

# LENDRUM LIVING

November/December 2014



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[www.facebook.com/lendrumyeg](https://www.facebook.com/lendrumyeg)

Twitter  
[@lendrumyeg](https://twitter.com/lendrumyeg)

## Lendrum Community Civics Meeting

Do you have concerns about parking or traffic calming?  
Would you like to see a dog off-leash area in the  
neighbourhood?

Come to Lendrum hall on Tuesday, November 25 from 7 p.m.  
to 8 p.m. to talk about civics.

Stephen Dobson the community civics rep will be on hand to  
take notes and coordinate follow up action.

## Ring in the New Year with Lendrum!

Come over to the hall on Saturday, January 3, 2015 from 2-5 for  
an afternoon of shinny, sledding, skating & hot chocolate.

Bring your leftover holiday treats, a reusable mug, and end your  
holidays with community fireworks!  
Look forward to seeing you there!



# Greetings

## President's Message

As we move into the fall and winter season, I want to thank Harvey Guhl, Bonnie Herring-Cooper, Peggy Folinsbee and their helpers for great work done maintaining the athletic fields and natural area. The beautiful space we enjoy doesn't happen without a lot of effort from these individuals.

Also, please get involved in a couple of opportunities to have your voice heard and be a part of discussions about the development of our neighborhood. November 20, 7 pm @ Malmo Hall, Councillor Michael Walters will be hosting an event to talk about the new infill guidelines and future development in our communities. Secondly, Stephen Dobson (Lendrum CL Civics Rep) will facilitate an evening of discussion at Lendrum Hall, November 25, 7-8pm regarding issues of parking and traffic.

Gary Goulden – president@lendrum.org

## Civics

If you have any questions or comments on civics issues, please contact civics@lendrum.org.

### Lendrum Community Meeting

Come to Lendrum hall on Tuesday, November 25 from 7 pm to 8 pm to talk about civics. Do you support a 2-hour parking limit for non-residents from 9 am to 5 pm in the north-west of Lendrum? Do you support an dog off-leash area at the 115th street and 51st avenue dry pond? Do you have ideas for traffic calming in Lendrum? Are there other issues that concern you? Come out and listen or comment. Stephen Dobson the community civics rep will take notes and coordinate follow up action.

### Combined Malmo and Lendrum Meeting On Infill Policy

Counsellor Michael Walters will be at Malmo community hall to talk about infill policy on November 20 from 7 pm to 9 pm.

### Dog offleash area in Lendrum? I want to hear your thoughts!

In the last newsletter, Lendrum residents were reminded once again that the University Farm is not an off leash area. There is an issue with residents using the farm to exercise their dogs off leash. As a dog owner, I understand and value the need for a safe off leash area to play with my dogs. I had an idea that perhaps we could create

a new off leash area for Lendrum residents and their pets. The proposed location is the dry pond on the corner of 115 Street and 51 Avenue. I would like it to be declared an official off leash area by the city and to have it fenced off. The fence would be of great importance as the dry pond is located beside a busy road. I have spoken with the City of Edmonton, Michael Walters and the community relations representative from the U of A as well as a couple Lendrum residents already about my idea. So far, the general response has been positive. The first step is to have the City do an assessment on the location – this is already underway. The second step is to garner support from the community. This is where YOU come in. I would like to hear your thoughts, questions, concerns and hopefully supportive comments on this project! Please feel free to contact me by email, phone or Facebook. I would love to know what you think. There are many dog owners in Lendrum, as well as in the surrounding communities, who obviously are responsible dog owners as we see them walking their dogs daily. I think there is a need for a safe space to play and for dogs to get the real exercise they need from an off leash area.

Thank you for your consideration of this project and your thoughts!

Jen Medos & Ragamuffin & Gru  
780-499-3742  
jen.anne.toth@gmail.com

# LENDRUM SOCCER URGENTLY SEEKING:

In order to keep local community soccer viable through 2015 and beyond, Lendrum requires the following volunteers. Without them, your child can still register for soccer but will likely transfer to play within another community.

