

Keep Neighbouring

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Bi-Weekly News from Neighbourhood Services

The Keep Neighbouring publication schedule has been briefly interrupted due to technical difficulties and will be back shortly. In the meantime, updates for the current bi-weekly period are below. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Mandatory Face Covering Bylaw - Tools, Templates & FAQ:

As we continue to deal with the challenges of COVID-19, the health and safety of all Edmontonians remains a priority. For this reason, on July 29, 2020, City Council passed Bylaw 19408, Temporary Mandatory Face Coverings Bylaw. As a result:

Effective August 1, 2020, wearing a mask or face covering will be mandatory in all indoor public spaces and public vehicles. This applies to the publicly accessible areas of businesses/retail and includes transit, transit centres, LRT platforms and vehicles for hire.

We have put together a toolkit (visit edmonton.ca/masks) to assist you in implementing this new bylaw. Here you will find resources explaining the bylaw and what it means for your business, along with exemptions, FAQs and other information including where to download signage and exemption cards if you require any.

How does the new mask bylaw apply to community league buildings?

Any publicly accessible events / programs that take place in community league buildings are subject to the City's mandatory face covering bylaw. We recommend that leagues follow the direction set by Council and require face coverings at all times indoors as required by the bylaw. In cases where the building is locked and only league staff/volunteers are permitted to enter for specific purposes, it will be up to the league's workplace hazard assessment to determine if face coverings are required. Similarly, for private rentals, where the facility is not open to the public (e.g., family gatherings) and access is limited to a defined group, mask use would be at the discretion of the community league.

For events/activities within community league halls, the need to wear masks is dependent on whether it is a private or invitation only event. If it is truly an invitation only event then it is not a public place. If anyone can attend, regardless of whether or not they pay a fee, it is a public place and face coverings are required.

Living with Face Masks: How to stow them, reuse disposables and more

Now that many of us will be wearing masks regularly for the foreseeable future, how can we make it work? Can you reuse disposable masks? Can you keep masks on your chin or dangling on your rearview mirror when not in use? How many does your child need for school? [Here are some tips](#) from CBC News for living with masks.

Community Big Bin Grant Program - Funding Still Available for 2020 Events

Each spring, dozens of Edmonton community groups apply for help to get rid of any large, bulky items cluttering up the back alleys, streets or other areas in their neighbourhoods. Under the [Community Bin Grant Program](#), the City offers funds on a first-come, first-served basis that can be used for bin rentals (including the truck, driver and disposal costs) and truck rentals to drive through the area and collect large items. There are a few remaining spots available for the 2020 Grant Program!

Due to COVID-19 and Alberta Health Services guidelines, the application process now includes a few additional questions. These questions will help determine if the event is structured to successfully comply with physical distancing and group size restrictions which are designed to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Community Bin Grant Application can be located [here](#)

Additional application questions must also be submitted and can be located [here](#)

For further information, please contact Lise Baden: lise.baden@edmonton.ca

Safe Streets

Edmonton wants safer streets and more liveable communities! We are gathering stories about how safe you feel when you walk, bike, roll, drive and move around Edmonton. These insights and daily experiences will help us shape our strategy to reach [Vision Zero](#), and to prioritize traffic safety improvements in the [Safe Mobility Strategy](#). Your feedback will help us find traffic risks that the data doesn't show us, create solutions, and prioritize next steps.

Complete the [Safe Streets Scavenger Hunt](#) and share your family's ideas for making our streets safer!

Pop-Up Skateparks Ready for Shredding!

Skateboarders of all ages now have two new locations to "drop in." With the reduction in youth programming this year due to COVID19, the City of Edmonton has two sets of skatepark equipment that they have made available to communities with a demonstrated need and interest. Neighbourhood Services worked with partners to identify a handful of potential sites for the equipment, which includes ramps, quarter pipes, tables, and grind rails. Infrastructure Maintenance staff evaluated the sites and arranged for the delivery and placement of the various elements. With the partial opening of spray parks, and high usage in other City skateparks, the initiative will help to alleviate the high usage in existing permanent skateboard sites and provide further opportunities for communities to spread out and play.

Locations:

Killarney Neighbourhood Park Outdoor Rink (8720 130A Ave)

Elmwood Park Community League Parking Lot - (12516 75 Street)

These locations will be in operation until approximately the end of September (weather permitting).

The Great Disconnect: Virtual Screening and Discussion with Kalen Anderson

The City of Edmonton's Neighbourhood Services invites you to a free, virtual screening of *The Great Disconnect*, a one hour film that speaks to the health and social impacts of loneliness and the value and potential of neighbouring approaches unique to Edmonton. The film will be followed by a discussion with the filmmaker, Tamer Soliman, and Kalen Anderson, Director, City Plan. Kalen was a key creator of Edmonton's new City Plan and will join us to discuss how vital urban planning is in creating a connected city. [Click here](#) for more information and to register through Eventbrite.

[Neighbourhood Services](#) strives to provide programs and services that will help citizens and communities build and maintain a connecting, safe environment. 'Keep Neighbouring' is a bi-weekly newsletter that brings the most current community news and City updates to our citizens, communities, and partners.

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