

# In This Issue



## First Word from Duggan Details Editor Tonya Lambert

Well, for a few days there, it looked like winter had arrived early this year. The heavy, treacherous snowfall that hit the city on October 14 led to dangerous road conditions and fears that winter was here to stay. Thankfully, that was not the case. The grass is green again and there are even some flowers that survived the early snowfall. Hopefully, winter will hold off till after the kids are done trick-or-treating.



The streets of Duggan and Rideau Park are starting to take on a festive, if sometimes scary, air. With Halloween only a week away, residents are busy carving jack-o-lanterns, hanging ghosts from tree branches and decorating their yards with all manner of scary creatures. The last two pages of this issue are devoted to photos of Halloween 2016.

Curious where Duggan got its name? Tom Monto explains in the article, 'Who was J. J. Duggan?' Duggan Community League is in need of more volunteers, both for on the board as well as for individual events like the annual soccer tournament and fundraising casino. If you are interested, contact any of the members listed on the following page. We would love to have you join us!



Once winter does arrive to stay, there will be sidewalks and streets to be cleared of snow. You will find articles in this issue explaining the city's street and sidewalk maintenance policies as well as information on the new Snow Angels Program.

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Board Meetings are held at the Duggan Community Hall on the first Monday of every month.

# Message from Ken Greenway, VP & Acting President

Welcome to Fall (or perhaps winter with our early snow?) and to another issue of Duggan Details. It's hard to believe summer has come and gone already. The weather forecasters (and the Farmer'stournament. The tournament committee works Almanac) are suggesting a cold, snowy winter so I trust the summer memories will help carry us through the winter months. For those of you (I'm ment to ensure its smooth running. We are in critinot one) anxiously waiting winter to support your outdoor activities that required snow or ice...the summer's end may be a blessing! Now that school tournament weekend. Those of us left need some is back in, vacation season is over and for the most part our routines are re-established, I'd like functioning and focus on the people who have, and committee. are, supporting the league's activities.

As many of you may have been aware, Duggan Details had been missing for some time. It is now resurrected thanks to Tonya Lambert, who has gra- (see his article in this issue) and any of you wanciously stepped forward to carry out the work of print and distribute Duggan Details to our commu-see Duggan residents growing food and building nity residents as we are in need of a volunteer to coordinate distribution (and find people to deliver the hardcopies). Anyone interested, please contact Any of you who may have used the Duggan hall Tonya or myself. For now, we will stay entirely digital.

Duggan Soccer continues to be successful with kids from 4 - 18 registering in both outdoor and indoor teams. Brad Kring has stepped forward to lead Duggan Soccer as Ali Kamal has stepped down from this role to focus on other work. A huge thankyou to Ali for his years of service to Duggan Soccer and to Brad for his years of service successful. Hall rentals can be made on-line on yet to come! Ali has not left soccer totally, however. He continues to coach indoor and outdoor teams and will continue to serve as the Duggan Mother's Day Tournament Director. A final note on Duggan Soccer's Mother's Day Tournament. As any of you with kids in Duggan Soccer know, the tournament is our signature event and demands for this position. Michael will be a great asset in a huge army of volunteers. The tournament or-

ganizing committee has shrunk over the past few years, though the tournament itself has been growing as more teams see it as a key season-opening diligently from January to May to plan all aspects of the tournament and is present during the tournacal need of more tournament committee members and people willing to be present over the entire 'new blood' to support the tournament's continued success. Please contact Ali, Brad or myself if you to provide a brief overview of the Duggan League can help our Mother's Day Tournament organizing

The Duggan Community Garden is another hugely successful venture organized by Duggan residents. Bill Marshall heads the Community Garden group dering around the hall may have noticed the garputting it together periodically. We are not able to den's sign, picnic table and plots. It's wonderful to relationships as they tend their plots.

> will note that Salim Muradali, our long-serving hall rental volunteer, has left for personal reasons. Salim started with a 'short' stint as our hall coordinator and, eight years later, resigned. Salim was a critical volunteer in ensuring our hall rentals (that support hall operational and maintenance expenses) were well organized. Rene and Crystal Meister have now been hired as the Duggan Hall managers and are carrying on in ensuring hall rentals are the Duggan site.

