



# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2015

## Community Town Hall Meeting - January 15

FREE BABYSITTING

6:30 pm (pizza & displays) | 7:00 pm start

We have a lot going on in Queen Mary Park. Come on out to find out what's happening, hear about our challenges and successes, and share your thoughts with us.

TOPIC	WHY IT'S IMPORTANT
Infill Pressures	<p>There is a City of Edmonton public hearing set for February 2015 (date TBD) and we need your input.</p> <p>With all the development surrounding our community (Blatchford, Arena, North Edge), and its great central location, we are beginning to see a significant increase in infill activity. Your community league's priority has been to protect our scarce single-family housing stock as set out in our Area Redevelopment Plan.</p> <p>Right now, there is a zoning bylaw change before City Council that would change all RF1 zoning to allow for more infill in mature neighbourhoods. It includes provisions for building higher density on all lots 50 foot wide.</p> <p>Not only does this add to the parking challenges for our streets (see Parking below), it increases the pressure on our already struggling infrastructure (water, sewer, etc.), and more importantly, it will change the character of the neighbourhood.</p>
Neighbourhood Renewal	<p>Our sidewalks and roads have badly needed replacement for many years now...our time is finally here! This is very exciting for our community. It's also an opportunity for us to make some choices about the look of our neighbourhood through options like streetlamps. Come learn more about the timeline and the process at the meeting.</p>
Parking	<p>Both the Arena District and the North Edge (area between 105th Ave &amp; 107th Ave with MacEwan University developments, new condo projects, etc.) will bring a significant increase in traffic to our neighbourhood. Parking is already limited on many of our streets, and we can only predict that it will get worse.</p> <p>Please come share your experience with trouble spots in the neighbourhood and hear about some of our options to solve parking issues.</p>

## WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU:

1. COMPLETE the survey
2. ATTEND the meeting

**We want to hear your thoughts and ideas on these and any other topics you feel are vital to Queen Mary Park. We would love to see you at the town hall meeting on the 15th of January. Bring your questions.**

**In addition, and especially if you are unable to attend the meeting, we ask that you complete our survey. It contains a few questions on each of these important topics.**

## SURVEY OPTIONS

**E-survey:** visit our website [queenmarypark.ca](http://queenmarypark.ca)

**Paper survey:** pick up a copy in the hall mailbox or contact us at 780.447.5389 to have a copy mailed to you.

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# Community Meeting Issues *continued*

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<b>Abundant Communities</b>	<p>The Abundant Community Initiative is part of a world-wide movement that is neighbourhood focused, citizen centered and gift based. It is about knowing our neighbours and connecting people based on their interests, needs and abilities.</p> <p>Several Edmonton communities currently have Abundant Community Initiatives in place and are reaping the benefits of a more involved community. We would like to introduce this initiative to Queen Mary Park, as the underlying principles are very much aligned with our strategy. Come learn more and find out how you can be part of this growing movement.</p>
<b>Strategic Plan</b>	<p>Your community board of directors regularly reviews our priorities and strategic direction. Our goal is to build a community of people who are happy, active and engaged, so it is important that we hear from you.</p> <p>Share your priorities for Queen Mary Park by completing the survey and attending the meeting to learn about some of the things we're doing.</p>
<b>Utility Box Wrapping</b>	<p>Transforming utility boxes with vibrant images is an opportunity to improve the aesthetics in our neighbourhood and brand our community so that people know they are in Queen Mary Park. We have a design picked out for the utility boxes in Queen Mary Park. Attend the meeting to see it and learn more about this project.</p>
<b>Parks</b>	<p>See the latest plans from our Parks committee at the meeting.</p> <p>The Parks committee has been planning the development of parks in our neighbourhood (including the green space behind Valour Place by the old school site).</p>

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

All events held at Queen Mary Park Hall unless otherwise noted

### Community Meeting

January 15 | 6:30-8:30 PM

### Volunteer Appreciation Party

March TBA

Recognizing our awesome volunteers!

### Commonwealth Rec Centre Swim Night

Every Saturday, 5-7 PM

11000 Stadium Road

Show your community league membership for free admission.

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