

KENSINGTON COMMUNITY NEWS

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Letter from the President

As we head into the warmer months, I wanted to take a moment to thank you for the amazing support we have seen so far this year.

We recently held our Annual General Meeting, and I am excited to share that we had one of our best turnouts yet. It was wonderful to see so many community members come out. While we said goodbye to a few fantastic directors, we were lucky to welcome some new faces to the Board as well. I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our outgoing directors for all the time, effort, and energy they poured into our community. You will be missed!

At the meeting, we also recognized that, with our financial records now fully reorganized, it is time to bring in a bookkeeper to help us stay on track as we grow. The Board approved this motion, and we are excited about the additional support it will bring.

We have lots happening this spring and summer. Big Bin Day is set for May 24 and 25, a perfect chance to clear out your yards and garages. Our Green Shack program will also be returning soon. Please keep an eye on our website and social media for start dates and times.

Thanks to the efforts of our new Soccer Director we have five soccer teams that will play in our local soccer fields and across our two ice rinks. Soon, the empty rinks that were filled with skaters during winter will come alive again, this time with the laughter and energy of little ones running across the fields playing soccer. It is moments like these that truly capture the heart of our community: watching children grow, play, and build memories right here at home.

Make sure to save the date for Community League Day on September 20, 2025. We will be looking for volunteers to help make the event another great success. If you are interested, we would love to have you join us.

Thank you again for being such an important part of making Kensington a wonderful place to live. Your support truly makes a difference.

Sincerely,
Gilles Losier
President, Kensington Community League

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KENSINGTON COUNCIL

2025-2026

Executive

President—Gilles L. **Vice-President**—Troy C. **Treasurer**—Lynn C.

Past President— Krystal B. **Secretary**— Carrie L.

Directors

Graham G. (Civics)	Darrel K. (Building and Grounds)
Shelley T. (Bingo and Area 1)	Sylvia L. (Newsletter)
Angie L. (Co Special Events)	Margo V. (Co Special Events)
Chris J. (Sports Director)	Kim B. (Director at Large)
Mary S. (Director at Large)	Melissa C. (Director at Large)

To share the work, we would love to get more people to volunteer on the specific events or programs they are passionate about getting into the community. If volunteering on council is not the right fit for you right now, consider joining or starting a committee to help out with just one thing (e.g. markets, Community League Day planning).



Save the Date!

September 20, 2025

Community League Day!

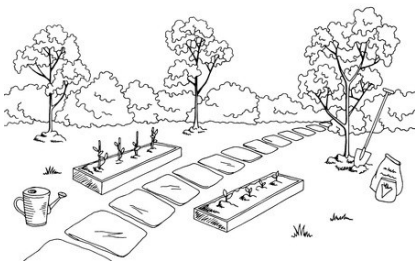
Planning is yet to begin, but the last three have been awesome so it's sure to be a great time! If you are interested in helping plan or volunteer, contact info@kensingtoncl.ca. More details to come closer to the date.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Soccer with the Kensington Cobras

After more than a decade without youth soccer in Kensington, we are proud to share that soccer is back and thriving! In conjunction with Community Grassroots Soccer Association (CGSA) we will be hosting a U5 Soccer Tournament on **Saturday, June 21, 2025**, and are currently seeking local sponsors to help make this event truly special. If you're interested in supporting this event, please contact us at **Soccer@kensingtoncl.ca** or **(780) 454-6885**. In recognition of your support, sponsors will be featured in The Kensington Community Newsletter (distributed to 1,300+ households and published online), on-site signage at the tournament and Community League social media coverage.

Interested in volunteering? We are currently looking for people to help at our June 21st soccer tournament! Please contact us at **Soccer@kensingtoncl.ca** or **(780) 454-6885**.



For the Green Thumb:

Sadly, the city has discontinued the Front Yards in Bloom program this year. However, it's important that we continue to value our yards and the micro-ecosystems we foster for the health of ourselves, our communities, and our pollinators! On **June 12th at 7:00 PM** at the Kensington Community Hall we are hosting a Healthy Backyards presentation put on by WILDNorth. Come learn about caring for your yard with tips specific to our area of the city. To learn more about WILDNorth visit **wildnorth.ca**.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Book Club

Kensington neighbours are welcome to join our community book club hosted by Angie on the **last Wednesday** of each month at **7:00 PM** at the Kensington Community Hall.

Here are the upcoming dates and books:

- **May 28**—*The Bandit Queens* by Parini Shroff
- **June 25**—*The Inheritance Games* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

We'll break for the summer, but check back for upcoming titles in the fall!

For further details visit **kensingtoncl.ca/events** or contact **angie.lee@kensingtoncl.ca**.

