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**SEPT 21st 3PM-6PM**  
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## COMMUNITY LEAGUE DAY—SEPTEMBER 21, 2024

Join us from 3 PM to 6 PM for an unforgettable day packed with family fun, entertainment, and great food! Here's what you can look forward to:

- \$5 Food Truck Menus from Boss Dogz (vegetarian options available)
- Free Face Painting - Painted Parrot will be back for a third year with their incredible face-painting designs.
- Balloon Art
- Bouncy Castle with Slide
- Live Music & DJ - Get ready to groove to a mix of beats! Our DJ will keep the tunes pumping, setting the vibe for the event.
- The Brasstactics Live Performance - Edmonton's premier brass party band will be delivering hot throwbacks from the 70s to the 00s, ensuring everyone's dancing and singing along. From funk to pop, they've got it all!

## —[ NOTICE OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING ]—

### KENSINGTON COMMUNITY LEAGUE

Date: September 21, 2024

Time: 6:15 PM

Location: Kensington Community Hall 12130 134b Ave

### AGENDA: CHANGE OF ACCOUNTANT

The Kensington Community League will hold a Special Board Meeting to discuss and vote on changing our accountant. The following motion, approved on August 6, 2024, will be addressed:

Mover: Lynn C., Treasurer, Kensington Community League

"I move that the Kensington Community League hold a 'Special Board Meeting' in September to address replacing our accountant. I propose switching to Gadowsky & Associates and approving a Review Engagement for 2024, including a 'community audit.'"

**Rationale:** At our April AGM, it was decided that Roger Thompson would be our accountant for 2024. However, due to errors in filing and inaccuracies in our 2023 financial statements, it is essential that we make a change to safeguard our finances and ensure proper management.

**IMPORTANT: ONLY MEMBERS WITH AN ACTIVE 2024-2025 KENSINGTON COMMUNITY LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP ARE ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND AND VOTE.**

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

As summer winds down and the school year approaches, I'm excited to share our community's recent successes and upcoming events.

First, a big thank you to everyone who participated in our annual Big Bin Day. This year, we successfully diverted a significant amount of items from the landfill through our new reuse initiative. Special thanks to the volunteers who made this event possible—it was a wonderful opportunity to connect with both new and long-standing Community League members.

Looking ahead, don't miss Community League Day on **September 21st**. We have an exciting lineup, including face painting, a balloon artist, \$2 food truck items, live music, and a bouncy castle. It's going to be a day full of fun and community spirit, and I'm eager to see everyone there.

I also want to take a moment to acknowledge our new Treasurer, Lynn, who has taken on the complex and often perplexing task of managing the finances of our League. Her wisdom and insight have helped the league get our finances in order. I also want to express my gratitude to the entire executive team. They have been instrumental in helping me gain confidence in my new role as President. It feels like I'm learning with my feet to the fire, but with their unwavering support, I know I wouldn't have made it this far without them.

We also have a special project on the horizon and need your help. Our League has over 50 years of documents that need sorting. We're looking for volunteers to help decide what should be archived, shredded, or displayed. This is a unique chance to contribute to preserving our community's history.

Lastly, echoing the words of our previous president, Krystal, I want to remind everyone of the importance of Playground Zones. As our children head back to school, please remember that these zones are active year-round. Let's keep our community safe by adhering to the 30 km/h speed limit near Kensington School, Kensington Hall, and Kensington Playground.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to making Kensington Community League a vibrant and welcoming place for all. I look forward to seeing you on September 21st for Community League Day!

Gilles Losier  
President, Kensington Community League

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During late May and June over 4,700 nominations were submitted for Front Yards in Bloom recognition. If your yard was nominated it may have been from a neighbour or your postal deliverer. Next summer nominate a worthy yard – it is as easy as calling **311** with addresses.

Tips from gardeners when we experience extreme heat:

- water early in the morning so the water can soak into the soil, rather than evaporating in midday heat.
- Mulching provides a layer of moisture, reduces the growth of weeds and protects plants from harsh weather.
- Fall is for planting bulbs and winter for the planning of spring planting.

Kensington has several pocket parks throughout the community. Consider the City of Edmonton's **Partners in Parks** program as a way to further beautify our community. Visit [www.edmonton.ca](http://www.edmonton.ca) and search Partners in Parks for more information.

## FOCUS FACILITATORS



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Hi, I'm Jen Grabski, founder of Focus Facilitators. We specialize in supporting neurodivergent individuals, particularly those with ADHD and Autism, helping them navigate and overcome everyday challenges. As a neurodivergent individual myself, living with ADHD, Autism, Dyslexia, and Dysgraphia, I bring a unique understanding

and empathy to our work—because, let's face it, I've been there, done that, and probably misplaced the T-shirt!

