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Block Party Webinar

Beyond the Bouncy Castle

Ideas for Building Connections at Neighbour Gatherings

Join us May 24th 6:30 - 8:00 pm



Beyond the Bouncy Castle: Ideas for Neighbour Gatherings. This workshop is for anyone who would like to build neighbourly connections where they live! Join City of Edmonton, Neighbourhood Services for a "Beyond the Bouncy Castle" online workshop. This workshop is great for anyone who would like to learn more about hosting a neighbour gathering such as a Block Party, Play Street or Block Social. **Wed, May 24, 2023 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM MDT.** Click the [Eventbrite Link](#) to register.

Spring/Summer Events

Planning an Outdoor Event on City Land this Summer? Neighbourhood Services provides support to citizens, community groups and event organizers who are coordinating activities on City parkland including district parks, neighbourhood parks, and smaller green spaces within the community.

The City of Edmonton has an Application Form Selection Tool that is designed to display the appropriate application form information based on your location choice. It can be found on the [Festivals and Events Planning](#) page at edmonton.ca

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Neighbourhood Services provides two types of event licences:

- [For Neighbourhood Events](#) - If the event is happening in a neighbourhood park, district park or community green space please complete a [Neighbourhood Event Application](#). For questions, please reach out to your NRC (call 311 if you are unsure who the NRC is for your neighbourhood).
- [For Residential Block Parties and Play Streets](#), If you want to close a residential street for the purposes of a neighbourhood block party or play street, please complete a [Block Party/Play Street Application](#). Contact blockpartyplaystreet@edmonton.ca if you have any questions.

Civic Events provides licences for:

- [Festivals and Larger Events](#) - If your event is happening in a City-level park, in the River Valley or a roadway, please complete a [Civic Event Application](#). For questions, please email civic.events@edmonton.ca.

Volunteer Opportunity

[The Partners in Parks](#) program is open once again for the 2023 season! For over 15 years, the Partners in Parks program has allowed dedicated Edmontonians to aid in the maintenance of park shrub beds throughout the City.

Every year volunteers help the City of Edmonton by enhancing maintenance of shrub beds. Volunteering with Partners in Park is an incredible opportunity with many benefits: service to the community, beautification of local spaces and keeping active in a safe manner. The Program is open to gardeners of any experience level, and is a great way to grow your green thumb! Registration for the program will open in May!

Please visit our [webpage](#) for more information, or email us at partnersinparks@edmonton.ca.

Boulevard Gardening

[The Residential Boulevard Gardening Program](#) is an opportunity for Edmontonians to add character to their neighbourhoods by beautifying the City's strip of land between the sidewalk and the road in front of their homes. This program provides Edmontonians with additional City space to create colourful, diverse streetscapes to strengthen community pride, ecological diversity, and build climate resilience. Declarations for the program will be open in May!

If you are interested in participating in the Boulevard Gardening Program, please visit our website at edmonton.ca/boulevardgardening

Vision Zero Street Labs

The City is exploring a Vision Zero Street Lab in Ritchie after hearing about street safety concerns in the area. Street Labs use adaptable traffic calming measures to address traffic safety concerns such as unsafe speeds, shortcutting, and pedestrian safety. The City would like to explore residents' perspectives and gain insights into their lived experiences and traffic safety concerns to determine if a Street Lab is needed for your neighbourhood. Engagement was launched on **May 1** and includes an in person Walk and Roll Audit, an online survey and an online map. Get involved at engaged.edmonton.ca

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Community Mural Grant

Applications for the **Community Mural Grant** are open from March 15th to **May 15th**, 11:59pm. Grants will be granted based on eligibility criteria.

To learn more about the Community Mural Grant, the application process, funding, eligibility and responsibilities of all approved applicants, visit [website](#)

For Guideline Details, please click the following link as the program has undergone some changes ([guideline details](#)). Fill out your application [here](#). This form requires a Google account. If you do not have one, please reach out to capitalcitycleanup@edmonton.ca.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email capitalcitycleanup@edmonton.ca.

Phasing out Single Use Plastic

The City of Edmonton is introducing a [Single-use Item Reduction Bylaw \(20117\)](#). With the help of businesses and residents, we can reduce litter and waste sent to the landfill.

Free Webinars for Business Owners:

May 2, 12-1 p.m.

May 10, 12-1 p.m.

Take a look at the business toolkit at edmonton.ca/SingleUse to help your business and customers prepare.

