

Dovercourt News

November 2017



FREE COMMUNITY LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP!

Across the nation we've been commemorating Canada's Sesquicentennial (150th Birthday). We've celebrated all the things that have made us great and unique throughout it's history. Here in Dovercourt we want to celebrate the friendliness and neighbourly relations that we're known for as Canadians.

This year we will be offering FREE MEMBERSHIPS to the residents of Dovercourt. Our hope is that by increasing our membership residents will see the value it brings through the many benefits it offers, but that we will also be able to build off the membership and provide ways for us to connect as neighbours and friends.

Some of the many benefits of membership are:

- Dovercourt's Free Community Swim
- Provides Reduced Rates at City of Edmonton Recreational Facilities
- Access to rent the Dovercourt Community Hall
- Access to Dovercourt Community Ice Rink
- Provides Accessibility to Community League Programs
- Connects you with Neighbours through Community Events and Affiliation Groups
- Organizes Community Sports - Soccer, Baseball, etc.
- AGM Voting Rights — Helping to Create a Better Neighbourhood!

Community league membership brings residents together, improves the community amenities, and enhances the quality of life for you and your neighbours.

Canvassers will be coming around in the next few weeks to provide memberships. Membership can also be received by emailing Richard (richardfott@gmail.com). You must fill out the membership cards to receive your membership.

Fill out the form found in this newsletter.

Dovercourt Community League AGM
is coming up soon. Come on out and
volunteer for a position or vote for
someone. Dovercourt needs you!

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN DOVERCOURT?



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NEXT COMMUNITY LEAGUE
MEETING

NOV. 14
7:30 PM

Contact our secretary for meeting information

Advertisements for the Dovercourt Newsletter may be dropped off in the community league mailbox at Dovercourt Hall or emailed attention to Connie Clarke at dovercourtcommunity@hotmail.com.

All submissions must include your name and phone number. Payment for the advertisements must be paid **BEFORE** the deadline. **Next Newsletter Deadline: November 22th**

President's Report November 2017

Greetings Neighbours,

Well fall has come and stayed, a bit frosty in mid-October but I guess that's better than the weather in many parts of the world. The early frost has motivated many of us to get our gardens and yards cleaned up. Our huge beautiful Elm trees seem to hang on to their leaves well past my own raking schedule so I'll have to do my most disliked job twice, but their canopy is well worth it.

By the time this newsletter lands, the indoor soccer season should be well underway. A special thanks to all the wonderful people who coached in the spring and to those who continue to coach through the winter. A special thanks to Jackie and Marina for organizing the teams for us through both 2017 seasons.

Some exciting news for our Community's Executive is Mike English has stepped up to be interim Program Director which is a great help. Mike grew up in Dovercourt and is the son of Paul and Betty Lou who have been active community members for decades. More recently Mike and his boys (and neighbours and parents) organized the Canada Day Celebrations which were a great hit. I am looking forward to helping him get acquainted with his new job and hopefully introducing more programs moving forward. Current community hall based programs which are available through the winter include painting classes, ceramics, and a new cooking club; with luck we may soon have yoga again.

If you would like to volunteer to help get something you are interested in started, give Mike a call. All of our programs are reliant on someone taking those initial steps to get them going. The new cooking club is an example of that. If you like to cook, call Sandy MacLean for more info.

The Community Memberships that are being given away are great savings tool when visiting many of the City run amenities; if you present it when buying admission it should give you a discount. Please see the membership benefits in this newsletter to see where savings can be enjoyed. Please let us know if you have any problems so we can better advise others and also so we can contact the appropriate city folks to fix future problems. A quick email to the community would work best.
dovercourtcommunity@hotmail.com

We will have an opening for Social Director(s) in January. If anyone is interested in helping to coordinate pub nights, movie nights, community league days or any of the myriad of possible social functions which may or may not happen please let me, or any Executive member know. The job does not require that the director does all the work, just that he /she or they be open to ideas and assist others in organizing and hosting events. I have often envisioned different groups hosting pub nights (just one event) to increase the variety of themes and sharing the load.

Anyone who reads these newsletters knows speed limits in residential areas is my pet peeve. For those who haven't noticed, the school zones are now 30 km per hour, please respect that, I have seen photo guys at a few different locations around the city and I understand that even going 45 is a pretty big ticket. My own hope is that folks would drive 40 as a habit so the 30 wouldn't seem so dramatic. (Thanks to my daughter for reminding me the other day, I'm pretty sure she saved me a few ducats.) I guess the 5 minutes they are saving is worth the risk to themselves and others. It is not what you think you can do- it's what you can't predict from others. If you are one of the donkeys who pass on Dovercourt Ave, give yourself a shake- you can't be in that much of a hurry.

See you in the 'hood

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FIRST COMMUNITY GARDEN HARVEST FESTIVAL HAD AN AMAZING TURNOUT!!

It was wonderful that so many Dovercourt residents came out on September 30th to partake of the festivities at the community garden site in Dovercourt Park.

Many people donated fresh, locally grown organic fruits and vegetables for the community garden group to sell. Produce was purchased by donation. The donations go towards garden maintenance and purchase of water.

