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Urban renewal project in the works for Gariepy

2021 community hall renovations and upgrades

Spring/Summer 2022 Soccer Registration

Upcoming events in our neighbourhood and city!



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Susan Penner - Community League Coordinator

I hope that everyone in the community is staying well and trying to keep busy! I'd like to thank the volunteer ice makers, as our local rinks have really added a lot of spirit and a much needed physical release to our members. It looks like the weather is supposed to go to more normal temperatures for the end of February, so I encourage everyone to borrow the League's snowshoes and go exploring in the many beautiful green spaces that Edmonton has to offer. We are fortunate that we have a vital and vibrant playschool operating each weekday in the basement of the hall. It gives the youngest residents in our area a chance to meet other children and socialize and learn through play.

For the safety of our members and community, Lessard Community League is following Alberta Health guidelines with respect to COVID-19. Unfortunately at this time, community leagues are still required to remain closed to the general public. Leagues are also prohibited from planning or running events or activities. As provincial rules change, please know that we are looking forward to the time when we can gather and enjoy meeting each other again. Until then, stay safe!

60 YEAR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!

This past September, long time (40+ years) Lessard residents, past Board members, and great community volunteers **Bill and Lucille Burton** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with their friends, family, and Lessard neighbours at the Lessard Hall. In keeping with Covid regulations, a Come-and-Go Tea was held in their honour and they wowed their guests with a demonstration of their favourite dance - the Jive- to the song "Rock round the Clock"! Bill and Lucille learned with great amusement that some people in the audience ere nervous about seniors dancing the jive but no worries, to this day Lucille is an avid track athlete world-ranked) and badminton player and Bill is a champion badminton player!



Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal is coming to Gariepy and planning is underway!

Starting in Spring 2024, Gariepy will experience Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal construction. Through the City's Building Great Neighbourhoods Branch, the Neighbourhood and Alley Renewal Program will reconstruct roads, curbs, alleys, replace street lights, repair sidewalks, and where possible, connect missing sidewalk links. Other neighbourhood improvements such as street crossings, additional bike connections, and improvements to City-owned parks and gathering spaces will also be explored.

From now until Spring 2024, you can expect to learn about what's involved in neighbourhood and alley renewal as well as participate in a series of public engagement opportunities. We invite you to find the right engagement opportunity for you!

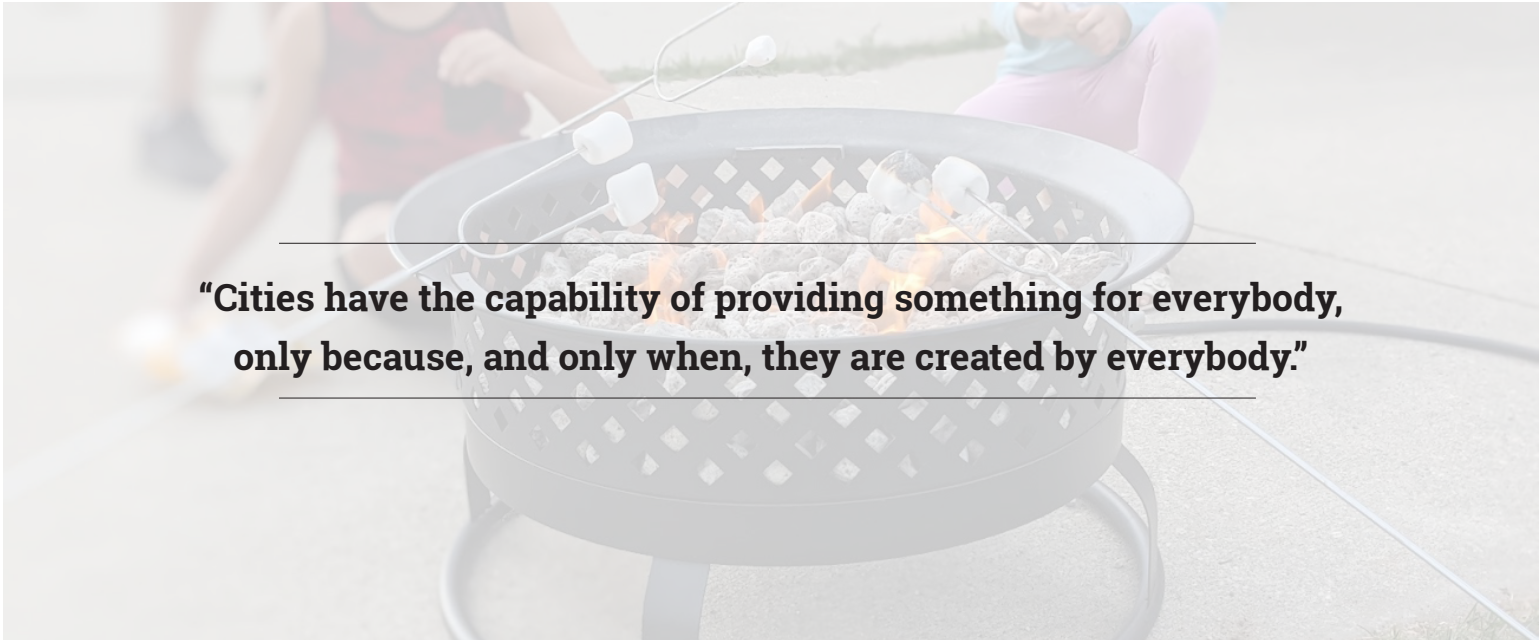
We plan to use a variety of communication channels to share information about the project, including our website: edmonton.ca/BuildingGariepy

