
Malmo Plains Community News

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A view of the sculptures at the Southgate LRT station.

2nd Annual Family Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Your family is invited to join your neighbors at the Malmo Easter Egg Hunt. Bring your Easter baskets, so you can collect eggs left outside by our sneaky, neighbourhood Easter Bunny. Later, you can exchange those eggs for a treat. Be sure also to check out the fun activities inside Malmo hall, including colouring eggs! The cost is free! We hope to see you on Saturday, March 26.

Gardening Workshops Scheduled

Starting Seeds Indoors

Join Malmo resident and gardening guru Karen Ashby for an informational session on when and how to start seeds indoors. Then stay and start your own seeds. Trays, soil and a variety of seeds will be available for starting your own vegetables, flowers and herbs to take home. There is no charge to attend the workshop. Everyone is welcome, from beginner gardeners to seasoned green thumbs. All ages welcome, although children must be accompanied by an adult. Two workshops are scheduled: Wed. **March 16**, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Sat. **April 2**, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. For more information contact Karen at gardninkrash@gmail.com. You can also register on Malmo's event pages Facebook.

Treasurer Opportunity

Malmo Plains Community League seeks a resident of Malmo to join its volunteer executive team as the Treasurer. It is an important role and provides good operational board experience.

If you would like to learn more about the role, e-mail the League President, Murray Whitby, at president@malmoplains.com.

Soccer Registration

**By Lisa Elliott and Marianne Rankin
Malmo Soccer Coordinators**

Did you miss registering your child for community soccer this summer?

If you have not yet registered for soccer you still can. Please register on-line <http://emsasouthwest.com/>. Also, please contact us at soccer@malmoplains.com. We will put you on the waiting list and work to find a spot on a team for your child or children.

MLA Town Hall

The Honourable Lori Sigurdson, MLA for Edmonton–Riverview, will hold a town hall meeting on Tuesday, March 22, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The venue is the Lendrum Community Hall, 11335 - 57 Ave. Anyone interested in having a conversation with their MLA is invited to attend. Light refreshments will be provided.

Preventing Crime

The past month has seen some troubling crimes occur in Malmo. A home was broken into and property stolen. The Community League's hockey boards were the target of a graffiti vandal. But, according to statistics on the Edmonton Police Service's (EPS) neighborhood crime map, February was a typical month and rates of crime in Malmo compare favorably with surrounding neighborhoods.

Many thanks to Malmo Community League's Facilities Coordinator, Richard Fahrion, for eradicating the graffiti on the hockey boards. Armed only with a litre of stain-blocking white paint and a wide brush, Richard made sure all traces of the graffiti were covered over within days of the crime occurring.

To help reduce the opportunity for crime to occur, the EPS reminds you to be vigilant and call them if you see suspicious activity. They also encourage you to keep valuables out-of-sight in parked vehicles, and keep your home, garage, and sheds locked and secure.

To contact police in life-threatening situations, or to report crimes in progress, **call 9-1-1**. For non-emergencies, or when there is no need for an immediate response, you can reach the Edmonton Police Service at 780-423-4567, or #377 (within City limits).

If you would like to see the EPS crime statistics yourself, go to: crimemapping.edmontonpolice.ca.

Growth, Costs, and Running a Big City

By Michael Walters, Ward 10 City Councillor

With oil prices in flux, money seems to be top of mind for everyone these days. City Council just came through the very tough process of establishing our first ever three-year Operating Budget. We also had to face the reality that Edmonton is becoming an increasingly expensive city to run. Many people who have contacted me recently feel that the City should be doing more to control internal costs, and they are correct. But we also have to consider how the Edmonton region is functioning as a cost driver for Edmonton.

Providing services to residents from outlying areas drives up costs for Edmonton. While we are always happy to welcome our neighbours, we need to ensure that this provision of services is reciprocated equally amongst all of our regional partners. We also need to ensure that Provincial grant funding and the regional funding model adequately recognize Edmonton's central role in the region.

Thinking regionally is just smart planning. We continue to work with our neighbours to develop better transit planning, because a better synchronized transit system benefits everyone, both in terms of service and in terms of costs to the City.

The same can be said of growth. As fast as Edmonton's outward growth has been, some of our neighbours are growing just as quickly, and in all cases less densely than Edmonton. To plan for the future, Edmonton has to both model for and work with neighbouring municipalities on responsible development.

This focus on residential density needs to coincide with development of industrial land, which forms an important (and currently underutilized) part of the City's tax base, a part that can take pressure off of the residential tax base.

The push for regional efficiency and collaboration is driving much of our work on the Capital Region Board and with the City's Annexation negotiations. Enhanced collaboration between regional partners will ensure that everyone shares in the costs and the benefits of Metro Edmonton's resources and success.



Spring can't come soon enough, but a little snow is no problem for Malmo residents Jakob and Patrick. The young men took to the Malmo fields on a sunny Sunday in late February to hone their soccer skills.

City Stuff for Kids

Year-round Green Shacks

Kids aged 6 to 12 can drop in to the City's new year-round "Green Shack" programs. For the month of March, the closest program to Malmo is in Pleasantview. The programs run Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00 to 7:00 pm, and on Saturdays from 1:00 to 5:00 pm.

