

# Annual Report - 2023 - Lendrum Community League Programs and Activities

## Membership

*Lisa Sharun*

The 2023-2024 membership year brought about a change for all community leagues. We can now use the Communal Portal listed on the community league website to purchase your new membership. This new site offers the option of annual auto-renewal for members as well as the option to put a digital membership card on to the wallet on your phone. The communal site provides a place for all admin to access member information, create email lists and enter other information such as volunteer interests. This site should eliminate the need for most paper memberships although we will continue to offer this option for those who do not want to use the online service. It costs the same as doing it on the EFCL website (\$5 surcharge) which continues to be an option to date.

I manually updated the spreadsheet for the Communal people to import all of the membership information from 2022-23 as well as 2023-24 so it lists previous inactive members as well. This summer, I think an informational email should go out to everyone on the current email list to let them know about this new system.

Current active members on the portal are 108

Current memberships purchased through the EFCL website this year are 32

additional memberships purchased through me since updating the communal site are 6

## Hall Rentals

*Mark Lund, Hall Rentals Manager*

1 - Casual Rentals

# of Rentals			# hrs rented	Revenue
<b>46</b>	<b>2023 Total</b>	<b>2023 Total</b>	<b>278.0</b>	<b>\$ 5,880.00</b>
45	<i>2022 Total</i>	<i>2022 Total</i>		\$ 4,924.25

2 - Attended about ten board meetings over the year.

3 - I Received about 1250 emails over the year, about 60% required some attention, and about 50% required a response. Casual bookings account for about 50% of the required responses.

3 - Assisted with the final website edits for the hall rental pages

4 - redrafted the Hall Rental Agreement twice during 2023.

I am prepared to stand another year as Hall Rental Manager, but could use some assistance for when I'm not available.

Respectfully submitted;  
Mark

## **Website**

*Erin Sawyer*

- A new website was explored in the fall of 2022 with the help of community volunteers - Curt Pillipow, Adam Gaumont, Lauren Albrecht, Steve Allen and Erin Sawyer.
- We purchased access to the SquareSpace platform and started to develop the new site. The group decided on SquareSpace due to ease of use, the ability for multiple people to easily make changes to the site and the aesthetics.
- In fall 2023, we contracted the services of Charmaine Davidson, who helped us to complete the new site. The cost to the league was \$300 for Charmaine's services.
- Charmaine also led a training session for some league board members on January 6. This cost the league \$150.
- The website went live on Jan. 6 and we have had positive feedback to date.

## **Programs**

*Melissa Kean*

Lendrum has continued to have a very active array of community programs this year. Under the steadfast guidance of many program liaisons, a wide variety of ongoing programs have continued (including pottery, crafts, food and garden network, men's night, seniors' discussion group, stitchery circle, yoga, and others).

Many neighbours have also actively explored new program ideas throughout the year gauging community interest along the way. This has resulted in our new and very engaged book club, monthly family Bingo nights, toddler and parent meetup group, and later this month a new kids yoga class will be starting.

Thank-you to all the committed volunteers who have started and maintained these amazing community programs. It has been a great year in our community and we look forward to continuing to support neighbours as they come up with creative ideas for coming together and connecting with each other.

## **Book Sale Coordinator**

Book Sale Coordinator Needed for the June 22nd Event.

The annual community book sale is a fundraiser for the community league which provides an opportunity for Lendrumites to connect with each other and coincides with the Soccer BBQ. The Coordinator is responsible for advertising the book sale in the Newsletter, on Facebook and on the website. Responsibilities include working with the Soccer Coordinator to ensure hall space is booked, volunteers are scheduled and freebies are bought for resale, as well as working with the Treasurer to provide a float for the event. The Coordinator will arrange for the drop off of books and the organization of them at the Hall on the Friday, be available on Saturday during the book sale if a volunteer can't make it, and complete clean up of the books after the sale. Last year's coordinator, Carolyn Fenrich is available to assist and answer any questions that may arise.

