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Undaunted by the cold weather, Catherine and Vanessa enjoy the Malmo playground.

City Experts Meet with Malmo

On November 3, Ward 10 City Councillor Michael Walters organized a town hall meeting specifically to address the concerns raised by residents of the Malmo and the Royal Gardens communities. Joining him to speak were representatives from the Edmonton Police Service, City of Edmonton Roadway Operations, and City of Edmonton Residential Compliance Unit. Malmo League Executive members Murray Whitby, Levi Bjork, and Amanda Prentice attended, as well as a number of other Malmo residents. Below is a summary of the information provided by the presenters.

Crime and Prevention—Edmonton Police Service

Regarding crime and its prevention, Const. Jeremy Wickens said that most crimes in the neighborhood are committed by a few repeat offenders. The Edmonton Police Service (EPS) tends to know who these individuals are, and takes active steps to deter them from engaging in criminal activities. He encourages residents to call the police complaints line when they see people engaged in open drinking, smoking drugs in parked vehicles, and other suspicious, non-violent activities.

Const. Wickens made a number of recommendations to deter criminals from targeting your property. These included: keeping your yard free from clutter, installing motion sensing exterior lights, and locking bicycles—even when garaged. He said that recording serial numbers is the best way to help the police return your things to you, should they be stolen.

The Condition of City Alleyways

Eduardo Sosa, of the City's Roadway Operations group, spoke on the topic of the condition of alleys in Malmo and the rest of the City. The City recognizes that the condition of alleys has degraded over the years. Heavier garbage trucks and a lack of investment in maintenance over the years has contributed to the state of our alleyways today.

The problem of restoring the alley system is significant. There are 1175 kilometres of alleys in neighborhoods across the City, and two-thirds of them are in poor condition. Potholes, water ponding and structural failures are common and present significant safety and maintenance challenges.

The City has a strategy to restore and maintain alleys to a "Fair to Good" (or better) condition, over a time horizon of 25 years. This strategy provides a sustainable alley renewal program for the long term, predictable annual levels of work for industry, and logical targets based on the alleys' relative importance to other, higher roadway classes. In the short term, the City plans to invest \$18 million per year in alleyway renewal.

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Lodging Houses and Other Development Compliance Issues

Do you suspect an illegal lodging house has popped up on your street? If so, there are steps you can take to have the situation investigated and addressed by the City's Residential Compliance Unit.

The City's Andrew Jabs outlined the role the Residential Compliance Unit. He explained that the Unit investigates potential bylaw infractions related to secondary suites, lodging houses, and excessive numbers of people living in residences.

According to Mr. Jabs, a "lodging house" has three or more unrelated people living in it. Clues that a home has become a lodging house include multiple mailboxes, people entering and leaving exclusively via back or side doors—often with luggage, landlords showing suites to potential renters, and web-based classified ads for furnished suites.

Residential Compliance Unit investigations are triggered by complaints. So, if you suspect a house near you has become an illegal lodging house, contact the City's Residential Compliance Unit.

Meet Your City Councillor

Join Ward 10 City Councillor Michael Walters and his team for a Holiday Open House and fundraiser for the Edmonton Food Bank. Light refreshments and live music to be provided. Thursday, Dec. 1, from 5 to 7 pm. The venue is Square 1 Coffee, 15 Fairway Drive. Please RSVP to Tamara Kandathil tamara.kandathil@edmonton.ca or 780-496-8132.

Pets in the City

The League has been asked to remind Malmo residents of the rules and recommendations regarding off-leash animals in the city.

Dogs are not allowed to be loose, unless they are on private property or at a designated off-leash area. Dogs must always be on a leash when on public property. Leashed or not, dogs are never allowed on school grounds, sports fields, playgrounds, and golf courses. The University of Alberta is especially concerned with owners who allow their dogs off-leash on the South Campus (i.e. "U of A farm"), as it can disturb the agricultural research being done there.

Cats are best kept inside the home or in a secure yard. Allowing a cat to freely roam is dangerous for them, as cars, coyotes, or other cats can injure or kill a roaming feline. Likewise, your neighbors may not enjoy having a loose cat patrolling their yards. Cats are safest at home.

Happy pets and happy neighbors. Everybody's happy.

Two Awesome League Positions Open

The Malmo Plains Community League would LOVE to have you join its executive board. The positions of Secretary and Newsletter Editor are currently open. Each position offers an opportunity to (1) meet and work with some really great Malmo people, (2) contribute to the community where you live, and (3) add an awesome volunteer item to your resume.

If you are interested in finding out more about one of these roles, please e-mail League President Murray Whitby at president@malmoplains.com.

Seasonal Activities

Fort Edmonton Park Christmas

Experience an old-fashioned Christmas with all the trimmings; decorations, games, storytelling, treats and much more. Create a new holiday tradition with family and friends this festive season.

"Christmas Reflections" runs at Fort Edmonton Park from Dec. 16 to 23. For hours and info, go to goo.gl/z2PQOq.

Senior's Candy Cane Tea

A Christmas celebration for seniors at the Valley Zoo. Musical performances and animal encounters with complimentary tea and festive baked goodies. Dec 6 and 7, from 1:00 to 3:00pm, at the Edmonton Valley Zoo. For all the info go to www.valleyzoo.ca.

Horse-Drawn Sleigh Rides in Old Strathcona

Two horse-drawn sleighs will move through Old Strathcona, stopping at designated places. Guests are welcome to get on and off the sleigh. Saturdays, Dec 3, 10 and 17, from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm. This year, the sleigh rides are by donation in support of the Red Shoe Society.

