

# Malmo Plains Community News

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**U-8 soccer players in the Malmo Community soccer league hit the pitch in early May. Teams from U-4 to U-18 were fielded this year.**

## Connect to Malmo this summer

This edition of the Malmo Plains Community News will be the last until next September, but for those hoping to stay informed about goings on in the neighbourhood, never fear. There are multiple ways to stay digitally up to date.

First of all is the official Malmo Plains website, which you can find at [www.malmo-plains.com](http://www.malmo-plains.com). The website stays updated with news and local community sports updates, and also contains all the information you need on how to become a member and how to book the community hall, as well as a community calendar and much more.

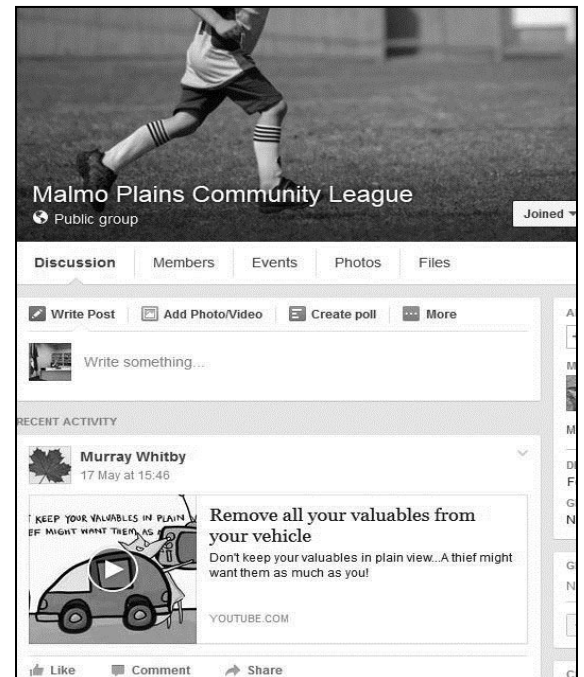
Malmo has a presence on social media as well.

Yes, Malmo is on Facebook! Community information of all kinds is posted regularly on Malmo's Facebook page, which you can find under the name "Malmo Plains Community League".

The more participation members of the community devote to the page, the better and more useful it will be for everyone involved. The page is monitored regularly by the League board, and is a great place for your questions, concerns, greetings...whatever!

"Like" the page to follow its content, and if you're on Twitter, you can also follow @MalmoCL for even more up to date news.

The newsletter will return in September. Have a great summer!



The Malmo Plains Community League Facebook page, one of the many ways residents can stay informed over the summer.

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# Models for alley renewal being studied by City Council: Walters

**By Michael Walters, Ward 10 City Councillor**

As you travel through Ward 10, you might notice a difference in how the neighbourhoods are laid out. Some homes in neighbourhoods that were built after 1980 have front garages. But most were built before that and include many of Edmonton's more worn out alleys.

Despite the fact that we have around 1,000 km of alleys in the city, we don't currently have a dedicated renewal or repair program for alleys. We patch and repair on a complaint basis, but since alleys are considered the lowest priority roadway, the repairs can take a long time in coming.

But at the Transportation Committee on April 27, we were presented with some options to change that. We will look at a program that would see all of the City's alleys redone within the next 30 years, starting in 2019. The program would cost \$18 million per year, with an average of 28 km of alleys redone each year.

We have options to choose between to fund this program and the balance of how much the city pays versus how much might be paid by the residences abutting the alleys will surely create some good debate. But

since these are public routes used and worn heavily by garbage trucks I lean toward a much higher amount being covered by the general tax levy.

We need to treat alleys as important municipal assets and take expeditious action to significantly improve their condition. We should be able to take pride in the quality of these spaces, the same way we take pride from the beauty of our front streets.

On another note, each year ETS makes small adjustments to routes that aren't meeting ridership standards.

However, the City is facing budget pressures, and ETS needs to find larger efficiencies within its operations if they want to add frequency or new service to high demand areas. To see the changes to service that have been approved, you can head to [www.michaelwalters.ca/busserviceadjustments](http://www.michaelwalters.ca/busserviceadjustments) to see a full list of the Ward 10 changes and to find a link to the City-wide list.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact my office at (780)496-8132 or [michael.walters@edmonton.ca](mailto:michael.walters@edmonton.ca).



