

# Lendrum Community League Annual General Meeting Reports 2017

## Newsletter Annual Report

We had three 16-page editions and two 20-page editions in 2016. Advertising revenues came in around \$1315, which helped to offset the cost of printing. I have had more interest from residents in terms of advertising their businesses. I will continue to do so (at a business card level) provided there is space and I don't get overwhelmed with requests. I would encourage Lendrumites to provide input or even written stories and as ever I welcome feedback on content and design.

### **Budget:**

Printing Costs = \$2600 (For three 16-page newsletters and two 20 page newsletter per year plus a slight allowance for printing cost increases)

The actual cost of printing was approximately \$2478 in 2016.

Delivery Costs ~ \$110-140 \*5 = \$550 - \$700

Total Newsletter Costs = \$3300

Estimated Advertising Revenues (based on 2016 ads) ~ \$1100

Total Costs – Total Revenues = \$3300-1100 = \$2200

## Website Coordinator Report

The website has remained a cost effective and timely way to convey news and information to Lendrum Residents.

The image slider on Lendrum.org continues to promote Lendrum events and highlight community issues, with links below each image leading to further details. .

Sources of information have included our Community Recreation Coordinator, the City of Edmonton and other levels of Government, the EFCL, LCL Board and Coordinators, Program providers, Lendrum Residents and various other city news information sources.

Updates were done several times per month. Dates of Recent Updates were posted below the image slider and on individual webpages.

Two new sections were added to the Lendrum.org website menu.

- Capital Regional Housing – Lendrum Development

Capital Regional Housing provided links and logos

- Lendrum Energy Committee

Pam Smith provided content and SESA provided content and logos

Copyright, privacy, and personal safety issues are always a concern when information is posted online. Individuals whose name, phone number, personal email address, photos or work appear on the website, may ask to have that information withdrawn at anytime.

If you are interested in a career in web design, and like working with html and css, you would likely enjoy Volunteering as the Webmaster. It would be a great way for you to acquire some practical first hand experience and further develop your skills.

I will happily continue to Volunteer as the Webmaster for Lendrum if no one else is interested in taking on the role.

Respectfully submitted by Marlene Konduc

Email: [webmaster@lendrum.org](mailto:webmaster@lendrum.org)

## **Parks Report**

Over the many years since the dry pond was built we continue to make strides towards maintaining and improving the park, our goal has always been to create an area that residents could be proud of while showcasing the heart of our community. The park contains 3 distinct areas with different needs, Sport Fields, Naturalized Area / Gardens, & Surrounding Green Spaces. The past year went very well with regards to the general upkeep and condition of the area. We have and will continue to work hard to make sure it is as good as it can be while balancing our efforts with the resources we have. Unfortunately we were hit hard by some long over due maintenance items on our major pieces of equipment. These costs will have an impact on the available resources for the next 2 years as we offset the impact over the next several budgets. Our other large budget item is water, due to the dry summers and poor design of the pond for growing turf (Thus the focus on our sustainability trial is so critical) Our goal is to reduce water usage by 50% this coming year, 50%, and 60-70% by 2018.

Some of the most visible and impactful aspects were;

- Rebuilt drive motors & hydraulic pump on mower.
- Formal Agreement with City Parks & Rec.
- Sustainable Soil Management – Enviro-Perfections – 3 year Trial Project (Mini Fields)
- Cooperation with City Forestry, plan is to nurse elms back to health over the next 2 years
- Installation of two more new benches through the City bench program...
- Over seeding & fertilization & composting of all field areas.
- Irrigation of playing surfaces, south facing hills, & naturalized areas during dry periods.
- Cutting grass areas between City cutting cycles, including weed eater (additional cuts when required).
- Hills are being cut weekly as the City cannot cut them safely, with out rutting or scalping.
- Top dressing goal areas and damaged turf areas as required.
- Spring Aeration of 3 primary field areas
- Volunteer work bee's (community members, teams, special interest groups).
- Clean up & weed control of parking lot area & paved areas.
- Planting of additional and replacement shrubs where required.
- Beautification of Hall with flowerpots and shrubs (Two plantings – summer & fall).
- Mulching & general maintenance of shrub beds.
- Pruning, weed control and general maintenance towards providing a healthy lush naturalized area.
- Manual Weed control on turf playing surfaces, volleyball courts and around rink boards.
- Use of the portable nets towards increasing use while spreading out wear patterns.
- Use of portable nets and training grids to assist coaches in providing better training situations while improving the enjoyment of users.
- Replacement of two soccer nets on small size portable goals.
- Canvassed sports and user groups to donate time, funds, or materials.

