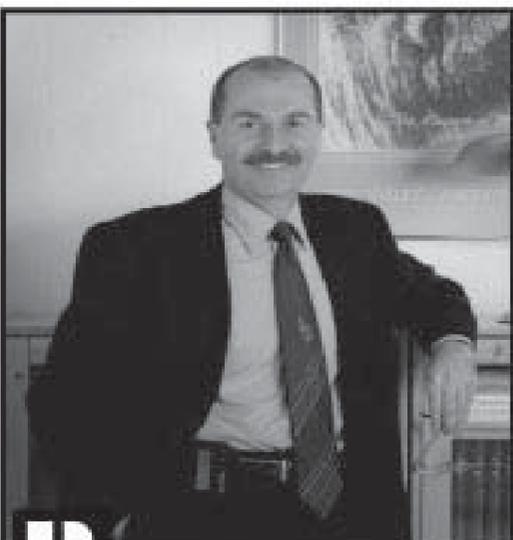
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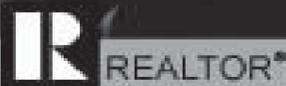
Confederation Pool becomes a children's ideal place to play on Sundays during family swim. Swimming is free for two hours every Sunday but you must have a community league membership. Photo contributed by Fresh! Images By Tasha.

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