

Lendrum Annual General Meeting Reports

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Website

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New Hall Rentals webpage outlines rental policy and procedures. NRC Monthly Reports stored on Lendrum Google Drive New Information links for Seniors & Caregivers. Programs & Lendrum Events are on the Google calendar on the Home Page

Time spent updating the website has varied depending on the amount and type of information and the format in which the information is received.

Sources of information have included our Neighbourhood Resource Coordinator (NRC), the City of Edmonton and other levels of Government, the EFCL, LCL Board and Coordinators, Program providers, Lendrum Residents and local groups.

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As always, I strive to deliver an unbiased approach in presenting information to the community. I welcome your feedback and suggestions; both have helped the website to grow and be of interest to the community as a whole.

For costs refer to the Treasurer's Report.

Hall rentals

Submitted by Angie Gray

Lendrum Hall seemed quite busy in the summer of 2019 with volleyball tournaments and a lot of renters from other neighbourhoods in Edmonton and Sherwood Park. In addition to our regular groups: girl guide rangers have occupied Thursday nights since September and Emily Murphy district meetings are also held here once a month. Unfortunately Family Futures had some funding cuts and will no longer be occupying their Tuesday morning time slot.

Many Lendrum residents booked the hall for special events in 2019, taking advantage of the special Sunday rate for league members of \$50 for the day.

All of the processes put in place by Bonnie previously have been working out well. Renters have no trouble providing a liquor license and insurance for events serving alcohol. The hall rental agreement and transfer of fees works well for most people.

Presently, we meet the renter at the hall just before their rental to inspect the hall for damages and cleanliness, using a “before” and “after” checklist. Then we collect \$100 cash Damages and Cleaning Bond from the renter, and hand over the hall keys. After the event, we meet the renter at the hall and repeat the inspection and exchange cash and keys. Although the process is a bit time consuming, I have experienced that it is worthwhile with outside-the-neighbourhood renters. I have been waiving the \$100 cash damage deposit for lendrum residents.

There is a planned installation of lock boxes on the hall for renters to collect and leave keys.

Natural Parks and Beds

Submitted by Bonnie Herring-Cooper (Community Gardiner) and Peggy Folinsbee (Community Naturalist)

With all the cool wet weather last summer our ornamental beds and natural area were lush and green, however, the weeds also thrived. The decorative pots by the hall were planted with edibles that were enjoyed by visitors to the playground and spraypark. Our new cedar planter was also very productive with an interesting and delicious variety of vegetables given the east exposure and shade from the elms. This cedar box could be used to trial cultivars new to Edmonton, growing them beside the familiar varieties. Anyone interested?

Our weekly work bees typically start in June and continue through to the end of August when we wrapped up with a lovely garden social at Bonnie and Rod's. Volunteers focus on keeping the ornamental beds tidy and healthy. We usually start in the rosebeds near the volleyball courts where the roses add a lovely burst of colour and with careful pruning continue to bloom through much of the season. The saskatoons that were planted in that bed a few years ago are doing very well. In the natural area we pull weeds, prune poplar suckers and repair and maintain the bird houses and bee hotels. One of our volunteers, Monty, has “adopted” the ornamental bed west of the VB courts where he is working to eradicate creeping bellflower. He is filling in with shrubs

and perennials transplanted from home. Perhaps there are other Lendrum folk who might consider adopting or sponsoring the maintenance of a piece of our lovely park area.

Our late August Day of Service was a cool rainy day and we dressed some of our 30+ U of A student volunteers in garbage bags to protect them from the weather. They worked hard, removing grass from the gravel path, trimming the shrubs along the walkways, weeding, emptying and cleaning the plant pots by the hall, and spreading mulch on the ornamental beds. Coleen supervised a group who removed old tape from the walls in the hall and cleaned the kitchen. Lance had a group of students helping with VB court maintenance. They were a keen hardy bunch and we certainly appreciated all their work. We also want to thank those Lendrum residents who step forward every year to supervise the growing number of UofA volunteers.

