

# Lendrum Annual General Meeting Reports

April 1, 2019

## Newsletter

Emily Schlender

In 2018 we had three 16 page editions and two 20 page editions of the newsletter. We also collected \$1200 in revenue from advertising and expect similar revenue in 2019. Many Lendrum residents choose to advertise in the newsletter - we continue to provide business card size ads free of charge for residents, space permitting. I took over editing the newsletter in May 2018.

### Budget:

Printing Costs : ~ \$2600.00 (Printing in 2018 came in right under this estimate)

Distribution Costs : ~ \$550 - \$700

Total: \$3150 - \$3300

Estimated Revenue: ~ \$1200

Net cost: \$1950 - \$ 2100

## Website Report

Marlene Konduc

Older website content was converted into pdf format, and archived on Lendrum's Google Drive into a folder called Website Archives, along with supporting documents and original images. Access is via a link on the [Site Map](#).

Webpages were converted to a Bootstrap CSS framework. Efforts were made to improve Accessibility for all and to streamline the website in general. Redundant information on the website was eliminated.

Tools Used

[Bootstrap 3.3.7 CSS framework](#)

[w3schools.com](http://w3schools.com)

[The W3C Markup Validator](#)

[WAVE Web Accessibility Tool](#)

I strive to deliver an unbiased approach and welcome your feedback and suggestions; both have helped the website to grow and be of interest to the community.

The website continues to be held on [TelusHosting](#). For costs refer to the Treasurer's Report.

## **Lendrum Hall Rentals**

Bonnie Herring-Cooper

Lendrum Hall was busier than ever in 2018, with new groups using the hall: Nancy's Notes offered a spring Sunday morning pre-school music and motion class; the SouthWest Seniors Society offered Wednesday morning yoga and dance from September to December and the Society for Homeschool of Edmonton made use of unused time Thursday evenings.

More Lendrum residents booked the hall for special events in 2018, especially children's birthday parties, taking advantage of the special Sunday rate for league members of \$50 for four hours. The new spray park, newish playground, volleyball courts, sports fields and ice rinks attract many renters. As well, our central location appeals to many residents of the new SW suburbs who don't yet have their own halls.

In May the Board approved changes to our rental policy and pricing. We moved away from our practice of the past five years of renting the hall without a contract, damage deposit or proof of insurance. When most renters were our neighbours, there was little need for these formalities, but as more non-residents rented the hall, we experienced last-minute cancellations and messes left by renters. Without a contract and deposit, we had little clout to address these problems.

For these reasons, starting in summer of 2018, prospective renters have had to complete a rental agreement and pay the rent in order to hold a date. In addition, Lendrum residents who want a discounted rent and all non-residents must show their current league membership card. Renters who plan to serve alcohol must have liability insurance and an AGLC license; renters with 50+ guests also require insurance, even if not serving alcohol.

Between July and December, 2018, we "tweaked" how we collected a deposit that could be promptly returned to the renter who does a good job of cleaning the hall after their event. 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. So far, these changes have worked well. Renters respond when they know the expectations we have for cleaning, and \$100 cash is at stake.

Rents remain reasonable. Lendrum residents with league membership pay \$25/h or \$125/day; without membership they pay the same as non-residents, \$35/h or \$150/day. The Board has discretion to reduce rent to not-for-profit groups, especially those who use the hall outside of busy times.

Thanks to the many volunteers who keep the hall open and functioning: the snow removal crew (aka the rink crew); carpenter, Lance Adamson; plumber, Jared

O'Donnell; handyman/exterminator Tim Lechelt; electricians, Gary Yaskowich and John Porter; jack-of-all trades, Lance and Gary.

### **Parks: Ornamental Beds**

Bonnie Herring Cooper

How many of you had your breath taken away last summer when you went by the glowing green sports fields of Lendrum Park? Or felt the buzz of so many folks of all ages at our volleyball courts, playground and new spray park? Each year it seems more and more people are drawn to the beauty and facilities at the heart of our neighbourhood.

A lot of people volunteer to keep the park looking great. Our first blitz was planting the six 20" square pots along the east side of the hall. In 2017 we added to the ornamentals some edibles which were sampled by visitors to the playground. In 2018 we planted only vegetables and edible flowers and placed signs identifying the plants. We learned that celery is a beautiful foliage plant, but needs to be harvested early to eat; that dianthus petals are edible and the pink ones taste different than the purple ones; and Kalette (a hybrid of kale and Brussel sprouts) is a garden's conversation piece. More visitors sampled the edibles and some returned regularly to harvest them.

