



*Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year
from your Gold Bar
Executive!*



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Gold Bar Community League Executive

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Focusing on Community Safety in our Communities

Are you concerned about safety in your neighbourhood? Do you want to learn about tips and strategies that you and your neighbours can implement?

On Tuesday January 20th 2009, 7:30pm Central South East Community Leagues and the City of Edmonton Community Services, South East Service Area, will be hosting an information "gathering" featuring representatives from Safe Edmonton, Safe Parents, Community Policing and other agencies yet to be confirmed.

The goals of this meeting are to examine personal and community safety concerns and to share strategies, tools, and resources to make for a safer community.

Please contact Susan Dack, CRC, at either 780-496-1470 or susan.dack@edmonton.ca

Seniors in need of shoveling

Seniors Association of Greater Edmonton-SAGE Phone **780-423-5510** to find information about the snow shoveling assistance program.

Broken playground equipment

Call **780-469-7320** to report broken or dangerous playground equipment.

Babysitting Registry

Our Community League has a babysitting registry with a roster of local young people willing to babysit on a casual basis. Call Lil at 780-466-4060 and she will put you in touch with someone offering babysitting services.

Upcoming BINGO Dates

Please **check your calendars** and volunteer for any of these upcoming Bingo dates:

PARKWAY

Sunday, December 14, 2008
Wednesday, January 21, 2009
Saturday, February 14, 2009
Friday, April 17, 2009
Tuesday, May 12, 2009
Monday, June 15, 2009
Thursday, July 9, 2009
Wednesday, August 12, 2009

FORT ROAD

Friday, February 6, 2009
Saturday, February 28, 2009
Sunday, March 8, 2009
Thursday, March 26, 2009
Wednesday, May 20, 2009
Thursday, June 11, 2009
Wednesday, June 17, 2009

As always, your help is appreciated by the Gold Bar Community.

Newsletter Submissions

If you have a submission for the Gold Bar Newsletter, please call Stacey at 780-465-0486 or e-mail at: littleherbrik@shaw.ca. The deadline for the January newsletter is 9:00 pm, January 2, 2009.

You can also contact me if you need to post a message on the **community sign** located at 106 Ave. & 47 St.

You can access community information and events on the Gold Bar website at: www.goldbarcl.com

Gold Bar Building Committee Update

Donations

Many thanks to those who donated during the November "Donate in 2008" campaign, and a special thanks to all involved in the Gold Bar Craft Fair that was held on November 22nd – proceeds from the table rentals were designated to the Gold Bar Building Project.

Community Contacts

Are you a Gold Bar resident who is a member of a service organization or an employee of a company that believes in charitable giving? There are many potential funders we would like to approach for monetary or gift-in-kind donations, however they require that there is at least one member or employee living in our neighborhood before we may submit a proposal or application. Giving us permission to include your name on an application does not oblige you to be responsible for it in any way, other than in name only. For further inquiry please call Isabella Pierce 780-466-3895 or Trudy Berry 780-465-2243.

Fundraising Kick-Off 2009

Our fundraising kick-off will take place in conjunction with Family Fun Day on Sunday, February 15 at Gold Bar Hall. All proceeds from this event will go toward the Gold Bar Building Project and we are planning things differently this year. There will be horse-drawn wagon rides, skating, children's activities and hot chocolate in the afternoon, followed by a chili/hot dog dinner and pie-eating contest that evening. For the contest there will be several age categories

and great prizes. Mark your calendar now and plan to come to one or both of these community-wide fun-filled events. Watch for all the details in the January newsletter.

Our Building Group Strategy

We are finishing a proposal to select our consultants and start the professional side of the project. The consultants will help to finalize the drawings and plans for the hall, and move us through engineering and construction. There are a host of decisions that we will make as part of the process, and these people will provide the technical expertise needed. Our plan is to have the consultants in place by the end of the first quarter of 2009.

Our Partnership Strategy

We have been working with another non-profit group, North Seera Hockey, who want space in the new building for meetings and equipment storage. We have presented several options to them and asked them to enter into a non-binding letter of intent. It is a framework whereby they will help with some of our capital costs, and in return they will become a partner to Gold Bar and our building project. The plan is to have the letter signed in the first quarter of the year, and proceed through the approval process with the community and the city. Please contact Laurie Scott 780-468-1272 if you have any questions or comments. To other non-profit groups that are working with Gold Bar community members, if you have space needs or requirements for your group we welcome your enquiries for potential space in the new facility. ■

Fitness, Fun & Fellowship

Fitness, Fun & Fellowship at Grace United Church has now finished their fantastic fall session and invites you to join in January! Women of all ages and fitness levels are welcome. Registration for the 10 week winter session will take place on Wednesday, January 7 at 9:30 am at Grace 6215-104 Ave. Fees for the Monday class are only \$30, the first class is January 12. Fees for the Wednesday class, with childcare provided, are only \$40, the first class is January 14. Both classes run 9:30-10:45 am and are followed by coffee time. For more detailed information please call Holly Bishop 780-466-5907 or Sandra Rosychuk 780-466-9542.

Cycling Mommas

Cycling Mommas enjoyed a great turn-out this fall thanks to the beautiful weather. We were able to ride our bikes right up to the last ride November 4, with a few choosing to walk instead when the temperature dipped below zero. Our wind-up potluck on November 6 was wonderfully delicious and fun. Whether you are a keen cyclist, or haven't been on a bike for years, or somewhere in between, all are welcome to join this group. Please mark your calendars for our Spring Registration on Thursday, April 9, 2009 @ 9:30 am at Grace 6215-104 Ave. Watch for more information in future issues or contact Sandra Rosychuk 780-466-9542.

Our Condolences

Pat Weidman, a resident of Gold Bar Community for 49 years, passed away peacefully the morning of November 28 at the age of 77. Pat will be sadly missed by her husband of 53 years, Arnold; son Bill (Angela), grandsons Scott and Jake Weidman; daughters Teresa (Chris) Nicolson, Karen Weidman (David Curial) granddaughters Danielle and Lauryn Curial. Karen and David have lived in Gold Bar for 16 years.

Cell Phone Collection Fundraiser

The 70th Gold Bar Scout Group is participating in Pitch-In Canada's National Cell Phone Collection Program. We are collecting all cell phones, new or old, broken or working, any brand and all operating systems, also all Personal Digital Assistants (PDA's). They are acceptable with or without the battery. The phones are sent to PhoneBack Canada, where they are refurbished or remanufactured for re-use in developing countries where they rely on wireless communications. Any phones that cannot be refurbished are recycled to recover reusable materials. We receive \$1.00 for every Cell phone and PDA returned to PhoneBack Canada. We have collection boxes at the following locations:

Gold Bar School, 10524 - 46 Street
Great Hair Day, 7209 A - 101 Avenue

If you have any questions please call Delia at 780-468-2276 or Lorna at 780-465-5594.

Gold Bar Preschool

Gold Bar Preschool is currently accepting new registrants. This dynamic parent cooperative preschool operates Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9:00-11:30 in Gold Bar School, Room 15. Our excellent teacher, Ms. McCubbin, has a Bachelor degree in Elementary Education from the University of Alberta, with a minor in Physical education, and has national coaching certification. A non-refundable fee of \$30 is required to register. Fees are as follows: Two days a week - \$180 per three month term (\$60 per month); three days a week - \$240 per three month term (\$80 per month). Your child must be three years old and toilet trained to attend. For more information, or to register, please call Ashley at 780-462-1963. We'd love to have some new friends join us!