> Duggan Webmaster, Kevin Harris took a new job in Toronto this spring and we've been without someone to look after our web page. Recently, Michael Elliot has stepped forward to volunteer keeping our digital presence up-to-date and will be

ity to be digitally competent! Roger Plouffe (our long-serving president who moved away for work positions. We have yet to fill the President's role several years ago) and Gerald Draganiuk (our in keeping Duggan's digital systems afloat. We also welcome Samantha Goettel as the coordinator of the Duggan Facebook and Twitter accounts. Andrew Chell had been managing the Facebook page and our Social Director was doing the same for Twitter. Samantha has agreed to manage both to host events at the hall or in your local neighof these and we trust we can reach more Duggan residents with a renewed effort to utilized digital communications.

Other volunteers continue to support the work of the League, and I'd like to acknowledge them. Richard Mak continues to serve as our treasurer keeping track of accounts and filling out applications for grants to support the league and the hall renovations/maintenance. Ali continues to serve as the second VP, Andre Huellstrung manages the league membership program, and Andrew Chell is our civics director representing Duggan at the South-West Area Council (the group of south west moval on sidewalks is a key obligation. The City area community leagues) and leading the Duggan engagement with City of Edmonton initiatives. Gerald Draganiuk keeps our meetings recorded and manages the Duggan Leagues access to fundraising bingo events (three per year) and casino (one about every 18 months). Duggan League will neighbours in snow removal, please take the initiabe getting a casino date for the first quarter of 2017tive after a snow event to get to know your neigh-(final date yet to be determined) and we will be in bours and offer your help. If you are interested in need of a significant number of volunteers to work organizing a "match-maker" service (linking snow that event. Casinos provide Duggan with critical funding to support hall maintenance and maintenance of the ice and rink infrastructure as well as supporting league programming. Without the funds provided by the casino, the league would be Your league representatives and committee memin very significant financial constraints. PLEASE bers can be reached through links on the Duggan contact Gerald Draganiuk if you would be willing web page, or call Rene/Crystal at the league phone to help with our upcoming casino.

Our Youth Director, Jose Rubio stepped down several months ago due to changes in his work and

key in providing Duggan with the technical capac- this position remains open. The League still has numerous other vacancies in programs and board since Roger's resignation almost two years ago. I current, and long-serving, secretary) have been keycontinue to serve as "acting President" as the President's role is critical in all the formalities of running a Community League. Our Social Director, Yalina Liubaoerjijin, moved out of Duggan and, as you may be aware, the League's social calendar is rather bare. Options are many for the League bourhood (e.g. Halloween, Christmas, Community League Day, Taste of Duggan, community garage sale) but organizing and running such events need champions. If this might be you, PLEASE get in touch with any of your league representatives. We have openings for just about any skill set as the core volunteers at this point are simply keeping things from falling apart, whereas with some more hands and minds, perhaps Duggan could create new programs and help League and Board function to meet more Duggan residents' needs.

> As winter approaches, please remember snow reof Edmonton runs a Snow Angels program (see article in this issue) and aiding your neighbours who may need a bit of extra help is encouraged. If there are young (and/or fit) Duggan residents who would be willing to volunteer their time to help removal volunteers with those in need) for Duggan, please contact myself to discuss what support the league can provide (president@mydcl.ca).

> number (780) 436 – 6987.

# Who Was J. J. Duggan?

The Duggan Community is named after a man who was prominent in the old City of Strathcona, as a businessman and a local leader but whose great goal in life was to be a farmer. And the Duggan communi-Motorists can say thanks for thus having a roadty is built on one of his farms.

