

Duggan Details

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FROM THE EDITOR

Hello fellow Duggan-ites!

My name is Tara, and I'm pleased to take over as the Editor of the Duggan Details newsletter.

A little about myself. My husband and I bought our home in Duggan almost 10 years ago. How time flies! Since then we have renovated our house (inside and out), re-landscaped the front yard, and added two beautiful children to our family.

I love our neighborhood and have been looking for a way to contribute. When I inquired about volunteering with the Duggan Details, Tonya instead offered me her job as editor instead! After some initial hesitation, I decided to take on this new challenge. I'm new to this, so bear with me as I learn the ropes.

This newsletter is for you all, and I'd love to hear your feedback on what you want to see more of (or less of). Some suggestions I've heard so far are a "get to know your neighbor" section featuring interviews with community members, and a section which profiles local businesses (home-based and bricks-and-mortar). I'll also include information on things that are happening around the city, especially in Duggan and surrounding neighborhoods.

Please email me at DugganDetails@mydcl.ca if you have any story ideas, photos to share, want to advertise an event, or would like to contribute content. And if you haven't already, join the Duggan Community League [Facebook page](#) to keep up to date with goings-on in the neighborhood.

Happy summer!

Tara Penner

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Board Meetings are held at the Duggan Community Hall on the first Monday of every month. The next meeting will be on **Monday, Sept 11, 2017** at 7:30pm.

NOTES FROM THE DUGGAN COMMUNITY GARDEN

Now that gardening season is here we would like to advise members of our community about some of the invasive plants that can be found growing in our neighborhood. If, as individuals and homeowners, we can eliminate these plants from our yards, we are taking small steps to better our community.

An **invasive species** is an organism (plant, animal, fungus, or bacterium) that is not native to the region, and can have a negative impact on our environment and economy. Not all introduced (or non-native) species are invasive. Invasive species are considered one of the greatest threats to our biodiversity after habitat loss. A noxious invasive species causes havoc to the agriculture industry and is often toxic to humans and animals.

The two plants described below were brought to Alberta for ornamental or medicinal purposes, but are now considered noxious or invasive.

Common Tansy: Scientific name (*Tanacetum vulgare*)

Originally brought to Alberta for medicinal and ornamental purpose

Now designated in the province as: **NOXIOUS** (as it can kill cattle due to the alkaloids present in this plant).

This is a perennial (comes back every year) species that belongs to the family Asteraceae (sunflower family)

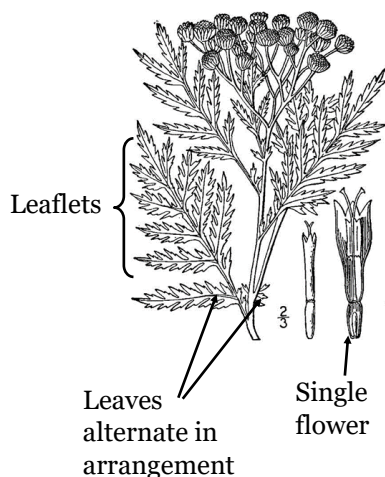
Leaves: Arranged alternately on the stem and are highly divided. There are many leaflets on a single stem. The leaves and flower have a characteristic smell of camphor and rosemary mixed together.

Flower: Yellow in color and borne as a cluster at the top of the stem. The flower looks like a yellow button.

Fruits: The seeds are small, dry, one-seeded fruit that do not split open at maturity (known as achenes).

Interesting facts about the plant: Like most introduced species, this one was brought in from Europe and a embalming agent. It can kill livestock by contaminating hay stacks. The roots spread forming new plants.

How to eliminate it from our yards: The best way to eliminate tansy is to pull the plant using gloves. Make sure to pull the roots to prevent spreading. Recognizing the plant at early stage and removing is best.



NOTES FROM THE DUGGAN COMMUNITY GARDEN



Yellow Clematis: Scientific name (*Clematis tangutica*).

Brought to Alberta for ornamental purposes

Designated in the province as: NOXIOUS. This plant escaped from British Columbia gardens and has spread to Alberta and Manitoba.

This is a perennial (comes back every year) species that belongs to the family Ranunculaceae (buttercup family).

It is a vine (climbs and needs support). After the first few years the stems become woody and difficult to remove.

Leaves: The leaves are arranged alternately on the stem divided into 3-5 leaflets (leaf is broken into small units).



Flower: The yellow flower is borne on the end of the stem and is bell shaped. The flowers appear in late summer or fall.

Fruits: The fruit is a small seed attached by a silk thread. This helps in dispersal by wind.

Interesting fact about the plant: This species is native to the mountain regions of India and China and for this reason it can thrive in our environment. There is similar native Alberta species common to the Bow Valley known as common blue clematis (*Clematis occidentalis*).

