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A Mosque is Coming to Canora

Sim Senol

Turkish Canadian Society (TCS), owner of the old Canora School building, is getting ready to break ground for a religious assembly building on the northwest corner of their property located at 15450 105 Avenue this spring. Established in 1976, Turkish Canadian Society is the oldest and largest community organization serving the Turkish Canadian community in Edmonton. TCS purchased the surplus school site from EPSB in 2002. After a few dormant years, the location has been quite active in recent years. The existing site is currently host to the Whitehall Daycare in addition the Sil Lum Kung Fu, and is bustling with activities organized by the Turkish Canadian Society.

Design and development work for the planned mosque started about three years ago. TCS was able to secure a development permit in 2018. Once initial conditions in the development permit were met, the City of Edmonton issued the building permit for the project in January 2020. TCS has established a special website to provide information about the project: www.turcanora.ca

In preparation of the construction and the day-to-day operations of the future mosque, a separate, independent non-profit organization has been established under the name of Blue Mosque Foundation – Diyanet Edmonton (BMF). BMF will be in charge of all the fundraising and will oversee the construction process. TCS President Ahmet Topal said that they have chosen the name “Blue Mosque”



An architectural drawing of the Blue Mosque coming to Canora.

Illustration: Suat Demirer

for the project partly to honour the famous Blue Mosque situated across from the Hagia Sophia, a popular tourist destination in Istanbul, in addition to the beautiful blue dome planned inside the building.

The mosque's name is not the only interesting detail about the planned project. Suat Demirer, the project consultant who lead the project design team, stated that he was inspired by the common story of Genesis in

Islam, Christianity, and Judaism.

In all three major religions, the holy books talk about how God created the universe in six days (and rested on the 7th day). Considering we are also on Treaty 6 land here in Edmonton, Mr. Demirer hid several combination of sixes in his design - 198 of them to be exact. Once construction is complete, TCS and BMF officials hope that the Blue Mosque will be a place to build empathy and understanding between

people from all religions. They are even planning a special prize, a trip to Turkey, to the first person who can identify all 198 combination of sixes. TCS President Ahmet Topal urges all community members to follow the progress of the project at www.turcanora.ca, provide feedback, and, of course, if they can afford to do so, to donate to the project.

Sim Senol is the Treasurer/External Relations Coordinator with TCS.

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A Note To Our Readers

We began putting our first edition of SPANN together before the COVID-19 pandemic. As we got closer to press time, we realized that some things discussed in this issue will likely be affected by our current situation, such as businesses/restaurants/rec centres being closed, and events being cancelled or postponed. We decided to go ahead with publishing the paper as a way to keep community members connected and feeling less isolated. We will be publishing updates and news on our website and social media. Our website is thespann.ca, where you can subscribe to our free e-newsletter delivered straight to your inbox with print edition highlights, web exclusive features, and other community updates. If you use social media, be sure to like us on Facebook (@spannjasperplace), and follow us on Twitter (@thespannjp) and Instagram (@spannjasperplace) for updates as well.

We would also love to hear how people in the neighbourhoods we reach are coping with changes to our lifestyles during this unusual and difficult time, like working from home, having the kids home from school, and things you're doing to spend your days while practising social distancing. We will post some stories on our website, and print them in our next issue. You can contact us at spanneditor@gmail.com. We hope you are keeping safe and well.

- **The SPANN newspaper team**

Editor's Notes

Paula E. Kirman, Editor



Paula E. Kirman

Welcome to the first issue of SPANN (Stony Plain Road and Area News Network). SPANN is a print and online communications platform intended to connect communities and enhance a sense of place. It seeks to engage area stakeholders (residents, business owners, and agency representatives) with news and information about the area in a way that positively presents Stony Plain Road/Jasper Place as a location that is desirable to live, work, attend events, dine, and shop.

Over the next year, our four print issues will feature updates from our elected representatives, the Stony Plain Road BIA, Jasper Place Revitalizations, local agencies, as well as present profiles of local people doing interesting things, reviews of restaurants, coverage of events, profiles of businesses, and more. If you would like to get involved as a writer or photographer, you can contact me at spanneditor@gmail.com for our Editorial Guidelines. We are also seeking people to be a part of our Advisory Committee, which will meet monthly to help inform and guide the direction of SPANN.