## Soccer Co-Coordinator

Working together with co-coordinator Jason Pfeifer for the 2015 season and beyond. Workload is generally light and only requires 1-2 hours per week or less for most of the year. Registration and coordination of outdoor season from February to April are more demanding, requiring two people. Duties include:

Attend periodic district soccer meetings and monthly community league meetings.

### OUTDOOR SEASON:

**Registration:** Handle registration and late registrations and collection of payment from parents and players. Largest part of paperwork with registration is handled online through SWEMSA.

**Team Formation:** Rallying coaches and assigning players to teams, or transferring players to other communities if local team cannot be formed.

**Coach and Team Communication:** Communicate with coaches and teams to provide assistance where needed, including free coaching clinics that are offered.

**Coordinate Equipment:** Liase with soccer equipment coordinator to make sure uniforms and equipment are provided and collected at the beginning and end of the season.

### INDOOR SEASON

Registration happens centrally by the zone (SWEMSA) for indoor so there is little work to be done. If Lendrum kids register and there is a Lendrum coach, there will be a Lendrum team.

GET IN TOUCH WITH JASON  
[soccer@lendrum.org](mailto:soccer@lendrum.org)

## Referee Coordinator

We are seeking a Referee Coordinator for the 2015 Outdoor Season.

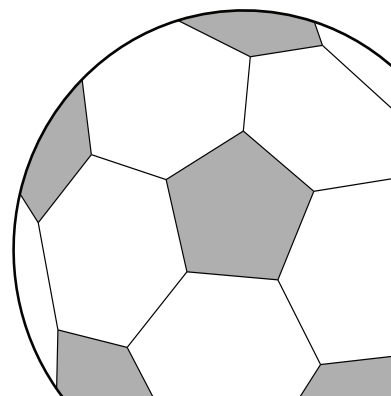
**The summary of responsibilities that the Referee Coordinator oversees during a season include:**

**Recruiting and maintaining a list of referees within the community:** Lendrum keeps a list of referees from the previous years, and uses tools such as the newsletter, a referee database, and our community network to help find referees. Typically there are a number of youth age individuals who are interested as referees are paid.

**Scheduling and Coordinating referees for games played in Lendrum by Lendrum Community teams:** Referee's are required at the U10 and older age level. In 2014, Lendrum has 3 teams at these age categories so the number of games per week is currently small.

**Coordinating with the Lendrum Community League Treasurer on payment to referees:** Payments are currently being made on monthly basis to simplify the process and keep paperwork light.

**Supporting the ongoing development of new and existing referees within the Lendrum Community:** Lendrum supports those interested with free referee training courses.



# Community Bulletin Board

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## Yoga at the Hall

Start your weekend off right. Join us for Saturday morning yoga! This FREE class will run 10:00am to 11:00am until December 13 in the Lendrum Community Hall. No need to register but space will be limited. Just bring yourselves and your mat (and other props, e.g. a block, blanket, strap, if you have them). All levels of yoga experience welcome! If you have any questions about the class or would like to connect with Lisa beforehand, you may reach her at llozanski@gmail.com.



Communit League Membership Renewal Memberships expired on Aug. 31. Get your 2014-2015 membership today! Forms are available online at [www.lendrum.org](http://www.lendrum.org).



Thank you to Lendrumite **Aziz Bhaji** for servicing the rink lights! His company, **Sign-X**, volunteered time and their bucket truck to replace burnt out lamps.

Oops! We missed saying a big thank you to **Sadie's Pet Stop** for their support during Lendrum's 50th Anniversary celebrations.

## Sunglasses Found!

Two pairs of sunglasses found on a Lendrum property. Identify the matching cases for return. Call 780-439-1266



## Urgently Needed: Lendrum Residents to deliver the Lendrum Newsletter

The newsletter is published 5 times a year. It takes about 1 ½ hours to deliver your route. Honorariums are provided. Please contact Catherine at 780-436-7179.

