

Dovercourt News

February 2022

Feb 1: Dovercourt Winterscapes Begins

Feb 3: Milk jug curling registration opens - first come first registered

Feb 8: Community League Meeting 7 pm

Feb 10: Submit a question for your elected official

Feb 14: Last day to enter Milk jug registration closes

Feb 19 @6pm Annual Milk Jug Curling Funspiel and Pub Night!

Feb 20: Deadline to make a newsletter submission

Feb 28: Last day to send your picture into Dovercourt Winterscapes

May 14: Spring Craft Fair

Ongoing:

Volunteer with your community! We need teams for communications, the rink, memberships and sports

Volunteer with the Kirk Centre

Get a Dovercourt membership and support your community

Register for Girl Guides and Scouts

Prescription and/or grocery delivery available

Dovercourt Community's Annual Milk Jug Curling Funspiel & Pub Night

When: Saturday February 19, 2022

Where: Dovercourt Community Hall & Rink

Time: In Person Registration Confirmations start at **6pm.**

Rules and toast to follow

Tournament will start at 7:00 sharp!

This is an 18+ event (id required) & dependent on weather and current restrictions.

Cost:\$40 per team (Dovercourt bucks accepted)

This includes a light meal and a free drink ticket!

Milk Jug Curling Rules: (basic- complete rules reviewed at event):

- There must be **4 players** on your team- at least **TWO players per team must be a Dovercourt Community League membership holders.**
- All team members must have a QR CODE (or required documentation as per AHS) & proper identification. Failure to provide at registration will disqualify team.
- All current AHS regulations will be followed & reviewed prior to start.

MILK JUGS

- You must provide at least 6 frozen, 4L Milk Jugs.
- You should decorate your milk jugs to make them your own!
- No wrapped tape, stickers etc. on outside of jugs to impede sliding (handle ribbon ok).
- Food coloring recommended.

YOU MUST HAVE FUN!

Prize for best costume/ themed team.

COVID NOTICE: Proof of Vaccination Needed to participate in the event- Please Read:

-We will be following the Restrictions Exemption Program (REP), and people will need to provide QR Vaccination code or required documentation.

- Masks are Mandatory --- We will have Zero Tolerance for people causing issues related to Covid Restrictions

Please make sure that you've submitted your team by Monday February 14, 2022 at the latest. Entries will be accepted beginning February 3 by email @ social@dovercourtc1.com

do not Delay

**THERE WILL BE A MAXIMUM NUMBER OF 16 TEAMS
Entries will be accepted on first come first serve basis
Skips will be contacted to confirm acceptance**

Milk Jug Curling Entry Form!

Team Name:

Team Skip/Lead: (+Membership #)

Phone Number:

Second (+ membership #):

Third:

Fourth:

Office use only

Team called to confirm registration received _____

All team members verified for covid regs _____

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings Neighbours!

What a Winter!! I needn't go on about the deep freeze/ thaw combo that old Mother Nature has thrown at us this year, but suffice it to say it has made for a tough start to 2022. I am fairly certain that I am not the only person in the community who finds there is "more of me to love", currently I am "a shape" as opposed to "in shape", and as a friend recently said, she was feeling "Phhhyyt" as opposed to "fit". That said I guess I am not without choices as to what shape I remain so perhaps you may see me rolling around the 'hood trying to get my dogs in shape too.

I guess this is the first paper newsletter in the past few months so at the risk of repeating myself a bit, I hope that everyone had a safe and happy holiday season and that we are all full of optimism moving into the year of the Tiger or 2022. The Parade of Lights was great fun and although not as well participated in, the neighbourhood came alive along the way and it was still a very enjoyable experience for Santa, Twinkles his elf and the rest of us. It was really impressive how many homes decorated for the season and I for one will leave my lights on (as they have been for the past 2 years) until we get through these tough times. Once again Dovercourt came through and provided dinner, breakfast and presents for 7 families (30 people), who are very thankful. We really do live in a great neighbourhood with many great folks who help each other in many ways.

The rink is open for hockey and family skating and has been well used when the weather cooperates; the brutal cold and then the warm melties have limited it being open, but it is well used and great to see the activity. **Mount Dovercourt** continues to be a great source for local fun and there are a lot of people out walking as weather permits. Please be careful walking as the sidewalks have been getting slippery with the thaw cycles- I can't keep up and I know I am not alone.