Our next issue is scheduled to be published in June. The deadline for submissions is May 12th. Subsequent issues are scheduled for September (deadline: August 12th) and December (deadline: November 12th). Be sure to check out our website at thespann.ca. If you use social media, you can follow us on Facebook and Instagram (@spannjasperplace), and Twitter (@thespannj). All of the articles that appear in print are also published online, as well as a downloadable PDF of the issue. We also hope to publish extra features on our website and social media as we move forward. If you have any questions, feedback, or would like to get involved, feel free to send me an email: spanneditor@gmail.com. Enjoy the issue!



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The opinions expressed in SPANN are those of the people named as the authors of the articles, and do not necessarily reflect those of the Stony Plain Road BIA. Any submissions may be subject to editing for length and suitability.

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Stony Plain Road and Area Business Association Update

Todd Janes

I am excited to contribute to our new publication. SPANN (Stony Plain Road & Area News Network) is the result of a number of conversations, as well as plans to reconnect with communities. We benefit from much of the previous work done with the former publication, SPURR. We also benefit from the labour of a number of people who previously worked towards a better Jasper Place.

It's appropriate that this new publication comes together with a renewed commitment to community development, with several new players and people with a strong history of this part of Edmonton. I would like to thank Diane Kereluk (my predecessor), Jamie Post (Glenwood Community League), and Jason Klinck (City of Edmonton/Jasper Place Revitalization) for starting a dialogue about a revival of a community-based newspaper for our area - the beginnings of what

has become SPANN. Huge thanks to the City of Edmonton through Neighbourhood Revitalization and the Jasper Place Revitalization Strategy for their support of resources for this pilot year.

SPANN is one of the many changes for the Stony Plain Road & Area Business Improvement Area over the coming months. I am excited about what we have in the works. Place-building and community development are large components of what BIAs do. Much of this is grounded on a brand, including ideas and thoughts we associate with a business area. Stony Plain Road & Area BIA has engaged with a communications firm to help move us through a branding process. This will be a cornerstone of how we work, as well as the programs, services, and events we produce. It will be a new opportunity for your BIA to begin branding our business area, and to align with strategies that will support and encourage business and com-

munities to congregate. It will afford our area to support existing businesses and to attract new businesses that want a well-connected, walkable area with affordable rents and space to grow their businesses. SPANN and other communication platforms will create opportunities for dialogue around our activities to support communities over the next year.

The Board of Directors and I have been working on strategies and goals for the coming year. In our proposed plan for 2020, we are building new approaches and structures to create positive branding of Stony Plain Road & Area, and to create opportunities to bring increased traffic and customers to this area. These strategies will have goals focused around:

- increasing human-scale positive interactions at street level;
- increasing perception of safety and security;
- empowering business members and owners in being agents of positive change;

- expanding opportunities to feel proud and included in our BIA;
- enhancing opportunities for members to build partnerships and become more engaged and aware;
- increasing the positive perceptions of our BIA and attract more businesses to locate to the area;
- raising the profile of the Stony Plain Road BIA as a walkable, eclectic, and desirable area;
- illustrating through actions that we are a positive resource for our members; and,
- engaging in meaningful conversations about what we are building on Stony Plain Road & Area.

I would like to invite you to reach out to me if you would like to talk more about becoming involved in our organization and what we are building together. Feel free to call me at 780-477-5169 or send me an email: stonyplainbrz@gmail.com.

Todd Janes is the Executive Director with the Stony Plain Road Business Association.

Jasper Place Revitalization Update

Jason Klinck

Hello Jasper Place. My name is Jason and I'm the City of Edmonton's Revitalization Coordinator for the four neighbourhoods of Jasper Place: Canora, Glenwood, West Jasper Place/Sherwood, and Britannia-Youngstown.

In Revitalization, we support the development of a community vision and plan, through working together with local citizens, businesses, and agencies. This could involve building connections between people, increasing safety, promoting the local economy, and beautifying the neighbourhood.

