

Cloverdale Community League

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Tawatinâ Bridge Opening a Huge Success

Thank you to everyone that joined in the celebrations for the opening of the shared-use portion of the Tawatinâ Bridge. After 5 years of waiting, we were finally able to explore the large pathway and hundreds of art panels from artist David Garneau.

The December 12 event was a big success that included a smudging ceremony, speeches from the artist and Community League Members, a musical parade from Brass Tactics, and hot chocolate. Donations of warm winter clothing were also gathered and distributed to those in need by Warm Hands Warm Hearts.

The Tawatinâ Bridge — which means “valley” in Cree — replaces the Cloverdale footbridge, which was built in 1978 and closed in 2016 to make way for the LRT Valley Line. The multi-use pathway

was originally scheduled to be open in May 2019, but was delayed when a huge slab of concrete was found metres under the riverbed. The mystery concrete was too large and arduous to move, and forced construction crews to find work-arounds. TransEd, who is building the transit line, also noted that recent delays have been caused by Covid-19. The LRT line is currently scheduled to become operational in the summer.

The artwork on the bridge was designed by David Garneau, an artist whose Métis family settled here in the late 1800s. The artwork captures stories of nature, history, community, and even references to carvings made in the handrails of the previous bridge.

“It’s really bridging two sides, two cultures. It’s also a space in-between,” said Garneau. “There’s a lot of nature, a lot of First Nations and Métis history, but it’s all in fragments. To me, there are pictures, and storytellers have to come and knit them together to explain what the meanings are.”



Artist David Garneau



Keep Your Pet Safe and Cloverdale Clean



Help ensure your dog does not collide with skiers or chase sledders by using a leash. Did you know that dogs are not allowed to be loose, unless they are on your property or in a designated off-leash area?

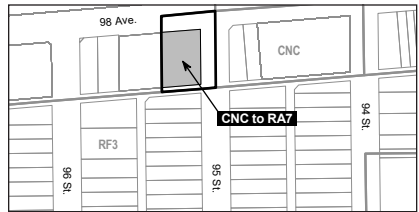
Dogs must always be on a leash when on public property and should be contained in a secure yard or building when on your property. Dogs are not allowed on school grounds, sports fields, playgrounds and golf courses. The fine for violating this bylaw is \$100.

When walking your furry friend, it is also important to remember they must stay on the path and on a leash at all times. Don't see a path or trail? This means dogs are not permitted in the area. Please help ensure these spaces are enjoyed by everyone by picking up after your dog.

For more information visit: edmonton.ca/petsinthecity.

Proposed Rezoning

There is a proposed rezoning of 9503 98 Avenue NW. The rezoning would change the property from a Neighbourhood Convenience Commercial Zone (CNC) to a Low-Rise Apartment Zone (RA7). This rezoning would allow for the development of an approximately 4-storey residential building with some opportunity for commercial properties on the ground level (limited to specific commercial activities such as child care services, general retail stores, or specialty food services). More information can be found by searching "LDA21-0566" on the City's website.



Mill Creek Trail Bridges to Undergo Restorations

After years of constant flood damage and erosion, some trails and Pedestrian Bridge B278 in Mill Creek Ravine Park will be undergoing some upgrades in June. Trail users should prepare for detours in this area until restoration is finished at the end of October. More details can be found at Edmonton.ca/B278MillCreekReplacement



The Flying Canoë Races to Be Held at Ski Hill

The Flying Canoë Volant Races will be held on March 4–5 between 6–11pm at the Edmonton Ski Club. Races will be held from 6 to 9pm. The event consists of racing a canoe down the skill hill, using a two-person bucksaw, and axe throwing. It is free to watch.

There will be live music on Friday featuring *Scenic Route to Alaska* and on Saturday *Carter and the Capitals*. The concerts will start at 9pm and end at about 10:30 pm.

