

# The Blue Grass Rattler



BLUE QUILL  
**PARTY IN THE PARK**  
CELEBRATING COMMUNITY THROUGH LOCAL MUSIC!

We are excited to announce our 6th annual Party in the Park music festival!

Blue Quill Party in the Park is a free, family-focused, and community-minded event that is run by our wonderful volunteers.

This event is for all ages and everyone is welcome to join in on the fun!

If you are a local musician this is a great chance to gain experience and if you just want to listen to some good music it's the perfect time to meet new friends and neighbours.

Come by on Saturday, September 8th to celebrate community through music!

## Volunteers Needed!

**If you are willing to get involved and be a part of this exciting event, contact us!**

**[partyinthepark@bqcl.org](mailto:partyinthepark@bqcl.org)**



### Blue Quill Community League

11304-25 Avenue NW

Edmonton T6J 5B1

780-438-3366

[www.bqcl.org](http://www.bqcl.org)

#### Office Hours

8:30am to 1:00pm

Monday to Friday



Blue Quill  
Community  
League (BQCL)



@BlueQuillCL

# BQCL PROGRAMS

BQCL strives to bring a variety of programming to the league, hoping to provide something for everyone. If you have an idea for a program you would like to see us offer, or if you are an instructor, we would love to hear from you!

BLUE QUILL Shito-Ryu Itosu-Kai

## KARATE



## and SELF-DEFENCE

for  
**Children, Teens and Adults**

Our instructors are among a select few in Canada who have received their BLACK BELT certification from Japan and are currently registered with the FEDERATION OF ALL JAPAN KARATE-DOH ORGANIZATIONS (F.A.J.K.O.). This is the only governing body for Karate recognized by the Japanese Government.

**Wednesday Nights**  
7-8:30 pm  
Blue Quill Community Hall  
11304 25 Ave NW

- 12-class Semester is only \$100 for BQCL members (*non-member rate available*)

[www.bqcl.org/karate](http://www.bqcl.org/karate)  
[www.AlbertaKarate.com](http://www.AlbertaKarate.com)

## RUTH'S HATHA YOGA AT BLUE QUILL -

Hatha yoga classes 8:45-9:45  
Wednesday mornings is suitable for beginners and those more experienced with yoga. Come discover the rhythms of breath and calmness of mind through yoga.

**CLASSES - Blue Quill members \$60 for 6 weeks session and \$75.00 for non-members. Seniors (65+) membership is free. Contact Ruth for more information and to register 780-237-6730**  
[Ruthe.sjoberg@gmail.com](mailto:Ruthe.sjoberg@gmail.com)

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## Tennis Registration now open!

\$11/hr Group Lessons  
\$16/hr Private Lessons



**Blue Quill Bridge Club**  
**Come play!**  
**Wednesdays 12:30pm to 3:30pm**



Bridge

# GREAT NEIGHBOUR RACE

YEG 157

10K — 5K — 3K

AFTER-PARTY

ALL AGES | WALK – JOG – RUN

WILLIAM HAWRELAK PARK



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REGISTER AT [EFCL.ORG](http://EFCL.ORG) OR [RUNNINGROOM.COM](http://RUNNINGROOM.COM)  
Stay for fun, food and activities after the race!



## City of Edmonton at BQCL

**FREE DROP-IN**

### BIKE SAFETY

Enjoy the cycling season this year with basic safety skills for participants on 2 or 4 wheels. Learn about the parts of your bike, road & trail rules, riding skills, and cycling etiquette.

LOCATION	ADDRESS	DATE	TIME
Blue Duff Ice Rink	11104-21 Ave	Sunday, May 8	4:30 - 7:30 PM

This program is targeted to children aged 6-12, but all children accompanied by an adult are welcome to attend. Families are encouraged to participate.

Participants must have their own bike, as well as a CSA approved helmet in order to participate. This program may cancel due to inclement weather.

For more information, please visit: [edmonton.ca/dropincommunityprograms](http://edmonton.ca/dropincommunityprograms) or call 311. [@GreenDuck](https://twitter.com/GreenDuck)



**CAPITAL CITY PRESS**

**YOUNG WRITERS' CONFERENCE**

May 5

[epl.ca](http://epl.ca)

John Janzen Nature Centre

### DROP-IN PROGRAMS

Everyday is something new!

