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Election Forum—April 30th

Election Day is Tuesday May 5

Blue Quill will be hosting a forum for candidates in the provincial election on April 30th beginning at 7:00 pm.

All four candidates running in our riding—Edmonton Rutherford—have been invited. If you have questions for the candidates, you can submit them to civics@bqcl.org.

Where do I vote?

There will be a polling station at the Blue Quill Community League, but depending on your

address you may need to vote at another location. Check www.elections.ab.ca to find out where you vote.

Who's running?

Four candidates are running in our riding:

- Michael Chan (Liberal)
- Richard Feehan (NDP)
- Chris Labossiere (PC)
- Josef Pisa (Wildrose)

Who can vote?

You're eligible to vote in the Provincial General Election if you live within

the electoral division and you:

- are 18 years of age or older on Voting Day,
- are a Canadian citizen, and
- have been ordinarily resident in Alberta for the six months immediately preceding Voting Day.

Other questions?

If you can't vote on May 5, advance polls run April 29 to May 2. Get more information at www.elections.ab.ca.

Big Bin Event—May 23-24

Blue Quill will once again be the site of one of 12 big bin events throughout the city, for household items that can't be set out for regular waste collection.

From 9 am to 5 pm on May 23 & 24, you can bring old appliances, couches, mattresses, computers, TVs, etc.

Other locations and dates can be found at www.edmonton.ca/bigbinevents.



BQCL Programs & Events

Spring Programs

Belly Dancing

Level 1 or Level 2 @ 6:30-8:00 pm
starting on April 23rd
\$120 league members / \$145 non-
members
To register: Vanlee - 780-907-0477
contact@sistersofthesahara.com

Yoga with Instructor Else Smart

Wednesdays 10 am - 11 am starting on
April 29th
Registration at the BQCL office -
\$80.00 for BQCL members and \$95.00
for non-members.

Body Sculpt Bootcamp - 4 week intensive, Summer Prep Session:

Tuesdays and Thursdays starting May 26 to June 16 (6:30pm - 7:30pm)
Whether you want to kick start your exercise program or enjoy the great outdoors and meet new people, challenge yourself with this total body workout that incorporates interval training by using outdoor obstacles, fields, trails and playgrounds and uses your own body weight to get the results you want to achieve. (All levels welcome) \$80.00 for BQCL members and \$95.00 for non-members.

Mark Your Calendar!

Election Forum
Apr 30 7:00 pm

Big Bin Event
May 23 & 24
9am—5pm

Seniors' Pancake Breakfast
Tue June 2 9:00 am

Party in the Park
Sep 12

Summer Programs

Body Sculpt Bootcamp

Tuesday mornings 6:30am - 7:30am
starting June 30th (minus July 28th and
August 4th) ending Sept 1st.
Enjoy the great outdoors this summer
and challenge yourself with this total
body workout that incorporates interval
training with outdoor obstacles, fields
and playgrounds and using your own
body weight to get the results you want
to achieve. (all levels welcome)

Summer Zumba (13+)

Tuesday evenings 6:30pm – 7:30pm ,
Starting June 30th (minus July 28th and
August 4th) ending Sept 1st.
Enjoy some summer fun as you get to
know other families in your community
while getting your groove on to Zumba
Latin rhythms: Salsa, Flamenco,

Merengue, Hip-Hop, Pop, Reggaeton
and Fusion. No dance experience is
necessary - only a heart that is eager to
have fun, and is open to learn. (All
levels welcome)

Zumba and Bender Barre

Thursday evenings 7:00pm – 8:00pm,
Starting July 2nd (minus July 30th and
August 6th) ending Sept 3rd.
The ultimate cardio and total body
conditioning class. This half hour of
Zumba will add fun to your workout
while incorporating the strength
conditioning benefits of Yoga, Ballet
and Pilates exercises - which are the
foundations of a Bender Barre class. All
levels welcome.

Cost for all summer programs is \$80.00
for BQCL members and \$95.00 for non-
members.

Summer Tennis program

We have a tennis instructor this year who's offering the following programs.

Free programs start June 2, weather dependent (i.e., not raining, temperature 10 or above). Free programs are open to

Blue Quill members age 12 and up, and have a maximum of 12 per class. For more information contact the coach/coordinator, Ellen, at ellentennis2@gmail.com



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Free Programs:	Time	Skills	Racquets and balls	Register
Cardio tennis	Tue & Thu 7:30-9:00 am	none required	balls provided, some loaner racquets available	Sign up at office or e-mail, drop in OK
Shot of the week	Wed 7:00-8:00 pm, warm up at 6:00 pm	none required	balls provided, some loaner racquets available	
Winner up	Mon 7:00-8:00 pm, warm up at 6:00 pm	none required	balls provided, some loaner racquets available	
Mens night	Thu 7:00-9:00 pm	some playing experience required	players to provide	Men to organize
Ladies group	Sun 10:00 am-12:00 noon	some playing experience required	players to provide	Ladies to organize

Register for any BQCL programs at the office on weekdays from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm, or email bqcladmin@bqcl.org for more information.



Tennis lessons

Ellen Toth, an experienced local tennis player and certified instructor, will offer lessons as well. Balls will be provided for all lessons, and some loaner racquets are available if needed. Individual lessons, from beginner to intermediate, can be arranged for any age. The cost is \$30/hour.

Group lessons, for adults or kids, can also be arranged.

Kids Program

If there's sufficient demand, a kids program can be held twice per week for six weeks. If there's more than four kids (ages 4 to 16) interested, two sessions could be offered, with the first

one starting the week of June 2nd.