**Next Community League Meetings**  
**Monday, December 1, 2014**  
**Monday, January 5, 2015**  
**7:00-9:00pm at the hall**

## Community League Volunteers Needed!

We have openings in programs and ice rink  
Call Gary if you can help: 780-450-0927

Advertising in the Lendrum Newsletter: No charge: classified ads from Lendrum residents, ads from non-profit organizations benefitting the Lendrum area. Paid ads: all other ads - business card \$15; 1/4 page \$25; 1/3 \$35; 1/2 page \$50; full page \$95 (sizes are approximate). Contact [newsletter@lendrum.org](mailto:newsletter@lendrum.org).

### Holy Spirit Seniors

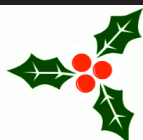
Invite you to join us on November 19 & 26 at 12:00 for a bag lunch (bring your own) followed by cards and games. Coffee and dessert are supplied (cost is \$2.00).

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church is located at the corner of 51 Ave. and Malmo Road. Our doors are always open to the community. All are welcome! The church office phone is 434-4012 if you require further information.

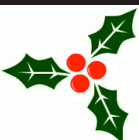
### Feeling overwhelmed by STUFF? Looking to downsize? Moving?

I can help you! I will sell your unwanted items on Kijiji on a commission basis.

Please call Charlene at 780-257-1813 for a consultation.



Lendrum Pottery Group  
Christmas Sale



Saturday, November 29, 2014  
10am - 2 pm  
at the Lendrum Community Hall

Pottery for all tasks at reasonable prices.  
Dishwasher, oven and freezer safe.



### Holiday Concert

Te Deum Singers present Rejoice! Alleluia!, a program of sacred choral music for the Christmas season, including works by Hector Berlioz, John Rutter, Canadian composer Mark Sirett, as well as excerpts from Bach's Christmas Oratorio (with orchestra).

Saturday, November 22 at 7 pm  
Sunday, November 23 at 3 pm

Lendrum MB Church  
11210 – 59 Avenue

Free Admission; donations will be accepted to cover costs.

<http://lendrumchurch.ca/rejoice-alleluia/>

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### SWEATER SALE

Windsor Park Community Hall  
11840 - 87 Ave.

Saturday, December 6, 2014  
9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Hand - knit scarves, hats, vests, sweaters...pima cotton/alpaca: adult & children sizes (custom orders available)

PRICES: \$25.00 - \$250.00

Minkha is a women's knitting cooperative.

Save the Children Canada volunteers assist the Bolivian knitters by marketing the sweaters on a non-profit basis.

Linda Haswell (780) 436-5732 [www.minkhasweaters.com](http://www.minkhasweaters.com)

# School News

Another school year is underway, and students and staff are busy in each classroom, where did the summer go? The 2014-2015 school year has started on new footing. We started this year no longer being “twinned” with Lendrum Elementary School. The enrolment of Lendrum Elementary had increased to the point where they did not need to be supported by École Avalon School. Along with this “de-twinning” of the two schools, came two new Principals; Mr. Jason Ludwar at Lendrum, and Mr. Will Deys at Avalon. But make no mistake, the two schools will remain closely connected.

Along with a new Principal, we have a few new staff as well: Ms Booth, Ms Sakhi, Mr. Viau and Mr. Williams. We send our best wishes to the teachers who have moved to other schools and to those that have retired. The new staff are partially due to increased enrollment from our projection. École Avalon’s enrolment is currently at 468 students. This is 40 students more than was projected in the spring.

As always our Athletic Department hit the ground running, so to speak, with Outdoor Soccer. The Boys Soccer team got knocked out of the playoffs in the quarter final match. The Girls were able to go on and win the silver medal at the Tier 1 Premier level. The Cross Country team finished up their season with some amazing results. We had a great outing at the Snow Valley to Vernon Barford race with one of our Grade 9 runners finishing with a gold medal in the Sr Boys Category. Avalon continued with their successes at the City Championships which saw our Junior Girls and Boys win 2nd overall, Senior Girls won bronze overall and Senior Boys taking the silver medal overall for the city. With all of these fantastic finishes Avalon secured 3rd place in the city. Big thanks to all of the team members and coaches who worked so hard this season! Volleyball season is underway, with 4 teams; a boys and a girls junior and a boys and a girls senior team. All four teams look FANTASTIC!