Please visit this website for more information. To sign up for project email updates, scroll near the bottom and click 'Subscribe now'.



More details about the first community-wide engagement opportunity will be sent out in March 2022.

Working together to make the most out of your neighbourhood.



“Cities have the capability of providing something for everybody, only because, and only when, they are created by everybody.”

Over the last few months - thanks to the efforts of everyone who has done their part to limit and prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our communities - we've been slowly (and cautiously) able to host community-building events in our neighbourhood. It has been difficult on all of us to not gather together as we have been used to prior to March 2020.

This past summer, we were pleased to host a 'Party in the Park', featuring a community BBQ, fire pits, and headlined by the musical act The Parklanders. This well-attended outdoor event was a wonderful pre-'return to school' gathering, a reunion (and welcoming) of sorts for members of our community.

We were also fortunate to host two great outdoor markets in our parking lot. Originally intended to be indoor, the outdoor format (and cooperative weather) provided a fantastic spark of life in our neighbourhood.

For the second year in a row, we decided to decorate the hall with lights for the winter, providing a welcoming environment in the dark of night. What seems like a record number of homes were also beautifully light up this winter. Thank you to everyone who has done so! To celebrate the lighting of the hall, we hosted an outdoor 'Celebration of Lights', which featured s'mores, hot chocolate and cider, cookies, and several gangs of glow-stick wearing children roaming the nearby trails. The event coincided with the first flooding of the rinks, which we were happy to return in-full this season with fewer use restrictions!

Looking ahead to 2022, we are excited to host more events in our community. To do so, we need your time, ideas, and participation!





Hall Renovations and Upgrades!

Last year was tough on a lot of us. Our community hall was no exception. In an unseasonably strong wind storm last winter, a our hall's roof lost a great number of shingles that ended up all over the park grounds. This unfortunate event set us to look at ways to improve our community amenity space. Under the lead of our Facilities Director Jason, we've been able to accomplish a lot the last few months. This includes a new roof (provided by a great local company, DMasters), a new furnace, new fascia and rain gutters, a re-decking of the tractor ramp, hazard/dead tree removal, servicing our ice rink tractor, and deck railing repairs. This work was completed thanks to grants we've been fortunate to receive as well as the commitment of volunteers (who provided their time at our July 2021 casino fundraiser, and their labour when called upon).

We were also fortunate recently to upgrade and expand our collection of equipment! Things we've acquired/updated recently include additional adusnowshoes to loan to community members, new propane firepits, and more efficient ice making equipment!

We don't intend to stop there! Plans are in the works for other repairs and upgrades to ensure our hall and the surrounding grounds serve us well into the future.



LESSARD PLAYSCHOOL



OUR FIRST EVER SILENT AUCTION!

