

PRINCE RUPERT

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BEWARE: THE CREEPING BELLFLOWER



While you're getting your yard ready for fall, stop the spread of this noxious weed! Creeping bellflower is a very common weed in Edmonton. Many residents have this growing in their gardens and they don't even know it. It's pretty, but it also spreads rapidly by seeds and creeping roots (hence its name). Each flowering stem produces thousands of seeds and they can lie dormant in the ground for up to 10 years before sprouting. Roots grow deep into the soil and can easily travel beneath lawns, fences and concrete. Creeping bellflower was added to the city's noxious weed list in 2013 and anyone found with it on their property could be ordered to control it.

(How to remove the creeping bellflower can be found on page 2).

PARK REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE

We have finalized a concept plan for the central park space! The redevelopment will be carried out in multiple phases due to limited time and funds. The first phase involves playground upgrades. We want our new playground to support playing, exercising and active living for all ages. To be part of the new Playground Committee contact Tyson (prcltyson.vandament@gmail.com).

DID YOU KNOW?

PRCL memberships are now free for everyone! 2019-20 memberships are available now.

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ROOT FOR TREES RECAP

In July, we joined City of Edmonton staff and the Edmonton Native Plant Society to learn about wildflowers in our community and why they are important. We planted 100 wildflowers near the centre of the dry pond in our central park. Native plants are those plants that have naturally grown and evolved in a region over thousands of years. Because of their long history in an area, they are well-suited to the environmental conditions, and once established are quite hardy. They do not need fertilizer, are drought, flood, and/or disease resistant, and are interconnected with wild insects, birds and mammals who depend on them for food and shelter.

HOW TO REMOVE THE CREEPING BELLFLOWER

The weed can be removed by digging at least 1 foot below and around the plant (to dig up all of its spreading roots). When that's not an option, these plants can be controlled by weeding, mowing, or herbicides. If nothing else, cutting flowering stems before they seed at least stops the spread of seeds into your neighbours' yards. Always dispose of weeds in the garbage, not the compost. Remove creeping bellflower as soon as it starts growing for the best chance of success. An example of a young plant is below.



CONGRATS MYRTLE AND NORMAN!

We are so pleased to honour two longtime residents, Myrtle and Norman Homenuk. They have made it their mission to beautify our community by planting perennials and annual flowers in our neighbourhood park for over 25 years! The dedicated couple has paid for all of this out of their own pockets and we are grateful. The City of Edmonton has also noticed and has provided a commemorative bench in their honour. Congratulations Myrtle and Norman! The bench is located in their Partners in Parks garden at the green space on 112 Ave (between 114 St and 116 St).

CASINO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We have a casino coming up on December 7 + 8, 2019 at Grand Villa Casino in Rogers Place. This is the major fundraiser for our league, and we need volunteers. There are a number of positions, including casino coordinator, cashiers, bankers, chips runners, count room supervisors and more. Training is provided. Meals are included. Day and evening/late night shifts. To volunteer: president@princerupertcommunity.ca. Questions or Comments? Please email communications@princerupertcommunity.ca.