

Terwillegar Community League News

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

Residents encouraged to attend upcoming league AGM

by Murray Chrusch

As this is my last president's message, I want to take the opportunity to thank everyone who was involved with the Terwillegar Community League over the past year.

I especially want to thank individuals who have taken the time to serve on the Terwillegar Community League board or have played key roles that are necessary to make things run smoothly.

Events such as our Family Day festivities, the Earth Day Neighbourhood Clean-Up, the Canada Day Bike Parade, the water fights and the playground programs and services could not have occurred without volunteers. Also, ideas such as having a community garden or neighborhood watch program cannot be realized without community support.

Our community continues to grow in number of residents and space. It's vital that we work together to provide programs and events, develop and expand amenities and recreation opportunities in and around our community, and advocate in ways that help build

a vibrant community with safe and healthy neighbourhoods.

If you're interested in meeting new friends and neighbours, and working towards achieving initiatives that improve the health and safety of our community, we have several opportunities to get involved.

Opportunities within your community league include the following include following key roles: Communication Director, Fundraising Director, Social Director, Volunteer Coordinator, South Terwillegar representative, Sandalwood representative, and MacTaggart representative.

If you're interested in becoming a volunteer or if you'd just like to find out more about the various role, please contact me or anyone else involved with the community league.

Mark your calendar!

What? Terwillegar Community League's annual general meeting and information session

When? Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2007 at 7 p.m.

Where? Terwillegar Community Church (See map for directions on page 6)

Who should attend? Residents of Terwillegar Towne, Terwillegar Gardens, Terwillegar Greens, South Terwillegar, Sandalwood, Magrath, and MacTaggart. Dessert and refreshments will be provided.

The information session will include the following topics:

Southwest Community Recreation Centre update from the city that will include a computer animated walk through of the facility (Opening in 2009).

Public kindergarten to Grade 9 school that will be in built in our neighbourhood.

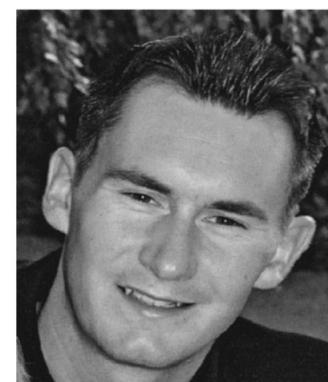
The formation of a Neighbourhood Watch Program.

Community Garden to be developed in our neighbourhood.

Opportunities to sing praises and voice ideas or concerns to your volunteer community league and the city.

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Information session for recreation centre to be held

by Monique St. Louis

Here are a few quick updates on the progress of the Southwest Community Recreation Centre.

P3 Arena Project

Due to market conditions, two of the prequalified proponents have chosen not to proceed with their submissions for the Arena P3 project. The City of Edmonton has entered into discussions with the remaining proponent and is working towards the best value proposition to present to Edmonton city council for their review.

Once council makes its recommendation, a public information session will be held in your community in November 2007. Check our website for further information.

Road Construction

Rough grading is now complete and construction of Leger Road and its underground utilities is about to begin. Completion is scheduled for 2008. If you require further information on construction of Leger Road, please contact Martin Fereday, Asset Management and Public Works, 496-6269.

Timelines

Timelines for the arena complex remain constant with a January 2009 opening.

September 2007 RFP Closes

September 2007 Evaluation period

October 2007 Presentation to Approval Committee
November 2007 Presentation to Edmonton City Council

January 2009 Arena Complex Opens

In regard to the public portion of the recreation centre (i.e. fitness centre, children's wing, social spaces, aquatics), here are the current timelines we are operating under.

October 2007 Completion of Working Drawings and Construction Documents

October 2007 Project is Tendered

December 2007 Ground Breaking Ceremony

July 2009 Facility Opens to the Public

October 2009 Official Opening Ceremony

For further updates, please go to www.edmonton.ca/scrc and if you have any questions, please e-mail SouthwestCommunityRecreationCentre@edmonton.ca.



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Our main objective is to have as many residents as possible actively participating in their neighbourhood so that any threats to the area will be reported to the police, thus

avoiding the occurrence of a crime. We encourage residents to watch out for each other to reduce crime in the city. I guess you could say Edmonton Neighbourhood Watch members are the eyes and ears of the community. We report any suspicious activity in our neighbourhoods, whenever they occur. We are always vigilant.