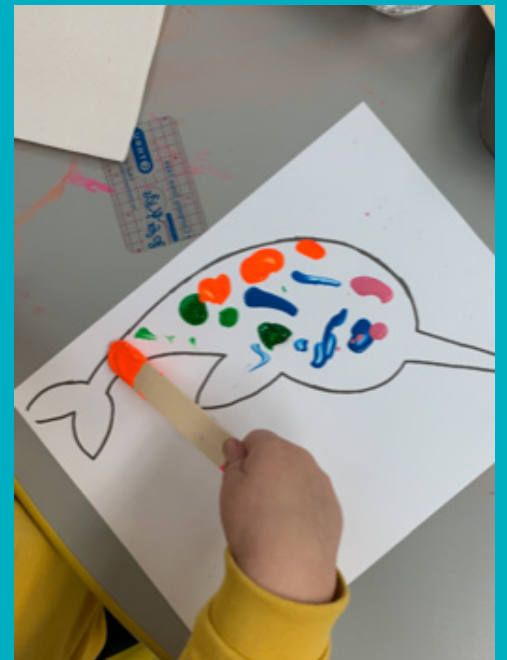
Lessard Playschool families are excited to be holding our first ever online Silent Auction!

We have been getting creative with our fundraising efforts this year, as many of our traditional fundraisers are not COVID-19 friendly. Our amazing families have collected some fantastic auction items such as gift cards, gift baskets, board games, and a signed Connor McDavid Oilers jersey! We will continue to accept donations until March 4 and would be grateful for any auction items you would like to contribute!

We hope you will visit our auction at:

WWW.32AUCTIONS.COM/LESSARDPLAYSCHOOL

The auction will run from Friday, March 5 at 9:00am until Sunday, March 7 at 5:00 pm.



Lessard Community Playschool

2021-2022 School Year

Registration Open

February 15, 2021

780-686-4201

Email: lessardplayschool@gmail.com

Website: www.lessardplayschool.ca

Come and visit our website to view the virtual classroom tour, and frequently asked questions. Read about the learn through play program offered! We offer morning classes for 3 & 4 year olds. Our classes are taught by a teacher with a BEd. Degree and experienced teacher assistants in each class. There are no parent roster days or cleaning bees! Our students have access to a gymnasium and playground.





2021 CONTEST WINNERS!

FRIGHTEN & BRIGHTEN!

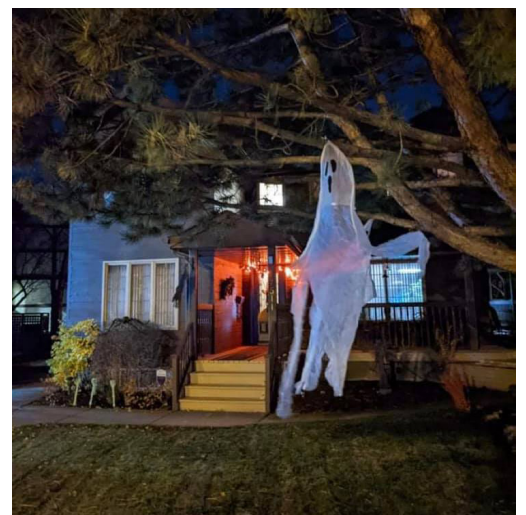
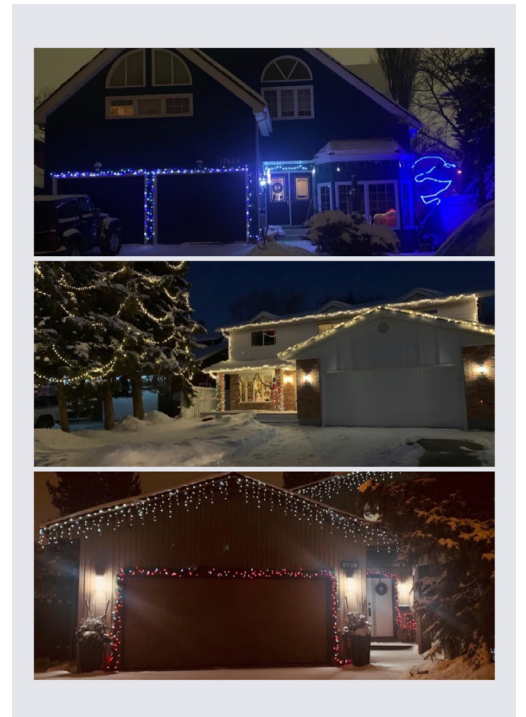
This past fall, Lessard residents were encouraged to “Walk Their Haunted Block” with our second (now annual!) Halloween decoration contest. Many homes in our community work hard to embrace the spooky season, and it was awesome to be able to highlight and recognize some who go the extra mile.