### **Keys for 2017**

- Continue to adjust strategy towards reducing the financial burden on the community while maintaining the space to the best possible condition with in our limited resources.
- Work with City to maximize maintenance efforts (formalized plan that delivers benefits to our members).
- Work with the schools closely (drainage, wear issues, general clean up, student volunteers)
- Work with user groups towards donation of time and funds (net replacement, fertilizer, irrigation).
- Continue to upgrade irrigation system (repair and replace as needed, improve efficiency).
- Enhanced Maintenance cycles for mini fields (including fertilization, irrigation, and cutting)
- Promote bench program with plans for another 2-3 benches and possible picnic tables
- Recruit a team of volunteers to assist in the maintenance & supervision of the park.
- Identify areas where we would like to see additional trees & shrubs while removing dead growth (City and/or Community provided)
- Maintain all areas at 30% lower levels to last year, cost over runs from 2015 need to be offset. This will be done with out effecting the main fields or mini's.
- We will also look at ways to reduce maintenance costs of equipment while also looking for ways to reduce water usage.

### **Projects**

- Sustainable Soil Management – Enviro-Perfections – Trial Project (Year 3 of 3)

- Mini Fields & Track Area (enhanced maintenance & attracting special events)  
By giving this area special attention this year our goal will be to attract the thousands of visitors that use this space (Especially young families with an interest in Soccer or Athletics) i.e. Youth soccer, Youth track events.
- Lastly....Your Ideas !!! (how can we make it even better?)

The most important measure of our success comes down to something very simple, how often is the space used? & Who is using it? When we look at the answers it becomes obvious that we are on the right track, not only is the park usually busy, it attracts people of all ages, within our community and outside...

Huge thanks to the following turf volunteers, workers & groups who came out to help from time to time on the sport fields and surrounding green spaces... your assistance made a huge difference, overall we had over 400 volunteer hours logged in the general parks area:

Gary Goulden	Luke Porter	Lendrum Soccer Coaches and Parents
Ben Willing	Gord Okamura	Edmonton Sport & Social Club
Jacob Schroeffer	Rick Young	Lendrum Elementary(Staff & Teachers)
John Porter Bumb	Set Spike Club	Avalone Jr High (Staff & Teachers)
Greg Falkenstein	Hearts Soccer Team	Scottish Boys Soccer Team (Jamie Zunga)

### **Park Natural Area and Ornamental Beds**

El Nino's warm and dry effects on Edmonton's weather meant that Lendrum Natural Area and ornamental beds were snow-free and dry early in the spring of 2016. Our neighbourhood garden volunteers, Peggy and John Folinsbee, Greg Falkenstein, Art Bohnet, Monty Montgomery, Jennifer Purves, Vera Watson, Xanthe Loyer, Joe Eustace and I met regularly on Monday or Tuesday evenings through the summer from mid-May into September. Thanks to their 60 hours of free labour, the natural areas and ornamental beds were weeded, planted, mulched and tidied and the trees, roses and shrubs were pruned. Thanks to their company, we wrapped up many evenings with conversation and laughter. A special thanks to Monty who has become a steward for the ornamental beds west of the VB courts: weeding, amending the soil and planting perennials to beautify that side of the park. Something to note: if the Natural Area didn't look as beautiful as usual, it's because Peggy Folinsbee, Master Naturalist, was away from early July on.

At the end of August, just as we were running out of steam, thirty UA students volunteered their afternoon to help at Lendrum Park. This is the fifth year that UA Basecamp (the introductory week to life in residence at UA) has offered us two hours of labour. Small groups painted the inside boards of the hockey/VB space, raked and filled 22 bags of cut grass, removed mountains of thistles, toadflax and wild pea vine and planted perennials donated by a Lendrum gardener. Thanks to the Lendrum residents who volunteered to supervise the students: Gary Goulden, Harvey Guhl, Art Bohnet, Jennifer Purves, Gerard Masse and Rod Barnes as well as to the UA students for all their hard work.