## 2018 AHC's Free Leadership Training Workshop Series:

Theme: "Developing Strategic Leadership Skills"

**Become an effective, visionary & successful leader  
by developing your strategic leadership skills**

You are invited to:

### Series 1: Fundamentals of Strategic Planning: Effective Processes & Best Practices

By Dr. Pieter de Vos, Community Development Officer  
Alberta Culture and Tourism

Date: Thursday, April 19, 2018

Time: 5:30- 8:00 pm

Place: Action for Healthy Communities  
(#100, 10578 -113 Street, Edmonton)

You will receive a "Proof of Completion" certificate once you complete our four sessions of leadership training. This program needs pre-registration in order to get the training materials.



To register, please call Maria at: 780-944-4687 ext. 223



## Neil Dunwald

Neil was an integral part of Blue Quill Community League. He was a board member for many years, an active volunteer and founder of Party in the Park. You will be missed!



### Neil William DUNWALD

February 5, 1956 – March 23, 2018

Neil William Dunwald passed away suddenly on March 23, 2018, at the age of sixty-two years. Neil was born in Edmonton, Alberta, the son of Stanley Dunwald and Ruby Wilkerson. Neil was born and raised in Edmonton. Neil completed his Master of Arts in Economics at the U of A in 1979. Shortly after, Neil left Edmonton to teach English in Japan. After returning to Edmonton in 1984, Neil started a family and began work as an entrepreneur.

Throughout his life, Neil maintained a deep love and appreciation for art and music, especially live music, and enjoyed travelling as time allowed. He dedicated his time to his family and friends and was a long-time volunteer in his community. Despite struggling with his health in recent years, Neil kept up an unfaltering enthusiasm for life. He will be lovingly remembered for his unique sense of humour, his generosity, and his caring heart.

Neil is survived by his three daughters, Lisa, Mary, and Mio; his brothers, Ray (Valerie) and Marvin (Joni); his stepfather Ivan; and numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, and dear friends. He was predeceased by his father Stanley Dunwald, his mother Ruby Wilkerson, and his brother Keith Dunwald.

A Celebration of Life will take place on Saturday, April 21, 2018, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Blue Quill Community Hall (11304-25 Avenue NW, Edmonton).

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alberta Cancer Foundation or the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

To send condolences or to share a memory, tribute or photo, please visit

[www.glenwoodmemorial.com](http://www.glenwoodmemorial.com)

**Please join us April 21, 2018 at 2pm for a Celebration of Life!**



Walking is an activity appropriate for individuals of all ages and most physical fitness levels. One of the best motivators for regular walking is to walk with a group, which makes it a great community program that has the potential to foster holistic community wellness.

Some of the benefits of a community walking program include:

- Improving your physical and psychological health
- Getting to know others in your neighbourhood
- Familiarizing yourself with the resources and amenities of your community
- Appreciating vitamin 'N'ature
- Reducing crime by residents being visible on the street.

Training Session for CURRENT Leaders

Date: Saturday, May 12, 2018

Time: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Location: Alberta Avenue Community League Hall

Community league members who were previously trained to lead urban pole walking sessions in their community can participate in a refresher session.



# BQCL MEMBERSHIP

## Membership Rates

**Family \$35/year**

**Single \$25/year**

**Senior Free**

**Associate \$35**

**Business \$125**

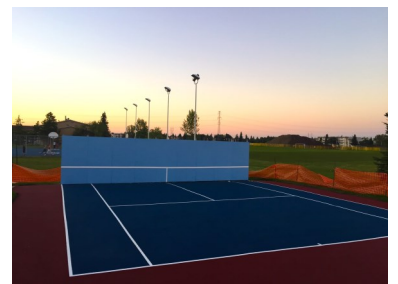
Blue Quill Community League offers membership to our residents that comes with many benefits. With membership, you get the use of our skating rink, tennis courts, basketball courts, beach volleyball courts and all our programming comes with a discount. Not only this, but your hall rentals come at a discounted rate and you have the use of Confederation Pool on both Saturdays and Sundays from 4:00pm to 5:30pm. You can enjoy these and many other benefits, all while getting involved in your Community!

If interested, contact Toby at [membership@bqcl.org](mailto:membership@bqcl.org)

## Amenities

At BQCL, we have been working hard to improve and update our building. Bryce, our tennis instructor has been hard at work the last 2 summers, completely revamping our tennis courts and basketball courts! This summer...the beach volleyball courts will be back!

We have also re-painted the entire main floor and loft, replaced the floor in the main hall and built a brand new deck on the roof, off the newly renovated loft! Book this for your summer party!