We were happy to receive a TD Parks People grant that enabled us to host 3 events last season. The first event on June 9th, was a Nature Walk and Weed Pull led by Manna Parseyan, a local native plant expert. It was a cool rainy afternoon but 26 hardy Lendrum folk came out to join us. Manna walked us through the natural area pointing out some of the native plants we might like to add to our home gardens and she talked about the benefits to insects and birds. Several keen families stayed to help pull yellow toadflax. One little volunteer exclaimed, "Look Mom! I found a whole forest of them. I can pull them out. Watch!" With this much enthusiasm we filled many bags and reduced the infestation significantly. Manna found blue-eyed grass growing along the south walkway. It is a tiny little plant that attracts bees and would be a welcome addition to your garden.

Our little piece of naturalized space in between the playing fields continues to be a visual delight and a popular place for both humans and critters to visit. A friend and I watched a coyote hunting along the grassy edge of the sidewalk late one afternoon last fall. It was followed by several magpies who appeared to be waiting for scraps or perhaps just keeping tabs on it. Many thanks to our community volunteers who contributed 50 hours of weeding, pruning and maintenance over the summer months. Art Bohnet, Greg Falkenstein, Edward Montgomery, Janet Smith, and Xanthe Loyer. We are always open to welcoming others to join us for an hour or so once a week, followed by a snack and a visit. Our first work bee of 2020 will probably be in June, watch the newsletter for a date and time or call either of us for more information.

Athletic Parks

Submitted by Erin Sawyer

Harvey Guhl, our long-time athletics parks coordinator had to step down this past year. He is greatly missed. As a result of this change, we were only able to continue with basic maintenance of the park. Thankfully (for the fields and our budget), 2019 was a wet summer which meant there were limited expenditures on watering. We had a summer student for part of the summer who helped maintain the tree beds, keep the playground tidy, and keep the weeds at bay. Our committed volunteers continued their work in the natural area and ornamental beds, led by Bonnie Herring-Cooper and Peggy Folinsbee. Many thanks to Gord Okamura who helped with mowing throughout the summer and to John Porter who helped keep the equipment in working order. We continued working with EnviroPerfect Solutions on the mini-fields and the board will be looking at our progress on these fields before making decisions for the 2020 season. Last year's costs for the fertilizer application was \$2305.93. As a result of a shed break-in last spring we had to purchase a new weed eater and leaf blower. We also used part of the insurance money to purchase an electric mower that can mow areas of the park that are now too difficult to mow with the ride-on (due to the landscape changes from the spray park renewal). Thanks to Ben Willing who helped out with the watering during the month of May and with application of the fertilizer treatments. Looking ahead, we will be reviewing our maintenance agreement with the City; without an athletics park coordinator it will be challenging to keep the park up to the standards which the community has become accustomed.

Programs

Submitted by Angie Gray

The Lendrum Community League hosts a wide variety of programs. Currently the following programs are using community space:

- Girl Guides of Canada (Sparks group)
- Yoga
- Early Morning Fitness Class
- Blue Chair Tai Chi
- Drop-in Knitting and Crochet
- Lendrum Food Network
- Community Soccer (see independent soccer report)
- Line Dancing
- Lendrum Men's Social Night
- Lendrum Pottery Group
- Girl Guides of Canada (Rangers)

There were a few suggestions for new programs but not enough people interested in attending to add to the calendar. That said, a new community Lego group has booked 4 consecutive Wednesday evenings with the possibility of continuing with more participants.

Lendrum Food Network

Submitted by Janet E Smith and Keith Fenrich

This group, mainly of gardeners, came alive again in February when Erin Sawyer thought about spring and gardening, and asked for interest in a form of seed sharing and group learning about gardening. Erin sent for packets of vegetable seeds and divided these into individual packets for each member who signed up for this group. She also came with signs and free-food boxes to announce there is an LFN member who will garden produce.

The first 2019 meeting was March 3, where Erin shared seeds from West Coast Seeds, 17 different vegetable varieties shared among 15 Lendrum gardeners who expressed an interest. We discussed possible food and gardening activities for the year, with several ideas and people volunteered to plan them. Keith Fenrich and Janet Smith offered to help with planning, and became co-coordinators of the group.

In June, arranged by our Community Gardener, Bonnie Herring-Cooper, and using funds from the TD Park People Grant, the community league was able to purchase a cedar box planter made by Lance Adamson. It is very sturdy, and is 8'length x 2'width x 18" deep. Bonnie filled this with soil, added some seedlings, and welcomed others to include seedlings and seeds as well. This was very successful, with vegetables that anyone visiting the Community League park could sample. For those children who do not see or eat fresh garden vegetables, this is a nice learning resource.