With personalized coaching and support, you'll discover tailored strategies to enhance your learning, productivity, and self-confidence. We also offer services in American Sign Language (ASL), ensuring that communication is accessible to all. So, whether you're ready to turn chaos into creativity or just need a little help finding your groove, I'm here to help. Together, let's overcome obstacles, celebrate successes, and realize your full potential—one step (or detour) at a time!

Come on over to [www.focusfacilitators.ca](http://www.focusfacilitators.ca) for more information and to contact us!

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## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Congratulations to Arnold Rumbold, longtime resident of Kensington, who received an Honorary Electrical Installations Technology diploma from NAIT. For more information on the significant contributions Arnold has made please visit [www.nait.ca/nait/about/our-vision/awards-recognition/honorary-degree/2024/arnold-rumbold](http://www.nait.ca/nait/about/our-vision/awards-recognition/honorary-degree/2024/arnold-rumbold)

If you have an announcement, such as an anniversary, birth announcement, birthday, graduation, or death, that you would like included in the next newsletter, please submit these at [newsletter@kensingtoncl.ca](mailto:newsletter@kensingtoncl.ca) by **November 13, 2024**.

## PLAYGROUND UPDATE

From past capital projects of the league, a fund had been created for the purpose of assisting with the next major capital project of the League. On September 15, 2024 the provincial government's Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) grant application for \$125,000 will be submitted. We have several grant applications outstanding and with the power of matching funds our percentage of confirmed funding can quickly grow.

On September 21, 2024, in conjunction with Community League Day come join us for a Celebration Fundraiser! Many local businesses are donating goods and services for a silent auction. There will also be a 50/50 and you can bring the bottles you have been saving for us!

If you have an idea for a fundraiser, please contact [info@kensingtoncl.ca](mailto:info@kensingtoncl.ca).

## BIG BIN REPORT

The 22nd Annual Kensington Clean Up and Bottle Drive for the Park was a success! Thank you to the community volunteers that requested Capital City Clean Up kits to put them to good use. It was also great to see so many residents renew their memberships. Despite favorable weather, the event was less busy due to competing children's activities and the City of Edmonton's Big Bin event, which offered broader disposal options. However, our local event still filled over three 40-yard bins of refuse and a 30-yard bin of metal and recyclables. By separating the two dump fees were waived at the city landfill.

Residents appreciated the chance to unload old fences, trees, and renovation debris, with some items like plant pots finding new homes instead of going to the landfill. Special thanks to Mike Peters for transporting collected items to Sports Central, benefiting those in need. Thank you also to the residents along 134A Avenue and 115 Street, as well as the surrounding area. Bottle donations totaled \$247.40, which will be matched, raising \$742.20 for community projects. Remember to bring your empties to Community League Day on Saturday, September 21st.

# BINGO

Join us for a Bingo afternoon or evening at Kensington Bingo Hall (12538 132 Ave, close to Giant Tiger). Bingo helps support KCL and our playground fundraising. Area One Bingo funds events like Free Community Swim Days. For information regarding Loonie Pot and Specials please contact Kensington Bingo at **780-454-3635**.

## Evening Bingos

Monday, Sept. 9  
Monday, Oct. 14  
Monday, Nov. 25  
Monday, Dec. 23  
Thursday, Dec. 26

## Afternoon Bingos

Monday, Sept. 23  
Wednesday, Oct. 9  
Tuesday, Nov. 12  
Friday, Jan. 3, 2025  
Monday, Jan. 20, 2025

## Area One Evening

Saturday, Sept. 14  
Tuesday, Oct. 15  
Wednesday, Oct. 23  
Friday, Nov. 15  
Sunday, Dec. 1

If you would like to volunteer for Bingo or Casino please email [\*\*bingo@kensingtoncl.ca\*\*](mailto:bingo@kensingtoncl.ca) or call Shelley at **780-454-2910**. Thank you to all who continue to volunteer!

### Thanks to the Kensington Community League Casino Volunteers!

Kensington volunteers rearranged shifts and coordinated carpooling to work the July 31st and August 1st, 2024 Casino at the Grand Villa Casino next to Rogers Place. Our volunteers provided excellent service to the casino patrons and staff. They also contributed to the casino pool being built up to be equally divided by the charities working through July to September, 2024 in the Edmonton casinos.

