



NORTH MILLBOURNE COMMUNITY LEAGUE

Tweddle Place Michael's Park

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Community League Hall Address: 980 Millbourne Road East

President's Message

Happy New Year from the Board of North Millbourne Community League and we hope 2010 brings you and yours health, happiness and lots of fun adventures to keep life interesting!

It's been a busy month since my December message. My Christmas was extra special this year. My brother-in-law and his family were here from Ottawa and I got to help plan and celebrate my mom's 75th birthday on December 27th!

I look forward to getting back down to business as we move through the second half of the community league's calendar year. There is a lot to do and I am feeling energized and hopeful that progress can be made. So what do we have doing you ask?! We are in the process of reviewing the first draft of NMCL's first ever business plan. Renovations to update the hall will commence in February. NMCL bylaws are currently being reviewed and we are hoping to add a clause allowing NMCL to conduct votes via e-mail. This month we begin to develop the budget for the 2010-2011 year. A committee has been struck to plan the events to celebrate NMCL's 35th birthday and we hope to have our first meeting later this month. This year is Mill Woods Canada Day Celebration's 25th Anniversary. **NMCL is still looking for a volunteer willing to be on the organizing committee of this great event.** The committee meets at the Rec. Centre the last Monday of each month preceding the day of the event. If you are interested give me a call at 780-462-8395 for more information.

Board member Alden Gushnowski is NMCL's first 'Next Gen'er'! Next Gen is a community-based initiative that engages 18-40 year old people and challenges them to become leaders in their communities and to provide 'next generation' input and perspective to city administration with ultimate goal to influence the direction Edmonton takes in the future. As a first step Alden has hooked NMCL up to various social media. Become our Friend - NMCL would love to hear from you. You will be able to follow North Millbourne at the following sites. Alden is also hoping to host a Next Gen event to provide young adults in NMCL the occasion to meet and get to know each other.

Twitter: twitter.com/northmillbourne
 Facebook: Search North Millbourne Community League
 LinkedIn: Search North Millbourne Community League

I'd like to thank Rink Manager Jim for getting rink operations up and running. Last couple of years have been a real challenge for ice building due to the warm weather going well into November followed by big snows and cold weather in December. Hopefully with the addition of the fence and reflective paint strip on the north end of the hockey rink we will be able to extend the skating season well into February and March when we normally end closing down the rinks after battling the chinooks and longer warmer days. Remember if you want to skate at NMCL you require a NMCL membership or to pay a fee of \$2.00/skate (minors pay \$1/skate). Memberships can be purchased off the Rink Manager. Though hockey helmets are not required for adults over the age of 18 years using the rinks, they are recommended to prevent potential head injuries.

I'd like to thank the City of Edmonton for running a winter shack program out of NMCL facilities at Michaels Park over the Christmas holidays. I hope many of your children had the opportunity to participate in this unique program that gave children the opportunity to participate in a variety of outdoor winter activities such as snow shoeing and snow painting.

In November we had a long time Tweddle Place resident, Terry Saunders, step forward and fill the NMCL program director position. Her first program, a Christmas Card Making class was successfully held at the end of November. Depending on registration she has a Learn To Skate program scheduled for this month and starting in February she has a number of fun City of Edmonton children and family programs, like a family winter wonder event, Princess and Knight for a Day, a Youth Design Day and a mother/daughter mother's day event, booked. Costs of these programs are reasonable and the activities are lots of fun so plan to join Terry! Again watch the community league signs and newsletter for details.

Until next month take care, come for a skate and contact me with any questions, suggestions or concerns you may have regarding NMCL.

Respectfully yours!

Jan Schilf

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BINGO Fundraising

*Support your neighbourhood by volunteering
at the bingo fundraisers
EARN POINTS!!!*

Have fun and meet your neighbors!!!

The following dates are available:

January 23	Saturday	WEM	Evening/late night	
February 18	Thursday	Parkway	Evening	
February 23	Tuesday	WEM	Evening	
March 30	Tuesday	Parkway	Evening	For information please call Niki at 780-465-4494
April 20	Friday	Parkway	Evening	
May 30	Sunday	Parkway	Evening	

ART CLASSES ON MONDAY NIGHTS



No artistic ability required
 Every class is different
Starting with drawing in September and moving on from there
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North Millbourne Community Hall

ALL LEVELS \$5.00/NIGHT

BEGINNER	THURSDAYS	7:00 – 8:30 PM
INTERMEDIATE	TUESDAYS	7:00 – 8:30 PM

Need info? Call Yin @ (780) 469-8313

MARK YOUR 2010 CALENDARS FOR SOME GOOD OLD FASHION FUN!