Born in Ontario of Irish Catholic parents, John Joseph Duggan came west as a young lad with his fam- As the bridge neared completion, a move grew ily to farm near Camrose in 1890. The following year, to amalgamate the Edmonton on the north side the Calgary and Edmonton railway was built. And J.J. of the river with Strathcona on the southside. rode one of its first trains to the end of steel at what is Duggan was elected mayor at this time and he now Whyte Avenue. A wealthy uncle, a BC lumberman, was opening one of the first lumberyards in the southsiders with Edmonton's high debt load, new railway centre, and J.J. took on the job of being its manager. A short time later, J.J., acting as agent for "British Columbia Lumber", advertised that he was accepting oats in exchange for lumber – the oats probably needed for the horses that pulled his large lumber wagons on deliveries. This was the start of a successful career, which eventually grew to include owning a farm implement store and lucrative real estate investments during northern Alberta's boom before World War I.

He married Margaret Bell McDonald, an active Catholic, and the two helped found South Edmonton's first Catholic church, St. Anthony's, which now sits in Fort Edmonton Park. He had a fine house built And that is the man the Duggan community is on Saskatchewan Drive, which still stands today as a designated historic building. In 1908, he sold the lumberyard and the farm implement store and got out of business.

In the meantime, a town and then a city under the name Strathcona had grown up around Duggan's lumberyard, and Duggan was elected mayor. Under his mayorship, the first bridge over the coulee at 106 Street and Saskatchewan Drive was built. A modern replacement for that bridge bears his name today.

As mayor of Strathcona, he negotiated with the CPR about the need for a roadway on the High Level

Bridge. It was at this time that local residents pushed for the roadway to be wide enough for two hay wagons to pass each other on the bridge. way on the bridge wide enough for two lanes of traffic today.

opposed amalgamation saying it would saddle while Strathcona had been prudent in the expenditure of public money. He continued the fight when re-elected the next year, but then when the next election drew close, he decided not to run again, not wanting to preside over Strathcona's demise as a separate city, which was by that point pretty much a done deal.

He bought a couple of large farms south of Strathcona and took great pleasure as a middle-aged man working the land shoulder to shoulder with his farmhands. The land Duggan and his workers sweated over is where the Duggan community sits today.

named after.

Tom Monto is author of the book Old Strathcona - Edmonton's Southside Roots, available at Alhambra Books, 10115 81 Avenue.





# "A Special Thank You to Everyone Who Helped the Community Garden Grow!

"Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in."

(Marjorie Moore)

As we come to the end of our third growing season at the Duggan Community Garden and put away our garden tools for another winter, it is a perfect time to take stock of where we have come and how we got here.

There have been many changes over the past three years. With the help of many volunteers who generously donated their time and energy, we have transformed a stretch of lawn south of the Duggan Community League parking lot into a thriving organic community garden and orchard. We certainly could not have done any of this without our wonderful gardeners and volunteers, and we would like to send a heartfelt message of gratitude to each and every one of them! They have donated countless hours to the garden by attending monthly garden meetings, organizing and purchasing supplies, building boxes for the individual beds, attending work bees, mowing the grass, turning the compost, filling the water tank, watering the fruit trees, and many, many other important activities that are vital for our garden to grow!

We are also very grateful for the assistance of several organizations. The Duggan Community League gave their full support to the garden from the very beginning; they generously provided funding, storage space for tools, and free access to water. Sustainable Food Edmonton (SFE) gave encouragement and guidance throughout the entire planning process, as well as a generous grant for garden construction. Carla Meyer (the SFE garden facilitator until recently) has been a veritable cheerleader for the garden, and we benefited greatly from her experience, advice, and enthusiastic support over the years! Finally, the Community Recreation Coordinators for the City of Edmonton (first Regan Gee then Tyler Pollock) provided

much-appreciated assistance with the planning process and the City of Edmonton application. Last but not least, we would like to extend our gratitude to Anita Gregoire, who started the whole ball rolling. Anita offered her considerable knowledge and expertise to the community garden and helped turn it from a dream into a reality!

We are indebted to everyone who has supported the Duggan Community Garden over the last three years. With your assistance, we have built something of which we can be truly proud!

### **Come Grow with Us!**

If you love gardening but do not have sufficient growing space at your own home, consider joining the short waiting list to become a gardener at the Duggan Community Garden! You will not only benefit from growing your own fresh, organic fruits and vegetables, but you will also meet others from the community and make new friends!

