

PRCL Community News

WANT TO JOIN US IN 2009?

The Prince Rupert Community League is always looking for new volunteers for our executive and various committees, and would love to have you join us!

Scared to volunteer for fear we will take over all your free time? Don't be!!

The Prince Rupert Community League values our volunteers, and won't ask a minute more of your time than you are willing to offer.

So please, consider joining us, or contact us for other opportunities to get involved.

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COMMUNITY NEWS:

OUR RINK IS OPEN

The Prince Rupert Community skating rink is open and ready for skaters of all ages! Come on down and join in the fun!

Rink Hours:

Open Daily from 8 AM - 9 PM

Rink Shack:

Monday - Friday: 4 PM - 9 PM
Saturdays: 11 AM - 9 PM
Sundays: 11 AM - 7 PM

Please note: all hours noted above assume that the weather cooperates. If it is too warm or too cold to skate safely, the rink will not be available.



We would also like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our rink possible!

COMMUNITY ARTICLE:

RENOVATIONS, UNEXPECTED ISSUES AND HOW THE CITY CAN HELP!



WELCOME TO 2009!

The new year looks promising in Prince Rupert. Our neighbours in the community continue to show their design and building prowess. A quick walk through the community highlights all the work that has been put into home improvement. I have seen many new garages, fences, front entries, flower beds, roofs and eaves, just to name a few. This care for your home does so much more than add value to your property - it adds to the whole neighbourhood. Keep up the good work!

Living in a mature neighbourhood, not all renovations are cosmetic in nature. Although these are the projects that have the immediate wow factor, there are other important things that need attention too. I am currently in the midst of two of these such projects. A couple summers back the sewer backed up. After renting a power snake, I put in a call to Epcor. The men came out and put a camera down the pipe and found the root of the problem... literally. The older pipe was oval (not round anymore) but was blocked with Elm tree roots. They used a bigger power snake and cut the roots. This, I was reminded would be a temporary fix, but because the blockage was close to/or on the City property the service was of no charge to me.

Also, to prevent the recurrence of pruned roots growing back with vengeance, they have an herbicide treatment program. This program is free of charge. I did not initially sign up, because I wanted to research the environmental impact of ROOTX. Well, it appears the City has done its homework and found a product that will not harm our water system or impact the trees health.

If you have sewer drainage problems more information may be found at the City of Edmonton Asset Management and Public Works Drainage services, on the web or in the phone book.

Demetrius Garanis

Next issue: the Energy audit.

DO YOU HAVE AN ARTICLE FOR US?

We welcome submissions from the neighborhood, so if you have a story, article or other information to share with the rest of the Prince Rupert Community, please do not hesitate to send it in - it may just end up in our next newsletter, or featured on the web site!

Please leave us a message at 780-455-3327 or email communications@princerupertcommunity.ca.

COMMUNITY TIP:

SAND FOR THE SIDEWALK

Free sand for your icy sidewalk is available at the Prince Rupert Community Hall, and at the Central Lions Seniors Centre (11113 - 113 Street).

COMMUNITY INFO:
ODDS AND ENDS

HAVE A DOG? THINK THE DOG PARK NEEDS A LITTLE WORK?

We are looking for area residents to join our Dog Park Committee. This group is working together with the City of Edmonton to spruce up the dog park in our neighborhood, which runs alongside 119th Street. The goal of the committee is to resolve some of the ongoing issues with that park, and make it safer and more inviting for all our residents - both two and four-legged versions! Contact us for more information, or if you have ideas to share. 780-455-3327.

LOOKING FOR A SUMMER JOB? LIKE ARTS, CRAFTS AND GAMES?

We are already looking forward to the summer and Green Shack 2009, and would like to make it the best summer ever for our young participants. To help accomplish that, we are looking for a talented, fun individual to lead our program. If you are interested, please phone or email us for more information. 780-455-3327 or president@princerupertcommunity.ca.

JOIN OUR HALL FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE!

We are looking for new volunteers with fresh ideas and a willing spirit to join our Hall Fundraising Committee and would love to have you on the team!
Like to help but don't have time? Maybe there is another way you can assist with our fundraising efforts for a new PRCL hall - please contact us and we will be happy to talk with you further. Every little bit helps! 780-455-3327.