The Edmonton Neighbourhood Watch Program is based on volunteers. The strength of the program is based on the efforts of our members in each neighbourhood.

Our volunteers include the executive, special committees, and community members. The volunteers that work within each of our neighbourhoods and the community leagues are our most important members. The program would not exist if it were not for the dedicated efforts of our volunteers.

If you would like more information please contact

the Edmonton Neighbourhood Watch office by calling 421-3428, by e-mail watch@tera-byte.com or www.watch.edmonton.ab.ca. Information will also be presented at the community information session on Oct. 9, 7 p.m. at Terwillegar Community Church.

Upcoming event

The Terwillegar Community League is having a membership drive on Sept. 29 from noon to 2 p.m.

The league needs lots of volunteers to reach all residents in the league's boundaries. Anyone interested in volunteering can e-mail Kim at memberships@terwillegar.org or give her a call at 484-7683.

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Terwillegar Community League AGM & Information Session

Tuesday, October 9, 2007 @ 7 p.m.

@ Terwillegar Community Church (map below)

Dessert and refreshments will be provided.

The information session will include the following topics:

- **South West Community Recreation Centre** including a computer-animated walk-through of the facility (Opening in 2009!).
- **Public K-9 School** that will be built in our neighborhood.
- Forming a **Neighborhood Watch Program**.
- **Community Garden** to be developed in our neighborhood.

Opportunities to get involved within your community league include:

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Four vying for two seats in Ward 5

By Tom Wagner

Once again, another civic election is looming. Edmontonian will have the opportunity to go to the polls on Oct. 15 and vote for mayor as well as their specific ward councillors and school trustees.

There are four candidates running for councillor in Ward 5, which includes Riverbend-Terwillegar: incumbents Bryan Anderson, Mike Nickel and opponents Don Iveson and Brent Michalyk. With only two spots open and four candidates, this upcoming election should prove exciting for residents of Ward 5.

Bryan Anderson

A former teacher and coach at Harry Ainlay High School, Anderson is the longest serving politician running in Ward 5, having been elected to council in 1998 and now running for a fourth consecutive term.

For him the most pressing issues are infrastructure and transit – both essentially issues of planning, and

in an era of rising costs, finding funds.

“The new council must develop a well thought out plan that will deal with short-, medium-, and long-term infrastructure requirements and negotiate a sustainable funding mechanism with the two senior levels of government.”

This is especially crucial in South Edmonton, he explained, where the needed upgrades of the Quesnell Bridge, as well as the interchanges of Whitemud/Terwillegar Drive and 23rd Ave./Calgary Trail, need to be built in the very near future.

He also expressed the need to build ridership for the southern extensions of the LRT into Southgate Mall and Century Park by carefully revising transit service across southern Edmonton and building transit links into new neighbourhoods.

Don Iveson

As the vice-president of the Malmo Community League and director of the advocacy department for the University of Alberta Students' Union, as well

as being the former president of the Canadian University Press, Iveson has extensive experience in the non-profit sector.

As a potential new voice in city council, Iveson would like to highlight issues surrounding public transit and urban planning in our city. In upcoming years, transit routes will be realigned to link up with the expanding LRT. In this, Iveson sees a great opportunity to increase ridership and improve transit, especially in south Edmonton.

For Iveson, the future of Edmonton lies in smart urban planning. He feels the city needs a long-term vision in order to achieve environmentally friendly and financially sustainable growth.

“Sprawl doesn't create efficiency, it undermines it. Each new area built further south has cascading transportation, drainage, and service impacts upon established areas, but without net revenue gain to pay for it.

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Michalyk running for first time

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We need clear long-term vision for an end to sprawl coupled with redevelopment and intensification in the core to increase efficiency.”

Brent Michalyk

Like Iveson, Michalyk is a first-time candidate for city council. His background experience as the president of the Blackmud Creek Community League and as a past member of the Next Generation Task Force, a shadow council of young Edmontonians that made recommendations to council on how to make Edmonton a better place to live, means that he has thought a lot about the issues facing our city in 2007.

As previously mentioned, Michalyk hopes to come to the table as a strong advocate for community leagues. However, community infrastructure is not Michalyk's only concern.

He, like the other candidates, feels that the development of major projects such as the proposed Quesnell Bridge and the Whitemud/Terwillegar Drive interchange are important and need to be addressed before the southwest outgrows its current infrastructure.