The Revitalization program began in Jasper Place back in 2008. Since then, many improvements have been made to the community, especially to its infrastructure. This included the street-scaping of Stony Plain Road, building of plazas on 152 Street, and the purchase of the Orange Hub from Grant MacEwan. Most recently, after a two-year community engagement, Butler Park has been redesigned and construction will begin this spring.

In early 2019, a new Stakeholders Committee was struck to begin planning a new phase for Jasper Place with more focus on how people are connected to one another. The group has members from community, agencies, and businesses, and identified three priority areas to start:

- Engaging more people to get involved.
- Building more ways to communicate what's going on.
- Activating places within our community.

Since then, several projects have begun to fulfill these directions. Thirteen community projects alone were funded through Matching Funds by Revitalization in 2019 across eight different community organizations. Here is a sample of some of them that were completed last year or are beginning in 2020:

- Community Connections Project - trained eight local community residents to engage more than 100 residents in Jasper Place, and built an asset map of individual and collective strengths.
- SPANN community newspaper - you're reading it! This project refreshed the former SPURR publication as a way to let people know what's going on, get critical information out, and feature positive stories about the people of Jasper Place.
- Community Space - exploring opportunities to activate and transform open spaces at the Orange Hub into community living rooms, and to use vacant lots along Stony Plain Road for community gardens.
- Events - Kids on Track hosted several youth leadership projects and events (Mother's Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas dinner, and puppet show). Jasper Place Wellness Centre hosted the Big Picture and Holly Jolly Christmas.

The Canora Park Watch held five events at St. Anne Park, and the Stony Plain Road Business Association hosted the Storefront Cinema.

- Walls of Colour - a mural project that will include Filipino, Syrian, and Latin communities.
- International Kitchen - collective cooking where each month one community member or business shares and cooks their recipe with the group.
- Jasper Place History Project - documenting the untold stories of Jasper Place as a "migrant city."

There has been a lot of progress made and much more to come. We are always looking for more participation from the community through projects, committee, and ideas, so please contact me if you'd like to be involved at jason.klinck@edmonton.ca

Jason is the Neighbourhood Revitalization Coordinator for Jasper Place.

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Cumming’s Corner: Greetings From Your Federal Member of Parliament

James Cumming, MP Edmonton Centre

Dear constituents,
I wanted to take advantage of SPANN’s first issue to introduce myself, as I don’t think that I got to meet all of you over these past few months. I am James Cumming, your federal Member of Parliament and my job first and foremost is to represent your voice in Ottawa in the House of Commons. You might have gotten my constituency mail-outs in your postal boxes, so you may already have a clue as to who I am. Not all MPs use these, but I like their broad reach and they allow me to receive feedback from constituents,

so please feel free to send me comments through their attached forms. One of my added roles is to represent and support small businesses across the country as Conservative Shadow Minister for Small Businesses, and Export Promotion. So, if you are an entrepreneur having issues with competitiveness, productivity, access to markets and so on, please don’t hesitate to contact me about it. I truly am grateful to have this responsibility but ultimately my duty is to my constituents. Another exciting development is that I get to sit on the Parliamentary Finance Committee so we are very

much looking forward to analyzing the 2020 Federal Budget coming up (which, by publication date, might already be out), and I encourage you all to browse it, as federal provisions affect us all to some degree. This winter, to top it all off, I also was lucky to be able to introduce a Private Member’s Bill (PMB) in the House of Commons, and I decided in favour of an important topic for our local economy – namely fighting for our resource sector, and Alberta’s economic potential. My bill, C-229, asks the federal government to repeal the previously passed C-48, the West Coast ship-ping ban. While it has been called by

some as grandstanding, I see it as doing everything in my power as an Opposition MP to stand up for our economic development and access to markets, and I will not apologize for it. If you have any questions about my PMB, what Finance committee is doing, or need any help with federal departments (whether CRA, Immigration Canada, Veterans’ Affairs, etc.) please do not hesitate to reach out to my office or me. I am grateful to be your Member of Parliament.
James Cumming
Member of Parliament, Edmonton Centre