CLOTHING EXCHANGE

Kensington Community League will be holding a **free** clothing exchange on **Saturday, June 14** from **10:00 AM—4:00 PM**. We are hoping to have a good collection of clothing for men, ladies, children and babies in all sizes. You can drop off clothing at the Big Bin event (in boxes please) or at the community hall from **5:00 PM—8:00 PM** on **Friday, June 13**. This is an opportunity for you to clean your closets out of unwanted clothing that you can donate to this event. It is also an opportunity for you to come shopping for clothing your family may need. We are in need of volunteers to help set up the hall and for clean up at the end of the event. Please contact **Mary** at **780-970-4817** if you are available to help out. Many hands make light work!



Hello Kensington Community Members!

The sweet serenade of spring has finally arrived, bringing with it the vibrant hues of new life and a renewed sense of energy to our beloved community. As the days lengthen and the temperatures gently rise, we see our students blossoming just like the flowers around us. They've now entered the final third of their school year, and it's truly heartwarming to hear their reflections on how much they've learned and grown, both academically and personally. Their enthusiasm and progress are a testament to their hard work and the dedication of our amazing educators.

Living and working in Kensington fills us with immense pride. The strong sense of community, the friendly faces we encounter daily, and the collective spirit that binds us together make this such a special place to call home. If you'd like to get more involved and support our students directly, the school is always looking for volunteers! Please reach out to the school office if you have some time to lend a hand – your contribution can make a real difference. From the budding trees in our parks to the laughter echoing from our schoolyards, the vibrancy of spring mirrors the thriving heart of Kensington. Let's embrace this season of growth and continue to support one another, celebrating the wonderful place we share.

Warmly,
Shauna Shore, Principal Kensington School.
kensington@epsb.ca

COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIPS

Interested in becoming a Kensington Community member? Enjoy perks like free swim and aquafit sessions at Grand Trunk and O'Leary, discounts on Kensington Hall rentals, free events, and get savings on Edmonton Rec Facility passes, services such as snow removal, wholesale prices on Cloverdale Paint, and education through the University of Alberta's Technology Training Centre. A full list of perks and information on how to get your membership can be found at kensingtoncl.ca, or email membership@kensingtonCL.ca

BINGO

Join us in person 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. By playing Bingo, you are helping your community raise money for community initiatives. For information regarding Loonie Pot and Specials please contact Kensington Bingo at **780-454-3635**.

If you would like to volunteer for Bingo or Casino please email bingo@kensingtoncl.ca or call Shelley at **780-454-2910**. As a volunteer you earn credits toward paid programs and sports fees, as well as receive a meal allowance at the Bingo concession as a thank you. Shifts run from 11:00 AM to 3:30 PM for Afternoon bingos, or 5:00 PM to 9:30 PM for Evening bingos.

Thank you to all who continue to volunteer!

Evening Bingos

Friday, May 30

Wednesday, June 11

Tuesday, July 15

Thursday, July 24

Friday, August 29

Afternoon Bingos

Saturday, May 10

Wednesday, June 25

Saturday, August 2

Thursday, August 28

Friday, October 3

Area One Evening

Wednesday, May 21

Tuesday, June 3

Sunday, July 27

Wednesday, August 6

Wednesday, September 3

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

We extend our sympathy to the family of Roger Millen, the loving husband of Bridget and father to Jenn, who passed away in February. Roger is remembered as a friendly neighbour, always willing to share a laugh or lend a hand solving a yard problem. He was the kind of neighbour you hoped you got to live next to, and will be greatly missed.

If you have an announcement, such as an anniversary, birth announcement, birthday, or death that you would like included in the next newsletter, please submit these at newsletter@kensingtoncl.ca by **August 13, 2025**.

PLAYGROUND UPDATE

At our April 10, 2025 AGM, I was thrilled to announce the League was awarded a \$125,000 CFEP grant from the Provincial Government!

Coincidentally, I was at the North West Edmonton Seniors Society's AGM when they shared their own CFEP approval. I also passed the good news to the Kensington Parent Association, who recalled how excited they were when we supported their successful CFEP application.

At the AGM I invited everyone to applaud the hard work that's brought us this far in our playground and park redevelopment.

We're still awaiting word on a \$125,000 Federal Accessibility Grant, with the Edmonton Centre Constituency Office tracking our application.

Following advice from the City's Project Manager, we're now targeting spring 2026 construction. This timing supports better tender pricing. In the meantime, the current playground remains open.

Please visit our website to find out how you can continue helping contribute to the development of our playground fund through donations and even with your grocery shopping! If you have an idea for a fundraiser please contact: info@kensingtoncl.ca.

Kensington for Kids

Adventures in Play hosted by KARA

Kensington Community Hall

Thurs. 9:30—11:00 AM until June 12

A parented playgroup for children **ages 0-6** where children learn about nature through play and educator-directed activities, focusing on spring, planting, and growth.