As February approaches the Community League Executive has decided to try a live event, Milk Jug Curling. Being candid as I try to be, I must say that the decision to hold a live event was a source of great debate and hardship for us. I have been around the League a long time and faced many challenges over the years; this has been one of the more difficult. We had very personal, professional and amicable discussion surrounding the decision to hold an event, or not. The final decision was not unanimous, or easy. I truly believe that this board is as diverse as we have ever had and that it represents many of the different opinions throughout the community on most issues. Thank you to the Board for keeping discussion civil and for expressing your feelings throughout the process, I am sorry we did not all agree, but glad we had a strong mandate to proceed.

Our difficulty was not what restrictions and rules to follow, but what events, programs we should start to offer, if any. The restrictions are completely based on what events we do; as members of the EFCL, the City Tripartite agreement and the League being on leased City land we are bound to follow whatever common practice dictates for the events we hold. The validity of these practices is above our authority level as a community league so we will follow them. I would encourage anyone who wishes an explanation or to dispute what, in their opinion is unfair, to please contact your City Councilor, MLA or MP, it is above my pay-grade.

Having said that **The Art Mattulli Milk Jug Funspiel is being planned for Saturday, February 19.** We have had to make a few changes to accommodate the number of participants and to try and make it a safe and enjoyable event for attendees. In nutshell, QR codes or current PCR test is required, there needs to be 2 members of the Community league (Current Membership) per team. We have to allow only 16 teams and registration will be e-mailed in so we can be sure to get the first 16 teams. Don't delay.

We will still have a prize for the best dressed team (costume or theme) and it promises to be a fun event, even if a bit smaller than past years. I ask that if you come, abide by the current restrictions, it is supposed to be fun and we are all exhausted by the many debates which seem to inundate our lives. I am both looking forward to helping with the event and sad that it has to come with restrictions. If you would like to help set up, paint rings, register teams or make chili please let me know, many hands make light work.

COMMUNITY LEAGUE UPDATE

President's Message - con't

There really are some things best not discussed at social events: religion, politics and covid. Each has "soul-deep" opinions for some and very little good comes from debating about them. I still believe that we are all far more similar than we are different and that our personal opinions are valid even if different. I wish no ill-will on anyone and hope others feel the same way. We all deserve to feel safe and we must each choose our path following our own conscience.

I wish everyone the very best as we finish winter and look forward to Spring- just a few weeks away. Leave your lights up for hope, be kind, drive safely and respect each other.

I will see you in the 'Hood,

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THANK YOU!

Big gratitude to two members of our team who have resigned from the community league recently.

Andrea Copland has served a member on the board since 2016, most recently as Vice President of facilities - where she managed the rink, and is the coordinator of membership and the annual garage sale, She has previously served as social director, rink director, was an abundant community member. She revamped our meeting room and was a regular volunteer for many events.

As well, Maggie Harris, who currently manages the newsletter, our website, social media and manages our google suites. She joined us in 2018 to lead a community visioning process, then served as secretary and set up many internal processes.

Both of your contributions were invaluable to the community, Thank you so much for all you've done for Dovercourt.

Communications, Vice President - Facilities and Membership Positions Available

The board has current openings. Please let us know if you have skills (or would like to develop some!) in these areas:

Communications: working on newsletter, website, advertising or graphics.

VP Facilities: Responsible for the rink and hall maintenance and staffing

Membership: Ordering and selling annual memberships

Please contact president@dovertcourtcl.com for more information

Interested in pickup soccer for families? Contact treasurer@dovertcourtcl.com

Please consider helping to coordinate sports in Dovercourt!



Next Board Meeting is **Feb 8 @ 7pm**. In person or online option

Board minutes and updates available at www.dovercourtcl.ca

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Dovercourt WinterScapes

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**Get those creative juice flowing, and make use
of all the snow we've had and create a front
yard or greenspace Winterscape.**

**From snow forts, snow people, sculptures, and
more; Dovercourt's Winterscapes contest
opens today! Here are the steps to participate:**

- 1. Create a winterscape.**
- 2. Snap a picture of your creation.**
- 3. Send your picture to
Social@dovercourtcl.com**

Contest closes February 28, 2022

ACTIVITIES & UPDATES

Rink Hours & Usage

BIG RINK

Shinny Hockey and Sticks Allowed

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 5pm-9pm

Saturday & Sunday 4pm-8pm

Family/Free Skate

Tuesday & Thursday 5pm-9pm

Saturday & Sunday 12-4pm



SMALL RINK

Available for alternate play to the big rink and is open daytime for use.

The Rink shack and bathrooms are open.

Masking, Physical distance and 1/3 capacity restrictions are in effect.

Rink closed if temperatures lower than -20.

