

Dovercourt News

September 2017



HARVEST FESTIVAL 2017 IN DOVERCOURT

The Dovercourt Community Garden Group is hosting HARVEST FESTIVAL 2017 at the garden site on September 30th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

...where you can take a guided tour of the garden and our new shed.

Learn about container gardening.

Check out the gardening book lending library.

Contest! Take pictures of the produce from your garden: Do you have a giant tomato? A monster potato? The largest zucchini? Heirloom tomatoes? Unusual shapes? Send the picture to terri.adam@shaw.ca to be displayed for all to see.

Do you have a delicious relish, zucchini loaf, beet cake or pickles to bring to our tasting table for sampling? Please bring it and the recipe and we will email it out to people who want to recreate your masterpiece!

Artists, artisans and crafters sale. Want to sell your goods? Sign up ASAP to reserve your table.

Hotdogs, beverages, cotton candy and popcorn for \$1.

Kids games.

Best of all, gardeners can bring their surplus produce ready to sell (proceeds to be donated to the community garden) so you can taste how good home grown is.

Bring the family and enjoy the afternoon with us.

Pub Nite will follow at the hall 8:00 p.m.

Would you like to contribute your ideas and a little volunteer time?

Please call Terri 780 454-0249 or Connie 780 862-4038

All Dovercourt residents are welcome to participate.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN DOVERCOURT?



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WEB PAGE

www.dovercourtcl.ca



EMAIL US

dovercourtcommunity@hotmail.com

WE'VE GONE DIGITAL! Go to our webpage and sign up to receive the newsletter via e-mail from dovercourtcommunity@hotmail.com. You can opt out by clicking on unsubscribe at any time.

NEXT COMMUNITY LEAGUE
MEETING

SEPT 12
7:30 PM

Contact our secretary for meeting information

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

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: September 22nd**

President's Report September 2017

Greetings Neighbours,

It has been a long time since I last wrote to you all.

I hope that the summer has been safe and enjoyable for everyone. Personally, I can't believe that it is over; I guess the older one gets the faster time flies.

There have been a few events worthy of reporting since our last newsletter. The largest event being the Canada Day Celebration in the Dovercourt Park held on July 1st. The day started sunny and beautiful, the inflatable bouncy castles were set up, BBQ going and a great bunch of volunteers came to set up information tables, games and other events to occupy neighbours and friends who stopped by to meet the many guests who came to help us celebrate. We had firemen, City and RCM Police and an assortment of City personalities. It is tough to guess how many people attended but I would estimate upwards of 200 based on the many, many hotdogs we cooked. It was super fun and I know everyone had a great visit and fun. Hats off to the **kids** who inspired the idea and their parents who helped make it come to fruition. Special thanks to the English Family who worked tirelessly all day to set up and then clean up. Great Neighbours!

There have also been many smaller gatherings held throughout the community as part of the ACE group and the work of the many block connectors who are trying to get neighbours to meet and build neighbourly relations with folks on their block. If you haven't been a part of one, perhaps you should call Jo-Anne and try and organize a little impromptu gathering for your close neighbours. My block held one and it was great to see several generations of families meeting and sharing stories and food in a neighbour's garage. Not a lot of work or time but a meaningful "party" with neighbours getting to know neighbours. Thanks to all who have initiated parties like that one, a little effort can result in a great time and pay huge dividends. A little aside, I am sorry I didn't crash the ice cream party in the tree park held in June.

I am hearing some great new ideas about some potential new programs that some community members would like to get started, a cooking group jumps to mind, regular games nights and movie nights are also showing some interest. The Community League is always interested in supporting great ideas and things which will make Dovercourt more interactive and connected. Please bring your great ideas and a plan about starting your group to a meeting or call me or any executive member to see how we can help make your idea a reality.

Currently our Program Director Position is open. I have an interested person who I am hoping will assume the role of coordinating programs and helping groups start and maintain themselves for more community sponsored clubs, groups and interest groups. I will of course keep you updated.

If you want to start a group, host a community event (Kids event, Talent night, games night, Hallowe'en Party etc.) let's chat; almost anything is possible if you are willing to see it through.

As far as the fall, there will be a Harvest celebration hosted by the garden group, a pub night and of course sports registration.

Indoor Soccer will start in October so registrations are well underway.

Please don't drive like a donkey. We are a residential neighbourhood and there really is no need to go faster than 50- preferably 40. For those who don't agree, I would expect you'd be the same ones who get mad when someone points out anything thoughtless or careless you do. Perhaps you could reflect about how you can make a little positive change in your world, be a better neighbour, friend, or partner.