A problem area that I'd like to tackle this summer is the shale and landscaped cloth-mulched bed on the east side of the hall. The soil is heavy, heavy wet clay; the light is dappled shade and the best crop is chickweed. It's prime space to have demonstration beds for the many kids and adults who visit the playground and walk past the hall. Some ideas I've had are woodland strawberries, shade-grown veggies, shady ground-covers. Any Lendrum residents interested in finding a solution? Please contact me at [communitygardener@lendrum.org](mailto:communitygardener@lendrum.org).

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie Herring-Cooper

The Lendrum Dry Pond continues to be the center piece of our community. It truly represents what Lendrum is, and showcases the vibrancy and quality of life it provides for its residents. Next time you are wondering if all of this effort is worth it, take a drive through a neighboring community and compare the difference.... It really is astounding what we have here!!!

Harvey Guhl (Athletic Park Coordinator)  
Bonnie Herring-Cooper (Master Gardener)  
Peggy Folinsbee(Master Naturalist)

## **Hall Rentals**

Lendrum hall is booked for weekly, monthly or occasional use by Lendrum community programs (Pottery group, Sparks, Brownies & Guides, Crafters, Knit & Crochet Club, Yoga, Diaper Go Free support group, Line Dancing, Blue Chair Tai Chi, Men's Night), city-wide service organizations (Family Futures Resource Network, Young Life) and cultural, recreational and school groups and individuals gathering to mark significant events. There have been some requests that we cannot agree to, for example, regular church services, choir practice, youth services, as our hall is heavily used by existing groups.

Rents remain reasonable: \$25/h to a maximum of \$100/day for Lendrum residents and \$30/h to a maximum of \$120/day for non-residents. The requirement for renters to provide proof of current community league membership (wherever they live) has not seemed to be an issue. Hall renters can also rent the ice rink (contact Ben Willing) or the beach VB courts (contact Lance Adamson). This past year has been the first that organizers of beach volleyball tournaments must rent the hall as well as the courts, which gives tournament participants sole access to the washrooms.

Tim Lechelt is a great asset to the Lendrum community as he responds quickly to all kinds of maintenance issues at the hall. During 2016 Tim fixed jammed doors, replaced worn-out taps, restored tripped breakers and waged war on mice. Thanks, Tim, for all your help! One thing Tim has not been able to do is find covers for the 50 year-old fluorescent light fixtures, so we ask all hall users to avoid active ball games in the hall.

This fall the hall's three furnaces were inspected, cleaned and gas leaks detected. Another generous Lendrum resident, Jared O'donnell, came to our assistance in finding another leak (!) and repairing them, as well as liaising with Atco. Thanks to Lendrum residents, Liz Ng and Tom Duke for donating new-to-us stove and dishwasher and to the installers, Gary, Rick and Tim.

This fall we became aware that a couple of our rental groups violate the Tri-Partite Agreement among Lendrum, City of Edmonton and the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues. Please visit [lendrum.org](http://lendrum.org), LCL hall rentals and click on the link, The Tri-Partite Agreement: Restrictions on Rentals. Basically we cannot rent the hall to companies, salespeople or for-profit service providers. It gets complicated when a group of community folks hire someone to lead a group and pay them directly. Lendrum Board is working with Anna Vesala, Community Recreation Coordinator with the City, to develop policy and procedures to comply with the Agreement.

I am enjoying meeting my neighbours who rent the hall. Generally renters find the hall clean, well-supplied and functional. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact me at [hallrentals@lendrum.org](mailto:hallrentals@lendrum.org).

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie Herring-Cooper

## **Civics Annual Report**

### **Off Leash Park**

The community league considered establishing an off-leash area in Lendrum. 4 sites were considered. Two articles were put in the Lendrum newsletter asking for comments. A community hall meeting for all league residents was held in fall 2016. Residents had a slight preference for the dry pond on 51 Avenue and 115 Street however no location was considered ideal. The City stated in November that a new dog strategy is being implemented in 2017. No new off-leash areas will be considered until 2018.