By summer, the group had swelled from 15 to 32, and other groups showed an interest in this group's activities: the city, in February attending and taking photos of our meeting and in the summer the city researching community leagues and gardening, and SWESA (SouthWest Edmonton Seniors Association) asking for a speaker to introduce our Lendrum food Network. The members of LFN represent all age groups and many different kinds of gardening and levels of gardening expertise; all share a love of gardening and/or of getting together over food.

For the Saskatoon Berry Festival, "the Saskatoons in our natural area were ripe for the picking. We started with a nature-based scavenger hunt where you drew the objects you found, then Emiline Roan, a Cree Elder, spoke about how her family and ancestors used and stored Saskatoon Berries and led us in a beading activity. We finished the evening with Saskatoon Berry Squares and ice tea."

Erin Flaherty planned the 2 garden tours. Harvest Festival, planned by Heather Lamothe included apple tasting, an apple press demonstrating apple cider making, children's crafts, home-made dinner, music by "Diamonds Dance Band and it was perfect for the event" (from Erin Sawyer, Lendrum Newsletter).

The apple-pie making was a huge success with many pies, mostly divided among those who were a part of the day, and a few going as prizes to the Turkey Trot race.

All activities were very well received and attended. The group food making was particularly fun for those involved.

List of the group's activities throughout the summer and autumn.

- March: first 2019 meeting and the group received community ordered vegetable seeds from Erin (from West Coast Seeds).
- May: seed saving talk by Jim Stevenson, then group seed sharing of seeds brought by several in the LFN group.
- July: Saskatoon Berry Festival
- July: 1st garden tour of some LFN members' gardens.
- August: 2nd garden tour of LFN members' gardens.
- September: Harvest Festival
- September: Compost donated by Jim Stevenson to any in LFN who wanted some.
- October: late-fall LFN apple pie making day.

Social Events

Submitted by Julie Moehler

New Year's Day Celebration

Organized by: Georgina Hawkeye

Due to changes to the fireworks regulations, we were unable to get a permit for the fireworks. We moved the event earlier in the day, from 2 to 4, and just had sledding, skating and leftover holiday treats. The weather was perfect and the whole event was outside. It was still well attended, even without the fireworks, but mostly by families with young children. No cost for this event, as no fireworks were purchased.

Winter Fair (February)

Organized by: Georgina Hawkeye

Held on February 23, the weather was perfect this year. Activities included sleigh rides, marshmallow roasting, skating, sledding, outdoor games with prizes and small ice sculptures for the kids. Sleigh ride was \$925 and other costs (speakers, prizes, games from city, hot chocolate, supplies) were about \$150.

Volunteer Appreciation (March 14)

Organized by: Julie Moehler and Erin Sawyer

This was the first year the league held a volunteer appreciation. Community members who volunteered multiple hours for the board, casino, rink, natural space, green space, event organizing, or soccer coaching were invited to an evening of food, drinks and door prizes. There were 75 people invited and we had a turnout of about 40 people. Will consider making this a recurring event.

Soccer wrap-up BBQ (June)

Organized by: Julie Moehler (Carolyn Fenrich doing the book fair). Held on June 23. There were over 200 people there, with a great Lendrum turnout, as usual. Many people showed up around 2 expecting to get food but the bbq part is done by 2, so will advertise that better next year. This year we had two bouncy castles, two glitter tattoo artists, and various games from the city, in addition to the BBQ and book sale. The total cost of the event was \$1769 (slightly lower this year because I had used a year end grant from the city to purchase extra plates, cups, etc).

The book and freezie sale raised about \$800.

Canada Day Bike Race (July)

Organized by: Lance Adamson

New AGLC rules this year meant at least one person in the beer gardens at all time had to have ProServe training. The league covered the cost of 5 or 6 people the get the training (\$25 per person, online course). The training is good for five years.

The weather was terrible this year, cold and rainy, which made for a much lower turnout than previous years. There were still a large number of children that showed up for the kids race, despite the weather.

For next year, I will inquire with AGLC about being able to set up the beer gardens and food service inside the hall in case of bad weather again.