More details can be found at www.flyingcanoevolant.ca

Community Garden Seeks Coordinators

The Cloverdale Community Garden is a combination of individual garden plots and a common area dedicated to address food security in Edmonton—the latter being one of the things that sets it apart from other community gardens. If you have an interest in gardening or helping the community, please consider serving as a coordinator for the garden. The roles are seasonal (April–October). For questions or to apply, contact Reg at pastpresident@cloverdalecommunity.com

Garden Coordinator: liaison between Garden members and the League; is the contact with Sustainable Food Edmonton (SFE); provides communications and coordination within the garden group.

Operations Coordinator: handles 'on-site' operations; liaison with the Bennett Centre; schedules maintenance of the water system and equipment; coordinates the work-bees and garden work teams.

Both positions could be shared.

Oil Kings on Cloverdale Ice for Tourism Video

The Cloverdale Ice Rink was the filming location of an upcoming Explore Edmonton promotional video featuring Edmonton Oil Kings defensemen (and prospect for the Nashville Predators) Luke Prokop. The filming took place on January 12th for a video that will highlight Edmonton's sport and cultural scene, resilient spirit, and many talented artists and athletes. It will launch to the public in March of 2022 and can be found on the Explore Edmonton's website and on Explore Edmonton's YouTube and Vimeo channels.

If you would like to skate on the Cloverdale Rink, it's available for free to all community league members. Different skate times are scheduled for certain activities, so please visit cloverdalecommunity.com/ice-rink-rentals for more information. Not a member yet? Purchase or renew your membership at cloverdalecommunity.com/membership



Thank You, Casino Volunteers!

So many of the Community League's events, initiatives, and programs are lead and supported by amazing volunteers. A major fundraising initiative is the casino, which has raised \$94,781.

Thank you so much to all the volunteers, including Reg Kontz, Kurt Blesi, Keith Truman, Michelle Roy, Moon Truman, Marilyn Mucha, Peter Costa,

Darian Selander, Bill Holden, Shane Bennett, Bev Bennett, Braden Sustrik, Eric Storey, Jayne Bawden, Stacey Bilou, Sandy Fleming, Donna Kowalishin, Kim Jollimore, Betty Lavoie, Ray Lavoie, Dianne Whitehouse, Bonnie McBride, Chuck McKenna, and anyone else we might have mistakenly missed. Thank you, volunteers! We appreciate you.

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Rink: Vacant!

Visit our community website
CLOVERDALECOMMUNITY.COM

Folk Fest to Return in August; Seeks Volunteers

The Edmonton Folk Music Festival is set to return to Gallagher Park on August 4–7, 2022. The performer lineup will be announced in the spring.

Applications for new volunteers will be available on the Festival’s website starting March 1st. There are usually over 2000 people on the volunteer list each year that assist in everything from picking up garbage to working as stage hands. Volunteers from previous years are encouraged to update their information on their volunteer profile.

Cloverdale residents will be able to



pick up their complimentary festival tickets in the summer. Please visit edmontonfolkfest.org for festival info, and cloverdalecommunity.com for information around festival parking changes, ticket pickup details, and more.

Stop Isolation & Get To Know Your Neighbours

Becoming a Block Connector is an easy and impactful way to care for your community. Represent your block (or condo, or floor) and liaison with the Community League to help us create events you care about, connect with neighbours, and build a stronger Cloverdale. For more details, email Marilyn at NeighbourhoodConnector@CloverdaleCommunity.com

March/April Yoga at the Community Hall

The Hatha yoga class is a gentle yoga practice that focuses on stretching, relaxing, and strengthening. The classes will be held on Friday mornings from 9:30–10:30am, starting on March 4th until April 8th, 2022. You can pre-register for \$72 for six classes for Cloverdale Community League Members, or \$90 for non-members. If you would prefer drop-in classes, the cost is \$15 per class.

For more information and to register, please contact the instructor, Colleen, directly: cl.diben@gmail.com.