### **Route 55 Bus**

The Route 55 bus started peak only service in September 2016. Several Lendrum residents expressed concern about the closure. In fall 2016, the City held a public meeting to hear their views. The City also conducted an on-bus survey. Edmonton Transit is still evaluating options and accepting comments. However, a likely outcome of the evaluation is that the Route 55 will be combined with another route to make one longer route offering full day and weekend service.

## **South Campus**

South Campus saw several new developments. Currently a larger storm pond is being dug west of the Saville Centre and the Research and Collection Resource Facility is being constructed south of the Savile Centre. In 2016, Foote Field was resurfaced and covered by a dome and a 200-car parking lot was constructed by the LRT station. The University also signed a memorandum of understanding with the City regarding the construction of a twin area north of the new storm pond. The university posted signs reminding people that dogs are to be kept on leash because the farm is a private research facility and because there are frequent conflicts with coyotes.

## **Lendrum Community League Social Events Report**

### **January 1: New Year Celebration (3:30-5pm)**

- ~125 people came to the hall for shinny, sledding and fireworks, as well as board games & colouring in the hall with hot chocolate to warm up
- Fireworks requires permit from city and permission from fire department (all free)
- Each family was asked to bring holiday treats for snacks, Lendrum provided hot chocolate, coffee & popcorn
- No fee to attend
- Volunteers for set up (2), fireworks (2) and clean up (2).
- Cost: 125\$ for fireworks

### **February 21 : Winter Fair (12-4)**

- ~100 people came for horse & sleigh ride and outside fun. Beautiful weather, so perfect day for it. MLA Lori Sigurdson and City Councillor Michael Walters came by.
- Dick Laurin Hay Rides (900\$), City of Edmonton provided kick sleds, snowshoes, giant toys, outdoor fun kit and inside fun kits (free), rental of sound system (Long & McQuade 45\$), mural painting (20\$ for paint), fire pit
- Volunteers for set-up (2), clean-up (2)
- No fee to attend
- Permit from City for fire pit

### **June 26: BBQ and Soccer Party**

- Bouncy castle x2 (400\$), Burger & Hot dog BBQ, photo booth, music & speakers (45\$), parachute & games from City, Soccer demos from teams, medal ceremony
- No fee to attend
- Sunny day so good attendance by community. Lots of volunteers from soccer families for variety of jobs

### **August 12: Campout Under the Stars**

- Friday evening ~1700h – Saturday morning ~1100h
- 6 families or so tented, more for campfire and smores
- Very relaxed event. Raised 150\$ for park redevelopment.

### **October 2: Turkey Trot**

- Usual attendance of ~15 families
- Nice relaxed event, low cost (muffins, donuts and coffee)

### **November 26 : Chilli Cookoff**

- 10 chillies entered
- 5 volunteers for bar
- very well attended by lots of different demographics
- Suggest to stick with Big Rock or Micro Brews for next year ☺

## Park Redevelopment

Our neighbourhood's vision is of an active, family-oriented, and vibrant community where neighbours share and connect. Lendrum's goals include that residents interact, value the natural and athletic spaces, are engaged, and actively enjoy the park.

To the end, and in response to both a Lendrum needs assessment and the City's Aquatic Strategy to address aging aquatic recreation infrastructure to increase recreation opportunities, our community continues to work on the project to redevelop the spray deck in Lendrum Park into a spray park.

<b>Deliverable/Activity</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Concept Phase</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Needs Assessment Complete               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Public Consultation (surveys, interviews, etc.)</li> <li>○ Demographics</li> <li>○ Population Projections, etc.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• New Park Redevelopment Committee established</li> <li>• Terms of Reference completed and signed off</li> <li>• Funding strategy developed</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">February 2011</p> <p style="text-align: center;">May 2015 July 2015 June 2015</p>
<b>Development Phase</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concept Plan Development</li> <li>• Project Plan Submitted</li> <li>• Site Development Plan reviewed</li> <li>• Community Consultation</li> <li>• Fundraising in community</li> <li>• Grant applications</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">March 2011 September 2011 Dec 2011 March 2011-ongoing June 2015-ongoing ongoing</p>
<b>Implementation Phase</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detail design and Construction Drawings by City's Parks Design Completed</li> <li>• Project Tender</li> <li>• Construction, Phase 2 Spray Deck</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">Summer 2016 Spring 2017 Summer 2017</p>
<b>Termination Phase</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Close out paper work</li> <li>• Park Grand Opening</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">Fall 2017 Fall 2017 or Spring 2018</p>

