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La Perle Community Newsletter



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We're all in this together

The Hall may be closed, but the La Perle Community League wants you to know we're here for you.

Follow us for regular updates on Facebook, Twitter, NextDoor & Communibee.

Calling Local Business Owners

Do you live in La Perle and operate a small to medium business? Find out how you can get into the La Perle Business Directory - details inside!

And if you're interested in advertising in this newsletter, or adding your company to the list of local business that give back to our neighborhood through community league membership perks, please email us.

Facebook: LaPerle Community League
Twitter: @LaPerleCommLeag
Get the Communibee App: La Perle

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COVID-19 Update

La Perle's Office will be closed until it is safe for patrons and staff to return.

Current social distancing guidelines prohibit gatherings of 50 or more.

Effective immediately all regular scheduled classes that involve groups with any number of participants, are suspended until further notice. We shall continue to monitor the current situation and post any updates to our website and our Facebook page.

Updates regarding Blood Donor Clinics, Outdoor Soccer, and other programs will be posted as they become available.



Unfortunately, we've had to postpone our much beloved Stars & Cars 2020 Event in July. The Stars & Cars planning committee and the Community League made the difficult decision to cancel this year's event.

It's our sincerest hope that we can still go ahead with Community League Day in September.

The health and safety of our Community League members is our number one priority and we thank you for your understanding.

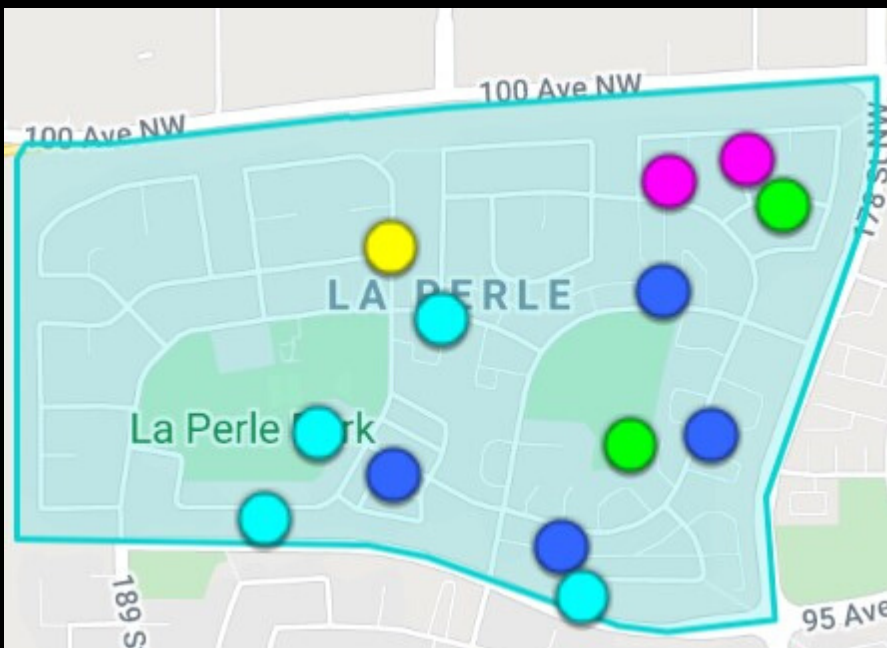
La Perle Helps

The Community League has created a volunteer committee to help residents of La Perle who might need some assistance during the COVID crisis.

"La Perle Helps" volunteers can help with small jobs for neighbors who cannot, or should not leave their homes

- grocery shopping
- picking up prescriptions
- lawn mowing
- meal delivery
- etc

If you're interested in participating, email laperlehelps@gmail.com



EPS Crime Map

This map can be found at www.crimemapping.edmontonpolice.ca and it shows the type and locations of crimes in our city.

March & April stats:

- 4 Assaults (turquoise)
- 2 Break and Enter (green)
- 1 Sexual Assault (yellow)
- 4 Thefts from Vehicles (blue)
- 9 Thefts of Vehicles (purple)

Window Decorating

Have you noticed something in the windows in La Perle lately? La Perle residents have been following a daily (sometimes weekly) window decorating theme shared on social media.

What started small, has evolved into something many residents (particularly those of us with kids) look forward to every morning.

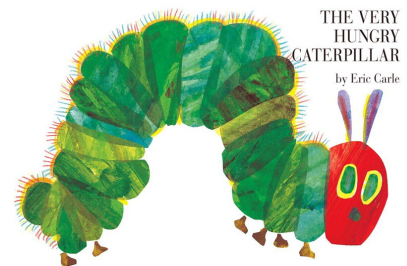
Search #YegWindowArt on Instagram to see more work by local artists. Or find the YEG Window Art Map website online to see a map of locations around Edmonton!



Books with Bill

If you follow our Facebook Page, you've probably seen our Events Director, Bill Bowers posting his daily reading of kids books.

Since he started his video series in March, he's read dozens of classics like The Slightly Annoying Elephant, The Very Hungry Caterpillar, and Fred & Ted Go Camping.



