



# The Blue Grass Rattler

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## Ski to LRT

### Launch Party at Blue Quill January 31st

Celebrate the launch of the Ski2LRT SWAC Rack on Saturday January 31st between 11:30 am and 3:30 pm at the Blue Quill Community Hall.

Ski2LRT is about improving active-sustainable transportation in the winter. Soon, we'll have a cross-country ski rack at Century Park LRT station! This will allow local residents to ski to the LRT, store their skis at the Century Park station, and continue their trip on transit.

The ski rack is supported by the South West Area Council of community

the west of the station on 111 St. Following that, the celebration moves to Blue

Quill and will feature food, prizes, hot cocoa, warm fires, tobogganing, snow fort building, kick sleds and more! You can also join in cross-country skiing with



leagues (SWAC), of which Blue Quill is a member league.

neighbours and the City River Valley Program Team.

The official unveiling will begin at 11:00 am just to

Learn more about this project at [facebook.com/ski2LRT](http://facebook.com/ski2LRT).

## Family Day Fun!

Join your friends and neighbours for Family Day fun at the nearby Yellowbird Community Hall, 10710 19 Avenue on February 16 from noon to 4:00 pm. Open to all area community members, the event will feature skating, sleigh rides, a petting zoo, hot chocolate, hot chili and hot dogs!



# BQCL Programs & Events

## English Lessons—starting Jan. 13th



### *Improve Your English:*

This 20-hour course meets Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the community hall. All levels welcome. The course is taught by a TESOL-Canada certified ESL teacher.

Topics include life in Canada, conversational English, writing emails, and more. Cost is \$240 for members and \$280 for non-members.

Call the BQCL office at 780-438-3366 to register, or email [bqcladmin@bqcl.org](mailto:bqcladmin@bqcl.org).

## Belly Dancing Classes

Have fun, get fit, and learn a new, exotic skill!

Level 1 is an introduction to belly dance that is suitable for all ages and body types. Students will learn the proper posture and acquire a repertoire of moves such as hip circles, hip bumps, snake arms, shimmies, and many more that focus on

developing muscle control, balance & strength.

Level 2 adds exploration of complex hip movements, layering, isolations and combinations including new moves.

There will be eight weekly classes on

Thursday nights from January 22 to March 12 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

Cost is \$120 for league members, \$145 for non-members.

To register or get more information, call Vanlee at 780-907-0477 or email [contact@sistersofthesahara.com](mailto:contact@sistersofthesahara.com)

## Mark Your Calendar!

Ski2LRT Launch  
Sat Jan 31, 11:30 am

Soccer Registration  
Wed Feb 11, 6-9 pm  
Sat Feb 14 9am—noon

Garage Sale  
Sat Mar 21 9 am—3 pm

## February Cooking Class

Join local cookbook authors and former bakery/catering company owners Dagmar Kuehn and Christina Lofthaug and explore **your** love of food. Sit back and relax while we prepare a scrumptious meal per-

fect for Valentine's Day. This make-ahead menu includes: red pepper dip to start, crusted pork tenderloin with maple and orange butternut squash, and potato and green bean curry, and finished off with a deca-

dent chocolate pate. Enjoy the food, learn tips and tricks, and take the leftovers home to share with family and friends. For more information on the cooking classes please visit [www.bqcl.org](http://www.bqcl.org), or call 780-438-3366.

# Civics Corner

by Neil Dunwald, BQCL Civics Chair

## Party in the Park, September 12, 2015

We're looking for volunteers who will form the 2015 Party in the Park Organizing Committee.

Please contact [musicfestival@bqcl.org](mailto:musicfestival@bqcl.org) if you have an interest in joining the committee, performing, or otherwise volunteering for the event.

## Public Meeting October 22, 2014

The City ran an open house meeting to deliver information on the development of housing on Blue Quill Park and present its visions of what to build and where. Many of their notices arrived on the day of the event or

not at all; Skyrattler, Sweet Grass, and Blue Quill Estates were not included in the distribution. We expect another meeting in early 2015 where the City will report its findings back to the community. Stay tuned...