## Rent our Hall

The Main Hall and Kitchen can be rented for \$525.00 per day, or \$90.00 per hour. **BQCL members receive discounted rates of \$425.00 per day and \$60.00 per hour!**

The upstairs loft at BQCL is an ideal meeting space as it can accommodate up to 60 seated and has tables, chairs, a sink and a deck. This space can be rented on a weekday evening for \$175.00 (non-member) or \$125.00 (member). Weekend rental rates are the same as other rooms in the hall (\$90 per hour for non members and \$60 per hour for members).

**A \$500 Cash Security Deposit applies to all rentals.**

**Blue Quill Community League does not rent on Sundays.**

## BQCL Going Green

BQCL is doing it's part in going green. With the help of grants, BQCL is in the process of converting all lights, both inside the building and outside the building and the skating rink and various courts to LED's. We have replaced thermostats to become more energy efficient in heating and cooling the building and this spring we will be installing solar panels! With the help of the Alberta Government through grants and rebates, this is a possible step for us!

## Upcoming Events

### Senior's Pancake Breakfast

June 5– 9am-11am

### BQCL Casino

June 6 & 7- All Day

### Party in the Park

September 8, 2018

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Join us at the Blue Quill Ice Rink on **Tuesday, May 8th from 4:30 - 7:30 pm** for a free, drop-in Bike Safety class. Participants will learn basic safety skills for those riding 2 or 4 wheel bikes, including the parts of the bike, road and trail rules, riding drills and cycling etiquette.

This program is intended for children aged 6 - 12, but all children accompanied by an adult are welcome to attend. Families are encouraged to participate. Participants must have their own bike and a CSA approved helmet in order to participate. For more information please visit [edmonton.ca/dropincommunityprograms](http://edmonton.ca/dropincommunityprograms) or call 311.

**HOME-STYLE VEGETARIAN RESTAURANT**

**CORPORATE & PRIVATE CATERING**



SOUPS BAGELS DESSERTS SM ENTRIES TEA COF SOUPS BAGELS GELATO ENTRIES TEA COFFEE DESSERT SMOOTHIES SOUP GELATO ENTRIES

**QUICK SERVE - EAT-IN - TAKE-OUT - CATERING**



**KITCHEN MANAGED BY RED SEAL CHEF**

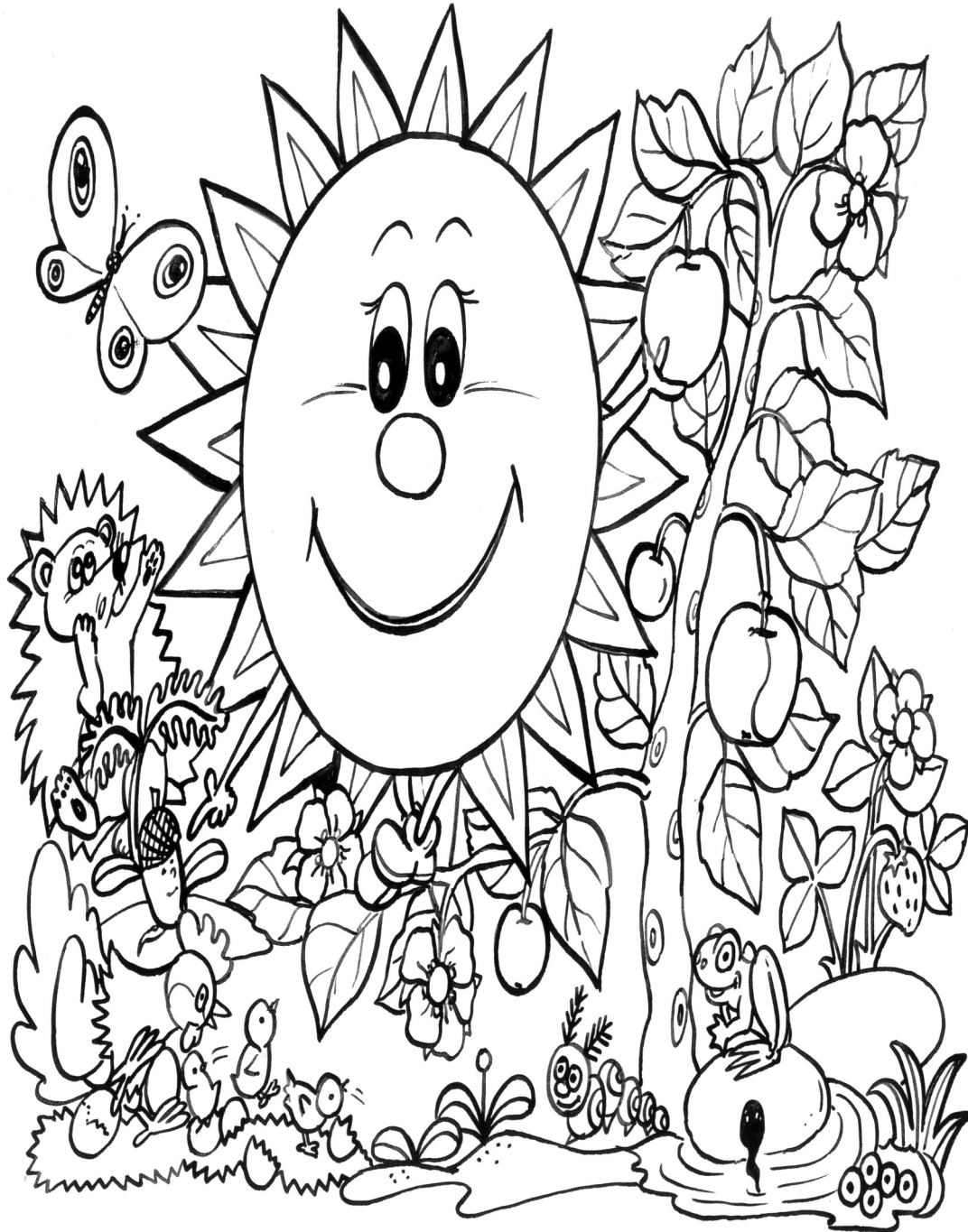
Petrolia Mall, 11409 40 Avenue Edmonton  
587 499 8793  
[www.goodstockrestaurant.com](http://www.goodstockrestaurant.com)