From June 6 to August 27, five Lendrum gardeners met Monday or Wednesday evenings to tend the ornamental beds and naturalized areas of the park by weeding, pruning, planting, mulching and removing litter. We met at 7:00, worked and visited til 8:30, then gathered at a table in the park for refreshments and conversation. This is a wonderful way to meet neighbours and discover interests in common. Thanks to Art, Greg, Monty, Peggy, Vera and Bonnie who were assisted by members of the Lendrum Food Network in July. Altogether we donated 84 hours of gardening help to the park.

On August 31, our community got an infusion of youthful high spirits and hard work from 30 UA students who donated an afternoon of labour to the park, coached and supported by seven Lendrum gardeners, for a total of 74 hours of work.

Thank you for your comments that let us know our work is appreciated.

### **Parks: Lendrum Natural Area**

Peggy Folinsbee, Community Naturalist

Our lovely naturalized area continues to attract many life forms including; birds, insects, and large and small mammals. Once again the voles enjoyed a safe and cosy winter

under the snow where they burrowed and built nests. Some of our local white-tailed prairie hares pruned the willows and highbush cranberries for us. A chipping sparrow nested successfully in the roses near the pathway, which we discovered while pruning. Last spring we repaired and re-installed several of the nest boxes, which were then occupied by grateful sparrows and perhaps tree swallows. House wrens were also seen and heard in the brush piles and some very noisy merlins were seen out hunting throughout Lendrum. Some of the occupied bee hotels needed to be re-hung on their posts.

The saskatoons were once again a very popular and delicious attraction to the local humans. Native common tall sunflower is spreading nicely throughout the moist east section of the area. Some of the aspens are not looking very healthy and are actually dying back. We will consult with the city forestry folks, but even so dead and dying trees and shrubs provide necessary habitat and food for many birds and insects. Bonnie and I signed a Partners in Parks agreement with the city last year.

## **Programs**

Erin Sawyer

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)
- Family Futures Resource Network
- Line Dancing
- Lendrum Men's Social Night
- Lendrum Pottery Group

This year, in coordination with Bonnie Herring-Cooper, the Hall Rentals Coordinator, I developed a program policy that was approved by the Community League Board. The new policy requires program participants to be members of a community league within Edmonton and lays out guidelines for the development of new community programs. We also developed a waiver for program participants and the Acknowledgement of Duties Form was revised.

In the coming year, it could be helpful to do an assessment of the existing programs to get a better sense of participation rates and demographics.

## **SOCIAL**

Julie Moehler

### *New Year's Day Celebration*

Organized by: Georgina Hawkeye

This event was extremely well attended this year, in part due to the beautiful weather. There was no fee for the permit this year, but it did have to be obtained before purchasing the fireworks. The total cost for the fireworks was \$126. There was a donation of fireworks so the fireworks show was longer than normal and very well enjoyed by the audience. There were suggestions of looking for extra donations/matching donations by the community league to have the added fireworks in future years as well. Hot chocolate and inside activities were provided by the league and everyone brought their leftover Christmas treats to share.

### *Winter Fair (February, March)*

Organized by: Georgina Hawkeye

Originally scheduled for February 24, but rescheduled to March 2 due to extreme cold weather. The cost of the sleigh rides was \$925 and speaker rental was \$45 , but we did receive a Snow FUNd grant of \$300 towards that cost. Other incidental items (plates, cups, hot chocolate, etc) were mostly covered by a year end grant of \$149 from the city. We had sleigh rides, hot chocolate station, puppet theater, outside games, sledding, skating, hockey, snacks (provided by Community members) and a fire pit. The weather on the new date was still quite cold (-25) but about 50 community members still attended the event, and everyone had a great time, despite the cold.

### *Soccer wrap-up BBQ (June)*

Organized by: Julie Moehler (Carolyn Fenrich doing the book fair).

There were over 200 people there, with a great Lendrum turnout, as usual. This was also the first weekend the spray park was open so there was the grand opening of the spray park as well. This year we had two bouncy castles, two glitter tattoo artists, various games from the city and some pick up soccer games, in addition to the BBQ and book sale. The total cost of the event was \$2015.81 (including soccer medals), with the extra food purchased being used at the Canada Day BBQ. The book and freezie sale raised \$795.