## Amphitheatre Committee

One of the proposals for providing an amenity in the park as an absolute goal or an alternate vision to the housing vision of the city. If you would like to work on a committee advocating this approach, please let us know at [civics@bqcl.org](mailto:civics@bqcl.org).

## ACT for Community

ACT for Community, a not for profit society, was

established to protect the rights & strengthen the voice of residents in matters affecting their communities. ACT hold various decision-makers to be Accountable, Collaborative and Transparent. It is currently raising funds to support its political, publicity, and legal efforts in this regard. If you would like to support this pro-democracy movement go to [fundrazr.com/profiles/act-for-community](http://fundrazr.com/profiles/act-for-community) and click on "Help Us Save Our Green Space".

The group also has a video on YouTube, and a facebook group. Just search for "ACT for Community" on either social media site.

## Transportation/ Development Committee

If you're interested in joining other concerned citizens in researching and advocating on such issues as placement of community mailboxes, parking, cycling corridors, vacant school sites and Century Park, we are always looking for new members.

Please contact [civics@bqcl.org](mailto:civics@bqcl.org) to learn of meeting schedules.

# Soccer Registration

It may still be winter, but it's time to think about outdoor soccer. There are two chances to register at the Community League: Wednesday, February 11th from 6 - 9pm, and Saturday, February 14th from 9am - noon.

Please bring four cheques for (1) registration fees, (2)

uniform deposit, (3) volunteer deposit and (4) community league membership.

If you want to get your volunteer duty completed quickly, please contact Janice at



[sports@bqcl.org](mailto:sports@bqcl.org)

to volunteer at registration. Typical volunteer duties are usually 3 - 4 hours and can range from coaching soccer to flipping burgers at our various functions!

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## Memberships in the Blue Quill Community League

Family: \$35  
Individual: \$25  
Senior: Free!

Membership includes reduced rental hall rental fees, use of any community league ice rink, and free swimming at Mill Woods Recreation Centre on Saturdays 2:00 — 3:30 pm

Purchase your membership at the hall, any weekday between 8:30 am and 1:00 pm. If you can't get to the hall, call 780-438-3366.

# Do you know a Snow Angel?

We live in a winter city and snow is no stranger to Edmontonians.

But for some, particularly seniors and persons with disabilities, shovelling snow can be difficult and even dangerous. They need your help - they need a Snow Angel.

Snow Angels encourages Edmontonians to help a neighbour in need by shovelling their snow. It also acknowledges those volunteers as a City of Edmonton Snow Angel.

To be a Snow Angel, all you need to do is shovel snow for a person or persons in need in your neighbourhood. Your

efforts will help create a safer community.

### Say Thanks to Your Volunteer!

Nominate them as a City of Edmonton Snow Angel. When you nominate your volunteer, they receive official recognition by the Mayor and are automatically entered to win great prizes. They also each receive tickets to an Edmonton Oil Kings game.

Get your snow angel nomination form at [edmonton.ca/snowangels](http://edmonton.ca/snowangels) or call 311.

### Schools Get Shovelling!

This year, a special offer is being made to 10 Edmonton classrooms to become Snow Angels. The

first 10 Edmonton classrooms (any grade up to 30 students) who volunteer their time to shovel snow in their neighbourhoods will receive a pizza party sponsored by Boston Pizza. Each student will also receive recognition from the Mayor and an Oil Kings gift as a special thank you for their work.

### Community Sand Box

To help you keep your walks safe, the City provides free sand that can be picked up from the green boxes at community leagues (including Blue Quill) to use on your icy sidewalks and walkways.

Remember to bring your own container when you visit the sandbox. If the box is empty when you visit, call 311 to request a refill.

## Garage Sale

Join us at our annual Blue Quill Community Garage Sale, Saturday March 21 2015 9 am to 3 pm.