I wish you all health and happiness,

See you in the 'hood,

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Garden Group Updates:

Next Meeting: Our regular garden group meeting is scheduled for Monday, **September 11 at 6:30**. All are welcome. It will be held at the garden site in good weather, in the Dovercourt Hall if the weather doesn't hold up.

Purdy's Fundraiser: We are having a small, short-term Purdy's fundraiser to cover costs for the garden operations:

Chocolate bars (milk or dark) are \$2

Salted Caramels (4 per pack) and mini-hedgehogs (4 per pack) are \$5.

We will deliver within Edmonton!

To place an order (large or small!) Contact Susan at ketteringham@shaw.ca

Harvest Festival at the garden Site - September 30, 11:00 to 2:00 – see the front page for details.

Garden Plot Clean Up – A reminder to all gardeners that your plot must be entirely cleared and tidied by **October 31, 2017**.

Lending Library: Our lending library is up and running. If you would like to borrow a book or donate gardening resources and are a garden group member, you can sign out in the shed. Any member of Dovercourt can access the collection - contact Sandy at sandy.maclean@hotmail.com

Facebook and Website: Stay connected! <http://www.dovercourtcl.ca/garden-group.html>

Happy Gardening!

- The Dovercourt Community Garden Group



DOVERCOURT PUB-NITE
Where neighbors become friends

September 30, 2017 @ 8 PM
Light Lunch Served

Ping Pong Darts Cards
Air Hockey Board Games
& More



Summer's End Social
Welcome back!!

DOVERCOURT FREE SWIM

As summer ends, the City of Edmonton Outdoor Pools close for the season. I hope you all had an opportunity to enjoy a refreshing dip over our hot summer!! Thanks to the city for allowing free swimming for all outdoor pools in celebration of Canada's 150th.

As we head into fall, we're back to **Commonwealth Sports & Leisure Centre**. The aquatics at the facility have been closed for scheduled maintenance and will reopen Sept 28. Dovercourt members will be able to get back in the pool **effective Oct 1, 2017**. Show your membership for free admission on **SUNDAYS FROM 1 – 3 P.M.**

ADVERTISING IN DOVERCOURT NEWS

Advertising in the hand delivered newsletter is priced as follows:

Business card size - \$10.00

¼ page - \$25.00

½ page - \$50.00

Full page - \$100.00

Non-profit – free. Free advertising for non-profits only considered if the ads have a direct benefit to our community

Web site – free for businesses local to Dovercourt, provided that no prices are included. Programs that take place at Dovercourt Hall, and are sponsored by the Dovercourt Community League are advertised in the newsletter at no cost to the program facilitator.

CERAMICS CLASSES - DISCOVER YOUR INNER ARTIST!

Have fun creating beautifully crafted ceramic pieces in a relaxed environment under the guidance of a skilled instructor.

You will be shown the tools and techniques necessary to create your own masterpiece.

All levels are welcome.

Where: Dovercourt Hall, 13510- 135 Street

When: Thursday nights, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. for 15 weeks

Starting: August 31 through December 7, 2017

Cost: \$95.00 plus the cost of your projects. Sorry, no drop-ins!

Contact: Jackie at 780-451-4931

2017-2018 DOVERCOURT COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Hi Neighbours!! Hope everyone had a great summer! As we head into fall, the community gets back to business. Our annual membership drive runs from September 15 to October 15

This is a door to door campaign requiring 30 people. The routes are small, only 25-30 homes each. We have a few routes that need filling. Join the canvassing team and get to know your neighbours! If you would like to request your own block, call ahead and pre-book your route. Call Richard @ 780-453-6013 for more information.

DOVERCOURT MEMBERSHIP
 c/o 13510 Dovercourt Avenue
 Richard Fott 780-974-3425

Membership fees are \$25.00 per family or single
 (Age 61-70 is \$10.00 and over 71 is free)
 Make cheques payable to: Dovercourt Community League.
 Drop off in Community Hall mailbox.

Memberships are required for all programs and hall rentals.