### **Budget**

#### **Servicing Costs**

Survey (constructions & as-builts)	\$12,000
Testing (sub-base compaction)	\$2,000
Permit Fee	\$1,000

#### **Site Work Costs**

Contingency	\$20,000
Removals	\$42,000
Hardscape	\$207,000
Planting	\$15,000
Sod/mulch/grass	\$9,750
Mechanical	\$85,000
Warranty period	\$20,000

#### **Direct Costs**

Gazebo & furniture	\$65,500
Spray park features	\$50,000

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\$529,250

### Confirmed Funding as of March 31, 2017

Source	Amount
COE NPDP Aquatic Strategy	\$ 125,000
COE NPDP for shelter	\$ 50,000
COE NPDP Intermediate	\$ 75,000
Lendrum Community League Phase II contribution	up to \$ 79,000
Private donations	\$ 3,655
Community fundraising	\$ 52,219
Government of Canada Western Economic Diversification Canada 150	\$ 28,863
Government of Alberta Community Facility Enhancement Program	\$ 125,000
Totals	\$538,737

## Fundraising Report

Fundraising initiatives in 2016 continued to focus on community fundraising events and grant writing for Phase II of the Lendrum Park Redevelopment Project.

### **Grants \$ 153,863**

- Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP)
  - \$ 125,000 for spray park
- Government of Canada Western Economic Diversification Canada 150 Program
  - \$ 28, 863

### **Community Fundraising \$ 24,726**

- Bottle Drives \$ 4,243
- Book Sale/Garage sale at the Hall \$ 1,880
- Silent Auction \$ 8,415
- Canada Day Bike Race \$953
- Chili Cook off \$ 544
- Camp Out \$ 148
- Donations \$200
- Lendrum Bricks \$4,100

### **Private Community Donations \$1,335**

## **Lendrum Energy Committee (LEC) Report for Lendrum Community League**

Lendrum Place community resident and LCL member, I, Pam Smith, approached LCL in January of 2016 to ask permission to form a sustainability committee. As chair I coined it the Lendrum Energy Committee, or LEC, and began educating myself on paths to sustainability taken by other community leagues in Edmonton.

I advertised in the community newsletter to recruit Lendrum residents to the committee. The initial aim of LEC was to pass information onto the LCL executive, to assess - and perhaps reduce - LCL's energy footprint.

Activities so far:

- attended the free information session “EcoCity Edmonton: Community Sustainability Grants” on February 10, 2016
- engaged in several days of brainstorming, researching, and pre-grant writing, as well as approaching several solar companies to assess LCL's physical site to obtain quotes for solar panel installation
- spoke with Allison Nitchke from LCL board, (grants) to discuss the possibility of presenting to LCL Executive, in order to get permission to apply for the Community Sustainability Grant
- any further work stalled due to the discovery that the City pays for Lendrum's power, so there was no incentive to have - and perhaps no control over - a project to offset LCL's energy consumption
- personally toured Evansdale Community League with the guidance of Gordon Howell, Electrical Engineer, and members of the ECL present
- spoke with Gordon Howell numerous times, continued to research solar power on-line
- the next move became providing information to the community at large, for information on alternative energy, for workshops/courses, and to perhaps organize bulk purchasing power, for solar panels, or any other alternative energy technologies or energy efficiency technologies that a group of community members would be interested in
- in the fall of 2016 LEC added new members to the committee: Lendrum residents Kurt Borth and Paul Lamothe at our first meeting on October 12, 2016 at the Glass Monkey. Many great ideas came out of this meeting. LEC began to pursue these ideas.
- LEC approached LCL for a financial commitment to obtain a site energy audit in through the City of Edmonton in conjunction with Generate Energies. Due to the age of Lendrum's Hall there was not enough interest in pursuing this and the board declined to commit
- LEC met again on January 4, 2017, at Paul Lamothe's, joining with 4th committee member John Porter. Discussion was focused on holding an information session/workshop for the community, as a form of outreach. LEC members pursued information and contacts for a workshop
- a realization: more outreach needs to be done within the community to determine if there is a desire for a workshop. A workshop needs to be very well attended to be considered a success and is therefore a result of outreach, not outreach itself.
- Pam attended a \$15.00 workshop co-offered by SESA and the City of Edmonton: Solar PV 101 on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- Pam designed a new recruitment logo for LEC for the newsletter and for the website [lendrum.org](http://www.lendrum.org)
- with much help from Lendrum's webmaster, Marlene Konduc, LEC launched it's own webpage, LEC webpage <http://www.lendrum.org/lendrum-energy-committee.html>
- LEC met again in February 2017, adding a fifth member to their committee, Jake Kubiski, who has excellent experience in the industry. The committee's focus changed from workshop to outreach, with a brain-storming session on when and how. Concrete ideas were discussed and research has begun on when outreach will take place at an upcoming community event. The idea of a survey of Lendrum residents has also been discussed, either via the newsletter, in-person during outreach, or a digital survey of LCL members. The committee brainstormed how to make an impact at the next community event, including having some electric vehicles present, and how to design a survey for community residents to determine interest in alternative energy in Lendrum
- Pam became a member of SESA (Solar Energy Society of Alberta), a cost of \$25.00.
- Pam signed up for Electric Vehicles 101, offered by SESA at The Mosaic Centre for five Thursdays in March, at a cost of \$202.50
- Jake and Paul continue to attend meetings around the City, research and make many phone calls on behalf of LEC, and brainstorm at LEC meetings. John has made many great suggestions at committee meetings. Kurt is finishing his PhD and we hope to have him active in the group again in spring or summer or 2017.
- Pam approached Jake to ask if he would be interested in becoming a member of the LCL executive as Director of Sustainability. Committee members could then serve the Director, and the committee could be disbanded. Jake is considering, currently LEC is still live with Pam Smith as chair and only contact.