### *Canada Day Bike Race (July)*

Organized by: Lance Adamson

The neighbourhood turnout for the bike race was excellent this year, with a record number of children participating in the kids race. There were lots of volunteers for the set up, BBQ, beer gardens and clean up. Many residents of Lendrum and surrounding communities come for the day to watch the races and enjoy the BBQ, and many residents have their own parties in their yards to celebrate Canada Day and the bike

race. It is a great fundraiser for the community league and an event enjoyed by many members.

The event does not run without challenges. There are a few community members that feel they do not have full access to their homes and the city streets during the event, this is not true. All homes have access just not parking in front of their homes during the event. Alley access is open just ask the marshal at the lane access point. The race continues to alternate routes every two years

### Campout (August)

Organized by: Erin Sawyer

The campout was held on August 17, 2018, from about 5:30pm to 10:00 the following morning.

Approximately 64 people were in attendance for the campfire. There were 19 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 24 people at breakfast.

We raised \$275. Expenses were ~ \$200, which means \$75 is being donated to the league.

I'm going to suggest that the league just cover the cost of this event. All the families pay the

same price regardless of whether they stay the night or don't (i.e. some don't come for breakfast) and I usually do it on the honour system so some families end up paying and some

don't – I don't want to hunt people down. If we feel this is a well loved event I would suggest just supporting it as the cost is quite minimal (Expenses could probably be brought

down to \$175 total).

### 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, September 30. The weather was a little chilly but we still had a turnout of about 35 people, including lots of kids. There were 3km and 5km routes, with snacks, coffee and colouring the hall afterwards. New community member Su Chun donated the turkey and Tim Hortons provided donuts and muffins. Gillian Harvey has volunteered to run this event for the upcoming year.

### Lendrum Community Chili Cookoff (November)

Organized by: Matthew Hawkeye and Ben Willing

The event was held on Saturday November 10 from 5 to 8. There was an excellent turnout for the evening and about a dozen different chillies entered. The Glass Monkey also participated for the first year and donated prizes for the winning chillies as well. It was great to have the extra support from a favourite neighbourhood business. The three winning chili entries were: Marianne Meen (neighbourhood choice), Henry Cook (best traditional), and Annamarie Yang (best vegetarian). This is always a very well attended community event, and is supported by many different age groups in the community. There were many new faces at the event, which was great to see. After the cost of the extra insurance, liquor license, supplies, etc a couple hundred dollars was raised for the League.

## **CIVICS**

Stephen Dobson

As Civics representative I attended the majority of Lendrum Board meetings and reported to the board or newsletter on the following activities.

Alberta Health Services Building of New 1000-Worker Lab North of Lendrum

- Suggested to AHS that Lendrum hall was a good location for their open house.
- Attended several Alberta Health Services, Alberta Infrastructure, Alberta Health meetings regarding the lab.
- Provided input to Alberta Health Services about potential community concerns.
- Communicated the status of the project to the community.
- Expressed concern about the proliferation of parking in the area.

LRT Fatality At Pedestrian Track Crossing On 60th Avenue

- Attended a meeting with the City and Parkallen regarding solutions for the LRT crossing safety.
- Provided City with input safety concerns regarding pedestrian lights at road pedestrian crossing.
- Got information regarding loudness of warning signals in response to community concerns.

South Campus Neighbourhood Coalition (Chair)

- Coordinated meeting agendas and circulated information from the University.
- Only two meetings were held this year.
- Edited the website. However domain ownership may have lapsed.
- Explored possibility of setting ski tracks on the farm however UofA cannot allow snowmobiles.
- Updated board or community on the Mitchener Park closure, arena and other university matters.

Central Area Council of Community Leagues (Chair)

- Created a website for the Council (ccacl.ca). More content is needed.
- Hosted two meetings this year including a meeting with Anne Stevenson regarding the updating of the City's zoning bylaw.

#### Changes To Transit

- Visited to open houses on changes on transit.
- Completed an online questionnaire.
- Put a notice in the newsletter.

#### Capital Region Housing Authority

- Reported on the delay in construction until spring 2019.