City of Edmonton Green Shack Program

Back again for Summer 2025!

Details for time of day have not been announced yet, so check our website or social media closer to summer.

If you're a young person looking for a summer job, applications for Shack Leaders are open now on the City of Edmonton website!

AREA 1

ROSSLYN

Parented Play Group
Wednesdays, 9:00—10:30 AM

LAUDERDALE

June 21, Block Party at the
Lauderdale Community Hall,
time to be determined

North Edmonton Seniors Association

May 24, Garage Sale and Plant Sale
9:00 AM—3:00 PM

Athlone

Parented Play Group
Thursdays, 9:30—11:00

CALDER

Parent and Tot

Tuesdays, 9:30—11:00 AM

June 8, 1:00—3:00 PM

Father's Day Craft Workshop
Calder

July 1, 10:00 AM—12:00 PM
Canada Day Breakfast Kick off

[Calder Library] epl.ca

Seniors Programs: Drop in Fridays 10:30 AM—12:00 PM June 6, July 4, August 1;
coffee, card playing, film viewing, guest speakers

After School Program: Discovery Club, Thursdays 3:30—4:30 PM

Family Programs: Family Storytime, every other Saturday 2:30—3:00 PM; Sing,
Sign, Laugh, Learn Mondays 10:30—11:15 AM (must register); LEGO at the
Library, Sundays 11:00 AM—2:00 PM

Adult Learning: Computer Skills Monday, May 26, 6:30—8:30 PM; English
Conversation Circle Tuesdays, 10:15 AM — 12:15 PM; Vocabulary Club English
Conversation Class Tuesdays 10:30—11:30 AM



BIG BIN DAY!

Saturday May 24th 9:00 AM— 7:00 PM

Sunday May 25th 11:00 am—4:00 PM

(weather permitting)

**Location: The Pocket Park located on the corner of
115 street & 134A avenue**

We are bringing in our regular Dumpster Bins, and our Metal Recycle Bins for washers, dryers, and anything scrap metal! We are also partnering with Sports Central to collect gently used sports equipment and bicycles so they can be refurbished. In return you are helping kids in need.

Free for Community League Members that live in Kensington; \$10 for non-members with proof of residency. 2024/2025 Memberships will be sold at the event (or purchase online at kensingtonCL.ca)

There will also be Electronic Recycling, accepted items are: computers, laptops, tablets, printers, scanners, fax machines and monitors CD & DVD players, clock radio, headphones, digital & video cameras, answering machines, cell, speaker & landline phones, modems, routers, pagers, microphones and video game equipment.

Volunteers are needed to supervise for Big Bin Day.

*Call Shelley Tupper at **780-454-2910** for info.*

Items Not Accepted

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| • Mattresses | • Tires | • Antifreeze |
| • Fridges | • Hazardous waste | • Solvents |
| • Freezers | • Paints & thinners | • Oil filters |
| • Batteries | • Pesticides & fertilizers | • Engine oil |
| • Propane tanks | • Car batteries | |

Kensington Playground Bottle Drive

Along with coming by to visit the big bins you can also drop off cans and bottles for the Park's fundraising! Everything can be cleaned up together!



2025 DATES:

- **May 24-25** Big Bin
- **May 28**—Book Club
- **June 12**—Healthy Yards presentation
- **June 14**—Clothing Exchange
- **June 21**— U5 Soccer Tournament
- **July—August** Green shack
- **September 20**, Community League Day
- **November 22**, Winter Market
- Check out www.epl.ca and search Calder library events .
- North West Edmonton Seniors Society www.nwess.ca

COMMUNITY SWIM TIMES

- Grand Trunk Friday Evenings from 7:15—9:15 PM
- Grand Trunk Sunday Afternoons from 4:15—5:45 PM
- Grand Trunk Aquafit Wednesday mornings 8:00—9:00 and 9:00—10:00
- O’Leary Saturday Afternoons from 4:00—6:00 PM
- Londonderry Sunday Afternoons from 4:15—5:45 PM

IMPORTANT DATES

- Big Bin May 24th **9:00 AM— 7:00 PM**—25th **11:00 am—4:00 PM** Big Bin, volunteers needed!
- **June 14th, 10:00 AM—4:00 PM** Clothing Exchange, donations and volunteers needed!
- **June 21** U5 Soccer Tournament, volunteers needed!
- **September 20** Community League Day, volunteers needed!
- Need a membership? You can buy one on our website: www.kensingtoncl.ca/membership
- If there’s something you would like to see in the newsletter, email newsletter@kensingtoncl.ca by **August 13, 2025**.
- If you would prefer to read the e-newsletter sign up at kensingtoncl.ca. Please post a sign on your mailbox stating “No newsletter” so those delivering know.
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- Check out our website kensingtoncl.ca for updates on council meetings, events calendar, and more!