Do you have a request for Bill? He'd love to hear from you Bill@BillBowers.ca or phone 780-995-1973

Scavenger Hunt

Christa Ruel, Community League Director at Large has organized a weekly scavenger hunt for La Perle residents.

Look for the large letters in the windows of homes around our neighborhood, rearrange the letters to spell a word, and DM Christa on Facebook for a chance to win a prize!

La Perle Business Directory

Stay at Home orders have impacted all of us, but it's especially hard for small businesses. Knowing the challenges small and home businesses face Linnea Nordstrom created the La Perle Business Directory website, where residents can list their business online.



Check it out today!
www.laperlebusiness.weebly.com

Membership Benefits

Did you know your La Perle Community League Membership comes with a \$25 off voucher for Famoso Pizza at West Edmonton Mall? That's just one perk on top of all the other membership benefits you can still take advantage of in spite of COVID-19. Like discounts on lawn mowing, furnace cleaning, house paint & printing.

Visit www.efcl.org to purchase your Community League Membership online!

We're in the News!

La Perle has been getting some attention in the news in April.

We were mentioned in an article by Lianne Faulder in the Edmonton Journal on April 6th.

Our daily window decorating, and weekly scavenger hunt were also highlighted in a podcast with Mark Connolly on CBC's Edmonton AM on April 30th.

Keep up the momentum La Perle, together, we can do great things!

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Local News

Neighbourhood Window Walk a 'treasure hunt' for communities in COVID-19 times

Liane Faulder

April 6, 2020 • 2 minute read



The Bowers family from left, Cannon, Gage, Hazel, and Cash, and parents Danielle and Bill. The dog is Scarlett. SHAUGHN BUTTS / Postmedia

Creative souls inside are reaching those outside in a burst of community spirit across LaPerle.

La Perle Playground & Greenshack

La Perle Playground is back open as of May 22!

Playgrounds, skateparks, tennis, pickleball, volleyball and basketball courts, disc golf, outdoor fitness parks and athletic tracks have re-opened for safe use.

Please follow safe use guidelines as per the City of Edmonton's website.

- Gather in a group less than 50 people
- Maintain 2 meters from others not in my household or cohort household
- Only share common equipment with my household or cohort
- Stay home if I am experiencing symptoms (go home if I develop symptoms)
- Wash or sanitize my hands and cough/sneeze into my elbow or a tissue
- Disinfect equipment before and after use

Unfortunately, the Green Shack program has been suspended for the remainder of the year due to COVID-19.

Spray Parks will also remain closed this summer to reduce expenditures and limit the spread of the virus.



La Perle Community League

WE NEED YOU!

President
Secretary
Treasurer
Casino

Crime Prevention
Social
Website
Directors at Large

For full position descriptions, please visit
<http://laperle-community.ca/volunteer/>

For more information, email us at
laperle@laperle-community.ca

Sports Fields and Athletic Tracks

What Can I Do? Sports training, dryland training, skills practice. With my household or cohort: Baseball, and other diamond sports. Football, Cricket, Lacrosse, Soccer, Rugby, Field Hockey, Ball Hockey.

What Can't I Do? No league play. No scrimmages or pick up games with people outside your family or cohort.

How Can I Do Things There? Take measures to ensure no accidental contact between participants. Make sure participants do not touch the same ball or equipment with their hands. Bring my own hand sanitizer and water. Follow all other public health guidelines

From the Archives

Speaking of playgrounds, check out this article from the La Perle Community Newsletter all the way back in 1985, when the *original* wood playground was first installed by a team of volunteers in the community.

Memories of Building La Perle Community League Playground 1985

Building the first La Perle Community League Playground – what an exciting and ambitious endeavor for a young community league! It proved to be an undertaking that brought the young families of La Perle together, with people forming friendships that have lasted for many years.

Along with Lora Lee Brommeland, I co-chaired the Playground Committee. A tremendous number of volunteers dedicated their time, energy and skills to the many tasks involved in building a playground: writing grant proposals to secure the necessary funds to build an \$80,000 playground; canvassing local businesses for donations; choosing the playground equipment and design; organizing volunteers; working on-site to install the equipment; and providing food for the hungry workers.

After over a year of organizational work by a number of community league members, the weekend planned for the playground installation finally came! But what a rainy weekend it was! In spite of a steady rainfall, a number of people came out in their rain gear, determined to install the equipment as planned. There was even talk of renting some large fans to dry out the area! As we stood outside, up to our ankles in mud, and debated the options, it became clear even to the most die-hard amongst us, that we needed to postpone the building of the playground until the weather improved.

Another date was set, and this time it happened to be on the Fathers' Day weekend. Instead of taking the time to relax and be pampered on their day, many dads devoted Fathers' Day to building the playground for the kids – what good sports they were! People worked long hours, studying the designs and erecting the equipment, some hardly taking a break to have something to eat or drink. As the playground began to take shape, more and more children and their parents came to join in the excitement of seeing wonderful new play opportunities right in their own neighborhood. Even the Edmonton Examiner sent someone to take photos for the newspaper.

