



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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THANK YOU's all around...

Thank you to all the Gold Bar Residents who worked the last casino for Gold Bar School. These funds provide so much for our school and we couldn't do it without the support of our great community. - Ron Tkachuk

An enormous thank you to the families who helped cover up the graffiti at the Gold Bar Community Hall and playground. Thanks also to the City of Edmonton and the Gold Bar Community League for providing the supplies needed to help us show our pride in our community. -Sondi Gross

Thank you again to our area residents for so generously donating all their empty bottles of all kinds, for the Scouts Bottle Drive. In total, we recycled: 34,200 pop and juice cans; 13,104 beer cans; 10,860 beer bottles; 25,704 plastic bottles; 10,824 glass bottles; 5,375 tetra packs; and 72 misc. bottles for a grand total of 100,139 items! What an amazing amount of energy goes into this project. The Scouts were able to raise \$7,000.00. - Lorna Abramic

Gold Bar Craft Fair

The Gold Bar Community League presents the **Gold Bar Craft Fair, Saturday, November 22 from 10-4** at Gold Bar Hall

There will be a unique selection of items from local craftspeople and Edmonton artists. Come early to get the best selection and a head start on your Christmas shopping. Free admission and parking.

Christmas Sale and Lunch

Grace United Church (6215-104 Ave) will be holding a

Christmas Sale and Lunch on Saturday, December 6 from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm.

There will be baking, a gift table, silent auction, a fish pond, and lunch (cost \$6). Everyone is welcome! Help ease the stress of this busy season with delicious homemade baking while you shop for unique gifts and have a great lunch.

Our condolences

Our condolences go out to long-time residents Gunter and Emma Diefenbach and sisters Hedy Peterson and Irene Lauder on the passing of their son (brother) **Bernie Diefenbach**. Bernie grew up in Gold Bar and played on numerous sports teams throughout his childhood. His wife Ingrid (Loback) also lived in the Gold Bar and Fulton area. Ingrid currently resides in Sherwood Park with their two children.

Our condolences also go out to Maxine, who lost her husband, **Robert (Bob) Townsend**, on October 17. Maxine and Bob were originals in Gold Bar. They moved to this neighbourhood in the late fifties before the streets were even paved, and raised their five children here.

It is with great sadness that we tell you of the passing of **Angela Enockson**, at the age of 18. There isn't anyone in our neighbourhood who didn't recognize Angie, with her wheelchair and ever-present smile. Due to her serious medical condition, Angie needed 24/7 care. Our most sincere condolences go to Marty and Tricia Enockson, Angie's foster parents. Her sunny disposition and upbeat attitude will surely be missed by all. She was a real inspiration.

Edmonton Police Service

Notice of concern for our area...

Our area is currently a prime target for auto theft and theft from auto related crimes. The EPS is asking you be aware of the risk and do what you can to prevent becoming a victim. It is important to recognize that the majority of vehicle-related crimes are committed to support other criminal activities such as robberies, drug dealing or evading police through flight. Any vehicle is susceptible.

By implementing a few easy steps, we can avoid these types of crimes. Roll up the windows and hide or take all valuable items with you. Take your keys, and lock your doors. Park your vehicle in a well lit area, and back into driveways if you can. The EPS would be happy to help you with more tips on this ever-growing, serious problem.

If you see any suspicious activity call:
Edmonton Police Service **780-423-4567**
Crime Stoppers **1-800-222-TIPS (8477)**
or submit your tip safely and securely online at www.tipsubmit.com

Also in our neighbourhood...

Please be aware that there is a woman with red hair going door to door asking for money for medication. She asks for a small amount of money, but it is still a scam. **Do not give her money or invite her into your home.**

Gold Bar School

A note from the Principal, Noreen Billey

The Superintendent of Edmonton Public Schools has 20/20 vision, which translates to a vision for the year 2020, when all students who are presently in grade 1, will graduate from high school. This vision is alive and demonstrated every day at Gold Bar Elementary School, as staff work with students to meet individual learning needs, creating opportunities for success for all.

In addition to high quality teaching and learning, Gold Bar students have many opportunities to be involved in extra curricular activities. We have a Running Club for students in grades 3-6 that meets every morning from 7:50-8:30. The emphasis in this club is on making healthy choices and on promoting fitness for life. These students recently ran in the C.A.P.H.E.R. Run at Hawrelak Park and were all proud of their individual accomplishments. Division II students are invited to participate in the school choir and/or the handbell group, which each meet once a week during lunch hour.