## Winter Market—November 23

Join us from 10 AM to 5 PM for unique finds and delectable treats. Hosted by Kensington Community League, our market features local vendors bringing you the best of winter crafts. Whether you're shopping for holiday gifts or simply embracing the festive season, there's something special for everyone. Plus, a portion of proceeds go towards the Kensington Community League Playground project. Mark your calendar, spread the word, and celebrate the season with us! Vendor registration coming soon.





Hello Kensington Community Members!

Summer is a wonderful time to enjoy our city and take time to relax. My wish is that our families took time to spend some quality summer days together. This summer also brings us a new park at our school. You may have seen the construction at the back of our school. It will be completed towards the end of September. Our wonderful parent council has been working on the project with our vendors at PlayQuest and Variety-The Children's Charity of Alberta. We are excited to have this project complete and create a fun and challenging play environment for our students and the Kensington community. We know that play is an essential part of children's development and our new playground will bring joy to our community. We will be having an official grand opening once the park is completed. Please look for information on our school Instagram account @kensingtonschoolmonton, our school website at [kensington.epsb.ca](http://kensington.epsb.ca) or contact our parent association through their email, [kensingtonparentassociation@gmail.com](mailto:kensingtonparentassociation@gmail.com) or on FaceBook, Kensington Parent Association.

A new season will be upon us shortly and students and families will be back into school routines. I am personally looking forward to the new school year and all the new goals that the students will be accomplishing. Our school empowers our students to learn, build friendships and take risks as learners. I am very proud to be the principal at Kensington School and I look forward to serving this community.

Warmly,

Shauna Shore  
Principal Kensington School [kensington@epsb.ca](mailto:kensington@epsb.ca)

## COMMUNITY PLAY GROUP

**What:** Parented Drop In Play Group for kids  
ages 0-6

**Where:** Rosslyn Community League Hall

**When:** Wednesday Mornings 9:00 AM—  
10:30 AM

**Other Info:** Facilitators have completed  
security clearance and background checks.

**FREE to attend with Community League  
membership**

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Molly [mollr85@hotmail.com](mailto:mollr85@hotmail.com)

### Agenda

**9:00—9:15** Free  
Play

**9:15—9:45**  
Facilitator Lead  
activity (games,  
stories, crafts)

**9:45—10:15** Free  
Play

**10:15—10:30**  
Clean up

## UPCOMING DATES:

- **September 21** - Community League Day
- **September 21 6:15 PM**— Special Board Meeting
- **Wednesdays AM**—Rosslyn Parented Play group
- **November 23**— Winter Market
- Check out [www.epl.ca](http://www.epl.ca) and search Calder library events for interesting and engaging programs.
- North West Edmonton Seniors Society [www.nwess.ca](http://www.nwess.ca) regularly host events.

## MEMBERSHIP

**Why Become a Kensington Community League Member?** Your contribution helps foster unity with neighbourhood events and gatherings, upgrade amenities, and boost quality of life through recreational, educational, and sports programs. Now selling 2024/2045 memberships.

**When you become a member you experience exclusive perks!** These include free swim and aquafit sessions, and discounts on hall rentals (for members in good standing for 2 years), Cloverdale paint, Edmonton Rec passes and much more! For a full list of savings and discounts visit our website [kensingtoncl.ca](http://kensingtoncl.ca).

**There are a number of ways to get your membership!**

- At Community League Social Events
- Our website [Kensingtoncl.ca](http://Kensingtoncl.ca)
- Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues's website <https://efcl.org/membership>
- Email: [Membership@KensingtonCL.ca](mailto:Membership@KensingtonCL.ca)

## FINAL REMINDERS

- Please join us for **Community League Day** on **September 21, 2024!**
- Stay after Community League Day for a **Special Board Meeting** at **6:15 PM** to vote on an important motion put forward by our Treasurer.
- If there's something you would like to see in the newsletter, email [newsletter@kensingtoncl.ca](mailto:newsletter@kensingtoncl.ca)
- If you would like to save paper, subscribe to our e-newsletter! Sign up at [kensingtoncl.ca](http://kensingtoncl.ca) and please post a sign on your mailbox stating "No newsletter" so those delivering know.
- Follow us on Social Media (info at the bottom of this page)
- Check out our website [kensingtoncl.ca](http://kensingtoncl.ca) for updates on council meetings, events calendar, and more!
- Is there something missing in our community that you would like to see? Halloween party? Christmas Baking exchange? Neighbourhood book club? Email [info@kensingtoncl.ca](mailto:info@kensingtoncl.ca) and help us make it happen!