The Duggan Community Garden is also currently looking for additional volunteers. If you would like to share your time and talents with the garden, we would be happy to discuss your volunteer interests with you! If you like getting your hands dirty, you could attend our garden work bees, turn the compost, or look after the herb/perennial bed or orchard. If planning is more your style, you might help organize and promote garden events, coordinate garden volunteers, or join the garden committee. Committee members attend short monthly meetings to make plans for the garden. They meet at 7:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month in the back room at the

Duggan Community Hall (access is through the southwest door of the hall). By the way, non-committee members are also welcome to attend any of these meetings, so feel free to stop by to find out what is going on with the garden!

For more information on becoming a gardener, volunteering, or joining the garden committee, please email DugganGarden@mydcl.ca or phone Bill Marshall at 780-463-4365.

We hope that you will take this opportunity to grow with the Duggan Community Garden!

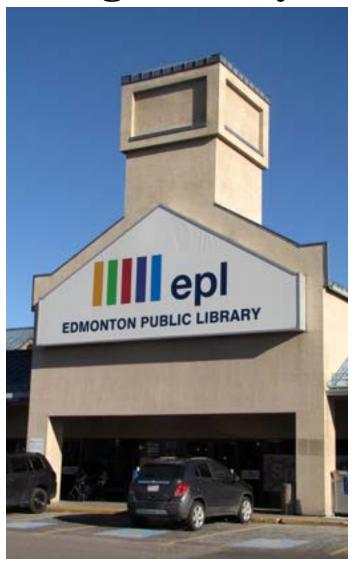


# Whitemud Crossing Library

The Whitemud Crossing branch of the Edmonton Public Library is located at 4211 106 St NW. It is open Monday to Thursday from 10 AM to 9 PM, Friday and Saturday from 10 AM to 6 PM and Sundays from 1 PM to 5 PM. Stop by to borrow a book, DVD, CD or video game. The library offers a variety of programming, some regular and some one-time events. Check the website (http://www.epl.ca/wmc-events/) for special event listings.

Regular programs at Whitemud Crossing include:

- Resume Review and Career Advising @ EPL (Alberta Works)
  1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month @ 1:30-4 pm
  Are you looking for work? Alberta Works staff will be visiting the library to provide one-on-one resume reviews and career advising
- Family Storytime in Arabic Every Thursday @ 10:15 pm Join us for a storytime in Arabic. Fun for the whole family!
- Pop-Up Makerspace 3rd Saturday of every month @ 2 pm Robot challenges, Makey Makey hacks, DIY music, Art and 3-D design are just the beginning! Drop-in, hang out, try things and make fun stuff.



## SouthWest Edmonton Seniors Association (SWESA) Explores Housing Options for Seniors

By: Ellen Frombach

Housing can become a major discussion point for can be difficult and stressful. However, the earlier the 55+ generation. Decisions can be very emotional, as there are a lot of memories tied to the places that we live in. It is also difficult to consider you'll have. By learning about your options, you leaving the communities and friends that we have known for many years. We are nervous about making new friends again and finding services (doctors, dentists, etc.) that we will be happy with.

For those who have just watched their children head to college, questions arise about the size of home that is needed now as well as the possibility of reducing the number of possessions. Retirement Moving Forward: Downsizing Tips for Seniors, may initiate travel opportunities or several new and Boomers and the Sandwich Generation exciting activities that keep home owners busy and tired of keeping up a home and are looking for assistance with maintenance. Medical changes mayplanning, decluttering, organizing and financial housing.

These life adaptations may start discussions about the most suitable housing choices for the future. Being prepared ahead of time makes is easier to make the move when the timing is right.

SWESA is offering two programs to support the exploration of those important housing choices of For other SWESA course offerings, check out our the future.

### Housing Options with Home Care Instead of **Senior Care**

Having a home that you are comfortable and secure in can ensure a happy and fulfilling environment as you age. The key is to financial needs. Whether your search for housing options is prompted by a medical condition or just quality around you means to your health. It is a

you assess your current needs and how those needs may evolve over time, the more choices and control can make the right decision.