It was heartwarming to see the look of pleasure on the faces of young and old as they filled up their bags. It is this type of sharing and give and take that nurtures our community and fills it up with abundance.

Hotdogs and drinks were enjoyed, served up by Susan, her son and friends.

Many children and adult faces were painted by our local artist, Sarah.

The tasting table was a huge attraction – especially Gaby Adam's delicious relish!

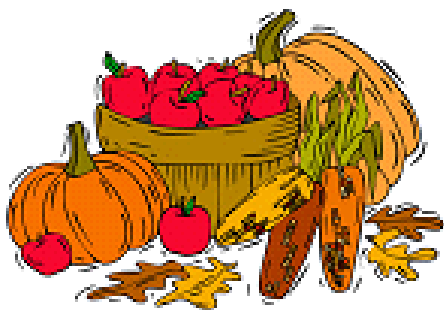
Kids blew bubbles and had sack races. Our talented artists and artisans had art and crafts for sale.

We look forward to another successful Harvest Festival next fall and hope that you will participate!

Many thanks to the hard work of all garden group and other community members who pitched in with the planning and execution of such a fun and rewarding event. A special thanks to the community league who donated hotdogs, barbeque, tents, tables and childrens' games.

See you at the AGM on November 6th, 7:00 pm at the hall.

Growing Community - *Dovercourt Community Garden*





NEWS FROM SOCIAL

On September 30, we held our Harvest Pub-Nite. About 40 people came out to enjoy an evening with friends & neighbors. After games of ping pong, darts, bubble hockey and cards helped us work up an appetite, we were served a decadent meal. A couple of our younger residents offered to take over the kitchen for this event and they did a great job!!

A “copy cat” version of Chianti’s Penne Mediterraneo (Italian sausage, black olives & peppers in a rose sauce) & a gourmet Mac & Cheese with Bacon were the mains, served with Caesar salad and garlic toast! Delish!!!! Cupcakes and brownies for dessert completed the meal. Pretty good fare for a mere \$3 admission.

Special thanks to Carl and Alex for working their magic in the kitchen. Thanks also goes out to Jamie, Matthew, Ryan, Adam, Connie & Bob K. for their hard work setting up the tables, chairs and games and helping with decorating. We couldn’t do it without all your help!!

As you know, Bonnie & I will be stepping down from the social director’s role at the Annual General Meeting in January, 2018. We have held this position for a decade and, while we’ve really enjoyed it, it’s time we were the guests at these functions! We encourage any newcomer interested in getting more involved with the community to put their name(s) forward to fill this role. It’s a lot of fun and a great way to meet people in the neighborhood.

On November 25th, Bonnie & I will be hosting our last Pub-Nite. Hope you can join us!!

If you know you’re coming, give us a shout ahead of time. It really helps plan the food and refreshments if we know our numbers.

Thanks!

Gwen & Bonnie

Social Directors

WE ARE A
Community

COMMUNITY GARDEN AGM, NOVEMBER 6th, 7:00 pm

The annual AGM of the community garden group will be at the Dovercourt Hall. Refreshments will be served.

Get involved in local sustainability and become an executive member.

Or just show up to support this wonderful community initiative

and learn more about the community garden.

Be an early bird and rent your garden plot for next year. See you there!



Hi Neighbours, How are You?

In 2016, the Dovercourt Community League invited residents for their feedback by filling out a survey to help determine the wishes of the residents of Dovercourt with the goal to make decisions around programs, services and projects in Dovercourt. From the survey results, the community league board members have identified interests and appreciate having more of an idea what Dovercourt residents want.

The community league board members continue to recognize the importance of linking residents to groups and sustaining the connection between neighbours with the goal of forming more programs and groups and enhancing community relationships. So, they have organized a team of individuals to encourage and sustain neighbourliness and relationship building in Dovercourt. The goal is to build connections, learn more about what Dovercourt residents' interests are, what activities they wish to participate in and what skills they have to offer their Dovercourt neighbours.

If you wish to learn more about how Dovercourt is building community and enhancing relationships, contact Jo-Anne, Dovercourt Neighbourhood Connector, at acedovercourt@gmail.com 780-975-5193.

The more people are involved as community members, the less need there will be for volunteers." By Jim Diers.

Pet owners reminded to respect 'no dogs allowed' signage

The City of Edmonton reminds pet owners that not all public spaces are dog-friendly. Within the city, dogs are not permitted within 10 metres of school grounds, sport fields, playgrounds, picnic sites and golf courses. ([Parkland Bylaw C2202](#))

While these spaces are off-limits, there are still plenty of places in Edmonton where dogs ARE allowed! Pet owners can take their dogs on trails and boulevards, and to other areas with signage permitting dogs, as long as they are on-leash. In a public space, you are required to:

- control your dog;
- have a clear sight-line of your dog at all times; and
- pick up after your dog.

Want to let your dog run loose? There are [40 off-leash sites](#) in green spaces throughout the city where your dog can get the physical and emotional benefits that come from running and playing!