Skates and helmets are available on loan while at the rink

Free to Dovercourt and Sherbrooke Community League members.

Memberships are Available for Sale @ the Rink Shack.

Looking for a Valentine's Gift?

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Registration:
Returning families and alumni - Feb. 1-6
Woodcroft residents - Feb. 7-13
General public - starting Feb. 14



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2022 Solar Power New Years Resolution for Dovercourt

The community league has been pondering exploring the installation of solar panels and other energy retrofits for our two buildings. Are there community members interested in **helping with this project**? Do you have experience with solar power / energy retrofit audits? We'd like to also see if **residents are interested in their own private property** solar projects. If we have enough interest, we could bring in resources from the City of Edmonton and EFCL to help orient homeowners on solar power. Please contact Laura at Treasurer@dovercourtl.com if you are interested in either of these projects.

Cross Country Ski Trails in Woodcroft!

Thank you to Woodcroft Community League and volunteers who have made our cross country trails possible in Coronation Park!

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QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Ask your elected official!

If you have a question / suggestion / issue - maybe others do as well. Email info@dovercourtcl.com for questions for you school trustees, City Councillor, MLA or MP.

Deadline is the 10th of every month

Question: *I'm worried that my child isn't getting enough physical exercise. When outdoor play is on, kids are watching movies. Can you let me know if this is being discussed and how we can make physical activity a bigger priority?*

Answer: This is a great question given how important physical activity is for kids. It also provides an opportunity to share protocol on how parents can go about addressing concerns related to school.

Ideally any issue is best resolved closest to its source and when it's approached with the goal of seeking to understand. While I'm happy to hear your concerns, the first question I will ask is whether you've spoken to your child's teacher and/or principal.

Step 1 is always to connect with your child's teacher. You and /or the teacher may decide to invite the principal into the conversation in case the issue is beyond the teacher's power of control.

With regards to your question about physical activity, you might want to inquire into the reasons why students were watching movies during outdoor play time: is it a regular occurrence, an issue with cohorting or outdoor supervision? Was it due to cold weather? There could be any number of other factors at play.

Step 2: If improving physical activity is a priority in your school community overall, engaging with your School Council would be a great way to collaborate with staff and other parents to address the issue. The topic of physical activity could be added to the agenda of an upcoming school council meeting. This would allow your principal to share what's currently being done (and why), discuss any challenges and future plans to address the issue.

Your school council might send out a short survey seeking feedback, priorities and suggestions from families. They may wish to strike a committee to research programs with education partners like Ever Active Schools (they have fabulous resources for parents and educators). If the School Council, in consultation with the principal, decides to bring in a speaker, or requires resources for an initiative to improve physical activity at the school, they might ask the school's fundraising association for financial support. Collaborating with staff and engaging with your school council is the best way to create positive change for students.

Step 3: is the one you've already taken, share your concerns with your trustee. Student and staff well-being, including a focus on physically active lifestyles, is a focus for this Board of Trustees. We will be looking for opportunities in our policy and advocacy work, and through our collaborations with stakeholders, to enhance the healthy working and learning environments and practices, for our students and staff.

Thanks for the great question. I'd love to hear from you!

Please don't hesitate to contact me with your questions or concerns, or to share stories about the great things happening in your school community!

trustee.marcia.hole@epsb.ca | 780-429-8084



UPDATES



Hello Community Members!

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful holiday season despite the frigid temperatures!

With all the festivities behind us, and the weather getting a little warmer - it's time to think about the 1st Annual Dovercourt Spring Craft Fair!

I have invited back all the vendors that were at the Christmas Craft Fair. I have plenty of room for new businesses that want to show off and sell their wares at the Spring Craft Fair. And the best part - it's not JUST for crafters! If you are a local business and you want the neighborhood/community to know you are here, reach out to me! This is a great opportunity to network and support the Dovercourt Community Hall in the process. Tables are inexpensive and in my humble opinion, totally worth it! There are so many great businesses in our SHOP LOCAL directory that even I didn't know were in my community!

As I am in the beginning stages of organization, this is a great time to reach out with any questions you may have and to book your spot as soon as possible so you don't miss out! Below are the details:

When: May 14, 2022

Where: Dovercourt Community Hall

Vendors: Tables are priced from \$15 (depending on size of table and if power is needed)

Shoppers: Admission is \$2.00 per person at the door (12 and under free)

If you want to participate as a vendor - please email Paula at dclcraftfair@gmail.com.

Paula Leclair

Organizer, Dovercourt Craft Fair

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SIGN UP!

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