FOR OUR LITTLEST
 COMMUNITY MEMBERS:
KIDS' CORNER

- Q. HOW DO YOU GET STRAIGHT A'S?
 A. WITH A RULER.
- Q. WHY DIDN'T THE CLOCK WORK?
 A. IT NEEDED A HAND.
- Q. WHY WAS THE COMPUTER SO GOOD AT GOLF?
 A. BECAUSE IT HAD A HARD DRIVE.
- Q. WHERE DO CRAYONS GO ON VACATION?
 A. COLOR-ADO.
- Q. WHAT MONTH IS THE SHORTEST?
 A. MAY - IT ONLY HAS THREE LETTERS.

Thanks for the jokes, Daniell!

WHAT'S NEW ...
PRINCE RUPERT ONLINE

RECENT CHANGES TO THE PRINCE RUPERT WEB SITE: WWW.PRINCERUPERTCOMMUNITY.CA

We have made some changes to the Prince Rupert Community web site over the last month. New features include:

A Photo Gallery - Our new photo gallery currently features four categories - Nature, Neighborhood Pets, Historic Prince Rupert and Our Community. If you have photos of your garden or pet that you would like to include, or have been a long time resident of Prince Rupert/Edmonton and have photos of the area from way back when, we would love to include those, so please send them, your name and a photo title to webmaster@princerupertcommunity.ca and we'll take care of the rest!

Community Polls - This new page was added to help get a sense of the community's view on various current community issues or questions. Check it out to vote or view current results.

We have also been working hard all year to ensure that the web site stays up to date with current information and news/events within our community and City. You can also find contact information for the PRCL executive, dates for upcoming meetings, or information on our current projects and how you can get involved.



UPCOMING EVENT: HALL FUNDRAISER

STAY TUNED FOR SOME EXCITING NEWS!

Keep an eye on your mailbox and the PRCL web site for some exciting news on plans for the new Prince Rupert Community Hall, and a Swinging Fifties party that we are planning to help raise funds for this project.

This fundraiser is being planned for the spring, and will be a fabulous time for the entire family!

If you are interested in helping out for this event, please email Sharon at socialdirector@princerupertcommunity.ca.

UPCOMING FESTIVALS & SPECIAL EVENTS: IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

FEB. 11th PRCL GENERAL MEETINGS

MAR. 11th 7 - 9 PM at the PRCL Hall

APR 8th All community residents are welcome any time, to participate or just listen in.

APR. 29th PRCL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Come out and join us for our AGM. It is a great way to get to know your community ... and maybe even get your feet wet by volunteering for a community league position!

MAY - Date TBA SPRING COMMUNITY EVENT/HALL FUNDRAISER

Stay tuned for more information ...

IN EDMONTON

NOW OPEN TOBAGGAN HILLS ARE NOW OPEN at Rundle Park, Gallagher Park, Whitemud Park, Government Hill Park and Emily Murphy Park

FEB 10 or 12 STEP and CSJ WORKSHOPS - Please pre-register by calling 780-442-4846

FEB 20, 21 & 22 SILVER SKATE FESTIVAL - www.silverskatefestival.org

Includes speed skating, ice dancing, snow sculptors, treats, games, skating, sleigh rides, races, storytelling and children's activities (inside and out). A fun winter celebration for the whole family.

FEB 21st OUTDOOR SOCCER REGISTRATION - www.edmontonwestsoccer.com

Register for outdoor soccer for various skill levels from Under 4 to Under 18 age groups. Community membership is required. Some communities will be registering today from 10 AM - 2 PM at Westmount Mall, but you can check with Edmonton West Soccer for more information.

MAR 8th GET IN THE GAME! OIL KINGS PROMOTION - www.oilkings.ca

The Oil Kings provide a great way to have some affordable family fun. Present your community membership card and receive a \$15 ticket (a saving of \$10 or more) to the March 8th game vs. Lethbridge @ 5 pm (Kids Carnival night.) Call John Sutherland at 780-409-2474 or email him, or call the EFCL Office at 780-437-2913 to receive the special promotion code.