Our drama department is also quite the busy place. The Citadel Theatre Club and the Improv Club have both started up. A small group of drama students will be heading to New York City in May 2015 to take part in some theatre workshops, see some shows and all of the sights! Our school drama production this year will be collaboration with Strathcona High School Drama 20 students. It is a show called “Once Upon a Mattress”. It featured Carol Burnett in her breakthrough role and a number of years later, the role that really launched Sarah Jessica Parker. Production will take place March 18 - 20, 2015 at Strathcona High School.

Our Grade 8 and 9 Band students are gearing up for their annual Band Camp excursion. They will be gone November 4, 5, & 6. Have fun! The Avalon Instrumental Music Society is sponsoring a casino on Nov 15 & 16. A huge thank you goes out to all those parents that have graciously volunteered their time to work the casino. The money received from this casino will be spent on new band instruments, repairs of old instruments and the field trip to band camp, to name a few things. All three bands will begin rehearsals for the annual “Knights Before Christmas” concert, which will be performed on Dec. 10th at 7:00 pm.

On a more serious note, some of our neighbors may have noticed that sometime late October 17 or early Sat Oct 18, our school was hit by vandals who spray painted obnoxious writings upon our front entrance and north and east facing walls. The cost of removing this graffiti comes from funds that would be better spent in the classrooms. If you see suspicious happenings at the school please call the police and feel free to call EPSB Security at 780-429-8295.

As always life at Avalon is exciting and fast paced, and before you know it, it will be June! If you have any concerns or questions, please call the school’s general office at 780-434-8402.



# Playground Redevelopment

## Funding Update

We continue to await the outcome of the Community Facilities Enhancement Program (CFEP) grant from the Provincial Government. Lendrum has asked for \$125,000. The decision on CFEP rests in part with our local MLA, Steve Young. Please write or call him and tell him that we need his support. His email is [edmonton.riverview@assembly.ab.ca](mailto:edmonton.riverview@assembly.ab.ca), his office phone number is (780) 414-0719, or you can even Tweet him at @SteveYoungMLA

## Project Update

We are in the middle of choosing playground suppliers. Five have submitted project proposals to the playground redevelopment committee. Of these five the committee will select three to meet with and discuss their proposals in more detail. We hope this selection process will be completed in the next few weeks. Fingers crossed!

Thanks to everyone who gave us feedback on what their kids want and love in a playground. We will let you know when a supplier has been chosen and will hold an open house to let the chosen supplier meet our community and get

feedback, likely early in the new year.

As mentioned in earlier newsletters, the current timeline has us starting playground construction (if all goes according to plan) during the summer of 2015, and will hopefully be done later in the fall.

### A big thanks to Lendrum's Playground Bottle Drive Volunteers

Thanks to all who helped deliver flyers, collect bottles and load them up! The community bottle drive was fantastic as Lendrum residents responded generously to make it all worthwhile. Thank you! We filled a truck and a half!!!



### Help reduce your waste this holiday season!

During the holidays the average Edmonton home puts out twice the amount of waste. You can keep your garbage bags light by remembering a few simple tips for reducing your holiday waste:

- Buy items with minimal packaging and reuse gift bags and wrapping materials.
- Give experiences as gifts (like tickets to a concert or hockey game).
- Avoid food waste by planning your meals and donate unopened treats to the Food Bank.

For more information call 311 or visit [edmonton.ca/waste](http://edmonton.ca/waste).

# Lendrum Happenings

## Turkey Trot 2014

It was a beautiful fall morning on October 5, when about 30 participants walked or ran through our neighbourhood for this year's Turkey Trot.