## **Ice rink and snow clearing of paths**

Note: This report overlaps with some of the previous years report so as to come in line with the reporting period of January to December.

Considering substantial weather challenges, the Lendrum ice rink had a successful year. The rink was open from January 1 to March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016 and open again December 10-31<sup>st</sup>.

The bulk of the effort was done by Bryn Jones, Gary Goulden, Ira Moehler, Jared O'Donnell, Roddi Lega and Ben Willing. Other volunteers over the year included John Porter and Rick Young who were key to getting the rink started by leveling the sand. Rick provided his skid-steer for the job.

Total recorded hours were 159.25. (Many more unrecorded hours for opening and closing the rink each day)

Total honorarium amounts were: \$1417.50

Total costs for fuel and equipment: \$322.79 (Note some repairs are to be completed)

Rink rentals:

No rink rentals this year.

Community use:

- Two kindergarten classes from Lendrum Elementary used the rink on a weekly basis in January and February.
- The Avalon physical education class used the rink for a skating section and a broomball section.
- Skating night by Sparks group.
- The rink saw fairly frequent use through the winter, particularly by families with kids on the weekends.
- The rink saw heavy during community events

Equipment:

There were very few equipment issues this year. The small sweeper still needs to be repaired.

## **Volleyball**

Respectfully submitted by Lance Adamson

### **Use of the space:**

We have one of the best facilities in Alberta. The sand is great, the number of courts, the visibility in the community, amount of activity people are doing.

### **Financial information:**

The sand volleyball courts continue to bring in positive revenue to the community league budget. This past year we saw the third full season of the new courts in the rink. The full cost of the courts was just under \$51,000. We have a contact with the ESSC for the funding of the courts. We will begin to have revenue in 2016.

We have other renters of the courts including school groups, tournament organizers and one time users and community members.

### **Bookings:**

We have league bookings every night of the week from 6 – 10 pm except Friday and Saturday. We have school groups in 4 – 6 Monday to Thursday. We have tournaments in about three times per month. We have at times challenges with hall bookings at the same time but we try to avoid big overlaps.

### **Concerns:**

1. Parking – the use of the community parking is an issue but a positive issue when it controls the speed of the cars in the community.
2. Sand in the rink – We will continue to work with the ice makers to provide a flat surface in the fall. We will have to put more sand on the courts this year.

