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Babysitter Wanted

I am looking for a friendly girl to look after my child. Please feel free to contact Ava at 587-338-6339. We live in Michener Park.

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.

Landscaping Construction

Landscaping construction services, including Bobcat work, grading, topsoil, sod, paving stone & retaining walls, trees & shrubs, post hole augering, dump hauling. Call Blair @ 780-996-2041 or email me at info@earthandturf.ca.

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Personal Accounting Service

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

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.

Plumbing and Gas Fitting

Call Brett at 780-668-4788.

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.mysteepedtea.com/cherylmc.

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.

About Us

The mission of the Malmo Plains Community League is to enhance the quality of life of people living in the Malmo Plains neighborhood by providing facilities and opportunities for sports, recreation, social, and community activities. In 2015, the League celebrated its 50th anniversary. The League is operated entirely by volunteers.

The League publishes this newsletter monthly (except July and August) and distributes it free to all residences in Malmo. We also have a website, www.malmoplains.com, and a Facebook page.

For more information, or to get involved, contact anyone on this list:

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Garage Sale

The first Malmo community garage sale in recent memory was held on Saturday, April 29, in the Malmo Hall. Families rented tables and sold a wide variety of toys, jewelry, and assorted household items. One vendor also had a forest of fishing rods and a smorgasbord of fishing lures for sale.



A girl and her Dad shop the Malmo Community Garage Sale.

Casino Update

Thank you from entire League executive to everyone who volunteered to work the League's biennial fundraising casino in April. The casino the League's most important source of revenue.

Annual General Meeting of the League

By Murray Whitby, Malmo Plains Community League President

The Malmo Plains Community League held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Tuesday, April 18.

The main business of the Annual General Meeting was to hear the President's annual report, review the annual financial statements, and elect the League's Executive Board for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

All incumbents on the Executive Board stood for re-election unopposed and won by acclamation. A list of members of the League's Executive Board and their contact information is found on page 4 of this newsletter. To promote a planned approach to Board succession, some Executive members expressed an interest to train and mentor individuals from the community who would like to join the Malmo Executive board. See the story below for specific opportunities to be a leader in your community.

The transition of the Soccer Coordinator role from **Marianne Rankin** to **Lisa Elliott** is now complete. The Executive thanks Marianne for her eight years of volunteer service in the role.

The Chair of the League's Infrastructure Redevelopment Committee, **Murray Tenove**, announced his resignation from the committee. The Executive thanks Murray for his time and expertise in forming the committee and leading it for the past three years.

Ward 10 City Councillor **Michael Walters** attended the League's AGM and provided a report on topics of interest to the League. He also took time to answer questions and discuss issues with those present.

A truncated version of the President's report is found on page 2.

Community Leadership Opportunities

If you are reading this newsletter you are living in one of the nicest and most diverse communities in Edmonton: Malmo Plains. Its community league provides opportunities for people to give back to their neighborhood, work with some great people, and gain leadership and other valuable experience. Please e-mail the President if you are interested in potentially taking on in any of the following roles described below.

The **Civics Director** role is ideal for someone who wants to liaise with the City of Edmonton, the University of Alberta, and other communities on issues of infrastructure, planning, and civic programs.

The **Membership Coordinator** is great for someone who wants to promote and administer the growth of the League's membership base.

The **Newsletter Editor** writes news stories, takes photographs, and lays-out this newsletter on a monthly basis. An ideal role for someone who enjoys graphic arts, media, and communications.

The **Newsletter Delivery Coordinator** manages a small group of neighborhood kids who deliver this newsletter each month to homes in Malmo.

President's Annual Report

Below is a truncated version of the President's report, delivered at the League's Annual General Meeting in April.

Membership: The League has 164 paid-up members this year.

Revenue Generation: Vice President **Levi Bjork** made two grant applications to the City's Community League Infrastructure Program (CLIP) in the Spring of 2016. One was for \$25,000, to assist in funding the planning and design of the renovations and expansion of our community hall. The second, for \$900, for half the quoted cost to have the holes in the asphalt of our parking lot patched. The City approved both grants and the funds were received.

In his first full year in the role, **Treasurer Michael Whidden** streamlined the League's bill paying process and provided thorough oversight and review of all League expenses.

Social Coordinator Amanda Prentice hit it out of the park again this year, organizing the Movie Night, Sleepover in the Park, and Pancake Breakfast (June, 2016) Spaghetti Dinner (September, 2016) Winter Carnival (January, 2017) Easter Egg Hunt (April, 2017).

Soccer: For the spring 2016 soccer season, we had a U4 team, two U6 teams, two U8 teams, one U10 boys team (Bronze Medal winners in the Tier 5 City finals), one U12 girls team and a U18 girls team. There were 17 parents and two university student volunteers who took on coaching duties. For the winter indoor season, Malmo fielded one U8 team. Thank you to all the coaches and helpers for making community soccer possible.

Hall Rentals: The hall continues to be used regularly by a Girl Guide troop, a Bridge club, a yoga group, and a scrapbooking group. As well, as by numerous private events from League member renters. Hall Rental Coordinator **Rita Sarrate** administered the rentals, maintained the calendar on the Malmo website, and managed the janitorial contract with aplomb.

Facilities: Thanks to **Richard Fahrion** all his work to keep the facilities and equipment in working order, and covering the graffiti that appeared on the rink boards. It is recognized that the parking lot needs patching. The repairs were delayed to the spring of 2017, due to winter setting in. Long-time Malmo resident **David Doyle** was contracted to make and maintain the ice rinks, and he did a spectacular job. Many thanks to **Murray Tenove** for getting the sand volleyball courts ready for the season and for managing the relationship with the sports club renters.

Webmaster Trevor Prentice upgraded our email accounts to Zoho, allowing us to send and receive emails without using our personal e-mail accounts. He also made the hall calendar more functional. Our Facebook group page is being well used and people are joining it steadily.

Civics: Malmo League Executive members as well as a number of other Malmo residents participated in town hall meeting organized by Ward 10 City Councillor **Michael Walters**. The meeting was arranged specifically to address concerns of residents of Malmo and Royal Gardens.

Sustainability Coordinator Justin Townell participated in a multi-evening learning series on sustainability, put on by the City of Edmonton. It provided insights into what is going on with other community leagues, most are looking at adding Solar PV and LED lighting particularly for ice rinks. Information on government grants was also acquired.

Programs: Director **Mavis Andrew** Malmo arranged for the League to host City Summer Green Shack, "A Taste of Camp" day-camp, and Winter Green Shack, as well as numerous other community-based programs.



Amanda Prentice
and friend

Easter Egg Hunt a Hit with the Kids

The annual Malmo Annual Easter Egg Hunt is held on April 15 and was a great success. Families from all over Malmo came to the Malmo Hall to decorate eggs, search for the Easter Bunny's treasures, do crafts, and play games. Special guests from a farm near Hay Lakes included bunnies, Guinea Pigs, lambs, baby chicks, and baby goats.

Many thanks to Social Coordinator **Amanda Prentice** and her corps of volunteers, for planning, running, and cleaning up after the event.