When: Wednesday, November 9 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Location: Yellowbird East Community Centre Cost: Member \$2; Non-member \$5 Registration is requested: 587-987-3200

away from home. You may run into the situation Discover solutions to downsizing and moving that where you still wish to stay in your home, but have face multi-generational families of today. Hot topics include staging to sell, to renovate or not, estate also make it important to look for other options for planning for retirement. Presenter is Rennaye Miller, Realty Executives Polaris.

> When: Wednesday, November 16 from 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm Location: Yellowbird East Community Centre Cost: Member \$2; Non-member \$5 Registration is requested. 587-987-3200

Fall Program Guide at www.swedmontonseniors. ca.

Here is another interesting course offering coming in November:

### Air Quality Health Index With Health Canada

match your housing with your lifestyle, health and The Air Quality Health Index or "AQHI" is a scale designed to help you understand what the air the need to downsize, finding the right place to live health protection tool that is designed to help you

make decisions to protect your health by limiting short-term exposure to air pollution and adjusting your activity levels during increased levels of air pollution. Come join Opel Vuzi, Regional Air Quality and Health Specialist with Health Canada, The South West Edmonton Seniors Association on human health and ways to reduce exposure.

When: Wednesday, November 2 from 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Location: Yellowbird East Community Centre Cost: Member \$2; Non-member \$5 Registration is ty Centre (YECC), 10710-19 Avenue requested.

### Look for Other Seniors' Programming in the Southwest

There are other great seniors' programs in several local community senior centres in the southwest as well as in community leagues. Some of these groups have been around longer than SWESA and Like us on Facebook provide excellent opportunities. Check out the

listing of these centres and programs on SWESA's website. If we have missed your senior organization on our list, let us know

to discover more about the impacts of air pollution (SWESA) was formed to reflect the needs of the people 55 and older in southwest Edmonton. Its goal is to provide social, cultural and recreational programs and services that enhance the enjoyment of life.

SWESA Seniors Centre—Yellowbird East Communi-

SWESA Seniors Lounge—Terwillegar Community Recreation Ctr (TCRC), 2051 Leger Rd

587-987-3200 information@swedmontonseniors.ca www.swedmontonseniors.ca

# Survey on Proposed Changes to the Mature Neighbourhood Overlay

The survey is out, have your say! The survey is open until Friday November 4, 2016.

This survey is intended to gauge Edmonton's perspectives on some of the proposed changes to the Overlay. These perspectives will provide City staff with the insight needed to finalize the changes to the Mature Neighbourhood Overlay, prior to advancing the final draft to City Council's Urban Planning Committee. We have limited the survey to nine (9) questions due to the technical nature of the Overlay and Zoning Regulations. These questions address determining the front setback, driveway access, consultation on variances, and cover a variety of new design-focused regulations.

To provide feedback on the entire suite of proposed changes, please feel free to download a Proposed Regulations Interactive Feedback Form from the MNO Review project website. Please submit your completed workbooks by Friday November 4th, 2016 to stephen.cooke@edmonton.ca

The project team looks forward to learning about your views!



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# **Snow in the City**

### Winter Sidewalk Maintenance

Keep Your Sidewalks Safe

Snow and ice on sidewalks is hazardous for everyone. People with limited mobility, seniors, children and parents with strollers (and even those with no mobility limitations at all) may be severe- \*Complaints are accepted between November 1 ly injured from a fall on ice or snow.

Uncleared walkways can also make it difficult for ers, meter readers, delivery drivers and emergencyedmonton.ca/wintersidewalks personnel—to do their jobs safely. In fact, each year, hospitals and doctors' offices are filled with people young and old who have slipped and fallen on poorly maintained sidewalks.

What is my role?

Community Standards Bylaw 14600 requires homeowners and tenants to clear snow and ice from every walk and driveway on or beside their property. Don't forget about any other properties they own, including derelict and vacant buildings--they may have sidewalks that need to be shovelled too.

Use sand or ice-melting products to start the clearing process if you can't shovel immediately after a snowfall. The fine for failing to clear sidewalks within 48 hours of the last snowfall is \$100, so save yourself the money and get it done!

My neighbours haven't been shovelling their walk. What can I do?

