

PRCL Community News

MEMBERSHIP HAS BENEFITS!

Funds generated through PRCL memberships are used to maintain the hall, produce a newsletter, organize community programs, show good neighbourly spirit and make the community a more pleasant place to live.

Benefits include admission discounts at City of Edmonton sports and fitness facilities, free skating on outdoor and some indoor rinks, a vote on community issues, and the sense of belonging to the community. A great deal for only \$20 per individual/family!

To get your 2009-2010 membership, please contact Laura at 780-455-3327 or president@princerupertcommunity.ca.

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Prince Rupert
COMMUNITY LEAGUE

RINK SEASON COMING SOON:

RINK OPERATOR REQUIRED

Rink season will be starting soon and the PRCL is accepting applications for a Rink Operator. Duties include the maintenance and upkeep of the rink, as well as supervising the usage of the rink and hall

This position requires the Rink Operator to be flexible enough to open and close the rink and hall according to set operating hours, assist in group usage of rink, complete timely snow removal from the rink and hall areas, build and flood the ice in a timely manner, maintain rink equipment, collect memberships and ensure rink rules are enforced.

For more information or to submit an application, please contact Demetrius at 780-455-3327 or email sports@princerupertcommunity.ca by October 21st.

Thank you!



FIGHTING CRIME:

HOME SECURITY IS A CHALLENGE - INSIDE AND OUT!

BREAK AND ENTERS ARE A PROBLEM IN ALL PARTS OF THE CITY.

How bad is it? In 2008 there were a total of 1184 break and enters in Downtown Division - that is 3.2 every day. The EPS uses various resources to limit the problem. Patrol officers, detectives, crime scenes officers, dogs, Air-1, intelligence officers, the Victim Services Unit and the Pawn Shop Detail are some of the resources that are regularly called upon to deal with break and enters. Neighborhood Watch, the Community Police Radio Network, Crime Stoppers and other community groups are also active in preventing break and enters. Suspects are often caught but many fall into a cycle of re-offending, being caught, and re-offending.

The EPS and its associated community groups are not enough to reduce break and enters to the lowest possible number. Individual residents must also rise to the challenge by taking reasonable precautions. Long gone are the days when windows and doors could always be left unlocked.

There are many different aspects to consider when thinking about home security. Some are obvious and others are not. The different aspects may vary depending on the type of residence; older or newer, apartment or house, rural or urban, garage or no garage. New security products are another consideration.

Some obvious but important items to consider for your home and/or garage are the windows and doors. These are the main points of entry for criminals and should be evaluated for how easily they can be breached. With respect to exterior doors, they should be solid core or steel with good deadbolts going into a strong frame. Peepholes, good lighting, unobstructed views for the neighbors'/passers-by and alarms are also important considerations for doors. With respect to windows, some products that should be considered are secondary locks (especially for sliding windows), security bars, laminate coating to prevent breaking, and alarms. Lower windows should not be hidden with bushes or branches. Blinds or curtains should be closed at night.

Besides making windows and doors secure and visible, there are other ways to deter break and enters. Displaying signs of life and activity around a property can be a good deterrent. Motion activated lighting around the property is recommended. However, the lights should be placed so they cannot be easily tampered with. Like indoor lights, exterior lights can also have timers to switch them on and off at designated times. Dogs are a sign of life and activity and can be a deterrent. Some people also leave radios on when they are away from home.

As times change, there are new aspects of home security to consider. People who keep family photos or important documents on a computer should consider storing back-up copies in a different location in the event their computer is stolen. Jewellery should be kept in less obvious places. Locking mail boxes are a good idea to prevent private information being obtained by criminals involved in fraud offences. People busy with yard work should consider locking the doors to their house. Similarly, it is a good idea to lock doors when you are inside. Valuables can be photographed or videotaped for identification and insurance purposes. In fact, some insurance companies will reduce premium costs if items are marked and recorded in some way.

It is never the fault of the residents when they fall victim to a break and enter. However, residents need to take reasonable precautions. Most people have good knowledge about home security but many do not put it into practice. Evaluate and challenge your home security before the criminal does. For more detailed information on home security visit the EPS Information Centre at Londonderry Mall, a community station, or visit our web site: <http://www.edmontonpolice.ca/crimeprevention.aspx>.

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COMMUNITY INFO:

ODDS AND ENDS

SNOW ANGEL ASSISTANCE FOR SENIORS

Rites of Passage is planning a Friday winter program where the children will be given the opportunity to give back to the community. These Snow Angels will help seniors that are in need of assistance clearing sidewalks and driveways. If you would like to be added to the list, please contact Laura at president@princerupertcommunity.ca or call 780-455-3327.

EDMONTON INDY 50/50 FUNDRAISER

A special thank you goes out to all our 50/50 volunteers for the 2009 Edmonton Indy this past July. PRCL's share totaled almost \$5800. Please note - Sunday's winning ticket is still unclaimed and can be checked on the "Home" tab at www.edmontonindy.com.