## **Lendrum Food Network**

*Nina Mori, Lendrum Food Network Coordinator*

My report for the LFGN is as follows:

The 23/24 year was a bit quieter, but still had some good activities and community connection:

- Lance and Janice Adamson organized in mid-March and there were 15 participants
- At the end of April, Keith Fenrich organized a compost fundraiser where he took orders, picked up City of Edmonton compost, and delivered to everyone's home; we had 8 participants and raised \$205 (by donation)
- In early June, we had a garden plant swap organized by Nathaniel Hanneman and Nina; there were 6 participants
- In September, Keith and Nina organized an Apple Pie Bee at the hall; there were 12 participants and we used \$175 from the compost funds to buy supplies; everyone took home pies
- In December, Nina organized a cookie exchange; there were 8 participants
- In January, Nina organized a seed swap and there were 3 participants
- The community league reimbursed Nina for an Edmonton Horticultural Society annual membership (\$48); we get monthly newsletters and one person used the card for discounts

We had our annual meeting online on March 17 and generated some good ideas for the upcoming year: compost fundraiser; garden and indoor plant swap; Christmas cookie exchange; 2 or 3 speakers; local garden tours; black knot removal program through City; and a few different food making and/or eating events including a Pi Day Pie Social. More details will be forthcoming. One big note from the meeting was that Heather cannot coordinate the Harvest Festival this year.

## **Lendrum Seniors**

*Janet Smith, Lendrum Seniors Coordinator*

### Lendrum Seniors Discussion Group 2022-2023

#### **Presentation/Discussion topics.**

September 2022: Introductions and Ageism, How to Stand your Ground  
I requested ideas for topics to cover this 2022-2023 year.

October 2022: Green Sleeve and how to plan for death - forms, finances, etc. (requested by several).

November 2022: Nutrition and Aging, adaptations to your body's changes.

December 2022: Home, options when caring for home and yard are too much, be prepared. This included a tour of a local Tiny House built for and lived in by a group member. It was the most popular meeting.

January 2023: Keeping healthy with help from Fitness and Physiotherapy experts, how aging changes your body and what to do to keep healthy.

February 2023: Transportation, how long to drive, how to maintain safe driving, what else is possible, are the options adequate, what could we do about that?

March 2023: Cognition and Aging, including good cognitive health as well as resources for the various dementias – not everything is Alzheimers, and some declines can be reversed. Dementia was requested by one, who then could not be there.

April 2023: Family, children, grandchildren. What has changed since we were children?

May 2023: Safety – home security, fraud aimed at seniors, availability of help, keeping all your home's systems working.

June 2023: a longer meeting going over the lunch hour:

- Climate Change and environmental safety (this was requested by several), changing our priorities?

- Pot-luck lunch and plans for next year.

## **Athletic Parks**

*Ron Pidskalny, Athletic Parks Coordinator*

Park maintenance has continued with the assistance of Gord Okamura. Gord handles mowing and weed trimming – and keeps the fields and park areas looking well-groomed in the interval between City of Edmonton mowing operations. We would also like to thank John Porter for helping to keep the equipment in working order. Equipment is serviced, fluids are changed and worn parts are replaced each spring by a professional mechanic.

In the spring of 2023, the sidewinder (or wing mower) frame broke due to wear and old age. The mower was welded and it moved under its own power; however, there were other major issues with the condition of the frame. The mower could not be repaired and the Lendrum Community League (LCL) decided to sell the mower at the Ritchie Auction. A local Toro dealer will haul the mower to the auction for a small fee.

Funds are not available to purchase a new or used sidewinder mower – which may cost around \$60,000 new. Used mowers may sell for as much as about half of that amount. The LCL Board also noted that one volunteer puts a considerable amount of time into mowing each week, and if this individual does not continue to mow weekly, there would be no value in having a mower.

For now, the slopes or hilly terrain in the athletic fields and park areas may no longer be mowed. The City of Edmonton (City) does not mow the slopes of the athletic fields, so these areas will no longer be maintained as they were by LCL volunteers.

The rink volunteers use the snow blower, and the John Deere tractor and trailer for the most part, and this group reports on the need for service for these pieces of equipment. The tractor and trailer are also used for spring, summer and fall grounds maintenance.