Anyone interested in participating (or volunteering) in the tennis program at Blue Quill this spring/summer please contact Ellen at ellentennis2@gmail.com, or Janice Quinn, sports director, at sports@bqcl.org.

Civics Corner by Neil Dunwald

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 Confederation Pool Sat & Sun 4:00—5:30 pm

Purchase your membership at the hall, any weekday between 8:30 am and 1:00 pm. Please note the hall will be closed April 24 to May 11 inclusive.

Party in the Park, September 12

We are looking for volunteers who will form the 2015 Party in the Park Organizing Committee. Please contact musicfestival@bqcl.org if you have an interest in joining the committee, performing, or otherwise volunteering for the event.

On Street Bicycle Lanes

Councillor Walters has provided a significant update on strategic changes in cycling corridor infrastructure plans (see michaelwalters.ca/bikelanes8-80).

Blue Quill Provincial Election Forum

We are organizing a forum for the candidates to speak to Edmonton Rutherford and for residents to ask questions. The event will be in Blue Quill Hall at 7:00 PM on April 30. Please let your neighbours know. If you have written questions that you would like answered by the panel, please submit them to civics@bqcl.org.

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 is an Amphitheatre. If you would like to work on a committee planning this approach, please let us know at civics@bqcl.org.

ACT For Community

ACT for Community (Building better communities through **A**ccountability, **C**ollaboration and **T**ransparency) is a non-profit society formed to oppose the way that these housing developments have been undemocratically forced on Edmonton communities. It is currently raising funds to support its political, publicity, and legal efforts in this regard. A lawyer will be retained this month.

If you would like to support this pro-democracy movement with volunteer time, please contact me and I can steer you forward. If you would like to donate, please send a cheque to ACT for Community % 1758 Haswell Cove, Edmonton T6R 3A9.

You may also give by credit card by going to fundrazr.com/profiles/act-for-community and click on "Help Us Save Our Green Space." Please note there is a small processing fee for online donations.

From the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues (EFCL):

Garage and Garden Suite and Subdivision of RF1 lots Bylaw passed by Council

City Council passed Bylaw 17116 which allows garage and garden suites in all locations and allows the subdivision of RF1 lots which are 50 feet or larger. The bylaw was passed April 13, 2015 during the continuation of the lengthy Public Hearing which began March 16.

Councillor Anderson and Councillor Nickels made a motion to delay third reading of the bylaw until a review of the Mature Neighbourhood Overlay had been completed, but the motion was defeated.

Many speakers at the public hearing had asked for a “pause” in order to address some of the infill development issues prior to passing the bylaw. Citizens spoke about the need for neighbourhoods to have more say in how their neighbourhood grows. They asked for protection of heritage buildings and areas, protection of the urban forest, prevention of flooding and drainage problems, and a check on the Subdivision Appeal Board’s ability to undermine the city’s Zoning Bylaw, particularly the Mature Neighbourhood Overlay, which provides some protection for neighbourhood character.

Council passed motions to follow-up on some public concerns.

Councillor McKeen made the motion for Administration to report back on the status of the Glenora heritage inventory. He also made a motion for Administration to report back concerning the Zoning Bylaw regulations in relation to privacy screening for platform structures in various zones in the city.

Councillor Walters made the motion for Administration to provide a report outlining



The above photo, courtesy of connect2edmonton.ca, highlights a garage suite and its relation to the homeowner's home. In new neighbourhoods, there must be a minimum of 4m between the home and the suite, in Mature Neighbourhoods, the distance is a minimum of 3m.

options and incentives related to development permits aimed at preserving trees on private residential property in mature neighbourhoods.

Councillor Walters also made the motion for Administration to provide a report on options to facilitate a point of contact for mature neighbourhoods, including potentially creating district oriented positions for issues such as:

- 1) subdivision applications,
- 2) development and building permits,
- 3) development compliance, and
- 4) informing residents about statutory plans and city regulations.

- See more at: www.efcl.org.

Bob Price has been serving as Seniors Representative on the Blue Quill Board since 2012.

Please contact him at 780-437-9694 for more information on seniors activities in the area or any suggestions on how to meet seniors' concerns. Let's get more seniors involved in Southwest Edmonton!

In celebration of **Seniors Week**, your friends from the Southwest community leagues and SWESA invite you to...



Join us for a Seniors Pancake Breakfast

FREE

Tuesday June 2

From 9-11am

hosted at

Blue Quill Community center

11304 - 25 ave

**For more information, contact carolbigam@gmail.com
phone 780-987-3200**



Friends and neighbours mingled at our big garage sale on March 21. Watch for our annual event again next spring!

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Green Shacks are coming!



Each of the four communities within the Blue Quill Community League will have a green shack this summer. This popular program has been running for over 30 years in Edmonton! The program is suitable for ages 6 to 12 years old; participants 5 years or younger should be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Join in games, sports, crafts, music, drama, and special events. You'll find a list of upcoming activities and special events posted on the side of the Green Shack each week.

Watch for the shacks to appear in Sweetgrass, Blue Quill, Blue Quill Estates and Skyrattler parks!

Our MLA is retiring



Our long-time MLA Fred Horne, has decided not to seek re-election and has resigned from the legislature. He often contributed to our events—his constituency office was in Blue Quill.

Blue Quill Community League would like to thank MLA Fred Horne for many years of support of our social events. Best wishes for the future!

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Rent our Hall

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

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!**

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.



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-

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