50/50 Winning Ticket Numbers for 2009:

Friday's winning ticket was #11226 for \$5,488 - CLAIMED

Saturday's winning ticket was #20201 for \$8,544 - CLAIMED

Sunday's winning ticket was #41234 for \$13,282 - STILL NOT CLAIMED

Please refer to the back of your 50/50 ticket for details on how to claim your prize. See you next year!

BIG BIN 2009

Our Big Event held Saturday, September 12th, was a resounding success.

Four bins were filled, including one with organic waste weighing in at 3700 lbs. Thank you to all our hard working volunteers who assisted with the pickup and unloading of discarded materials, and special thanks to Demetrius for organizing the day. The winners of the draw for the garbage cans donated by Canadian Tire were Rita Klassen and Wayne Boyles.

We also wish to thank the following companies for their generous donations: **Landscaping Naturally Ltd.** for the gloves they donated to our volunteers; **Sid's Bobcat Service** for their donated rides for volunteers and help with clean up; **CBH Services** (488 - JUNK) for their donation of a truck for the day, as well as delivery of and payment for materials delivered to the eco station; the **City of Edmonton** for providing funding to make the event viable; **Canadian Tire** for their donation of garbage cans for a door prize; **cleanit greenit** for the donation of a disposal facility for the drop off of our 3700 lbs of organic waste; and **Four Seasons Landscaping** for their clean up service of the grass and parking lot on event day. Thank you all for helping us make this event possible!

AND NOW, A WORD FROM ...

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FOR OUR LITTLEST COMMUNITY MEMBERS: KIDS' CORNER

Q. WHY IS DRACULA SO UNPOPULAR?

A. BECAUSE HE'S A PAIN IN THE NECK.

Q. WHAT DO YOU CALL A FAT JACK-O-LANTERN?

A. A PLUMPKIN!

Q. WHAT DID THE MOTHER GHOST SAY TO THE BABY GHOST AS THEY DROVE DOWN THE STREET?

A. BUCKLE YOUR SHEET BELT!

Q. WHY DIDN'T THE SKELETON GO TO THE PARTY?

WITH!

A. BECAUSE HE HAD NO BODY TO GO

Q. WHY ARE GRAVEYARDS SO NOISY?

A. BECAUSE OF ALL THE COFFIN!

WINTER FESTIVAL 2009

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19TH FROM 4 - 8 PM:

Once again the PRCL is hosting a Winter Festival to be held at the Prince Rupert Community Hall on Saturday Dec. 19th from 4-8 PM. Enjoy a sleigh ride through our neighbourhood and take in the festive lights and decorations, or participate in chocolate making, snow shoeing and children's games. Weather permitting, the rink may be open for skating.

We will also be holding our annual Holiday Lights Contest, with prizes awarded to the best decorated homes in our community. Come and share some cheer and the festive spirit with your neighbours. We hope to see you there!

UPCOMING FESTIVALS & SPECIAL EVENTS: IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

- OCT 19** **EFCL REGULAR GENERAL MEETING @ Londonderry Community League Hall**
Held at the Londonderry Community League Hall (14224 - 74 Street)
- NOV 11th and
DEC 9th and
JAN 13th** **PRCL GENERAL MEETING**
Prince Rupert Community League (PRCL) welcomes members of our community at our monthly general meetings. The next general meeting will be held on November 11, 2009 at 7 PM at the PRCL Hall. Everyone is welcome!
- DEC. 19th** **PRCL WINTER FESTIVAL AND HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST**
Please see above for more information.

JAN 11 & 12 PRCL CASINO



The Prince Rupert Casino will be held on January 11 & 12, 2010. Casino night is our largest fundraiser for the community and we need the help of some generous community volunteers to help us make it a success. If you would like to get involved, please contact Susan at casinodirector@princerupertcommunity.ca

IN EDMONTON

- OCT 16 - 18th** **16TH ANNUAL SCARECROW FESTIVAL @ NORTHLANDS AGRICOM - www.scarecrowfestival.org**
- OCT 17 - 18th** **EDMONTON WOMAN'S SHOW @ NORTHLANDS - www.womanshow.com**
- OCT 18th** **BOO AT THE ZOO @ THE VALLEY ZOO - www.valleyzoo.ca**
- OCT 23 & 24** **SPOOKTACULAR @ FORT EDMONTON PARK - www.fortedmontonpark.ca**
- OCT 25th** **TRICKS, TREATS AND TALES @ THE MUTTART CONSERVATORY - www.edmonton.ca**
- NOV 6 - 15** **FARMAIR INTERNATIONAL @ NORTHLANDS - www.farmfairinternational.com**
- NOV 11 - 15TH** **CANADIAN FINALS RODEO @ REXALL PLACE - www.canadianfinalsrodeo.com**
- NOV 25 - 27th** **ROYAL ALEX CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE @ ROYAL ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL - 9 AM to 4 PM**
- NOV 26 - 29TH** **BRIGHTNIGHTS WINTER FAMILY FESTIVAL**
- DEC 6th** **JINGLE ON! ANNUAL INDOOR SANTA CLAUS PARADE - www.edmontondowntown.com**