How to eliminate it from our yards: The best way to eliminate the yellow clematis is to pull the plant. Once you recognize the plant make sure to pull it and bag it for disposal. Do not let the stems get woody.



NOTES FROM THE FIELD

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SEASON FOR DUGGAN SOCCER

Brad Kring, Duggan Soccer Coordinator

Well, another successful season has come to a close for Duggan Soccer. Duggan Soccer is proud to provide an affordable and fun way for the children of Duggan and Empire Park to pursue their passion for soccer and to meet other children in their community.



The 2016-17 indoor soccer season saw Duggan Community League (DCL) sponsor six teams from U8 to U14. Our U8 Girls (Burk) had a great year, capped off by their U8 Mini-fest on February 20. And of our 5 teams at U10 age level or above, all 5 teams qualified for the Edmonton Minor Soccer Association (EMSA) City Finals tournament on February 25-26!

- U10 Boys (Stankiewicz) – Gold Tier 6
- U12 Girls (Molstad) – Gold Tier 4
- U14 Boys (Meister) – Silver Tier 6
- U14 Boys (Kring) – 4th Tier 6
- U14 Girls (Molstad) – Bronze Tier 4

With their silver medal at City Finals, Rene Meister's U14 Boys team travelled to Calgary for the Edmonton vs. Calgary Inter-Cities Indoor Championship March 11-12, and came home with a silver medal (great job boys!).

And after winning gold at City Finals in Tier 4 – the highest tier for EMSA's community soccer teams – Howie Molstad's U12 Girls team had the honour to travel to Okotoks for the Tier 4 Indoor Provincial Championships on March 17-19. We are happy to report that the girls came home with a gold medal as U12 Girls Tier 4 Provincial Champions! Congratulations to our U12 girls and their dedicated coaches – what an amazing accomplishment!



[Photo: Duggan (Molstad) U12 Girls Tier 4 Indoor Provincial Champions]

Thanks to our unpredictable Spring weather, the 2017 Outdoor season got underway in early May after a one week delay to let the snow melt! Duggan sponsored fourteen teams for the outdoor season, from our U4 Mighty Mites all the way to our U14 boys and girls. The fields at Duggan Park were kept busy throughout the Spring, and from all of the cheering heard throughout our community it sounds like great fun was had by all!

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

Congrats to the Duggan teams that advanced to EMSA City Finals (July 3-9) following the end of the regular season – U12 Girls (Molstad) 4th Tier 4, U14 Girls (Molstad) Gold Tier 5, U14 Boys (Kring) 5th Tier 7.

THANK YOU!



A hearty thank you to our volunteer coaches, assistant coaches, team managers, equipment coordinators, and all other parent volunteers that help make Duggan's soccer program a success. Without you, we would not be able to offer the children of our community the opportunity to be part of a team and to develop their skills and knowledge of the game of soccer. Thank you for your commitment!

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2017-18 INDOOR SOCCER SEASON IS NOW OPEN FOR U6-U18!

Visit <http://emsasouthwest.com/play/registration/> for details on the indoor program and how to register your child for the upcoming season.



DUGGAN MOTHER'S DAY SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Brad Kring, Duggan Soccer Coordinator

Duggan Community League again played host its annual Duggan Mother's Day Soccer Tournament May 12-14. The Duggan Tournament is the only community-run minor soccer tournament in Edmonton sanctioned by the Alberta Soccer Association. This year saw 200 registered teams – including teams from all over Alberta and as far away as Invermere BC – play 321 games over the weekend. Apart from a little rain on Saturday, the tournament was a resounding success – and much of that success is due to the tireless support of the parent volunteers from our community and those communities close to us.

On behalf of Tournament Director, Ali Kamal, and the entire tournament organizing committee, a big thank you for your dedication to our community and for the experiences that you helped create for the players and parents that participated in this year's tournament.

EDMONTON CIVIC GENERAL ELECTION INFORMATION



The next General Election will be held on **Monday October 16, 2017**.

All residents of Edmonton are encouraged to vote in this election!

Voters will elect:

- 1 Mayor
- 1 Councillor for each of the 12 City of Edmonton wards
- 1 Edmonton Catholic School District Trustee for each of the 7 wards
- 1 Edmonton Public School District Trustee for each of the 9 wards

WHO IS RUNNING FOR ELECTION?

Candidates do not become official until Nomination Day: **Monday September 18, 2017**

View who has filed [Notice of Intent](#) to run for election.

WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

Edmonton Elections is committed to making voting accessible, welcoming and informative for all. Find information for general voting, voting opportunities, voter accessibility and accommodations, and voter education and outreach in the [For Voters](#) section.

Use the [Where to Vote tool](#) to find your voting station.