In December, we ran a contest on our Facebook page called ‘Lights of Lessard’ to help spread festive cheer and to encourage our community members to continue to ‘walk our blocks’ for physical exercise, mental health, social connection, and neighbourhood safety.

We had many entries from community members nominating their neighbours and homes that put smiles (and looks of terror!) on their face each night they lit up.

Winners were selected a vote of community members, and prizes were provided to randomly drawn nominees. Thank you to everyone who nominated and decorated!

We are happy to see many homes keep their decorations up through this winter season, providing much needed bursts of colour, light, and joy in our lives. Thank you!



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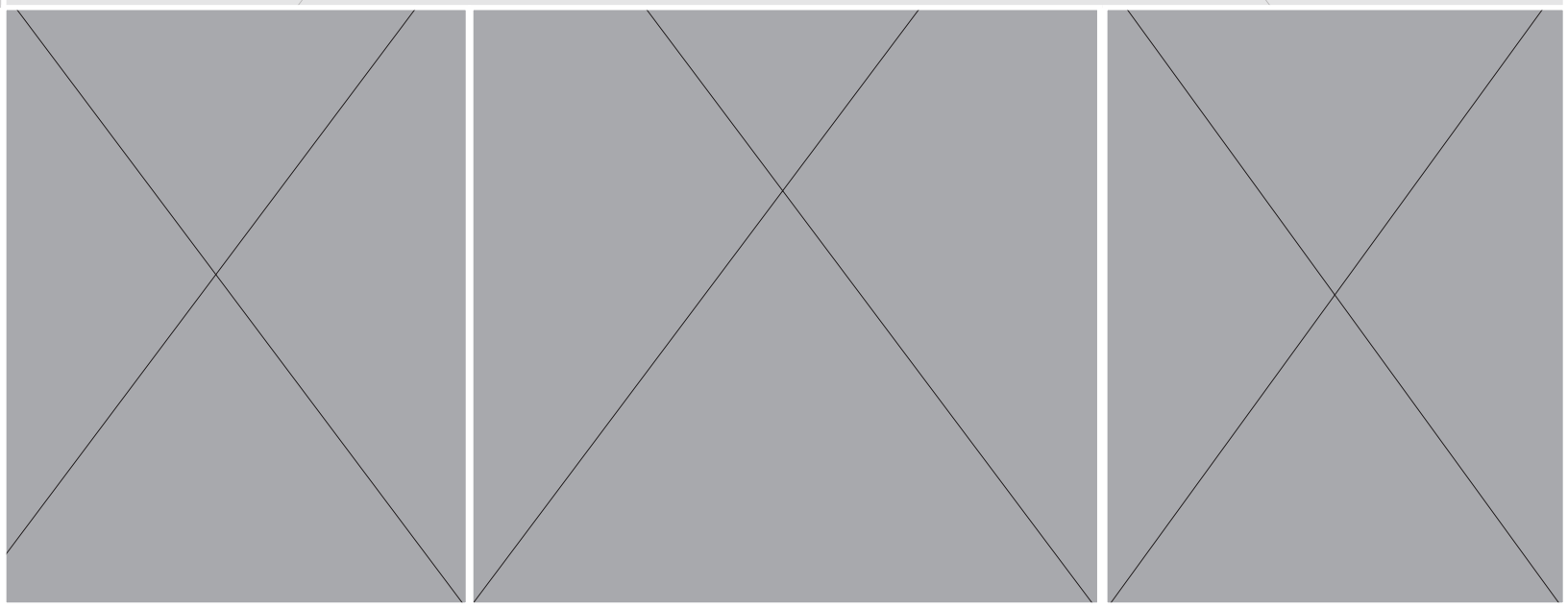
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SEARCHING FOR THE NEXT ALPHONSO DAVIS AND STEPHANIE LABBÉ

Registration for the upcoming 2021 outdoor soccer season with **Edmonton West Zone Soccer Association (EMSA West)** is now open! Parents, guardians, and players are asked to check the EMSA West website (**WWW.EMSAWEST.COM**) for program details and fees. Links to registration information are available on the Lessard Community League website and social media (Facebook and Instagram). A copy of the 2022 season registration/information grid is included on the next page of this newsletter. Please note that season details may be subject to change due to COVID-19 health and safety regulations.