From Your MLA: Edmonton Riverview

Lori Sigurdson, MLA Edmonton-Riverview

Congratulations to SPANN on your inaugural issue! I am so grateful for the opportunity to connect with readers. A big shout out to community members of Glenwood, West Jasper Place, and Sherwood. These areas are in the provincial constituency of Edmonton-Riverview, which I have the honour to represent. Lots has happened on the provincial front over the past year. We have experienced significant job losses along with cuts to public programs. Many Albertans are concerned about the challenging economic times and decreasing supports available. I share your concerns. The NDP Caucus continues to fight for diversification in our economy and strong public programs. We

know our reliance on the oil and gas industry makes us vulnerable to price shocks. In early March, the price of West Texas Intermediate plummeted. This means lower royalties for our provincial coffers without a cushion as we are still so reliant on this industry. At times like these, this government needs to step up and stimulate the economy as industry doesn’t have the resources to do so. Investing in a robust capital plan creates jobs for workers that have been laid off. However, we are seeing our provincial government restrict spending and lay off thousands of workers. This is only making a bad situation worse. Additionally, the public programs we count on are experiencing budget reductions. Less supports in our schools, hospitals, and communities are the new normal. It does not need

to be this way. All governments have choices. The current government is choosing to support wealthy corporations with their \$4.7 billion tax give-away, instead of supporting regular Albertans. You deserve better! Our NDP caucus is fighting for what matters to you! My constituency office is located on 149th Street and 92 Avenue, just south of the Stony Plain Road Revitalization area. Please be in touch regarding any questions or concerns with provincial programs. My staff and I are committed to supporting you navigate these programs and have your voices heard. Also, please reach out to my office regarding events at your schools, community leagues, businesses, and other organizations. I would love to attend. To connect, email me at Edmonton.Riverview@assembly.ab.ca or phone 780-414-0719.

From Your MLA: Edmonton Glenora

Sarah Hoffman, MLA Edmonton-Glenora

I want to thank you for electing me once again to serve the Canora and Britannia Youngstown neighbourhoods as the MLA for Edmonton-Glenora. It’s an honour to have earned your trust, and I promise to work hard to ensure your voices are heard in Alberta’s Legislature. Alberta’s economy is in trouble. As of March, our province has lost 46,000 full-time jobs since Jason Kenney and the UCP government chose to give a \$4.7B handout to profitable corporations. They have cancelled programs and investments that helped create 30,000 jobs, and Albertans are being hit with a cruel budget full of cuts to vital public services, including several that Jason Kenney specifically promised he wouldn’t make. Budget 2020 breaks Jason Kenney’s campaign

promise to protect frontline healthcare by cutting hospitals, diagnostic scans, public health, and senior’s drug benefits. This budget cuts \$135 million from hospitals, and directs resources away from family doctors to pad the profits of private surgical clinics. The government has launched an attack on family medicine that doctors say will profoundly impact primary care. This budget is also a continued attack on seniors; this government is cutting \$72 million from the senior’s drug plan by kicking 60,000 Albertans off the plan and considering new out-of-pocket costs on those who remain. This government is ushering in American-style health care and creating chaos in our system. Jason Kenney and the UCP promised to protect education, but their 2019 budget cut \$136M from school districts. The 2020-21 Government Estimates also show a \$118M cut

to the education system (p. 79). This means larger class sizes and less support for students with special needs. Parents are also getting hit with hundreds of dollars in unexpected school fees. These are just a few of the ways that working families are paying for this government’s \$4.7 billion corporate handout. Hearing your concerns is a critical part of working together to make our province stronger. I will continue to work for you to make sure all Albertans have the means to live and support their families with dignity, to maintain your access to quality public healthcare and education, and to support local businesses in a diversified economy.
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City Plan Report

Councillor Andrew Knack, Ward One

City Administration has presented the highly anticipated City Plan Report. The City Plan combines a Municipal Development Plan and Transportation Master Plan, that includes strategic direction in environmental, social and economic planning. The goal of the City Plan is to shape how Edmonton will look with a population of 2 million people.

Over time and as change accelerates, the needs of Edmontonians will change. An inclusive, agile and adaptive City Plan allows us to respond meaningfully to emerging realities. The City Plan offers a cohesive strategy for residents, business owners, property owners, City administration and community organizations to navigate future growth. It will also provide direction for plans, guidelines, inform proposed changes, prioritize resource allocation and measure progress.