In order to do this, he advocates public input and a long-term view for public transit and infrastructure.

“Communities need to be involved in a lot of planning to prevent issues from getting out of hand,” he said.

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Nickel concerned about infrastructure and transportation

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"New developments need to have their total infrastructure, especially arterial roads, completed before everyone moves in to that area."

Mike Nickel

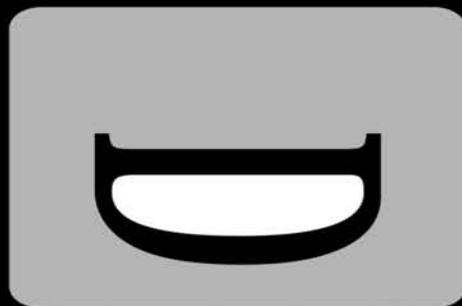
As a businessman and University of Alberta graduate, Nickel has been involved in local Edmonton politics for many years, even running for mayor in the '98 and '01 elections. He finally made his break onto council in 2004.

Central concerns for Nickel include infrastructure and transportation. Although he noted that progress has been made with LRT expansion and the widening of 23rd Ave., there is much work left to do, and quickly, due to ever rising costs. "The top transportation priority for the entire City of Edmonton is the interchange at 23rd Avenue and Calgary Trail," said Nickel. "Inaction on this file has already led to substantial cost increases – and these will only continue."

Also of concern to Nickel is the discrepancy between services provided by the city and continuously rising tax rates. Noting recent complaints about Edmonton's level of service, notably potholes and snow clearing, he feels the city's spending has to be more carefully examined. "I will oppose year-over-year tax increases until such time as the City of Edmonton engages in a rigorous, comprehensive cost-reduction program, and refocuses spending around our core services."

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Trustee candidates target class sizes among other topics

By Alexandra Stang

Riverbend-Terwillegar eligible voters will head to the polls on Oct. 15 to vote for either Ward H Edmonton Public Schools (EPSB) trustee candidates or Ward 5 Edmonton Catholic Schools (ECS) candidates, as well as for ward councillors and the mayor.

The current trustees in each system, George Nicholson (EPSB) and Judy Buddle (ECS), are stepping down. In Riverbend-Terwillegar, residents have expressed concerns about issues ranging from class size to parent fundraising to curriculum. Here are some of the candidates' thoughts on some of the issues.

Class Size

Candidates Catherine Ripley (EPSB), Marilyn Bergstra (ECS) and John Acheson (ECS) agree that smaller class sizes are better for students as they allow for a more personalized learning experience. With fewer students, teachers can give attention to the class as a whole as well as individual attention to all students.

However, the size of the class is not the only issue. "What is often missing from the debate ... is the matter of the make-up of individual classes and the effect that has on the workload of the teacher and the learning opportunities of the students," says Acheson.

Bergstra and Ripley have similar thoughts. Two of Bergstra's ideas include allowing teachers to teach in areas of trained expertise, and reducing the number of subjects taught by a single teacher to enhance the learning experience of students. Ripley wants to "make sure kids get the personal attention they need."

Community Use of Schools

Like many newer communities in Edmonton, Riverbend-Terwillegar is short on public space that can be used for sports, meetings, and other types of programming.

The joint use agreement (JUA) between the city, ECS, and EPSB was created to optimize use of publicly funded facilities. The agreement makes schools available to community groups after school hours,

and allows schools access to city facilities, such as pools and arenas, during the school day. Currently, the public and separate schools in the Riverbend-Terwillegar area are open after hours on weekdays for public use to a greater or lesser extent.

The three candidates support the JUA and recognize the benefits it has for the community. On the other hand, the candidates realize the challenges associated with opening schools to the public.

"Issues arising from the agreement must be taken into consideration," says Bergstra. "Principally, noting the strain activities place on an already burdened custodial staff and the cost to repair damages that may occur to a facility under use."

Parent Fundraising

Many parents contribute to their children's schools by organizing fundraising events. In Riverbend-Terwillegar, casinos are a popular fundraiser. Some people agree with parent fundraising, and others disagree, particularly when it comes to the nature of the event.

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Views vary on fundraising

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Like residents, the candidates are split on the issue. Ripley does not completely disagree with parent fundraising, but she is far from agreeing with it.