FEB 19 TH	NMCL POKER TOURNAMENT
FEB 20 TH	FAMILY SKATE AND SUPPER NIGHT
FEB 27 TH	FAMILY SKI NIGHT AT RABBIT HILL
MARCH 19 TH	FAMILY SUPPER AND GAME NIGHT
APRIL 16 TH	LADIES PAPER NIGHT
MAY 15 TH	NMCL GOLF TOURNAMENT

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Girl Guides of Canada
 Guides du Canada
 Papaschase Division

\$6 W.E.M. Waterpark Swim


Saturday January 30th 2010. (7:30 – 10:30 p.m.)

For tickets call: 780-461-2807 or 780-462-8602 or 780-462-1027

“Great stocking stuffers”

Love Sparkles Love Notes


Stamping Class



Join me as we make 30 handmade love notes with a convenient carrying box to share this Valentine's Day. Forget the store bought brands from mega-stores and instead share the creativity of making your own love notes with your children and friends. You'll be amazed at how quickly these notes go together using our Simply Scrappin' Kits. The kits are budget friendly and mom and kid approved. Share the love with classmates and friends this Valentine's Day!

Class Information

Date:	Thursday, January 21, 2010
Register By:	Friday, January 15th, 2010
Time:	7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
Class Fee:	\$17.00



Contact Information
 Program Director: Terry
 780-619-1019
 terrysu@telus.net

ATTENTION NMCL ADULT DROP-IN BADMINTON PLAYER



For the month of January, 2010 NMCL Drop in Badminton will be at Frere Antoine Elementary School located at 2850 Millwoods Road (across from Mill Woods Rec. Centre)

When: Fridays from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm
 Cost \$5.00/person
 Call Yin (780-469-8313 for further information)



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EDMONTON



Beginner Learn to Skate Lessons

Location: North Millbourne Community Hall (980 Millbourne Road East)

Preschool Learn to Skate

This program is geared towards children 4 to 6 years old who have limited or no skating experience. Children will learn basic skating skills at their own pace.

Time: 9:00-9:30am (course code: 350532)
Cost: \$22.50

Dates:
Sundays
January 10-
Feb 14 (6
Weeks)

Children Learn to Skate

This program is geared towards children 6 to 9 years old that have limited skating skills and are still learning the basics. They will learn to glide and skate using proper technique and balance in a safe and fun environment.

Time: 9:45-10:30am (course code: 350533)
Cost: \$30

CSA approved skating helmets are mandatory.

Lessons take place outside and will be cancelled due to adverse weather conditions.
Classes will not be rescheduled.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

By Phone: Call 311 for information
E-REG: <http://ereg.edmonton.ca>
In Person: Any City of Edmonton Leisure Centre



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NORTH MILLBOURNE COMMUNITY LEAGUE KARATE PROGRAM



Offered by the
Kuro Ryuu Karate Club

2010 Winter Registration and 1st class
January 13 6:00 -

8:00 PM
North Millbourne Community League Hall
980 Millbourne Road East

Fees

Adult 13+	\$105.00 for term
Junior (age 6-12)	\$85.00 for term

Term is between 10 - 12 weeks

\$10.00 discount for North Millbourne Community League members
Classes run Monday and Wednesday nights, all age and rank 6:00-8:00 PM at the NMCL Hall

For more information visit our website
http://members.shaw.ca/kuro_ryuu/ or phone 780-934-7557

DID YOU KNOW ?



PEDESTRIAN COUNT DOWN TIMERS

Last month new NMCL's 'DID YOU KNOW' column talked about pedestrian safety. January is Intersection Safety Month. Many of you drivers out there are probably like me and use crosswalk lights to gauge when the lights are going to change so you can adjust your vehicle speed to minimize the chance of going through an intersection on a yellow or, heaven for bid, a red light! Like me you want to be a law abiding citizen – right? I was really happy when I saw that the City had installed pedestrian countdown lights at the intersection of 91 St/34 Ave. That was until I realized that the east/west ones, like the old crosswalk lights, did not work unless a pedestrian pushed the walk button. I had the good fortune to talk to Inspector Brian Lobay from the Edmonton Police Service at one of Chief Boyd's town hall meetings about how the countdown timers did not work right and he put me on to Sgt. Zalaski of the Specialized Traffic Operations Branch of the EPS. Sgt. Zalaski sent me the following educational explanation which I'd like to share with you.

Although countdown timers have been long coveted by motorists, who traditionally used them to judge when the light was about to change (especially in those locations equipped with an intersection safety camera), their primary purpose has been intended for pedestrians to assist them in crossing the road in a safe and timely manner.