The race continues to alternate routes every two years

Campout (August)

Organized by: Erin Sawyer

The campout was held on August 16, 2019. It began at approximately 5:30pm and we finished cleaning up around 10:00am on Saturday, August 17. You will need to talk to Lance/Janice about booking the hall in May to reserve the night (Lance because there are often weekend volleyball tournaments).

Approximately 73 people were in attendance for the campfire. There were 27 people who spent the night. A couple of families chose to eat dinner with us, go home to sleep and then returned for breakfast. There were 43 people at breakfast.

Expenses were ~ \$217, the league now covers the cost of this event.

Mens Beer Night

Organized by: Lance Adamson

The men of Lendrum have been meeting at the hall for the past two years on the first Friday of the month. For the past year the time has been from 7:30 - 10, which has continued to bring out more young men with families. Beer and snacks are provided, we ask for a donation toward the cost.

Turkey Trot

Organized by: Julie Moehler

The annual Lendrum Turkey Trot was held on Sunday, October 6. The weather was beautiful and there were over 60 people who took part in the 3km and 5km walk/run/bike through the neighbourhood, with coffee, juice and snacks in the hall afterwards. The refreshments were provided by Safeway, and the Moehler family donated the turkey. The Lendrum food network also provided two pies for prizes.

Lendrum Community Chili Cookoff (November)

Organized by: Marianne Meen

The event was held on Saturday November 16 from 5 to 8. There was an excellent turnout for the evening and about a dozen different chillies entered. Matthew Hawkeye and Ben Willing purchased the liquor. The Glass Monkey donated gift cards for the three winning chillies. The three winning chili entries were by Geoff Scott, Marianne Meen and Julie Moehler (there were less vegetarian chillies this year, so voting was just for favourite chili overall). This is always a very well attended community event, and is supported by many different age groups in the community. Costs were: \$51 for food and pop, \$97 for liquor, \$130 for insurance and liquor license. The amount we “made” was \$468, but after subtracting costs, it was \$190.

Bottle Drive

We had one bottle drive in October that raised \$1793. The school held one in March so we did not have our spring one, but going forward we will continue to have a bottle drive in April/May and October. The two bottle drives cover most of the costs for social events throughout the year.

Civics

Submitted by Stephen Dobson

Central Area Council of Community League (CACCL):

-CACCL is an information sharing group of community leagues in the university and Strathcona area. It corresponds to Councillor's Walters northern ward and Councillor Ben Henderson's western ward.

-I chair, act as secretary, and do web maintenance as Lendrum's representative to CACCL. Chair is an elected position.

-I arranged and attended about 5 meetings usually at the Strathcona library. Councillor Walters attended one meeting. Two city planners responsible for the 109 street vision attended another meeting.

-We discussed the speed limits issue, ward boundaries, 109 street development, the Hawreluk Park volunteer plaza, and bike lanes.

-I did the 2018-2019 AGM minutes but not individual meeting minutes.

- I assure the website domain and hosting is paid but the website content is out of date.

-44.5 hours

Lendrum Community League Board:

-I attended Lendrum community league meetings. I provided verbal and written updates on civics matters.

-I wrote 4 or 5 notes for the community newsletter. I usually had to read some City planning documents to complete newsletters.

-I communicated with the Capital Regional Housing Corporation regarding asbestos removal in an apartment being demolished.

-I wrote a letter to a CBC reporter regarding LRT safety in Lendrum.

-I drafted material for the league president regarding speed limits.

-39 hours.

South Campus Neighbourhood Coalition (SCNC):

-SCNC meets with the university to discuss development on South Campus / the university farm.

-I am Lendrum's representative on the Coalition. I chair the Coalition and do web maintenance. Chair is an elected position.

-Met with the university in person to discuss plans for the Mitchener Park closure's open house. Also attended the open house.

-Corresponded with Alberta Infrastructure regarding the decommissioning of the Alberta Health Services lab site north of the School For the Deaf.

-Did two on-camera interviews with Global TV and CBC TV regarding the provincial government's approval of Mitchener Park and farm land transfers to the University of Alberta Property Trust Incorporated.

-I corresponded with the Trust's chair.

-Miscellaneous correspondence and website management. I assured the website domain and hosting is paid but the content is out of date.

-I updated the MOU with the university but it is not yet signed.

-9.75 hours.

Sand Volleyball

Submitted by Lance Adamson

Lendrum Community League has a sand volleyball facility that is well used. The sand is great, a good number of courts, the visibility in the community is positive, the number and the age range of people using the courts is good.