Member Name (s)	<input type="text"/>	Are You Willing To Volunteer?	YES / NO		
	<input type="text"/>				
Address	<input type="text"/>	Canvassing		<input type="text"/>	
Postal Code	<input type="text"/>	Children's Programs		<input type="text"/>	
Phone #	<input type="text"/>	Social Events		<input type="text"/>	
Email	<input type="text"/>	Other		<input type="text"/>	
Dependant Name(s)	<input type="text"/>	DD / MM / YY	<input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/>	M/F	<input type="text"/>
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Remember when your mom or your grandma could walk down the block and borrow a cup of sugar from any of their neighbours?

Today, sadly, some people don't really *know* their neighbours or who lives down the block.

And that's the reason the city's Community Services Department is enabling a grassroots movement called the Abundant Community Initiative to work its wonders, turning urbanites into members of warm, welcoming communities, right down to the block level.

Abundant Community Initiative makes neighbours out of strangers," says Anne Harvey, Community Services' coordinator on the initiative, "and it's growing like wildfire because it's a simple concept, and so amazingly rewarding for the people whose lives it enriches."

Abundant Community Edmonton (ACE) has now been implemented in Dovercourt community. It is a Dovercourt Community League initiative with the aim of building connections. There are currently 15 Block Connectors on different blocks who are making Dovercourt a more connected community. The role of the Block Connector includes organizing social events with their neighbours. You may have seen several Block Parties over the past few months happening in Dovercourt, on the streets, green spaces, back alleys and front yards.

Block Connectors are the point persons on their block who connect neighbours with neighbours by inquiring with each of them as to what their vision for Dovercourt is, what kinds of activities they enjoy doing and what skills and abilities they wish to share with their Dovercourt neighbours.

The September Block Connector Gathering is on Monday, September 18 at 7:00 pm being held at 13923-122 Avenue (house). All Dovercourt residents of all ages who want to connect with others in Dovercourt are invited to attend.

If you have questions or wish to inquire more about ACE, contact Jo-Anne, Dovercourt Neighbourhood Connector, at acedovercourt@gmail.com or 780-975-5193

DOVERCOURT FRUIT & VEGETABLE SHARE

Share surplus home grown fruit/vegetables you don't know what to do with!

Looking for Dovercourt grown fruit/vegetables?

Contact Sandy at sandy.maclean@hotmail.com



COMMUNICATIONS AND SOCIAL MEDIA POLICIES FOR DOVERCOURT COMMUNITY LEAGUE

The Dovercourt Community League Facebook page is all about sharing activities, events and community news and information for the residents of Dovercourt and surrounding communities. We welcome our neighbours to share photos, ideas and news that would be of value to our entire community, and to network with others who live within our neighbourhood (and surrounding neighbourhoods).

While we respect everyone's right to their personal opinion, we remind everyone that this is first and foremost a community page, and as such, we have regulations in place to ensure that it remains so.

The Dovercourt league is non-partisan, so please refrain from posting/commenting any political or religious support messages or attacks on individuals or other organizations, groups or associations. This page is not for promoting or advancing personal causes.

We kindly ask that you refrain from posting/commenting harmful, inflammatory or unsubstantiated accusatory comments on this page, whether to a person or group. We also ask that you refrain from tagging other people in any photos you may post on this page, as we wish to respect the privacy of all our residents.

The Facebook page administrators shall sign their full name when responding to messages.

We have a moderator (Publicity Director) in place who will review all comments and posts to see if any are deemed offensive or not applicable to the community. If there is a need to remove or edit a post, our moderator will do so at his or her discretion and depending on the post or comment, may or may not contact you. We thank you for your participation and respect towards this page and all our community neighbours.

The purpose of the Dovercourt Community Website www.dovercourtcl.ca is to provide contact information, community event updates and community programs, as well as to provide general information about our neighbourhood, including local services such as schools, churches and businesses.

The newsletter provides a "hard copy" of all of the above for those who prefer the traditional method of communication. The hand delivered newsletter ensures that all residents have free access to community information.

Dovercourt Cooking Club

We will be holding an
information meeting
at the hall on
Sep 20 at 7pm

or you can email for info to:
sandy.maclean@hotmail.com
or sarahjboilermaker@gmail.com

If you are looking for an opportunity to connect with your community while having fun cooking and eating then this is the club for you!

We will be holding monthly sessions at the hall from October to April.

Menu items will be based on knowledge, group vote and cost.

This is a non profit group but there will be a cost of \$20 to join to cover the extra kitchen equipment required for our group

EAT
LAUGH
LEARN



PAINTING WITH PENNY

Join Dovercourt's "Painting with Penny" and create your own master piece!