Visit the City of Edmonton General Elections website:

https://www.edmonton.ca/city_government/municipal_elections/for-voters.aspx

Visit the Duggan Community League General Elections website:

<http://www.mydcl.ca/?p=255>

Stay tuned to the Duggan Details for even more Elections information!

Why Voting is Important

Voting in an election is **your democratic right** and your choice. Our city and our lives are shaped by the outcome of the 2017 Edmonton Election.

Casting your ballot for a mayor, city councillor and school board trustee means you are participating in choosing the leaders that will make decisions about policies and programs that impact your daily life.

Did you drive, bus, walk or bike today?

Edmonton's city council is responsible for roads, bike routes, transit, LRT, and sidewalks.

Do you have children or grandchildren who attend a school?

Edmonton's Public and Catholic School Districts oversee the operation of schools across the city and the implementation of programming and curriculum for students.

Will you go to a recreation centre to swim, workout or play a team sport? Will you take a walk in a park or off-leash area?

City council makes decisions about where and when recreation and attractions will be built, and how parks and open spaces are managed. They also oversee the price for these amenities.

If you said "Yes" to any of these things, then you should vote!

Voting for a candidate that best represents your views is the single most important action you can take to create a city and school board that stands for your beliefs. This fall, make it happen - vote!

Elections and Census Office

16304 - 114 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta, T5M 3R8

780-442-VOTE (8683)

www.edmonton.ca/election

Twitter: @ElectionCensus



Who can Vote in the 2017 Edmonton Election

You may vote in the 2017 Edmonton Election if you:

- are at least 18 years old,
- are a Canadian citizen,
- have lived in Alberta since April 16, 2017,
- are currently living in Edmonton, and
- you live in the ward where you vote on election day.

To vote, you must present a piece of authorized (acceptable) identification with your name and current residential address.

Examples of authorized identification:

- Alberta Driver's Licence or vehicle insurance certificate
- Alberta Identification Card
- bank statement, credit card statement, personal cheque or utility bill
- pension statement
- lease or mortgage statement
- tax assessment notice
- correspondence from a post-secondary school

NOTE: Passports, work, and student ID are not accepted as authorized identification.

The full list of authorized identification is available on the Edmonton Elections website.

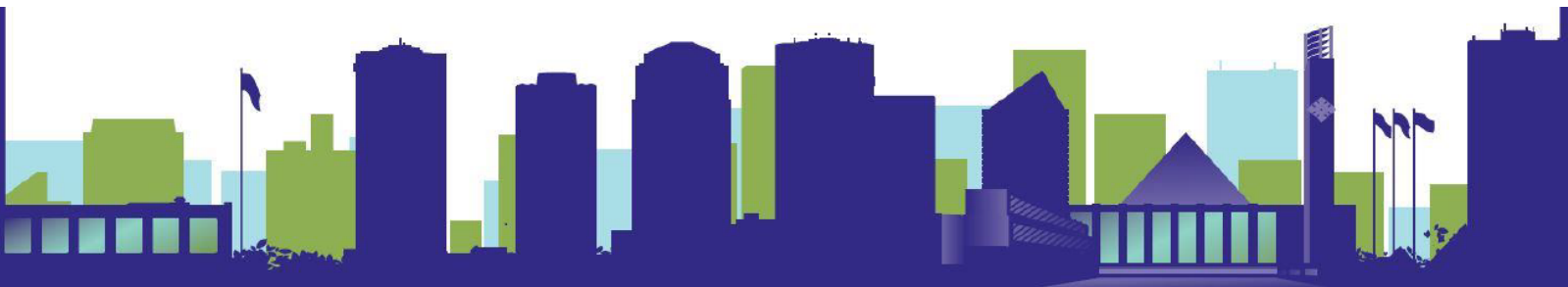
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THINGS TO DO IN EDMONTON IN AUGUST

GREEN SHACK SUMMAR PROGRAMS RUN JULY 4—AUGUST 24, 2017

Ages: 6-12 years

(children under 6 must be supervised by a parent or guardian)

Cost: Free

Join in games, sports, crafts, music, drama, and special events. You'll find a list of upcoming activities and special events posted on the side of the Green Shack each week. If there's a game or activity that you'd like to play, just ask the Program Leader.

Programs are led by staff who:

- Ensure participants play safely. Parents are responsible for their children at all times and must be available in the event of an emergency
- Are easily identifiable by their blue shirts and name tags and may be assisted by volunteer leaders in training
- Have completed a security clearance process, are trained in first aid and are certified specialists in **fun!**

Programming is still available on rainy/snowy days but will be cancelled during severely inclement weather.