A rental policy was developed this year and it has been approved by the executive.

Financial:

The sand volleyball courts continue to bring in positive revenue to the community league budget.

Bookings:

The users of the courts include ESSC, school groups, tournament organizers, one time users and community members.

We have league bookings Sunday to Friday from 6 – 10 pm. We have school groups in 4 – 6 Monday to Thursday during the school year. There are tournaments on weekends about three times per month.

Other:

1. Hall bookings – all users running day long events must book the hall for use of the washrooms and to control the number of people in the space.
2. Bookings – we have issues in having space for all the users, we have a large number of requests in May and June with school groups and other bookings. It is a challenge to give fair time to all groups.
3. Maintenance – we will continue to maintain the courts to a high standard to attract quality programs. We add sand usually once every two years.

Soccer

Submitted by Matthew Hawkeye

Year-to-year outdoor numbers:

Ages	2020	2019	2018	Ages	2017	2016
U5 mixed	14	18	17	U4 mixed	14	5
U7 girls	8	21*	12*	U6 mixed	13	19
U7 boys	14	n/a*	n/a*			
U9 girls	2	9	3	U8 mixed	10	10
U9 boys	7	7	5			
U11 girls	6	4	1	U10 girls	2	0
U11 boys	5	4	4	U10 boys	6	3
U13 girls	1	0	1	U12 girls	1	1
U13 boys	3	2	0	U12 boys	4	5
U15 girls	0	0	1	U14 girls	2	3
U15 boys	0	1	3	U14 boys	3	3
U17 girls	0	1	1	U16 girls	3	3
U17 boys	1	2	0	U16 boys	1	1
U19 girls	1	0	1	U18 girls	2	1
U19 boys	0	0	0	U18 boys	2	4
Total	62	69	49	63	58	

*Prior to 2020, U7 was a mixed program

Lendrum is also coordinating the outdoor soccer season for Pleasantview as they are without a volunteer coordinator this year. This brings 45 more kids into our program this year.

This year, we continue the trend of high enrollment in Lendrum community soccer registration, particularly in the younger ages groups. Seems like there are more young families in the community and this is reflected in our soccer numbers!

Lendrum hosted 6 teams in 2019:

- A mighty mites (U5) team

- 3 mixed U7 teams
- 1 U9 Girls team
- 1 U11 Girls team

Volunteer activities:

Big thank you to our Coach and Assistant Coach volunteers over the past year! They are the lifeblood of community soccer!

- U5: Jennifer Tomlinson, Daniel Wood, Michael Monaghan
- U7: Ben Willing, Matthew Hawkeye, Geoff Ball, Marianne Meen, Bradley Burroughs, Scott Robertson, and Adrian Sherman
- U9G: Ben Willing and Matthew Hawkeye
- U11G: Shea Mohammed

Matthew Hawkeye was the Lendrum soccer coordinator in 2019 and looks forward to continuing in that role.

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

Year End BBQ – please defer to Social coordinator.

Ice Rink and Snow Clearing

Submitted by Ben Willing

The rink opened December 6th 2019 and was still in use March 6th 2020. There was an overall increase in use over the past year with someone on the rink nearly every evening. Lendrum schools got good use of the rink this year, with kindergarten classes using the rink weekly for January and February and significant use from the outdoor education classes at Avalon.

Rick Young generously provided his skid steer again for the levelling of the sand. There were 7 volunteers that helped with the rink, with the bulk of the effort from Ben Willing, Gary Yaskowich and Amit Bhavsar. From October 2019-March 6, 2020, approximately 200 hours were worked by volunteers. There were no honorariums paid this year, however, gift cards were purchased for key volunteers that contributed more than 20 hours for a total of \$400. The main cost for the year was for the purchase of a new snow blower to replace the one stolen in 2018 (partially covered by the insurance claim). There was also a new heater for the shed and light for the hall, as well as fuel and equipment repair costs.

Other Volunteers:

Keith Fenrich
Ira Moehler
Max Pinchbeck
John Porter

2019 expenses:

Honorariums: \$400

Equipment repair, gas and materials: \$2,516.49

Budget for 2020: \$4000

Volunteer honorariums: \$2000

Equipment maintenance and materials: \$2000.