Kids from Malmo will be able to enjoy a Green Shack program each weekday over July and August

## Green Shack program offers summer fun each weekday

School is nearly out and the dog days of summer are almost upon us. Families wondering how to keep their kids active and engaged all summer might want to check out the City of Edmonton's Green Shack program, which is returning to Malmo.

The free, drop-in style program will offer daily games, crafts, sports, music, drama and special events. It will operate in Malmo every Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for kids aged 6-12. Kids under six are welcome as well, though they must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

To find it, just check Malmo Park, behind Malmo School, for the literal green shack, which will be manned by a Program Leader and assistant leader-in-training volunteers. The program runs rain or shine, and leaders are trained to ensure safety and fun are at the top of the agenda every day.

Daily activities and special events are posted on the side of the shack each week, so check it out if you're interested in a fun, educational, active and FREE way to get your kids moving this summer.

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## Hall renovation planning continues

Malmö's IRC committee, which is the group behind the planning of the Malmö Community Hall's upcoming redevelopment, has a busy month ahead. They'll be evaluating and selecting the architect who will be putting together a conceptual plan for the new hall, expected by late fall.

A lot of groundwork has already been laid in this big effort. The committee has recently retained an experienced project manager to keep the momentum going and ensure that necessary physical information is ready for the consultations and assessment by the architect.

It'll still be a while before the actual demolition and construction work begins, though some preliminary physical signs may be popping up around the hall this summer.

If you start to see survey stakes or hall/grounds assessment activities underway this summer, please provide them a safe operating distance.

The committee is eager to share news of how the project is progressing. When residents gather at the Spaghetti Dinner in September, the committee will be excited to share the initial proposal forming. If you wish to contact the committee over the summer please email [IRCchair@malmoplains.com](mailto:IRCchair@malmoplains.com) or call Murray Tenove at 780-430-0756.

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## Cleaners needed!

We are looking for a person who can help out with cleaning duties at the Malmö Hall on weekends and evenings. We pay an hourly wage. If you want to know more about it, please email Rita, the Hall bookings coordinator, at [hall.booking@malmoplains.com](mailto:hall.booking@malmoplains.com). Thank you!



**The Malmö Community Hall is headed towards a major renovation, getting crucial upgrades and updates in order to better serve the neighbourhood. The committee in charge of guiding the project will be selecting an architect this month.**

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## Front Yards in Bloom program accepting nominations starting May 20

### City of Edmonton

Edmonton's front yard artists will be competing against each other once again this year in 2016's Front Yards in Bloom program. Nominations will be accepted by the city starting May 20, through [www.edmonton.ca](http://www.edmonton.ca). Competition will focus on four categories: General, Natural Front Yard, Edible Front Yard and Public Spaces. Criteria for each category is also available through the website.

Basic guidelines: Anyone can nominate someone else's front yard. You can't nominate your own yard, but you can ask a friend or neighbour to nominate your yard.

Yards and gardens that are located in front of a residence or building. Side and corner yards are also considered.

Front yards must be in full view from the sidewalk - not hidden with wooden fence or locked gates. Volunteers should be able to access the yard to place a sign.

Yards must contain at least 25% plants - while green lawns are quite common in Edmonton, we are placing signs only in yards other types of plants are visible and add beauty to the area.

Get gardening, and get your nominations ready!

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## Classified Ads

### 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

### Landscaping Services

Bobcat service, grading, topsoil, sod, paving stone & retaining walls, trees & shrubs, post hole augering, dump hauling. Blair: 780-996-2041 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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### 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

Petrolia seniors' group (55+) invites you to come to enjoy lunch and a program (\$15) the third Tuesdays (except July and August) 11:45 a.m. (sharp) to 2:00 p.m. at Greenfield Community Hall 3803 114 St. Tuesday, June 14th -- 11:45 a.m. (sharp) to 2:00 p.m. Program-- Roy Harback on Guitar - Old-time Songs and Sing-a-long For information or to CONFIRM your attendance call Nick 780-435-1045 or Betty 780-434-0711

### 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.

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## League Meeting

The regular meeting of the Malmo Plains Community League Executive will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 20 at 7:00 pm, in the Malmo Hall.

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## Newsletter Info

Malmo Plains Community News is published by the Malmo Plains Community League and distributed free to all homes in Malmo. Email us: malmoplainsweb@gmail.com. Follow us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/groups/MalmoPlains/ and on Twitter at: https://twitter.com/MalmoCL Printing provided the good folks at:



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