## Spring Coloring Contest

Submissions can be dropped off at the BQCL office or scanned and emailed to [bqcladmin@bqcl.org](mailto:bqcladmin@bqcl.org)

The winner will be notified by email to pick up their prize!



Name:

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Phone:

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Email:

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# BQCL Board of Directors

The BQCL Board meets once a month on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7pm.

If you are interested in coming to a meeting or joining our board, please feel free to call 780-438-3366.

BQCL Board Members	
POSITION	NAME/EMAIL
President	Travis Ball president@bqcl.org
Vice-President	Fahad Mughal vicepresident@bqcl.org
Treasurer	Andrew Happer treasurer@bqcl.org
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Facilities	Garth Williams facilities@bqcl.org
Fundraising	Richard Hughes fundraising@bqcl.org
Memberships	Toby Brilz membership@bqcl.org
Programs	VACANT programs@bqcl.org
Publicity	Samantha Tomte publicity@bqcl.org
Social	Kelly Haylock social@bqcl.org
Sports	Trevor Larkin sports@bqcl.org

## Upcoming Events

### **BQCL Casino– Volunteers Needed! June 6 & 7, 2018**

As a non-profit, BQCL is fortunate to get a casino every 2 years. In order to keep these and the funds that come with it, we need to provide about 40 volunteers. Please contact [bqcladmin@bqcl.org](mailto:bqcladmin@bqcl.org) if you are interested in volunteering. Thanks for your support!



### **Party in the Park 2018!**

Planning for Party in the Park 2018 is underway! The event will take place on September 8, 2018. Planning an annual event of this magnitude begins the day after the previous year's event. We are always looking for new Sponsors, Musicians, Advertisers and Ideas! If you would like to be involved in this summer's event, please get in contact with us. If you would like to volunteer or join the planning committee, please call the office at 780-438-3366 or email [partyinthepark@bqcl.org](mailto:partyinthepark@bqcl.org).



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## Advertise in the Blue Grass Rattler

The Blue Grass Rattler is a local community newsletter published monthly that provides news and details of events, programs and civic issues. It is circulated via email to our membership and all those that subscribe. Advertisements are accepted according to the rate schedule below with priority given to local businesses and organizations. The newsletter is published and circulated by the Blue Quill Community League who maintains editorial control and reserves the right to limit advertising as required.

SIZE	(width x height)	RATE
1/8 page	(3.5" v 2.25")	\$100
¼ page	(3.5" x 4.75")	\$125
½ page	(7.5" x 4.75")	\$200
Full Page	(7.5" x 10")	\$350
Back Page	(7.5" x 10")	\$450

**BQCL is starting this news-  
letter as an online edition.  
Ads in the online edition are  
\$100 for up to 1/2 page.  
Within a year, we hope to  
mail out print editions which  
would have the above rates.**



# The 4 Corners of our Community

Blue Quill Community League is comprised of 4 communities. Blue Quill, Blue Quill Estates, Sweet Grass and Skyrattler. In this area, we would love to feature events, initiatives or issues that affect these individual neighbourhoods. If you have something you would like to see in the newsletter, please let us know!