It was great to see the runners take off, followed by many young families walking together, as well as a few cyclists getting back on their bikes for the first time in a few years.

Big thanks to Tim Horton's on 51 Avenue for donating the post-run snacks, and to Safeway for donating the grand prize turkey! Congratulations to the big winner, Jo Grelowski!

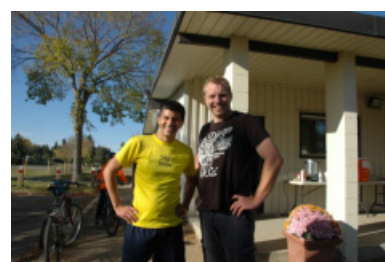


## Lendrum Community Chilli Cook-Off!!

Is your chilli recipe enough to knock our socks off? Are you a chilli aficionado? Put your chilli up to the taste test – enter in the first Lendrum Chilli Cook-Off! Or get your taste buds ready to be wowed by your neighbours' chilli skills, and enjoy an evening with friends.

Come to the hall November 16, from 4-8 and vote for Lendrum's Best Chilli. \$5 entry gets you a bowl & spoon, 3 votes, and as many refills as you can handle. A variety of beverages will be available for purchase. Big prizes for winners in "Best Traditional Chilli", "Best Vegetarian Chilli", and "Neighbourhood's Choice". The winners will have their recipes posted on our website so the whole neighbourhood can enjoy them the following weekend for Grey Cup.

If you are interested in entering your chilli, or volunteering for this fun evening, please contact ghawkeye@gmail.com. Looking forward to seeing you soon!





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**Local Pet Grooming**

Fur Evolution is now accepting new clients for dog and cat grooming. Groomer is a long-time Lendrum resident and has a home-based salon. Booking now for Christmas grooming.

Call now 780-934-8986 or visit us at [www.furevolution.ca](http://www.furevolution.ca)





GREEN & GLOW

# WINTERFEST

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# Community Programs

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## **Ladies' Coffee Time:**

First Monday each month, 10-11:15 am at Sunterra Market.

For more info, please call Elizabeth Stromsmoe at 780-437-7942

## **Sparks, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders:**

For girls ages 5-18. Call 780-435-5068 for more info. Join anytime, always accepting new girls in all levels!

## **Lose Weight -TOPS:**

(Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Meets Tuesdays from 10-11 am at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church 11460-60 Ave. For support in weight loss related programs contact Betty-Anne at 780-437-7942.

## **Crafters of Lendrum:**

The Lendrum Craft Group welcomes all residents and friends who enjoy doing handicrafts. We meet the 2nd and 4th Mondays from 11:00-4:00 and share a potluck lunch at the Community Hall.

Nov. 24

Dec. 8, 22

For more information, call Peggy Folinsbee at 780-436-9322.

## **Line Dancing:**

Every Thursday from 10:00 –11:30 am at Lendrum Community Hall.

For info contact Don or Rita at 780-434-5885.

## **Lendrum Pottery Group:**

Please call Joy Schlaut for info at 780-434-1997.

**Please contact Gary Goulden  
with any ideas for possible  
new programs  
780-450-0927**

## **Blue Chair Tai Chi:**

Mondays 9-10:30am

Malmo Hall

Fridays 9-10:30am

Lendrum Hall.

Sorry, we do not offer beginner classes. If you know the 108-move Moy-style set, please join us in practicing at an intermediate level. Call Kathy at 435-0738.

## **Tai Chi Classes**

Monday 6:45-8pm

Thursday 7:15-8:15pm

Lok Hup Ba Fa

Mondays 7:45-9pm

The classes are held at the Greenfield Community Hall and run from Sept. 15-Dec. 8. All levels are welcome. Contact Paul at pauldbromley@gmail.com for more info.

## **Lendrum Mom's Meetup**

Are you a mom in Lendrum? Are you interested in connecting with other moms in Lendrum for mom's nights, playdates and meetups? Join our Facebook page - Lendrum Moms or contact Carmen at carmenmrojas@gmail.com.