Bylaw requirements as of July 1, 2023

- *Single-use plastic shopping bags can no longer be distributed.*
- *Businesses must charge at least 15 cents for paper shopping bags (increasing to 25 cents on July 1, 2024).*
- *Businesses must charge at least \$1 for new reusable shopping bags (increasing to \$2 on July 1, 2024).*
- *Styrofoam cups, plates, bowls, containers, etc. can no longer be used.*
- *Businesses may only provide accessories (like straws, condiment packets, cutlery and napkins) if a customer requests them.*
- *Accessories can also be provided at a self-serve station.*
- *Businesses must have and follow a policy for accepting customers' reusable cups.*

Thank you for taking steps to help reduce waste in Edmonton! If you have questions about the bylaw, please email singleuse@edmonton.ca.

CFEP Deadline

Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP): Upcoming Deadlines

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The next CFEP Small Stream intake closes on **May 15th**. The Small Stream awards up to \$125,000 and applications are accepted January 15, May 15 and September 15 each year.

The CFEP Large Stream deadline is June 15th. The Large Stream awards between \$125,001 - \$1,000,000 and applications for the large stream are accepted once annually. Visit the [website](#) for more information and to apply.

Asset-Based Community Development Conference

The [ABCD Conference: When Community and Municipalities Meet in the Middle](#), organized by the Tamarack Institute Conference, is on June 6-8 in St. Albert.

For more information about their event, visit their website:
<https://events.tamarackcommunity.ca/abcd-2023>

Community Information

Leadership In Training (LIT)

- ❖ Registration is open with limited spots for the [LIT Program](#), through the City of Edmonton. The Leaders in Training (LIT) program is for youth (ages 13-17) to develop leadership skills and gain valuable practical experience while having fun with children. It allows youth to give back to their community and earn leadership hours for school.

A Leader In Training supports City of Edmonton recreation leaders to run summer programs for children.

Day Camps

- ❖ The City of Edmonton offers a wide range of [Day Camps](#) across the city for the 2023 summer season. Opportunity is available for Recreation Centres Camps, River Valley Park Camps, City Arts Centre Camps and many more. Check out Move Learn Play for more details.

Learn more about the Fire Cadet program, including how to apply, by visiting edmonton.ca/FireCadets
The application deadline is **April 30, 2023**.

Focus on Girls

- ❖ [For Girls By Girls](#) is back for Spring 2023 at Clareview, Terwillegar, & The Meadows!
- Clareview: Tuesdays 6:15-7:45 PM May 2 - June 27
- Terwillegar: Mondays 7:15-8:45 PM May 1 - June 26 (omit May 22)
- The Meadows: Thursdays 6:30-8 PM May 4 - June 29

This is a **FREE** drop-in program to help girls ages 8-17 build confidence and encourage their pursuit in sport and recreation. Join us to participate in a variety of sports, games, and skill development exercises. Each session will be facilitated by a Girls In Sport Alberta instructor. Best of all, this

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program is completely free for participants. No need to pay admission or program fees! Admission will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis. This project has been made possible in part by the Government of Canada.

Problem Properties

- ❖ Edmonton's Problem Property Initiative (PPI) is hosting a series of Meet and Greets in north central Edmonton, where the highest concentration of problem properties exist. Free for all Edmontonians to attend, these events aim to strengthen relationships with community members and increase awareness of the PPI's long term strategy and increased capacity to address problem properties.
 - Thursday, May 18, 2023; 6:30 to 8:30pm - Alberta Avenue Community League Hall; 9210 118 Avenue
 - Wednesday, June 14, 2023; 6:30 to 8:30pm - Edmonton Intercultural Centre (in McCauley); 9538 107 Avenue

Input Needed

- ❖ Tell us what you think about naturalization and tree planting in your neighbourhood. The City of Edmonton is developing a plan for both naturalization and boulevard and open space tree planting. We want to understand how you currently use open spaces in your neighbourhood and where you see opportunities to naturalize or plant trees. Think long-term - how can we make Edmonton greener?

From **May 5 - May 29**, visit engaged.edmonton.ca/NaturalizationAndTrees to share your feedback and perspectives on naturalization and boulevard and open space tree planting.

Meet Emergency Responders

- ❖ Meet your local emergency responders at Get Ready in the Park!

Get Ready in the Park is a free, family-friendly event held every May during Emergency Preparedness Week. Nearly 50 different groups from the regional emergency response community will be on hand to showcase their skills and equipment and to help Edmontonians learn about being prepared for emergencies.

- Date: Saturday, May 6
- Time: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Location: Edmonton EXPO Centre Grounds (South of the Edmonton EXPO Centre, 7515 118 Ave NW)

Bring your family out. Learn more at www.edmonton.ca/GetReadyInThePark