**Full Day Schedule
(10am-6pm Mon-Sun)**

Blue Quill Estates
2616 119 Street

Duggan
3728 106 Street

Empire Park
4804 107 Street

Ermineskin
10704 25 Avenue

Greenfield
3755 114 Street

Royal Gardens
4030 117 Street

Sweet Grass
11351 31 Avenue

**PM Schedule
(2:30-6pm Mon-Fri)**

Aspen Gardens
12015 39 A Avenue

Blue Quill
11304 25 Avenue

Keheewin
10710 19 Avenue

Malmö Plains
11525 48 Avenue

Pleasantview
5719 109 Street

Steinhauer
10709 32A Avenue

HELP KEEP WILDLIFE WILD

CO-EXISTING WITH COYOTES IN AN URBAN ENVIRONMENT

Coyotes are important in maintaining our urban ecosystem. They eat pests such as mice, small rabbits and grasshoppers. But they can also cause problems when they become unafraid of human interaction.

Coyotes are extremely adaptable in habitat and diet. Because of this, they are comfortable in urban environments where they benefit from food sources and a lack of predators. As our city expands into wildlife habitat, coyotes are growing accustomed to food sources in residential areas such as bird feeders, garbage, compost piles and accessible pet food.

Edmontonians are reminded to respect urban wildlife and refrain from making food sources available. **Please do not:**

- Feed coyotes
- Leave garbage out
- Leave fallen fruit from trees or bird seed spilled from feeders on the ground
- Feed pets outside
- Walk your dog off-leash in areas frequented by coyotes
- Leave small dogs in the yard unattended for long periods of time
- Let cats outside
- Provide shelter. Seal any holes under your steps or patio and prune overgrown shrubs or trees that could shelter a den.



If you come across a coyote and feel threatened:

- Respond assertively by making yourself appear large (wave arms overhead, hold big objects)
- Throw rocks, sticks or other objects to scare it away
- Carry a whistle and dog spray in areas highly frequented by coyotes
- Shout in a deep voice and maintain eye contact
- Do not turn away or run. This may trigger a natural predator/prey instinct and encourage the coyote to chase you
- If the coyote approaches, back away slowly and move toward buildings or human activity

Only report a coyote sighting if the coyote has followed, chased or attacked someone or a pet; the coyote is acting aggressively; or the coyote looks sick. To report an incident or problem coyote, call:

- **311** (City of Edmonton)
- **780-427-3574** (Alberta Fish and Wildlife)
- **911** (if someone is in danger)

For more information call the Edmonton Coyote Hotline at **780-644-5744** or visit www.edmonton.ca/coyotes.

CITY INFORMATION

I'M AN OUTDOOR CAT!

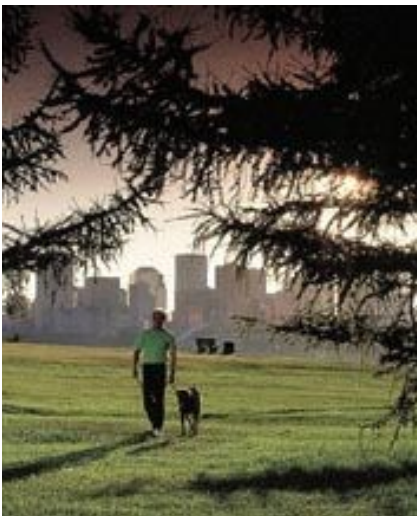
Cats are safest at home but in the City of Edmonton, they are allowed to roam on public property. Often these cats end up at [Animal Care & Control Centre](#) as it is difficult to know if they are lost or not. **Identifying your cat as an outdoor animal** will help concerned citizens determine if they require assistance.

To help reduce the numbers of cats coming in to our facility, "**I'm an Outdoor Cat**" collars are available for **free** at [participating veterinary clinics](#) while supplies last. If you are experiencing a nuisance cat, visit edmonton.ca/pets for options to deal with the issue.



DOGS OFF-LEASH INFORMATION

Looking for a place to take your dog? Look no further! The following link has all the information you need including:



- 41 locations set aside for off-leash use & interactive map
- Off-leash Ambassador Program
- Other locations where on-leash use is allowed (e.g. on trails)
- Where dog use is NOT allowed (e.g. within 10 meters of a playgrounds, spray decks, sports fields)
- Survey results from the recent public consultation
- Up to date Notices

Visit www.edmonton.ca/offleash

PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS: SHARING IS CARING!

As the largest urban park in North America, with more than 160 kilometres of maintained pathways and 22 major parks, Edmonton's River Valley is a natural wonder for all Edmontonians to enjoy! One of the keys to ensuring the safe enjoyment of our parkland, is for all users - pedestrians and cyclists alike - to know the rules of shared use trails.

The City of Edmonton asks you to be courteous and share the path. Learn more at edmonton.ca/cycling