A student council was formed recently. Students are involved in planning 'fun' activities for all students. The first event will be 'Dress for the Rodeo Day', which will be held on Friday, Nov. 7.

Student volunteers from Mount Carmel College join our students each Tuesday and Thursday for structured playground games during the lunch hour. It has become quite a highlight of our week.

Gold Bar School hosts themed assemblies throughout the year. Students are active participants in a variety of roles. The next assembly is on Monday, **Nov. 10 at 10:40 a.m.** in recognition of Remembrance Day. Parents and members of the community are welcome.

Our music program is currently preparing for our annual Christmas concert which will be held on **Thursday, Dec. 11**. Feel free to contact the school at 780-466-4116 if you would like to join us for the afternoon performance of this event.

Gold Bar School is a model of home and school partnership to support student learning. We have parents, grandparents, and community members, volunteering in a variety of ways. Feel free to contact us if you would like to get involved. We are always welcoming new volunteers. We are exploring the idea of a community knitting bee to provide always needed mitts, hats and scarves for many of our little ones.

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

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 Parent Association

I would like to welcome everyone back to another year at Gold Bar School. Seeing the fun our children have together in the environment we have given them is an inspiration to many. But this environment can take some work to maintain. As in the past, the Parents Association has taken the responsibility to ensure that school and student needs are heard and met, but we are only a few people who would like to know what you would like to see accomplished. We require your input on our direction and would like you to put forward your ideas and assistance in what we do for your children. This, in any form, would be helpful. We can take pride in the fact that many parents help around the school. But I am sure that there are others out there that are worried they will be expected to contribute a lot of time and effort if they help. **This is not the case.**

To help us understand your ideas, please attend our next meeting at the school to see how a very small effort can go a long way. As our children grow and see us as parents working together, they too will benefit from our example. **Child care is arranged** for the meetings and the time commitment is short. Please contact me any time if you have any questions. Our next meeting is **Wednesday, November 5 at 6:45.**

At this meeting, I also invite all parents of the school to bring extra mitts, jackets, boots, scarves, etc. that no longer fit and we can have a "Winter Wear" exchange. There are plenty of us who have good girl coats or boots that our sons refuse to wear, and vice versa. So please bring these items (in good condition), and we can all benefit from the winter wear clothes swap.

Thank you, Gold Bar Council Member
Matthew Sitar 780-690-8428

Upcoming BINGO Dates

Please **check your calendars** to see if you can volunteer for any of these upcoming Bingo dates:

PARKWAY

Sunday, December 14, 2008

FORT ROAD

Tuesday, November 18, 2008

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.

Ringette News

The Edmonton Elite Junior Ringette team struck GOLD on the Thanksgiving weekend. The girls played hard and won their pool and then went on to win GOLD in the whole tournament. The Edmonton Elite team is comprised of girls aged 14 to 16, and congratulations go to **Julie Cork** for her teams great win!

Donate in 2008

Although our major fund-raising campaign is not yet underway for the new community hall, we invite you to **donate during the month of November to receive a charitable tax receipt for the current taxation year with a minimum \$10 donation**. Cheques are payable to Gold Bar Community League and must be dated and delivered no later than December 1st to Diane Brauer, 4711-105 A Avenue. If you have any questions please call Diane at 780-468-2534 or e-mail her at diane@divineplanet.com.

When we kick off our fund-raising campaign in early 2009, we will be launching a pledge program with donation categories and incentives. **All donations you make in '08, '09, and '10 will count toward your total donation for the project and you will receive charitable tax receipts for each year you contribute**. Watch for detailed information in upcoming newsletters, and on our community sign and web site, www.goldbarcl.com on how you can be a part of the success of this largest neighbourhood improvement project ever!

Community Appeal

As we begin the process of seeking grants for the new community hall, we will be looking to private and public foundations, service organizations, and corporations. **In many cases we are required by potential funders to have a contact person living in our neighbourhood before even being considered**. Are you a Gold Bar resident who is a member of a service organization or an employee of a company with a funding program that would fit with our project goals of community improvement, sustainability, and leadership; environmental "green" initiatives, wheelchair accessibility; health and wellness? Are you willing to put your name forward on behalf of your organization or company so that we may proceed with a grant application or inquiry into funding? If your answer is "yes", please contact Isabella Pierce or Trudy Berry at your earliest convenience.

Your Gold Bar Building Committee

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Come visit our display at the Gold Bar Craft Fair on November 22nd!