## BQCL Seniors

BQCL would love to hear from our resident Seniors! If there is an activity or information session you would like to see at the league, please let us know!

If you are a senior with extra time on your hands, the board would benefit from having a senior's rep attend our meetings. This person could be a liaison between the Board of Directors and the Senior Community. If you are interested, give us a call!

780-438-3366



## **Planning Academy Courses**

- The City of Edmonton's Planning Academy is a series of introductory courses to provide a better understanding of the planning and development process in our city.
- Since 2006, over 1,500 people have taken these courses to learn more about how a great city is built, and how they can become involved in the process.
- New in 2018, each course is now FREE to attend (registration required as space is limited) and runs at Edmonton Tower 3rd Floor, 10111-104 Avenue.
- Registration: [edmonton.ca/planningacademy](http://edmonton.ca/planningacademy)
- Topics and Dates:
  - Transportation Planning - Saturday April 7 @ 9am-4pm
  - Introduction to Land Use Planning - Thursday April 12 @ 6pm-9pm
  - Come Plan With Us: Using Your Voice - Wednesday April 25 @ 6-9pm and Thursday April 26 @ 6-9pm (two evenings)
  - Transit Oriented Development (TOD) (elective) - Thursday May 3 @ 6pm-9pm
  - Getting a Grip on Land Use Planning - Saturday May 5 @ 9am-4pm
  - Urban Design (elective) - Saturday May 26 @ 9am-4pm
  - Residential Infill (elective) - Saturday June 2 @ 9am-4pm

## **Vacant Lots for Urban Agriculture**

- This is a pilot program where an individual or group can purchase a permit/license to use a specified site for one season, April 1, 2018 to October 31, 2018.
- Visit the [Vacant Lots for Urban Agriculture Webpage](#) for more info.

## **Rain Garden in a Box**

- As Edmonton grows, the city is faced with challenges in managing pollution into the North Saskatchewan River as a result of stormwater runoff from urban areas.
- You can help keep our city green by participating in the City of Edmonton's Rain Garden in a Box project. A rain garden is a landscaped area that collects, absorbs, and filters stormwater runoff from rooftops, driveways, patios, and other hard surfaces that don't allow water to soak in.
- Want to learn more about how to build a rain garden in your yard to capture your roof runoff? Read our [how-to guide](#) .

## City of Edmonton

### Events this month

[Vacant Lot Cultivation Licence](#) registration:  
Mar. 1 to Apr. 15

[Online Game Night: League of Legends](#): Mar.  
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[How to Make Your Yard More Wildlife Friend-  
ly](#): Mar. 3

[Navigating the Rivers of Grief](#), a 7-week  
bereavement support series: Mar. 5

- **International Women's Day**: Mar. 8

[SkirtsAfire Festival](#): Mar. 8 to 11

[City Hall Downtown Farmer's Market](#): Mar. 10

[Delton Intercultural Family Night: Arabic Cul-  
ture](#): Mar. 15

[Board Leadership Edmonton 2018](#); a confer-  
ence for voluntary and not-for-profit groups:  
Mar. 17

[Seedy Sunday](#): Mar. 18

[Intercultural Family Night: Latin America](#): Mar.  
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[Don't Skip the Chip](#) cat microchip clinic: Mar.  
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Find out what's happening every day on the  
City of Edmonton's [Events Calendar](#).

### Get involved!

[Benefit from all available subsidies](#) or grants  
that you or someone you know may be  
eligible for.

Book a [birthday party at the Reuse Centre](#).

Subscribe to the City of Edmonton's [Indige-  
nous Relations Bulletin](#).

Help Edmonton win the [Smart City Chal-  
lenge](#) by [submitting your one-in-a-million  
idea](#) for a Healthy City.

Organize and register for guided [urban tree  
plantings](#) with Root for Trees.

Hop to it on [Easter Monday at the Edmon-  
ton Valley Zoo](#).

Find links and contacts in the [Indigenous  
Edmonton Directory](#).

Discover how the City can [help you with  
community programs and neighbourhood  
events](#).

Give your opinion by joining the [Edmonton  
Insight Community](#).  
[Find your nearest community league](#) and  
become a member.

[Check out other City e-newsletters](#) and dis-  
cover what's here for you.