The policy structure for the City Plan is as follows:

- Strategic Goals**
1. Healthy City
 2. Urban Places
 3. Regional Prosperity
 4. Climate Resilience
- Guiding Values:**
1. I want to belong and contribute
 2. I want to live in a place that feels like home
 3. I want opportunities to thrive
 4. I want more access within my city
 5. I want to preserve what matters most
 6. I want to be able to create and innovate
- Five Big City Moves**
1. Greener As We Grow is about creating a city dedicated to protecting the environment
 2. Rebuildable City is about working with what we have today and adapting our built environment to meet future needs
 3. Community of Communities is about building connections to welcome new residents and developing accessible housing, recreation and employment centres.
 4. Inclusive and Compassionate is human-

centred design where people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities can thrive.

5. Catalyze and Converge is about developing new physical and economic opportunities for ideas, talent and investment.

For most of us, it may be difficult to think about a city of 2 million or the year 2065. However, that is exactly what our City Plan is challenging us to do: to look beyond where we currently are and to build on it to service future generations. Residents can use the City Plan to see where Edmonton is headed and be informed about ideas designed to strengthen their communities.

To learn more about the City Plan and to provide your thoughts on it, visit Edmonton.ca and search The City Plan. As always, I welcome your thoughts and feedback on this and other city related issues. Feel free to contact me anytime.

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Ward Boundary Commission

The Ward Boundary Commission’s mandate is to comprehensively evaluate the existing ward structure and make subsequent recommendations to City Council.

The Ward Boundary Commission is a temporary Committee of Council.

This Commission, the first in the City’s history, will undertake a review of Edmonton’s current electoral ward boundaries, comprehensively evaluating the existing ward structure and making subsequent recommendations to City Council. The number of wards is not within the scope of the Commission’s work and will remain at 12.

In addition, the Commission will review Council’s existing Ward Boundary Design Policy C469A and provide recommendations to guide future ward boundary amendments.

The Commission will be comprised of Edmonton residents who represent a number of perspectives in related fields, including political science, public policy, and urban planning. The City’s Returning Officer (the City Clerk) will be an ex officio non-voting member of the Commission, responsible for providing advice and administrative support.

The Commission will be disbanded and Ward Boundary Commission Bylaw will be repealed following either the submission of the required report and recommendations, or by June 1, 2020, whichever occurs first.

The Ward Boundary Commission performs these functions:

- Reviews the existing Ward Boundary Bylaw
- Reviews Council’s Ward Boundary Design Policy, C469A
- Consults with all Councillors and each school board operating in the City
- Conducts public engagement sessions
- Provides a written report to Council with recommendations regarding new boundaries without increasing or decreasing the number of wards, including a summary of feedback gathered
- Provides a written report to Council with recommendations regarding the criteria and procedure for future ward boundary amendments, including a summary of feedback gathered
- Ward Boundary Commission meetings are open for members of the public to attend. The Commission and board administration are finalizing the future meeting schedule.

For more information, including minutes from previous meetings and dates for upcoming meetings, visit: https://www.edmonton.ca/city_government/city_organization/ward-boundary-commission.aspx

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Doggy Style Deli

Take your best friend out for a treat.

Paula E. Kirman

Have you ever wanted to take your dog to a restaurant to enjoy a meal? Whether it's for a special occasion, or just a treat, you can take your dog to Doggy Style Deli.

Located at 15131 Stony Plain Road, Doggy Style Deli is a brainchild of Gino Rodrigues and his wife LaRea. It is a full-service "dog restaurant" with such meals as "labsagna," "shihtzu stew," and "Chinese pug fried rice." In addition, hey offer a variety of collars, leashes, and clothing for dogs.

"Our inspiration was to open a healthy food store for our furbabies," says Gino. "We were tired of seeing stores selling junk food as treats and telling customers it was good for their furbabies."

Doggy Style Deli opened in 2008 in the Stony Plain Road/Jasper Place area, although it was closed for two years due to a fire. Gino says that choosing the



A selection of cakes.

Photo Credit: Supplied

Jasper Place area to open the business was a purposeful decision. "We chose Jasper Place because it had a lot of families. We wanted a neighbourhood that we could grow with."