#### Crime Committee

- I attended one meeting of the crime committee created by Pleasantview and many neighbouring communities.
- Met once with Geoff Kozens the league's new crime prevention representative.

## **Sand Volleyball**

Lance Adamson

We have a well used volleyball facility. 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.

#### *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 and 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 during the day about three times per month.

#### *Concerns:*

1. Parking – the use of the community parking is an issue but also a positive issue as it controls the speed of the cars in the community.
2. 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.



3. 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.
4. Maintenance – we will continue to maintain the courts to a high standard to attract quality programs. We add sand usually once every two years. In the fall 2018 we upgraded the backstop on the south side of the courts.

## **Lendrum Soccer**

Matthew Hawkey

### **Outdoor Soccer**

Year-to-year outdoor numbers

<b>Ages</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>Ages</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
U5 mixed	18	17	U4 mixed	14	5	Breakdown not available
U7 mixed	21	12	U6 mixed	13	19	
U9 girls	9	3	U8 mixed	10	10	
U9 boys	7	5				
U11 girls	4	1	U10 girls	2	0	
U11 boys	4	4	U10 boys	6	3	
U13 girls	0	1	U12 girls	1	1	
U13 boys	2	0	U12 boys	4	5	
U15 girls	0	1	U14 girls	2	3	
U15 boys	1	3	U14 boys	3	3	
U17 girls	1	1	U16 girls	3	3	
U17 boys	2	0	U16 boys	1	1	
U19 girls	0	1	U18 girls	2	1	
U19 boys	0	0	U18 boys	2	4	
<b>Total</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>49</b>		<b>63</b>	<b>58</b>	

Lendrum is also coordinating the outdoor soccer season for Pleasantview as they are without a volunteer coordinator this year. This brings 62 more kids into our program this year.

This year, Lendrum community soccer registration numbers have rebounded as enrollment in the younger ages (U5, U7, and U9) has increased. Seems like there are more young families in the community and this is reflected in our soccer numbers!

Lendrum hosted 5 teams in 2018:

- A mighty mites (U5) team
- 2 mixed U7 teams
- 1 U9 Girls team
- 1 U9 Boys 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: Scott Robertson, Matthew Hawkeye, Michael Monaghan, and Ben Willing
- U7: Julie Moehler and Kevin Quinn
- U9G: Shea Mohammed, Tristan McCallion, and Matthew Hawkeye
- U9B: Steve Wallace

Matthew Hawkeye was the Lendrum soccer coordinator in 2018 and looks forward to continuing in that role.

Lena Aitken was a huge help and acted as referee coordinator for the 2018 outdoor season. She did a wonderful job and her help is greatly appreciated! A new referee coordinator is sought for the 2019 outdoor season. Matthew will handle the duties in the interim.

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

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

## **Icerink**

Ben Willing

The rink opened December 20<sup>th</sup> 2018 and remains open as of March 12<sup>th</sup> 2019. Rick Young generously provided his skid steer for the levelling of the sand. There were 14 volunteers that helped with the rink this year, with the bulk of the effort from Ben Willing, Adam Gaumont, Ira Moehler, Gary Golden and Max Pinchbeck. From October 2018-February 23, 2019, a total of 135.25 hours were worked by volunteers, 66.25 of which were paid an honorarium of \$15/hr.

The Lendrum School kindergarten classes used the rink on a weekly basis in January and February.

The shed was broken into in the early fall and the garage door wrecked and the walk behind snow blower and leaf blower were stolen. The door was fixed and the equipment will be replaced with insurance, but have not yet been purchased.

New mats were purchased to cover the path from the rink to the change room. Additional mats will need to be purchased next year to cover the remaining distance.

### 2018 expenses:

Honorariums: \$993.75

Equipment repair, gas and materials: \$241.60

### Budget for 2018: \$4000

Volunteer honorariums: \$2000

Equipment maintenance and materials: \$2000.

## **Park Redevelopment & Fundraising**

Allison Nitchke

The spray park was installed in the summer and the shade structure will be installed in June or July of 2019.

Grant reporting for the project has been completed.

City of Edmonton grants	\$250,000
City of Edmonton partner contribution	\$129,817
Province of Alberta grant	\$125,000
Government of Canada grant	\$28,863
Lendrum League contribution	\$51,461
Community Fundraising	\$70,676
Total project cost:	\$655,817