She believes that there may be other more effective ways for parents to get involved in supporting their children and their schools. Acheson thinks that, in some ways, parents are expected to do too much fundraising, and while Bergstra fully supports parents who choose to fundraise and sees their contribution as a gift, she finds it unacceptable that schools are increasingly dependent on gaming funds.

“We must identify waste spending and use provincial dollars in a responsible way to eliminate potential dependency on fundraising.”

...As printed in the Riverbend Ragg-Times

Editor's note: Since the writing of this article, another candidate stepped forward in Ward H. More information about Neil Robblee can be found on his website at www.neilrobblee.ca.

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Voice your traffic concerns

by Linda Murphy

Terwillegar Community League vice-president

I remember trying out for children's choir. Shy, nervous and a little quiet. To this day I don't know how I made it.

But when we joined our voices together something beautiful transcended. I'm hoping to do it again, this time collectively through our community voices.

There is been a lot of "park talk" about traffic concerns and I would like to hear what you think. I'm hoping to compile your concerns and if necessary write a letter to the City of Edmonton and invite representatives out to the league's annual general meeting to discuss.

Safety is a big concern. Do we have enough access out of the community in the event of an emergency? Is it necessary to have a high volume of construction traffic roaring down residential streets? Is there concern of closing 159 St. and the limited access in and out of that area? Is there a need for a pedestrian crossing on 23 Ave at the Terwillegar Towne and Terwillegar Gardens entrances?

I'm sure there is more but this is what I have heard so far. I need your correspondence and hopefully by joining our voices, we can work together to make some changes.

In your feedback, please identify the area you live in and your full name. Please send your information to vicepresident@terwillegar.org or by mail: Terwillegar Community League, Box 84031 Towne Center RPO, Edmonton, AB, T6R 3A0.

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Approach life with excitement, instead of routine

Summer was marked by travel, picnics, activities at the park and above all, four weddings and a funeral.

The weddings were all unique, inspirational and meticulously planned. Each couple put their special touch upon the day and it showed. The funeral was not a tragedy but a completing of the seasons of life

for a grandmother and mother who grew increasingly fatigued in her body and spirit and relented to the pull of the next life.

This is planet Earth! This is life! We get it all - the broad strokes but also the little pieces that come right along with daily living. The garage that got cleaned out, the scratch on the car that mysteriously appeared, the lost luggage from our favourite airline, the golf score sheet that wouldn't add up to the right

total, the weight scales that seemed to always be generous. This is life.

How do we all make it through? Where do we find our meaning in both the broad strokes and the little pieces? The truth is, much of life is routine, and we can become stagnant if we're not careful.

I was reminded this summer that you don't have to have something extraordinary happening in your life to be excited and passionate about life. You may not live in the perfect environment or have the perfect job or the perfect

marriage, but you can still choose to live each day with enthusiasm.

I love the fictitious story of Tom Sawyer. As a young boy, Tom was told he had to go outside and paint the fence. That wasn't the first exciting choice on Tom's list but he did it anyway. He went out and started painting that fence with enthusiasm as though he were enjoying it. His friends came around, and when they saw how much fun Tom was having, they became envious of him. They said, "Hey, Tom! Would you let us try painting that fence?"

"Oh, no" Tom said, "This is my fence. This is my project. You could never do what I'm doing." And you know the story. When it was all said and done, Tom Sawyer was sitting back watching his friends do all the work, simply because he approached his chore with excitement and enthusiasm.

The fall season is beginning to look us in the eye. Here we go again. We all know the drill. Instead of plugging along, approach fall with excitement and enthusiasm. And remember when you run out of your own strength, God has an ample supply.

Ken MacDonald is pastor of Terwillegar Community Church

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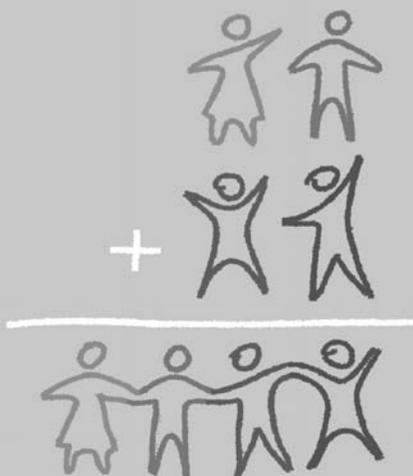
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Feel free to contact league board members - they represent you

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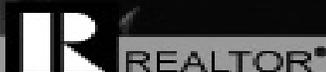
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