Later, an event was held to celebrate the official opening of the new La Perle Community League Playground with dinner being served to thank all the dedicated volunteers.

The playground quickly became a gathering place for families and friends. Seeing so many children having so much fun made the work all worthwhile!

Sharon McLeod, Co-chair,
La Perle League Playground Committee,
1984/85

Join the La Perle Community League Board of Directors

La Perle Community League is looking for individuals to join the Board of Directors for 2020, and we need your help! Time commitments for these positions could be as little as a few hours a month depending on the role.

President – We are in urgent need of a President to lead us in 2020. The President supervises the affairs of the Board, and when present, chairs all meetings of the Society, the Board, and the Executive Committee. They act as the spokesperson for the Society, or will appoint a designate in their place.

Treasurer – The Treasurer is a critically important position within the Community League Board of Directors, they are a member of the Executive Committee, and they chair the Finance Committee. This individual has signing authority, and is the administrator for online banking. They will prepare and present an audited statement of the financial position of the Society at the Annual General Meeting. The Treasurer is responsible for payroll, and grant applications. They maintain a detailed account of revenues and expenditures, and present their reports at every Board and General Meeting.

*"I always wondered why somebody doesn't do something about that. Then I realized I was somebody."
~ Lily Tomlin*

Secretary – The Secretary is responsible for keeping records for the Board. They will attend and keep minutes for all meetings of the Society, the Board, and the Executive Committee. They make sure all notices of meetings are sent, annual fees are collected and deposited. Keeps the seal of the Society. Files the annual return – Changes in Directors of the organization, amendments in the bylaws and other incorporating documents with the Corporate Registry.

Casino Director – The Casino Director is responsible for any dealings with AGLC. Their main responsibility is organizing, and coordinating volunteers for the Community League's casino fundraiser, but they also apply for gaming license, grants, and other permits to run any gaming events such as bingos, casinos, 50/50 draws, etc.



Crime Prevention Director – This individual works with local law enforcement, and community members to facilitate crime prevention initiatives. They are responsible for all matters pertaining to community safety and security concerns, and reports monthly to the Board of Directors.

Website Director – The Website Director is responsible for the Community League's online presence. They will maintain the Community League website, and coordinate with other Board Members and Volunteers to post updates as required. The Website Director prepares an annual budget for the website, develops policies and procedures around publicity, and reports monthly to the Board.



Volunteer Call 2020

We're always looking for members of the community to help with events, planning, fundraising, and more. It could be as little as an hour or two a month, and would go a long way to helping the La Perle Community League grow in 2020, we have some big plans, but we need your help to get there.

Administrative Support – Are you a wiz on the computer? Do you excel at excel? We're looking for a few people to help us with ongoing administrative work for the Community League. Accounting and Grant Writing experience would be a bonus. Consider joining our [Human Resources or Bylaws Committees](#).

Technical Support – “Did you try turning it off, and turning it on again?” La Perle Community League is looking for a tech-savvy volunteer to help with updating our website and other technical jobs throughout the year. Google Analytics and WordPress experience would be an asset. Consider joining our [Technology Committee](#).

Volunteer Support – Do you love working with people? Would people describe you as a “cheerleader”? We need someone to help us rally the troops and organize our volunteer army around events and activities in La Perle. Having a solid database of volunteers we can rely on for events helps take the pressure off our amazing event organizers, and allows us to host the best events possible. If you're an organized people-person, we want to hear from you! Consider joining the [Volunteer Committee](#).



Event Support - Can we call you? We'll keep it casual, no commitments. We know life is busy, but occasionally we need a few helping hands for one-off events or activities in and around the Community Hall – things like setting up and tearing down tents, moving tables and chairs, directing traffic, etc. Consider joining our [Community League Day, Family Day, Events or Facilities Committees](#).

Students - If you're a student looking for volunteer hours, or you just want to help the Community League on a casual basis, let us know if we can put you on our short list of volunteers to help out! Consider joining our [Community League Day, Family Day, or Events Committees](#).

If any of these sound interesting to you, contact us!
laperle@laperle-community.ca



THE BOARD

Who's-who on the La Perle Community League Board of Directors in 2020

President: Vacant

Vice-President: Denis Ricard

Treasurer: Vacant

Secretary: Vacant

Past President: Vacant

Casino Director: Vacant

Communications Director: Karin Ferrari

Crime Prevention Director: Vacant

Events Director: Bill Bowers

Membership Director: Tiffany Conrad

Social Director: Vacant

Website Director: Karin Ferrari

Director at Large: Vacant

Director at Large: Christa Ruel

Facility Manager: Cathy Johannesson

Soccer Coordinator: Cathy Johannesson

Annual General Meeting

Join us from home for our Annual General Meeting on Sunday, June 7th at 7pm!

Due to social distancing, for the first time ever, we'll be hosting our meeting online. We're keeping our distance today, so we can be closer tomorrow.

City Councillor Andrew Knack will be presenting updates from the City of Edmonton.

Full agenda and meeting details to come - Stay tuned to our Website and Social Media for meeting details.