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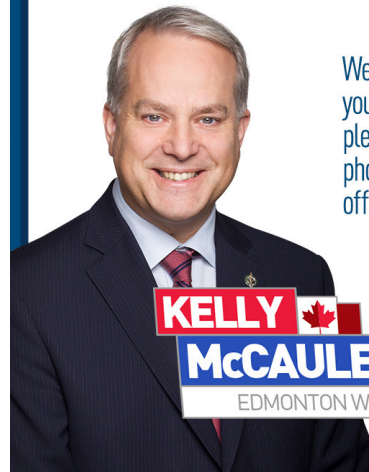
HOW CAN YOUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT HELP?

Your Member of Parliament, **Kelly McCauley** and his staff are here to assist you with any questions that you have regarding any programs or services offered by the Government of Canada. The local office is here to guide anyone who may have any questions relating to:

- Citizenship and Immigration
- Service Canada
- Canada Pension Plan
- Disability Pension Plan
- Old Age Security
- Employment Insurance
- Passports
- Canada Revenue Agency
- Social Insurance Number (SIN)
- Veteran's Affairs

Celebratory Greetings for milestone birthdays and anniversaries are available from Mr. Kelly McCauley.

We always look forward to hearing from you. If you have any feedback to share, please get in touch with the office either by phone, through email, or a letter to the office postage-free.



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2022 LESSARD Outdoor Soccer Information Grid - COVID 19 may change the information below

PROOF OF AGE REQUIRED TO BE SEEN FOR ALL NEW PLAYERS

AGE GROUP	YEAR BORN	FEE STRUCTURE	DAY OF GAMES (Subject to change)	TIMES (Subject to Change)	GAME MINUTES BY HALF	# OF PLAYERS PER SIDE	FIELD SIZE	# OF PLAYERS PER TEAM	Post Season Play	Referees or Other Info
U4 / U5 Play Together Mixed Travel Close	2017 2018	\$135.00	Tentative Wednesdays	Tentative 6:15 pm	25 Min. Skills and Drills and 30 Min Games	4 per side 3 plus GK	Inside Hockey Arena or grass area	Prefer 8 Max 10	None	No Referee Coach on Field No Stats Tim Hortons Medals
U7 Mixed Travel Close	2015 2016	\$160.00	Tentative Mondays & Wednesdays Possible Friday/Sunday Games	Tentative 6:15 pm	30 Min. Skills and Drills and 30 Min Games	5 per side 4 plus GK	Small Field	Prefer 10 Max 12	None	No Referee Coach on Field No Stats Tim Hortons Medals
U9 Boys/Girls Travelling West End	2013 2014	\$210.00	Tentative Tuesdays & Thursdays Possible Friday/Sunday Games	Tentative 6:15pm & 7:30 pm	20 Min Skills and Drills and 2 x 20 Min Game	7 per side 6 plus GK	Mid Field	Prefer 14 Max 16	No City Finals	Zone Assigned Centre Referee No Linesmen
U11 Boys/Girls Travelling West End	2011 2012	\$240.00	Tentative Mondays & Wednesdays Possible Friday/Sunday Games	Tentative 6:15pm & 7:30 pm	35 x 2	8 per side 7 plus GK	Mid Field	Prefer 14 Max 16	City Finals	Zone Assigned Centre Referee No Linesmen
U13 Boys/Girls Travelling City Wide	2009 2010	\$280.00	Tentative Tuesdays & Thursdays Possible Friday/Sunday Games (Alternate reschedule playing date Monday)	Tentative 6:15pm & 7:30 pm	40 x 2	11 per side 10 plus GK	Full Field	Prefer 16 Max 20	City Finals Intercties Provincials	Zone Assigned Centre Referee 2 Linesmen if Available
U15 Boys/Girls Travelling City Wide	2007 2008	\$280.00	Tentative Mondays & Wednesdays Possible Friday/Sunday Games (Alternate reschedule playing date Tuesday)	Tentative 6:15 pm & 7:45 pm	40 x 2	11 per side 10 plus GK	Full Field	Prefer 16 Max 20	City Finals Intercties Provincials	Zone Assigned Centre Referee 2 Linesmen if Available
U17 Boys/Girls Travelling City Wide	2005 2006	\$280.00	Tentative Sundays & Thursdays Possible Wed/Fri Games (Alternate reschedule playing date Wednesday)	Tentative 6:15 pm & 7:45 pm	45 x 2	11 per side 10 plus GK	Full Field	Prefer 18 Max 20	City Finals Intercties Provincials	Zone Assigned Centre Referee 2 Linesmen if Available
U19 Boys/Girls Travelling City Wide	2003 2004	\$280.00	Tentative Sundays & Tuesday Possible Thurs/Fri Games (Alternate reschedule playing date Wednesday)	Tentative 6:15 pm & 7:45 pm	45 x 2	11 per side 10 plus GK	Full Field	Prefer 18 Max 20	City Finals Intercties Provincials	Zone Assigned Centre Referee 2 Linesmen if Available