## Outdoor Soccer

Year-to-year outdoor numbers

<b>Number of Lendrum outdoor players</b>			
	2017*	2016	2015
<b>U4 mixed</b>	14	5	Breakdown not available
<b>U6 mixed</b>	13	19	
<b>U8 mixed</b>	10	10	
<b>U10 girls</b>	2	0	
<b>U10 boys</b>	6	3	
<b>U12 girls</b>	1	1	
<b>U12 boys</b>	4	5	
<b>U14 girls</b>	2	3	
<b>U14 boys</b>	3	3	
<b>U16 girls</b>	3	3	
<b>U16 boys</b>	1	1	
<b>U18 girls</b>	2	1	
<b>U18 boys</b>	2	4	
<b>Total</b>	63	58	

\* Pending late registrations

We had six Lendrum teams in 2016:

- 1 mighty mites (U4) team
- 2 mixed U6 teams
- 1 U8 mixed team
- 1 U12 boys team
- 1 U14 boys team

### **Indoor Soccer 2016/2017**

Lendrum did not have any indoor teams in 2016/2017 and few players were registered (8 for U14 and older; zero for U12 and younger). Indoor soccer registration is entirely handled by SWEMSA. To help promote indoor soccer at the community level, we will increase advertising to outdoor players and parents about indoor soccer dates.

### **Volunteer activities**

Big thank you to our Coach and Assistant Coach volunteers over the past year: Julie Moehler (U4), Aryn Ford (U6), Jared O'Donnell (U6), Ben Willing (U6), Matthew Hawkeye (U6), Rick Young (U8), Julie Mondoux (U8), Craig O'Brien (U12), Tom Duke (U12), Mariam Abdi (U12), Dale Loyer (U14).

Matthew Hawkeye was the Lendrum soccer coordinator in 2016 and looks forward to continuing in that role.

Kim and Naveed Chaudry acted as referee coordinators for the 2016 outdoor season. They did a great job and their help is greatly appreciated! A new referee coordinator is sought for the 2017 outdoor season. Matthew will handle the duties in the interim.

Patricia Rojas acted as the Equipment Coordinator for the 2016 season and will be continuing in that role for the 2017 season as well.

**Total Soccer Income/Expenses (including referees)** – please defer to Treasurer.

**Year End BBQ** – please defer to Social coordinator.

## Abundant Community initiative

Stew & Anola Carson

Abundant Communities Edmonton has been developing in several communities throughout Edmonton. Other cities throughout Alberta, Canada, as well as the US & beyond are taking notice, too! **Lendrum ACI** has been & is continuing to provide opportunity to increase friendliness, lower social isolation & enhance neighbourliness in our little slice of the Edmonton area.

**Lendrum ACI** helps foster neighbourhood engagement & practical connection enabling people to increase neighbourliness where they live thus leading to many benefits.

In our nearly two decades of life in Lendrum I think this past year we had the most block parties/social gatherings on record (or at least in my most recent memory)! I fully believe that 2017 will be even better.

The foundation is for Block Connectors, one or two people(or more!) on the block that initiate connections & conversations with their neighbours. As the point person on the block, cul-de-sac or in an apartment building, he or she acts as a catalyst to engage & encourage residents to meet their neighbours. They encourage & model neighbourliness by getting to know their neighbours, their vision, interests & abilities. They are the people who initiate the organizing of lock parties & other gatherings or social activities on the block. Not every gathering need to be a block party, so we like to say consider them as block socials, eg Christmas Party, Supper Club etc.

Many of our residents connect around one of the two elementary schools, or the junior high school, or the three churches present in our neighbourhood. Still others identify with our community league-wide gathering while a number are long-time residents who are not as active as they once were but nonetheless treasure the neighbourhood & have helped make it what it is today. They often rely on snow shoveling & grass cutting services done by younger Lendrumites to help them age in community longer. Studies have shown this is a huge plus in combatting illness & social isolation that plagues many in today's society.

Recently a '10 signs of A Great Neighbourhood' article was making its rounds on the Internet. One of our Block Connectors remarked, "I can say, without a doubt, that my fellow Lendrumites have filled everyone of those roles for us since we moved here. So lucky!!!"

If you'd like to help please don't hesitate to contact Anola & I at [stewcarson@shaw.ca](mailto:stewcarson@shaw.ca). Our info is available on the Lendrum Community webpage too. We'd love to help you get a block social or block party off the ground. Let's continue to raise the positive neighbouring level in Lendrum!