Doggy Style Deli can host

birthday parties for dogs, as well as provide take-out birthday cakes. There are also grooming services and raw dog food available for sale. For more information about Doggy Style Deli, visit doggystyledeli.com.



Chicken "Chowrizo."

Photo Credit: Supplied

Food4Good: Addressing Food Security

Ashley Bouchard

Food4Good is the food security division of the Jasper Place Wellness Centre. Our Food4Good initiative has been working to address important issues of food insecurity, food access, and community wellness in the Stony Plain Road area since 2013. We offer programs in the areas of growing, cooking, food access, and education. Here's a snapshot of some of our food projects:

Our Low-Cost Markets happen every second Wednesday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Salvage Reclaimed Furniture (15308 Stony Plain Road). We sell fresh fruits, vegetables, eggs, and often bread at affordable prices. Through bulk buying and healthy food donations, we can offer fresh foods to our community at 30-50% lower than grocery store prices. We distribute around 1000 lbs of food per market and try to source as many culturally-appropriate foods as possible. Anyone is welcome to attend and our main goal is to increase access to nutritious food.

We run a "Meal Prep 101" class on the second Tuesday of each month from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the kitchen at West End Christian Reformed Church (10015 149 Street). Participants learn the basics of meal planning, prepping, and putting together meal options on a budget. Each session we make one grain, two veggies, one protein, and one sauce that people can mix and match into different meal combinations at home. Everyone takes home multiple servings of each category for \$5 per person.



One of Food4Good's community garden sites at Trinity United Church in Meadowlark.

Photo Credit: Ashley Bouchard

Our Kid's Kitchen is a monthly cooking club run at the Boys & Girls Club West (16030 104 Avenue). Elementary students learn kitchen skills, healthy eating habits, and how much fun cooking is! We prepare a nutritious meal together which the kids either serve to their peers for dinner at the Club or bring home to their families.

We have supported the creation of 50+ community garden beds in our neighbourhoods since 2013. The gardens are places for community members to connect with each other and their food. We have worked with multiple churches in

the west end to put unused space to work, and also match gardeners with neighbours who have open space in their yards. Our group of gardeners is 40+ strong and come from diverse backgrounds: some are long-time area residents, newcomers to Canada, youth, seniors, experienced gardeners wanting to share their knowledge, and first-time growers wanting to learn.

We have many other projects and new initiatives on the go. Visit us at Jasper Place Wellness Centre or at food4good.ca to learn more!

Ashley is the Food4Good Manager.

Fabulous Pho and Delicious Grilled Meat Dishes

Paula E. Kirman

Co Do Hue

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There's nothing like a steaming bowl of pho on a cold winter day, and in the west end, Co Do Hue is generally my go-to stop for soup. Portions are large, with lots of noodles and meat, the broth is rich and flavourful, and a bowl will set you back only a little over \$12.

Co Do Hue, which has two other locations much further north, is also one of my favourite places for vermicelli bowls. The grilled meat is absolutely incredible – so tender and full of flavour. Beef and chicken are my standard choices, while one of my frequent dining companions enjoys the grilled pork.

On an unseasonably warm February evening, I visited Co Do Hue after running some errands in the area. Instead of pho, I ordered another of my menu favourites: grilled chicken on fried rice. It's great for the days I am super hungry, because the portion is huge. Two large chicken thighs are pounded down thin and grilled to tender perfection. The mountain of fried rice has only egg in it (no vegetables) and is not greasy at all. At almost \$15, it's the most expensive entree on the menu (along with its counterpart, grilled beef on fried rice).

My dining companion, who also



Grilled chicken on fried rice.

Photo Credit: Paula E. Kirman



Deep fried chicken leg on fried rice.

Photo Credit: Paula E. Kirman

usually orders pho or a vermicelli bowl, decided to try the deep fried chicken leg on fried rice for the first time. The chicken had a light coat-

ing and was very crispy, although it was cut up into small pieces (including the bone) which he said made it awkward to eat. He also thought the



Green onion cakes.

Photo Credit: Paula E. Kirman

leg itself was rather thin. While he thought the chicken tasted great, he plans to order something else next time.