For more information:

edmonton.ca/pets



Dovercourt Pub-Nite

**Where neighbors become
friends**

NOV 25, 2017 @ 8 PM
Light Lunch Served

Ping Pong Darts Cards
Bubble Hockey
Board Games
& More



Pre-Christmas Social
Bonnie & Gwen's Last Pub Nite

Single retired, responsible male on full pension with small dog looking to rent nice 1 1/2 bath (minimum) bungalow with basement (unfinished ok) and garage in Dovercourt to be close to family. Non-smoker / non-drinker. Not interested in shared accommodation or tenant in basement. Please contact Dana at dana.mcinerney@gmail.com.

DOVERCOURT MEMBERSHIP

RICHARD FOTT

richardfott@gmail.com

780-974-3425

Member Name (s) _____

Are You Willing To Volunteer? YES / NO

Address _____

Canvassing _____

Postal Code _____

Children's Programs _____

Phone # _____

Social Events _____

Email _____

Other _____

Dependant Name(s) _____

DD / MM / YY ___ / ___ / ___ M/F _____

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of Skate Tags _____

Do you wish to receive email news in the future?

Yes/No _____

Fill out your FREE membership form and drop it off at the community hall mailbox, or contact Richard Fott.



MANY THANKS FOR A VERY SUCCESSFUL CANADA CELEBRATION IN DOVERCOURT

We are taking this time to thank so many people that came and helped make our Canada Day party such a great success. We first have to thank the 128 kids that came to participate in the event, singing and running the relays, snacking and playing in the bouncy castles.

Then we have to send a special thanks to the Fire Department Stations #4 and 8 for stopping by, joining in with all the kids for the Anthem and showing off all their gear. Especially impressive was the stick handling demonstration of a brave fireman in full bunker gear racing the kids.

Sgt. LaRocque from the RCMP came by in full Red Serge and spent the afternoon getting his picture taken with the kids.

Kids on Track and Neighbourhood Watch both had plenty of parents stop by to gather information while the kids ran events, so we were happy to see them come by and share with the community.

Next we thank our corporate partners who helped make the day a fantastic party. Kal Tire was kind enough to supply tires for our obstacle courses. Bouncin' Around gave us a terrific upgrade on our bouncy castles. IGA gave us a great deal on all the groceries. Party City was especially helpful with the Maple Leaf balloons everyone liked. Truck All Depot was generous with time and equipment to make our deliveries safe and secure.

The City of Edmonton supplied us with extra garbage cans and more importantly extra picnic tables so our guests had places to sit and enjoy the day. They were so popular they were still in use when the City crew came by to pick them up.

The gift bags were filled with goodies from our great friends at FC Edmonton, Diversey Canada, Edmonton Oilers, and our MLA. It was very kind of all of them to share with the kids of all ages that came out to share the day. And now the part where I try to remember all the wonderful people that gave so much time and effort to make the day fantastic. We will start with the Community League Board, who supported and assisted with setting up another great event. Allyson from the City of Edmonton who guided me through all the mazes of getting government approval to host a big event.

Geoff was once again terrific at the BBQ, Gwen was her usual helpful self, finding great deals and helping set up. Susan and her son came by to help set up and get us ready. Jade and Sheila spent the day doing every project that got passed on to them. Darren had the kids racing to events. Richard and Ryan made the epic hockey challenge a huge hit. Keitha and Alisha somehow managed to balloons as fast as the kids came to get them. There were so many more that just pitched in when they saw something had to get done I could never name you all, but you all deserve thanks for volunteering.

Finally I need to thank my parents, Betty-Lou and Paul, and my terrific wife Sheila for weeks of helping put together everything that the kids thought up. Without their support I'm sure we wouldn't have been able to succeed.

Tim and Chris were extremely happy so many kids, their parents and grandparents, and all the neighbourhood could come out and enjoy the day. They and their mother are already planning their next event.

Michael English

NEIGHBOURHOOD BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

A group of dedicated Dovercourt residents are working on a landscape design for around the community hall sign. If you are interested in helping out with these plans or would like to volunteer with the planting in the spring, please give us a call at 780 862-4038. We would love to hear your ideas and welcome your participation! The date for our next meeting will be published on dovercourtcl.ca.

November 2017

Dovercourt Community Events



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:15 am PLAY GROUP 6:30 PAINT NITE	2 6:30pm CERAMICS CLASS	3	4
5	6 7:00 pm Garden AGM	7	8 9:15 am PLAY GROUP 6:30 PAINT NITE	9 6:30pm CERAMICS CLASS	10	11
12	13	14 7:30 pm Community League Meeting	15 9:15 am PLAY GROUP 6:30 PAINT NITE	16 6:30pm CERAMICS CLASS	17	18
19	20	21	22 9:15 am PLAY GROUP 6:30 PAINT NITE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	23 6:30pm CERAMICS CLASS 7:00 pm DESSERT THEATRE BAPTIST	24 7:00 pm DESSERT THEATRE BAPTIST CHURCH	25 8:00 pm PUB NITE
26	27	28	29 9:15 am PLAY GROUP 6:30 PAINT NITE	30 6:30pm CERAMICS CLASS		