If you have a concern about a neighbour's uncleared walk discuss the concern directly with your neighbour. Be a Snow Angel by offering to help them keep it clear if needed. Find out more at edmonton.ca/snowangels. Record the address of the violation and a description of the problem

if you can't resolve the problem directly with your neighbour. Call 311 or register a complaint online at edmonton.ca. You will be asked to provide your name, address, phone number and the details of your concern in case your testimony is required in court.\*

and May 1, and only when it has not snowed for at least 48 hours.

those who deliver services in our city—mail carri-Learn more about sidewalk snow maintenance at

## The Snow Angel Philosophy: "Doing my part for OUR community"

Edmonton is a winter city that sees significant snowfall. The snow and ice that accumulates on sidewalks during the winter season is hazardous for everyone.

People with limited mobility, seniors, children, and parents with strollers (and even those with no limitations) may be severely injured from a fall on ice or snow. Uncleared walkways can also make it difficult for those who deliver services in our city—mail carriers, meter readers, delivery drivers and emergency personnel—to do their jobs safely. In fact, each year, hospitals and doctors' offices are filled with people young and old who have slipped and fallen on unmaintained sidewalks.

For these reasons, Community Standards Bylaw 14600 requires homeowners and tenants in a home to clear snow and ice from every walk and driveway on or beside their property, as well as from any other properties they own, including derelict and vacant buildings. Owners/tenants should use sand or ice-melting products to start the clearing process if they can't shovel immediately after a snowfall. The fine for failing to clear sidewalks within 48 hours of the last snowfall is \$100.

This winter, residents in Duggan who shovel on a ways, main arterial roads;, bus collector routes. regular basis & those who help neighbours in need, may receive a City of Edmonton "Snow Angels" lawn sign from the community league. Snow Angels will also be eligible for a prize pack from Boston Pizza and 1 of 10 pairs of Oil King Tickets.ton.ca/winterroads.

During a major plowing event -- after about 10 cm has accumulated on the ground -- you can check plowing status using the interactive map at edmon-

Become a Snow Angel by:

Shovelling your walk within 48 hours of a snowversation with neighbours about the importance of day of the week the blading cycling begins. clear sidewalks. Making a plan with your neighbours to share the shovelling

Let's work together to keep our sidewalks clear! Proper snow management by the City and its citizens makes Edmonton a more liveable and loveable winter city.

To get a Snow Angels lawn sign, please contact pccl.info@gmail.com

### Winter Street Maintenance

Winter Roads 101

No matter what the weather does, you have places to go, and the City of Edmonton works hard to help you get there. The City has a comprehensive roadway maintenance program to help keep traffic as motorists can get where they're going. moving safely in the winter months.

Read on to learn the basics of the winter road maintenance program, and what you can do to helpparking bans are declared at edmonton.ca/winkeep Edmonton mobile.

When will streets be sanded? Sanding is the City's first line of defense against slippery, unsafe roads. Streets are sanded as required to provide traction.

When will the main streets be plowed? Plowing begins on main roads when 3 cm of snow has accumulated and more snow is forecasted. Roads are plowed in this order: highways, free-

When will my neighbourhood roads be bladed? Duggan and Rideau Park community roads are fall. Shovelling a neighbor's walk. Starting a con- always bladed on Wednesdays, regardless of which Blading of residential roads is initiated once a snowpack of about 5 cm has built up. But, it doesn't begin until highways, freeways, main arterial roads and bus collector routes have been plowed.

> Note that your neighbourhood is always bladed on the same day of the week, similar to garbage pickup. If blading isn't fully completed on your snow day, crews will be back over the weekend to finish up.

When are parking bans in effect? Parking bans can be called anytime from November 15 to March 15 on roads with "seasonal parking ban" signs. Parking bans help ensure that City equipment can do the best possible job of clearing the roads so emergency and transit vehicles as well

Parking bans are called with a minimum of eight hours notice. Sign up for email notifications when terroads, or watch for information on the fronts of ETS buses, in local media, on edmonton.ca, on digital message boards around the city and on social media.

Together, residents and the City of Edmonton help maintain the best possible conditions on our roads and sidewalks all winter long.

Learn more about safe winter travel in Edmonton by visiting edmonton.ca/winterroads.