Volunteers also water the athletic fields on a regular basis in the summer months. In 2023, the LCL Board approved up to \$3,000 to purchase irrigation equipment or upgrade equipment. Matthew Hawkeye and Ben Willing help supervise the irrigation crew. The LCL must obtain a permit from EPCOR each spring, along with the appropriate valves and other pieces of equipment needed to use the neighbourhood fire hydrants. The LCL pays by the month for the rental of this equipment, and it must be returned to EPCOR each fall. The Athletic Coordinator works with EPCOR, and picks up and returns the rented equipment.

Several coordinators and many volunteers contribute to the maintenance of the athletic parks, playground, spray park, naturalized areas and plant beds. A manual which outlines the contractual relationship between the Lendrum Community League (LCL) and the City of Edmonton continues to be updated. The community league agreement with the City of Edmonton now allows for light pruning of shrubs in designated areas – under the supervision of a designated individual. The Athletic Coordinator is working in this capacity for now.

Our committed volunteers continued their work in the natural area and ornamental beds, led by Bonnie Herring-Cooper. The annual fall cleanup in September, held in conjunction with first year University of Alberta (U of A) residence students, was a success. Activities included weeding flower beds and the beach volleyball courts. The U of A works with the Athletic Coordinator to plan this event for now.

Edward Montgomery continues to supervise the ornamental perennial flower beds. In cooperation with the City of Edmonton, these perennial beds have been signed, to indicate that they are maintained by community league volunteers. These flower beds have been designated by the City of Edmonton as areas in which their crews should perform no maintenance. This will help prevent inadvertent damage to the ornamental flower beds.

The Athletic Coordinator is working as the liaison for the City of Edmonton Green Shack program. LCL provides the local Green Shack seasonal supervisor with key to the skate room. This gives the Green Shack staff access to the washrooms and a supply of drinking water. The Green Shack staff may also use the skate room for its programming on rainy days. The Athletic Coordinator is also the main Lendrum contact for Green Shack staff for now.

The portable soccer nets in the main soccer field are chained together – and the Athletic Fields Coordinator has keys to the padlocks. The City of Edmonton requires that the soccer nets be locked when not in use – and users must be informed of the tipping hazard. An adult must be present when the portable soccer nets are in use. The City of Edmonton has also requested that the nets be locked together with the openings facing each other, to prevent them from being moved onto the field by casual users. City mowing operations have been slowed when crews have had to remove the nets from the field.

The City of Edmonton sports fields may be taken out of service to be rejuvenated at any one time, city-wide. The rejuvenation period may last up to 33 days. Turf rebuilding programs start as soon as the field is out of service, and ideally, would be completed within the first two days. This allows turf rejuvenation for the maximum portion of the rest period. The City of Edmonton posts a rejuvenation schedule for all sports fields. LCL fields are referred to as Avalon #1, Avalon #2 and Avalon #3. When the sports fields are closed, no one may use the sports fields under any circumstances. The City of Edmonton has informed the LCL that there are to be no exceptions to this closure.

Horticultural activities performed on the sports fields, including topdressing, over-seeding, aerating, fertilizing and initial watering, are the foundation of the City of Edmonton sports field rejuvenation program. This format allows the planning and scheduling of maintenance months in advance of the field coming out of service. It also allows field users/customers ample notice to plan and not impact their seasonal scheduling. This rest formula also assists in spreading use over a greater number of large fields in the city, because a greater number of fields would be rested.

Many of the elm trees in the area to the north of the playground and ice-rink/volleyball courts need to be trimmed to remove dead branches. Due to budgetary constraints, the City of Edmonton was not able to complete this activity in 2022 or in 2023.

## **Soccer**

*Julie Moehler, Soccer Coordinator*

### Soccer Coordinator Report 2023/24

The 2023 outdoor soccer season was the busiest in recent memory. Lendrum handled soccer registration for both Lendrum and Pleasantview and we had a total of 11 teams with 154 players. The U11G team won silver in the city finals. We were very lucky to have the support of 29 different team official volunteers.

3 U5 Mixed teams - 35 players

1 U7 Girls team - 10 players

1 U7 Boys team - 13 players

1 U9 Girls team - 17 players

2 U9 boys team - 29 Players

1 U11 Girls team - 16 players

1 U11 Boys team - 15 players

1 U13 Girls team - 19 players

We hosted a summer BBQ/soccer wind up party to celebrate the end of the soccer season at the end of June.