The intersection of 91 St/34 Ave is equipped with countdown timers in each direction, however the countdown will only display for eastbound/westbound pedestrians should they push the button to cross the road in those directions. Because that portion of the roadway is quite large to cross, extra time is given for pedestrians when they push the button. The countdown timer comes on at this point to indicate how much time is left. If a pedestrian tries to cross without hitting the button, no countdown timer is displayed and less time is given in the signal sequence for eastbound/westbound traffic and hence the pedestrian will fail to cross in time.

This type of countdown timer system is "actuated" or activation based and does not necessarily have countdown timers that sync with the traffic lights. What is displayed at the intersection is dependant upon what electronic feedback is given to the control box in the form of a pedestrian button or road sensors detecting the presence of a vehicle. These types of timers are usually present at intersections with intermittent vehicular/pedestrian traffic. Other intersection signal/countdown timers are "fixed" in nature and automatically change after a fixed time has elapsed (the light always changes once 'zero' are reached on the timer). Ultimately, countdown timers and light signals can be configured in a variety of modes in order to maximize the safe and efficient flow of pedestrian and vehicular traffic at all times of the day.

With a variety of programming options used in countdown timers throughout the city, it is unwise for motorists to rely on them. It is instead recommended that motorists drive attentively and maintain an appropriate speed when approaching an intersection. Most problems that occur involve excessive speed and driver inattentiveness. Pedestrians should also maximize their safety by crossing the road when/where appropriate, utilizing the button when available, and adhering to the direction provided by the crossing display.

Thank you to Sgt. Zalski of the Edmonton Police Service for taking the time to explain countdown timers to us and I strongly recommend you visit the following web site for more informative facts regarding traffic and vehicle related topics and issues - <http://www.edmontonpolice.ca/trafficvehicles>.

Till next time!

Jan Schilf



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NMCL'S GOOD NEIGHBOUR

January 2010

Bernie Brotchi and Gord Zawaski

THEY DYNAMIC DUO!!!



As North Millbourne Community League comes closer to celebrating its 35th anniversary in this fall I am taking time to reflect on what has been achieved in such a short period of time largely due to the energy and commitment of its residents. This month's good neighbour article highlights the efforts and commitments of Bernie Brotchi and Gord Zawaski. Integral members of some of the most dynamic boards NMCL ever had. This article may seem a bit long winded but between them they served the community some 30 years and I could have written even more!! Also Gord is so incredible modest that he would not allow me honor him unless it was part of a larger article that highlighted the contributions of his 'team members'. People like Gord and Bernie are one of the reasons I became involved with our community league. On a personal note you could not wish to meet nicer people. On the community league side their commitment and positive outlooks was inspiring. They helped making volunteering fun and fulfilling! Remember my message last month – at the heart of a community are its people!

Bernie and his wife Suzanne moved into the Tweddle Place neighbourhood in 1983. When their sons Bane and Craig were still very small Bernie decided to get involved in NMCL. The TP playground was in very poor condition and when Bernie heard NMCL was in the process of building a new playground he volunteered his services during the construction weekend. It was then that he met NMCL President Gord Zawaski and other committed volunteers such as Brent Hughes, NMCL's long time rink manager, Ken and Nancy Boyle and Chuck Desjardin – just typing these names is like a blast of pleasant memories - of ski nights, family skate days, soccer, movie nights!!!! That day Bernie was hooked for what would turn into 15 years of service to the community league. The playground crew talked Bernie into coming to a board meeting to help develop some social activities and make the neighbourhood a better place to live. Bernie came home from that meeting as one of NMCL's members at large. From there he went on to hold the positions of social director, vice president, casino director and gaming director. Bernie's real passion was planning family social events such as family ski night attended by 100+ participants, golf tournaments, family skate days, bowling evenings and IMAX movies. Bernie's social programs were a great success and became the standard for NMCL which is still being followed. Bernie was not one to sit on his heels and wait for others to do what needed doing. If he saw a need he became involved. Bernie was heavily involved on committees that built some of the infrastructure in the community that we take for granted. In 1995 Bernie helped carry out a user needs survey to discover what was needed and what residents of Tweddle Place and Michaels Park wanted. As a result of the survey Bernie got involved in building the basketball courts at TP and MP, the walk way from Malcolm Tweddle School to Millbourne Mall and the patio/gazebo area attached to NMCL's hall. Bernie helped get the hockey rink paved to speed up ice making and conserve water. In 2004-05 Bernie completed another user needs survey and since his retirement from NMCL's board in 2007 many of his recommendations have been implemented including putting up a shelter at MT playground, more benches and picnic tables by the playgrounds, and more trees in our green spaces. When he was not involved in building stuff and planning social events, he was coaching soccer and organizing NMCL casinos. Unbelievable when you consider that most residents and members can't even donate an hour of their time!