All game nights and times are tentative and may be subject to change - EMSA has set the start date of May 1, 2022 - Subject to weather

All teams are subject to extra game nights as required to complete outdoor schedule on time and season may be extended if season starts late

Players must play in age appropriate groupings - Players CANNOT move down in age group

U9 teams and higher may have back to back games

Player may be required to pay extra team money / Additional fees may be charged for tournaments or other activities

Everyone must have a current community membership - \$35.00/family, \$20/single or senior and can be purchased at:

<https://www.lessardcommunity.ca/memberships>

Methods of payments are online at the EMSA West on the portal while registering



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH UPDATE

KEEPING OUR COMMUNITIES SAFE

Over the last several months one of the crimes that we have been noting in our community is theft from vehicles and garages. To help prevent theft, please remove valuables from your vehicle and always double check that your vehicle is locked. Phones, laptops, cash/coins, purses and garage door openers are common items stolen from vehicles. If these items are out of sight your vehicle will be less likely to be targeted. You can report suspicious activity to the non-emergency police line by calling 780-423-4567. If you see a crime in progress please dial 911 and do not engage.

With the cold winter temperatures it may be tempting to start your car and leave it to warm up while waiting inside your home, but please remember that it is never safe to leave your vehicle idling and unattended, even for a brief period of time.

The Edmonton Police Service has recently posted about idling auto theft, stating that this crime of opportunity usually takes place on weekdays during peak commuting times (5:00 am- 8:30 am) when individuals are preparing to travel.

LOCAL EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

In our community
and around our City

WESTEND SENIORS ACTIVITY CENTRE

Tired of cooking? Know someone who would benefit from healthy, affordable, nutritious meals? WSAC's weekly menu is now available! Open to the public, **meals are made fresh and easy to prepare**. To order, visit their website at www.weseniors.ca/whats_new/new-menu-available-now or call 780.483.1209 extension 225.

The WSAC also hosts fun and social activities for all ages. Check out their website for more information.

FLYING CANOE VOLANT

Join one of Edmonton's great winter celebrations! The Flying Canoe Volant is a creative, interactive, and cultural event that celebrates local history and everything that is great about a long winter's night. Loosely based on the legend of the Flying Canoe, and on **French-Canadian, First Nation, and Métis traditions**, the Flying Canoe Volant invites you for a nighttime adventure in Edmonton's French Quarter and along the illuminated trails of the **Mill Creek Ravine**. March 1 to 5, 2022. www.flyingcanoevolant.ca Note, pre-registration to attend some events is required (and free).

EDMONTON PUBLIC LIBRARY'S FORWARD THINKING SERIES

EPL invites thought-leaders from a variety of industries to share their insights, ideas, experiences and viewpoints. Its purpose is to help build better organizations, neighbourhoods and communities. For the time being, all events are held online and tickets are free!

Upcoming speaker: **Timothy Caulfield** (Thursday, March 3, 2021)

Topic: The spread of conspiracy theories and harmful misinformation is a defining characteristic of the COVID-19 pandemic. It has led to deaths, decreased vaccine acceptance, financial loss, increased stigma, health policy challenges, and added to the chaotic information environment. We must counter this "infodemic" – especially on social media – with evidence-based communication strategies. Debunking works!

NEXT UP: THE TRAILS EDITION!

LESSARD IS AT THE HEART OF OUR CITY'S TRAIL NETWORK

Our city has a world class integrated trail system. Whether you're propelled by your shoes, bike, skateboard, scooter, or other means - there's something for everyone.

Lessard is fortunate to be at the doorsteps of some of our city's best trails and pathways; some you are likely familiar with, and others that require some extra 'seeking out' to find.

For our spring edition of the Lessard Calling Card, we want to bring these trails (and stories) to you. We had hoped to deliver this in 2021, but it will be ready to go for 2022!

Tune up your 10-speed, re-lace your sneakers, and get ready to learn about our city's great trail network. Got great stories to tell about the trails in our community? Let's hear them!

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