The Singing Christmas Tree

Imagine a 35-foot Christmas tree filled with a choir of 150 talented singers. Imagine beautiful ballerinas, amazing acrobats, and stupendous singers, in a non-stop entertainment extravaganza. Imagine a stage adorned with thousands of glimmering lights. And imagine it all accompanied by a live orchestra at the Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium. This is the Singing Christmas Tree show.

Running from Dec. 15 to 18, tickets for The Singing Christmas Tree are available at Ticketmaster.

Stuff to Do in Winter

Festival of Light at the Zoo

Zoominescence, a Festival of Light, will run from Dec. 9 to 18 at the Valley Zoo. Hosted by the Valley Zoo Development Society, Zoominescence is a spectacular exhibition of artistic light installations within the unique setting of the Edmonton Valley Zoo. The festival celebrates light, artistry, imagination and the strong spirit of our community in the winter. It is sure to enthrall all who attend. For more information go to goo.gl/s3Tpck.

Santa Shuffle Fun Run

Each year, at cities across Canada, The Salvation Army organizes a Santa Shuffle 5K Fun Run and 1K Elf Walk. These merry events help The Salvation Army raise funds to assist families and individuals in need during the Christmas season and throughout the year.

The Edmonton Santa Shuffle will be held on Sat. Dec. 3, at William Hawrelak Park. For more information, to register, to volunteer, or to donate, go to goo.gl/3NaV4f.

Luminaria

Fire light. Star light. Snow light. Thousands of candles, millions of stars, and you.

From Dec. 2 to 4 at the Devonian Botanic Garden, Luminaria ignites the festive season with thousands of candles along the paths of the Kurimoto Japanese Garden in a breathtaking display. Stroll through the candle-lit pathways, enjoy hot apple cider beside the bonfires, marvel at the ice sculptures, delight at the "snow sprites", listen to the seasonal sounds of a capella singers, and let the little ones run through the Snowlight Maze.

Tickets are on sale on-line and often sell-out. For tickets and more information to goo.gl/2zY5rS.

Malmo Pre-kindergarten Registration

Malmo Pre-kindergarten is a non-profit parent cooperative preschool that promotes a learning-through-play environment for children 3 or 4 years of age. Registration for the 2017 / 2018 preschool year will open to current families from Jan. 9 to 15, and to alumni families from Jan. 16 to 29, both on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration for new families will be accepted from Jan. 30 to Feb. 26, and awarded on a lottery basis.

The pre-kindergarten will hold an open house on Tues. Jan. 31, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm, in room 5 of the Malmo Elementary School.

There are also a limited number of spaces open now for children for the current, 2016 / 2017, preschool year. For more information, visit www.malmopreschool.com, or e-mail registrar@malmopreschool.com.

People in Your Neighborhood

Meet Champion Rhythmic Gymnast Saule Ashimova

Saule Ashimova is a 13 year old resident of Michener Park. A native of the Kyrgyz Republic, she is successfully adjusting to the community and learning English in Canada.

Saule truly loves rhythmic gymnastics. This passion brought her to an international level rhythmic gymnast in five years of training every day at the elite level. She became a champion in her age category in the Kyrgyz Republic in 2014 and 2015, and is a member of the Kyrgyz National Rhythmic Gymnastics Team. She has won numerous international tournaments in her age group in Russia, Kazakhstan, Luxembourg, France, USA, and Canada.



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Currently, she trains at Edmonton Rhythmic Gymnastics Club, which has had three gymnasts qualify to compete at World Championships. The club promotes excellence, fun, team spirit and self-confidence in both non-competitive and competitive rhythmic gymnastics.

With her dedication, a positive attitude, a tenacious spirit and an eternal love for the sport of rhythmic gymnastics, Saule voluntarily promotes her sport

by doing demonstrations, sharing her experiences, and teaching and coaching young ones in her free time.

For more information about Saule's rhythmic gymnastics life go to this website: goo.gl/OObP6o. For more information on the Edmonton Rhythmic Gymnastics Club, visit www.edmontonrhythmic.com.

Classified Ads

Bridge Club

Mondays in Malmo Hall 12:30 to 4:00 pm. Call Ann at 780-435-8792 for more information.

Carpentry and Drywall

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

Cleaning Services

Homes or businesses. Call or text Shamila at 780-243-5507.

Dog Walking and Care

Malmö Plains own professional dog walking service has been taking care off dogs in the neighbourhood for nine years. We offer daily walks on- or off-leash. For rates call Janneke at 780 885 2437.

Electrical Work

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

Handyman Services

For all your handyman work. Call Lalith at 780-803-4731 or Lalith_gamage@hotmail.com.

Snow Removal Services

Call Levi and Logan 587-987-5920 or email loganh11@shaw.ca.

Call Roman the Snow Buster at 780-707-9697.

Personal Accounting Service

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

Plumbing and Gas Fitting

Call Brett at 780-668-4788.

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Piano Lessons for Children

Beginner piano lessons for children aged 5 to 12 years. Lessons held in the Malmo area. Contact Daria at dariapiano2016@gmail.com or call 780-267-1802.

Experienced Babysitter

High school student available to babysit after school and on week-ends. Great with young children and infants. Contact Emma at 780-803-7042 or emma.elise.sereda@gmail.com.

Pottery Sale

Dec. 3, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Lendrum Community Hall.

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.

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.

Swimming Lessons

Eclipse Swim School offers swimming lessons for children, teens, and adults. For more information: www.sconapool.com.

Travel Agent

Great deals on fall and winter travel. We are a licensed travel agency located in Malmo. Call Jay at 780-916-0112 or jay@swantravel.ca.

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