We'll have a variety of pre-loved goods for sale, so there's sure to be something for everyone!

Spring cleaning? Rent a table for \$30 (\$25 for BQCL members). For more information or to book, contact Kathryn or Felice at 780-438-3366 or [bqcladmin@bqcl.org](mailto:bqcladmin@bqcl.org).

## Skating!

The Blue Quill ice rink is open! Lace up your skates and have fun. Any community league member can use community ice rinks—just be sure to have your tags on your skates.

The rink is lit up in the evenings so you can enjoy skating after work or school.

### Share Your Talents!

We are looking for instructors to offer new programs at the BQCL. If you are an enthusiastic teacher who would like to share your talents and skills with the community please e-mail Amanda at [programs@bqcl.org](mailto:programs@bqcl.org).

# Meet your Community League Board - part 1

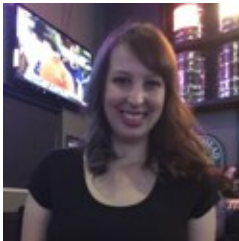
Many volunteers stepped forward to join our board at the November AGM. Here's a bit of information on half of the current board —the rest will be featured next issue. Please contact any board members with program suggestions or offers to volunteer.

**Jeremiah Silbernagel**  
*Vice President*



Jeremiah and his wife Patty moved into the community about two years ago, and just recently joined the BQCL. They're looking forward to getting to know neighbors and the community better through their involvement in the league.

**Amanda Mochado**  
*Treasurer & Programs co-chair*



Originally from Brazil, Amanda came to Canada eight years ago and settled in Blue Quill in 2011, drawn by the trees, parks and trails where she can walk her dogs. As our new treasurer and co-programs chair, she hopes to contribute to this great neighbourhood of ours.

**Andrew Happer**  
*Past President*



Andrew Happer is entering his seventh year on the BQCL board. He is a Professional Engineer and has an active life filled with volunteering, running his two boys to their various activities,

playing soccer, curling, camping, snowboarding and organizing a poker league.

**Janice Quinn**  
*Sports Director*



Janice Quinn has been the Blue Quill soccer coordinator for two years and joined the board last November as the sports director. When she's not making music with the Edmonton Symphony, Janice and her family enjoy skiing and taking their dogs to the off-leash area.

**Neil W. Dunwald**  
*Civics Director*



Neil has been Civics director in Blue Quill since 2011; in this role he liaises with city and provincial governments, represents Blue Quill at the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues (EFCL) and South West Area Council (SWAC) and chairs the league's Transportation/Development Committee. Neil has also chaired the Party in the Park Committee since 2012. Neil and his wife have three adult children.

**Ray Bessel**  
*Publicity Director*



Ray is president of his condo board and works as a Department Manager. He has been president of a downtown

business association, recruiter and trainer for a management training program and a candidate for city council. He has also served on ball and volleyball league executives and facilitated communications classes.

BQCL Board Members	
POSITION	NAME/EMAIL
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Sports	Janice Quinn sports@bqcl.org

Did you know?  
Community League members get discounts on hall rentals



## Rent our Hall

The Main Hall and Kitchen can be rented for \$425.00 per day, or \$75.00 per hour. **BQCL members receive discounted rates of \$325.00 per day and \$40.00 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 full A/V services (projector, screen, laptop video/ audio hook-ups, satellite, blu-ray player). This space can be rented on a weekday evening for \$85.00 (non-member) or \$75.00 (member). Weekend rental rates are the same as other rooms in the hall (\$75 per hour for non members and \$40 per hour for members).

The outdoor rink can be rented by BQCL members only. A rental fee of \$50.00 per hour applies for a minimum of 2 hours. An extra \$50 fee applies if the ice needs to be cleaned/flooded beforehand. The flooding will need to be coordinated with the

schedule of the rink attendant.

Smaller rooms can be rented for \$75.00 per hour. **BQCL members receive discounted rates of \$40.00 per hour!**

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

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Deadline for the March issue is February 10th

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