When I asked Bernie what made him stay with it so long he replied that the community provided him and his family many fun family activities and a chance to meet and become friends with neighbours. Bernie feels it is sad that it is so hard to get people to volunteer a bit of their time to make their neighbourhood better – you get what you give and unless new blood steps up all that has been achieved to date will start to fall apart. Bernie is lucky – he has seen and been part of a great group of people that worked as a team to get things done not only for them selves but for generations to come! What a legacy!!!

The second half of my dynamic dual is Gordon Zawaski. Gord, wife Margaret and children Greg and Natalie moved into Tweddle Place in 1989 just one year before we moved here from Smoky Lake. Just a note - you can go onto You Tube and watch a music video by Gord's son Greg who is a very fine musician! Hope when he becomes famous he will remember his roots in NMCL!

As I have already mentioned Gord is a very modest person – it was like pulling teeth to get any personal info out of him! He believes things get done through team work and recognition should be based on the team. I believe that yes he was part of a great team but I also believe that Gord is a great leader who will not give his own horn even a tiny toot!!! NMCL got a lot done in the 1990's and without good leadership this would not have happened. When asked about his involvement with NMCL Gord fails to mention that he was NMCL president for a couple of terms and Chair of Mill Woods Presidents Council and one of the founding fathers of Mill Woods Canada Day. To quote Gord 'over the last fifteen plus years there has always been ample opportunity to get involved along with many other "Team Members" in a lot of Community League and other roles ranging from being on the Malcolm Tweddle PAC to calling members to volunteer for bingo's, to NMCL hall cleaning and rental to re-establishing the MW Community Patrol, to president of the NMCL and Mill Woods Presidents' Council, to MW Canada Day, the MW Newsletter, etc.'. What Gord really wanted to share with me was some of his fondest memories of being a volunteer. In his own words they include:

- The inception of the Monty's Beach Bash(at Malcolm Tweddle) where we used to get the "Palm Trees" from IGA and decorate the gym in a beach theme for a family oriented dance party!(Someone mentioned that a version of it still actually exists- go figure!)
- The re-development of the playgrounds at Tweddle Place and Michaels Park (and the parking lot, basketball court, rink development there)-what an active and fun time it was, great committees, City of Edmonton and Community League support to get these done!
- One particular bottle drive where NMCL/the Malcolm Tweddle PAC raised over \$1300 for the playground. Gord recalls that one family had saved up (and, no doubt, to help out, got their friends, relatives, and probably people walking by with almost finished soft drinks in their hands, too. Thanks Pat and Edwin) for a number of months or more ; so, a total like that is more easily reached when you have such committed community members; and (a bit of unabashed pride) he recalls that particular bottle drive because his guess for the total that would be raised was the closest compared to the "low ball" guesses of Ken, Nancy, Diane, Joanne, and others (hehhe!). One interesting comment was heard from a neighbourhood teenager who was volunteering during the building of the playground: Knowing he was helping out so others could enjoy what he was helping to build was deeply satisfying but perhaps he was wishing he was a bit younger when he asked the question "How come they didn't do this when I was growing up?"
- Establishing open and frank communication between the Edmonton Police Service (thanks to Mill Woods Presidents' Council and Supt. Ed McFarlane!) and the community during the challenging years when Mill Woods was in the news for the wrong reasons, and the "Seeking Solutions to Crime" community town hall session.
- Convincing City Hall of the need for a divisional police station and better police representation in Mill Woods.
- Canada Day in Mill Woods -so many wonderful people put together this wonderful annual community event!
- Being involved with the Mill Woods Newsletter, MCARFA, the MW Community Patrol, MW Presidents' Council, -so many outstanding community groups, committees and members that work to make our Mill Woods a better place to live!

Finally when asked why he was such a committed volunteer he replied that getting involved in a project or activity and watching it progress and come to life is deeply satisfying. Gord feels that the time, effort and stress involved are secondary to the learning, to the people you work with and to making the community a safer, better place to live. He feels blessed to have had the opportunity to work with so many caring, committed and darn NICE people over the years - many whom he calls good friends. Gord wants to remind everyone that it is the people who are the unsung leaders that form the teams and that keep the community leagues operational.

Thanks you Bernie and Gord for allowing me to write about you. I hope the readers are as inspired by your stories as I am. Unlike many of the readers I have the good fortune of knowing and having done community work with both of you and am proud to call you my January good neighbours and my friends! Hope 2010 brings you and your families health, happiness and an abundance of good times.

Jan Schilf