For the indoor 2023/24 soccer season, Lendrum hosted 4 teams - 1 U7 girls team, 2 U11 girls teams, and 1 U11 boys team. One Lendrum U11G team won silver in the city finals.

For the 2024 outdoor season, Lendrum is handling the registration for Lendrum, Malmo, and Pleasantview. We are anticipating a similar number of registrations. We have partnered with the other neighbourhoods in the University district to hire an administrator to assist with soccer registration.

## **Volleyball**

*Lance Adamson, Volleyball Coordinator*

### Admin 2023 Volleyball Report

The Volleyball courts at Lendrum continued to be an active and busy place from April to October 2023.

Edmonton Sport and Social Club ran their spring, summer and fall programs with leagues running five nights and drop in on one night. A youth program operated through the spring and summer a few afternoons a week. There were six tournaments and many individual rentals as well as school use in both the spring and fall. Summer camps used the courts and we were honored to host some practice time for the World Volleyball Tour in July.

Volleyball continues to be a good source of revenue for the community league. There are some issues with the drainage project that was completed in the fall of 2022. Some changes will be made to the rain garden and this will be paid for by Epcor. The hope was to complete this in the fall of 2023 but the timing did not work out for all parties involved. It should happen in Spring 2024.

New sand was brought in for all the courts in 2023. It is a big job to get this spread out but a bobcat was hired to do some and the rest by manual volunteer labor. Minor net repairs are always required and some new nets will be purchased for the 2024 season to be able to replace nets if needed.

The Lendrum Volleyball Courts continue to be a very popular space for volleyball users and there is continued appreciation for the facility.

Lance Adamson  
Volleyball Coordinator

## **Ice Rink**

*Ben Willing, Ice Rink Coordinator*

### **Icerink and snow clearing**

Rick Young (Habitat Studio) generously provided a skid steer again for the levelling of the sand in the fall. There were several volunteers that helped with the rink to varying degrees, with the bulk of the effort from Ben Willing, Amit Bhavsar, Boyd Mori, Adam Gaumont and John Porter.

From October 1, 2023 to March 5th, 2024, approximately 160 hours were worked by volunteers. There were no honorariums paid this year. However, gift cards will be purchased for key volunteers that contributed more than 25 hours for a total of \$500.

Expenses were covered by grants obtained. Expenses included water, firewood, fuel and repairs to the equipment.

### **Revenue**

Epcor community league ice rink grant: \$800

Rink rentals: \$650

**Total revenue: \$1450**

The weather resulted in a late opening this year with the small rink opening on December 23<sup>rd</sup> and the large rink opening on December 28<sup>th</sup>. The last operational day was March 2<sup>nd</sup>. There was increased use by the Lendrum school this year with Kindergarten, Grade 3, 5 and 6 using the rink several times. Avalon did not use the rink this year.



## **Civics**

### *Carolyn Fenrich, Lendrum Civics*

Carolyn Fenrich - Lendrum Civics

Over the past year, the Civics Director has represented Lendrum Community League and relayed information from an array of organizations. Involvement with the Scona District Community Council provided information on and a conduit for voicing Lendrum's perspectives on Bylaw Renewal. The SDCC has now moved on to inform and provide input on the City of Edmonton's District Plans. Lendrum was also active in the Edmonton Federation of Community League's District I meetings which help communities connect and communicate with each other throughout our area of the city. Lendrum is also a part of the South Campus Neighbour Coalition (SCNC). The University of Alberta Property Trust has continued to meet with the SCNC about development at Michener Park and the West 240. The SCNC also meets with the University of Alberta with regard to activities, developments and changes that happen on South Campus.

Due to the many commitments that are involved with the Civics positions, it was decided that this position be split into two. Carolyn Fenrich will continue to represent Lendrum on the South Campus Neighbourhood Coalition and relay information from the University and University Property Trust, while Gurpreet Viridi will be involved in representing Lendrum at the Scona District Community Council and Edmonton Federation of Community League committees.