## **Preschool Laugh & Learn**

The South West Family Resource Centre offers a preschool drop-in program for active children and their caregivers. It runs from Sept. 30-Nov. 25, Tuesdays 10-11 at the Lendrum Hall

## **Lendrum Men's Night**

We are hosting a Lendrum Men's group at the Community Hall the last Friday of each month between 4:30 and 7:00 p.m. There will be beer and snacks. You are welcome to come for a few minutes or the entire time. Drop by with a few dollars to socialize and have a beer. Meet new people and get to know your neighbours or talk about old times with your old neighbour friends.

The plan is the last Friday of the month with a few exceptions. The upcoming dates are: Friday November 21, no meeting in Dec. 2015 Dates: January 30, February 27, March 27, April 24, May 29, June 26

# Calendar of Events

November 16	Lendrum Chilli Cookoff	4-8pm
November 20	Infill Discussion with Councillor Walters	7pm (Malmo Hall)
November 25	Community Civics Meeting	7-8pm
December 1	Lendrum Community League Meeting	7-9pm
January 3	Lendrum New Year's Celebration	2-5pm
January 5	Lendrum Community League Meeting	7-9pm

\*\*All events at Lendrum Hall unless otherwise noted\*\*

## Neighbourhood Watch

### Edmonton Police Service Launches Mobile App

The Edmonton Police Service has launched a new app for mobile devices that allows users to report a crime, and access news, social media activity and alerts from the EPS.

The EPS mobile app features:

Media releases	Twitter
Alerts – will be sent through push notifications	Pinterest
Online crime reporting	Videos
Police station locations	Recruiting Information
Facebook	Success Stories
Crime files	

“The app brings communication from the EPS into one user-friendly platform,” says Deputy Chief Brian Simpson of the Community Policing Bureau. “We’re able to provide information to the public about emergency situations and safety concerns in the city, and connect with app users in a comprehensive, interactive way.”

### Edmonton Neighbourhood Watch

Please report crimes, concerns and incidents to the Edmonton Neighbourhood Watch we can alert our network of volunteers to be more watchful and to increase security measures.

Lendrum North 780-435-3076

Lendrum South 780-436-0735

Alternate 780-434-1294



Crime Stats for Lendrum

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2014	3	1	2	1	4	3	3	1	3	3	0		24
2013	2	0	3	2	11	1	8	5	0	1	1	0	34
2012	3	0	5	2	4	0	2	3	3	0	4	0	26
2011	3	0	2	2	0	3	3	2	0	2	2	0	19
2010	0	3	1	1	3	1	6	4	2	3	2	4	30
2009	3	1	3	2	3	4	2	5	4	4	2	4	37

<http://www.edmontonpolice.ca/CrimeFiles/NeighbourhoodCrimeMapping.aspx>

# Lendrum Community League

## 2014-2015 Executive & Contacts

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### There are many ways to stay connected to the community!

1. Check out the newly redesigned website at [www.lendrum.org](http://www.lendrum.org).
2. Follow us on twitter @LendrumYEG
3. Join our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/lendrumyeg](http://www.facebook.com/lendrumyeg)

Hello Lendrumites!

Time and time again in conversations with Lendrum's Abundant Community Coordinators, Block Connectors and neighbours the topic of how great Lendrum community members are at supporting one another has come up. I thought I would share a recent story to highlight this.

Earlier in the fall, my family decided to rip up a large piece of concrete in our backyard. This required hours of jackhammering and concrete removal. One day while I was wheelbarrowing loads of concrete to the bin parked in front of our house, a neighbour I had never met stopped by and said he would come out and help me. He then proceeded to spend three hours helping my father load the remainder of the concrete into the bin. No easy task given that we filled a 15 yard bin! This is just one example (and I have many more stories) of awesome neighbourliness I have experienced since moving here. Allison and I would love to hear yours! Please connect with us via Facebook, email, twitter or even by phone! Have a happy and safe holiday season!

Erin and Allison