Community Day Camp

Registration Starts March 16

Who says you have to go far to find fun this summer? Community summer day camps put on by the City of Edmonton offer a variety of themed experiences including arts and crafts, cooking, drama, dance, music, science and nature, sports and fitness, and imaginative play. With camps hosted by community leagues across the city, there's bound to be an exciting and engaging program near you. Day camps are designed for children ranging in ages from 3 to 13 years. On-line registration for all community day camps opens on **March 16**.

This summer, Malmo will host "A Taste of Camp", for kids aged 6 through 9. It will run full days, from August 8 to 12. There are other day-camps scheduled for nearby community leagues, including Aspen, Lendrum, Royal Gardens, Pleasantview, and Lansdowne.

For more information, go to the community day camp webpage on the City of Edmonton website at www.edmonton.ca, or call 3-1-1.

Other Summer Drop-in

The City will run "Pop-up Play" and "Youth Hubs" this summer. Details are being finalized, so stay tuned.

Malmo to Get a Green Shack

Michael Goth, the City's Community Recreation Coordinator for Malmo, confirms that Malmo will get a playground Green Shack this coming summer. Woo and Hoo!

Be a Soccer Referee This Spring

By Lisa Elliott and Marianne Rankin, Malmo Soccer Coordinators

Being a soccer centre referee or linesman is a great way to earn some money. More importantly it is fun, keeps you in shape and gives you many important life skills.



A Malmo-based referee in action.

Kids 12 or 13 years old take a Mini-Referee course which allows you referee U8 and U10 games. Kids 14 years and older take the Entry level course.

If you are interested in being a referee or have questions please email us at soccer@malmoplains.com. Malmo Community League will reimburse you the cost of the course as long as you referee some games for us! If you are already a referee please make sure you contact us so we can assign you some games. Registration for courses is open now.

New this year in Malmo is our referee mentor. We have a soccer referee with over 10 years of experience who is willing to mentor our referees.

Kids age 11 years or older can take a course to be an assistant referee (linesman). Courses are offered through EMSA <https://emsamain.com/coachref/training-sessions/emsassistant-referee-linesman-course/>

If you are 12 years old or older you can become a referee! Information about refereeing and courses is found on the Alberta Soccer Association website. There is also information at <https://emsamain.com/coachref/training-sessions/asa-referee-courses/>

"Find" is a Treasure in our Neighborhood

It is hard to miss the large orange-and-white Find sign on 122 street at 51 avenue. Located in the former site of the Lansdowne grocery store, Find is a social enterprise with two goals: (1) sell low-cost, quality furniture to the public and (2) provide essential furnishings free of charge to people transitioning out of homelessness.

Find truly is a haven for urban treasure hunters. Find sells high quality and gently-used furniture, artwork, housewares, home electronics, DVDs, vinyl records, antiques, and much more, at amazing prices.

Find will accept your donations. If you have furniture or other items you would like to donate, in a way that will help others, Find is a great choice. All proceeds raised by Find are reinvested into housing programs for low-income Edmontonians. Find is managed by Homeward Trust Edmonton and is supported by all three levels of government.

For more information about Find, including store hours and how to donate your items, go to the Find website at www.findedmonton.com

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Handyman Services

For all your handyman work: Kitchen remodels, flooring install, door install, toilet change-out, closet upgrade, and general repairs. Call Lalith at 780-803-4731 or Lalith_gamage@hotmail.com

Small Engine Repair

Repairs and maintenance for all your powered lawn, garden and snow equipment. Call Blair at 780-996-2041 or info@earthandturf.ca

Carpentry and Drywall

Anything from fixing doors to patching holes. No project is too small. Call Adam at 587-984-4291.

Plumbing and Gas Fitting

Call Brett at 780-668-4788.

Electrical Work

Master electrician. All types of residential electrical work, including service changes. Please call Rob at 780-433-3837.

Automotive Mechanic

Mechanic available in Malmo for all your automotive needs. Very reasonable prices. Please call or text Tyson at 780-341-5958.

Travel Agent

Located here in Malmo. Call Jay at 780-916-0112 jay@swantravel.ca.

Personal Accounting Service

Individual tax filing and bookkeeping services. Please call Nancy at 780-807-1231.

Steeped Tea

Need to replenish your tea supply or want a great gift? Need a new, easy fundraiser? Earn 40%! Call Cheryl @ 780-439-1587 for quality loose leaf tea or go to my website: www.mysteeptea.com/cherylmc.

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Lawn Mowing Service

In spring, in summer, and in fall, Roman is the guy to call. For lawn mowing and yard-cleaning services call him at 780-707-9697.

Seniors' Services

Lifestyle Helping Hands Seniors Association is a non-profit charitable organization that provides seniors with door-to-door assisted transportation program for a nominal fee and home support services referrals program. for more information visit lhhsa.org.

Seniors' Lunch and Program

The Petrolia Seniors' Group will hold its monthly lunch and program on Mar. 15. For more information call: Nick at 780-435-1045 or Betty at 780-434-0711.

Babysitter Needed

For a nine year old child, in a Michener Park home. In February, and March, during EPSB days off. References required. Please email Lisa at bojanows@ualberta.ca.

League Meeting

The regular meeting of the Malmo Plains Community League Executive will be held on Tuesday, Mar. 15 at 7:00 pm, in the Malmo Hall.

Newsletter Info

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