WHERE: Dovercourt Hall, 13510 135 Street

WHEN: Starting again in September

CALL PENNY TO REGISTER 780.964.0798

YOGA AT KIRK UNITED STARTING SEPTEMBER 11th!



Gentle Yoga - Monday evenings & Thursday mornings

Beginners to Advanced - Tuesday mornings & Wednesday evenings

Call Connie to register: 780 862-4038

Check details here: www.dancingwillowyo.ca

Connie Clarke
780.862.4038
dancingwillowyo.ca
Breathe life in.



Indoor soccer registration has started.
www.emsawest.com and www.emsamain.com



Dovercourt Safety Meeting, June 26, 2017

Approximately 65 people in attendance at the Dovercourt Community League.

Community League President, Geoff Galbraith

The purpose of the meeting was to have a focus on well-being and neighbourhood safety. The goal is to continue to have Dovercourt as a connected community where neighbours know neighbours, and watch out for one another. The case of Mr. Dunn is currently under investigation; therefore police comments will be limited.

**A moment of silence was observed to respect Mr. Dunn's passing.

Constable Fred Challenger & Garth Snider represented the Edmonton Police Services, Community Crime Management Team. The Constables confirmed that an arrest had been made in the case on May 23rd, and that the suspect was in custody. They actively encouraged any witnesses to continue to come forward. They also affirmed that cases with no connection between the suspect and victim continue to be rare, and that Dovercourt remains a safe community.

The officers spoke to community safety, and things residents can do to support community safety. Please do not leave valuables in vehicles; good sight lines around homes; motion sensor lights; lock doors, etc. If a crime is in progress, please report to 911; otherwise please use the complaints line at 780-423-4567.

<http://www.edmontonpolice.ca/crimeprevention.aspx>

Community Victim Services (Dawn, Sarah, Allen) Community Victim Services is a volunteer based group that can be dispatched by the Edmonton Police Services when traumatic or tragic events occur. Volunteers provide support and referral to families during a traumatic event. Everyone reacts differently to traumatic events, and a wide range of reactions are all normal.

<http://www.edmontonpolice.ca/CommunityPolicing/FamilyProtection/VictimServices.aspx>

Neighbourhood Empowerment Team - Erin Bryksa, Community Safety Liaison Erin spoke to how a community trauma can bring community together. The NET group works in partnership with

Edmonton Police Services to identify community issues which stakeholders can then bring to the table in conjunction with the community by working together to develop and implement projects the community has indicated are needed or would be beneficial to the community as a whole.

https://www.edmonton.ca/residential_neighbourhoods/fire_safety/neighbourhood-empowerment-team.aspx

Neighbourhood Watch – Dovercourt, Sandy MacLean Hosting a community wide meeting following recent events was important to ensure that residents feel safe in their community. Everyone can play a part in community safety through a variety of ways.

- Be physically visible in your community. Walk your dog, play outside, talk to neighbours out front of your house.
- Walk your block - you can register on-line with Neighbourhood Watch; log your walk.
- Know your neighbours
- Neighbourhood Watch Door Sticker Program
- Neighbourhood Watch signs are placed at the entrances to Dovercourt
- Residents make Dovercourt safe!

<http://enwatch.ca/>

Abundant Communities Edmonton - Dovercourt Neighbourhood Connector, Jo-anne Frere-Wilson

ACE is a grassroots, asset based program that encourages neighbourhood connection. It is about neighbours connecting with neighbours! As a Neighbourhood Connector, Joanne is working with other interested individuals to become 'Block Connectors'. Blocks are encouraged to host events like block parties to encourage people to be part of the community. There is a display of the community and which blocks are involved so far. Everyone is welcome and invited to be more involved!

https://www.edmonton.ca/programs_services/for_communities/abundant-community-edmonton.aspx

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported the Dovercourt Community Safety Meeting and to everyone's ongoing engagement to making Dovercourt an active and safe place to live!

September 2017

Dovercourt Meetings and Events



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6 Play Group 9:15 – 11 am	7	8	9
10	11 Community Garden Meeting 6:30pm	12 Community League Meeting 7:30pm	13 Play Group 9:15 – 11 am	14	15	16
17	18 ACE Meeting 7:00pm	19	20 Play Group 9:15 – 11 am Cooking Club 7:00pm	21	22 Newsletter Deadline	23
24	25	26	27 Play Group 9:15 – 11 am	28	29	30 Harvest Festival 11:00am – 2:00pm Pub Nite 8:00pm