

SECLA FEBRUARY NEWS

Residential Road Speed Reduction ~ Ottewell Community League Chosen to be Part of Pilot Project

The City of Edmonton has announced a pilot project for the reduction of speed limits in 6 communities, with a goal of increasing safety on community roads.

All Edmonton neighbourhoods were considered in the selection process, which included a review of available history of speeding complaints and speed surveys, collisions, and available enforcement data. Input from the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues (EFCL) and both School Boards were also considered in the process.

Once the pilot project begins, in May of this year, the speed limit on all roads in Ottewell and the other participating neighbourhoods will be reduced to 40 kmh. Implementation will include both collector and residential roads within and on the boundary of these communities.

Three types of neighbourhoods were chosen for the project to ensure that comparisons between similar and different neighbourhood types can occur, and that geographical coverage occurs in the city, as well as throughout the police divisions. At the conclusion of the project an assessment of the outcomes will be done to see if reducing speed limits makes communities safer.

There is much work to be done in order to launch the program, and we will continue to provide information to the community regarding the project.

Ottewell Has A Website!

We have been working on the development of a community league website, and are excited to share this with you! Please visit www.ottewell.org to see what's new in our community, check on events, find contacts and links, and view past editions of the Southeast Voice. We will continue to evolve the site, but hope you will start taking advantage of it right away!

Ottewell Community League Playschool

Are you looking for an entertaining and educational activity for your child /children? Register them in the Ottewell Community League Playschool!! Our parent cooperative playschool runs Tuesday and Thursday mornings from September to June. Early registration guarantees your child won't miss out!

Come meet our teacher and learn about our parent co-operative, learn-through-play program for 3 and 4 year olds. Parents & Children are welcome to come to a registration /open house in our classroom on:

Tuesday April 27th, from 6:30pm - 8:00 pm at Braemar School 9359-67A St.

For more information please call Jason at 780-488-6341.

Pilates on the Ball

A unique and exciting body conditioning class using an exercise ball called the Swiss Ball. Pilates on the ball is primarily concerned with aligning the body, isolating and training deep postural muscles, and building torso strength without injuring or harming the body; a class suitable for all fitness levels. Join us Friday mornings from 9:15 to 10:30 to improve your strength, tone and posture.

Please call Kelly at (780) 465 5611 for more information.

Hatha Yoga

Classes are Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00 -10:30 at the Ottewell Hall. Drop- ins are welcome, or sign up for one or more of the 5 week/10 lesson sessions, being offered March 02 – April 01 and April 20 - May 20. Cost is \$12 per class. Tine is also offering two compressed sessions of yoga at her house to help you refresh yourself for spring ~ call her for more details! For info call Tine at (780) 490 5870.

Ottewell Time for Tots

This is a great opportunity to get together for a social time for children and their caregivers. Join us for this free drop in program Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 at the Ottewell Community League Hall. For more information call Robin at (780) 465 8910.

Work-Out at Ottewell Junior High School

Ottewell Community League members (aged 16 and older) can work-out at Ottewell Junior High School on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7:00 to 8:45 pm for a twoonie. There are bikes, weights, treadmills and more. Ottewell Community League Memberships must be shown for admittance. Waivers are required before use of facility is permitted.

Scrapbooking at the Hall

The 3rd Tuesday of every month is drop in scrapbooking at the Ottewell Hall. We have lots of scrapbooking tools for you to use while you are here! This is a great opportunity to make a few memories and spend some time with others who enjoy the craft. Sessions are free for Ottewell community league members, and a \$5 fee is charged for non-members. Please bring your Ottewell membership card with you. For more information call Jodi at (780) 465 5896.

OCLP Christmas Raffle Success By Catherine Oswald

The fall of 2009 marked the 30th year that the Ottewell Community League Playschool has been in our neighbourhood educating our preschool children. The OCLP is a non-profit, community owned and parent operated co-operative playschool for children 3 and 4 years of age. We are funded through tuition and fundraising activities, with all proceeds invested back into the playschool program.

On December 17th the OCLP had its annual Christmas Party and Raffle fundraiser. This year 33 of our local businesses and a few parents generously donated items for our event to be raffled off, raising over \$1100. The two top prizes were a pair of Oilers Tickets to the January 5th game of Edmonton vs. Phoenix anonymously donated, and a pair of tickets to the January 14th game of Edmonton vs. Pittsburgh donated by Ernst and Young.

We would like to thank the following business sponsors for their generous support that helped to make this year's raffle such a success:

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Citadel Theatre
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Fargo's
Fast Trax Run & X-Country Ski
Shop
Frame of Mind
Fusia Cafe & Lounge
Grower Direct Fresh Cut Flowers
Herbal Magic Weight Loss &
Nutrition Centres
IGA

Joey's Only Seafood Restaurants
Little Oceans
M & M Meat Shops
Newcastle Pub & Grill
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Subway Sandwiches & Salads
Tali Hair
Truck Outfitters

Wal-Mart

Wonton House Buffet Restaurant

Yoga Within

We would also like to give a special thanks to Teresa Kehoe and family, Teacher Janice Kraemer, Elizabeth Grier and an anonymous contributor for their donations.

The funds raised from this raffle, and from our September chocolate almond sales, will be used for classroom supplies, books, an in-school zoo visit and a field trip.

The OCLP plans on a new event for the next school year's fundraiser. In January 2011, we will be hosting a Wine and Cheese Party with a silent auction to be held at the Ottewell Community League Hall. Keep your eye out for updates on this appetizing event.