We also got an order of green onion cakes to start. Fried golden brown, with just the right amount of salt and green onions, they go well with any meal at Co Do Hue. Finally, what would dinner at a Vietnamese restaurant be without some iced coffee? The metal espresso strainers dripping the precious into glasses of condensed milk were brought to us right away, so that the contents were ready to stir and pour into the second glasses containing ice as soon as our meals were brought to the table.

Service at Co Do Hue is always friendly. You order by number at the front counter, and then wait for your meal to be served to your table. It can get very busy during the lunch hour, for good reason. Co Do Hue is easily one of the best Vietnamese restaurants in the west end.

Co Do Hue is open from 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. and is closed on Tuesdays.

No Bored Kids!

Kristy Chaisson

Parents in west Edmonton often have the nagging question: "What will I do with my kids this summer?"

Kids On Track knows that summer can be a challenging time for keeping kids and youth busy on a budget. That's why we have the Kids On Track Summer Program, saving kids from bore-dom and parents from bored kids.

Kids On Track offices are located in the heart of the Jasper Place Revitalization Area, serving all west Edmonton communities with low-cost or free summer programming. Kids Summer Day camps, for Grades 1-6, rotate through different west Edmonton communities each week, pairing fun, engaging character education in the morning with an exciting field trip each afternoon. Chil-dren will participate in group activities every morning that focus on themes that teach skills needed to build resiliency. Active group initiatives encourage cooperation and team work. Trips to the Edmonton Valley Zoo, John Janzen Nature Center, and Telus World of Science engage kids' imaginations, while weekly bike rides in the River Valley and visits to swimming pools and splash parks make getting active fun.

That's not all! The summer wraps up with a week



Youth conquer new heights on the top of Whistlers during Youth Camp.

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at a local ranch camp, complete with horse back riding, archery, outdoor adventures, and all the makings of life-long memories and friend-ships. How good is that?

Kids On Track takes it up a notch with our youth summer program. Teens are kept busy and engaged with full-day activities four days a week, concluding with a week-long camping adventure in Jasper which gets youth off the couch, off their phones, and active, while making amaz-ing friends. High school girls reach new heights backpacking

in the Hike Like a Girl adventure! Engaging youth mentors know how to really connect with youth, creating a space where they want to come and bring a friend.

Kids On Track is not just there for families in the summer. They offer year-round programs to create community for kids, youth, and parents. You can check out their programs at www.kidsontrack.org or give them a call at 780-481-2942.

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Kristy is the Program Director with Kids On Track.

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Jasper Place Community History Project: Your Stories Wanted

Brooke Leifso

Remember... When the trees were seedlings? When Jasper Place was its own town? The Muk Luk Mardi Gras? When people drove from Edmonton to shop in the evening?

Ground Zero Productions is just getting started on a community history project. Jasper Place is rich in history. From the beginning, the neighbourhoods that make up the area have welcomed all kinds of people. We've heard about "bumper riding" on the side streets – the dangerous sport of hanging on to the back of a car and sliding on your snowboots - and about the country bars on Stony Plain Road, the last place in Edmonton where a live band could work six nights a week. We want to hear your stories.

We aim to create a community collection of oral history interviews, videos, and photos of the people who have lived in Jasper Place. We will be gathering the Indigenous stories, the stories of the first settlers, and of people who just arrived and remember their first impressions of their new home. These parts of our history will be documented, archived, and shared back with the community.

Ground Zero is based in the Orange Hub. We hope this project will help to connect people in the neighbourhood to the building that used to house the MacEwan School for the Arts. The collection will be displayed in part at the Hub and we will have events there to show it to the community. The full collection will be on our website. Finally, everything will be donated to the Provincial Archives of Alberta, so people all around Alberta can know more about Jasper Place. In the past, we've worked with people in Mill Woods and Northeast Edmonton to collect their stories and



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shared them in variety of ways. We created Video Ballads in collaboration with singer-songwriter Maria Dunn, like GWG: Piece by Piece, and Packingtown about the NE Edmonton meat packing plants.

We want the community to have access to its own stories and have pride in the neighbourhood. We think a big part of revitalization is knowing what came before and sharing our history. What

bridges us all together? What can we learn from each other?

If you're interested in sharing your memories of the Jasper Place, or if you have old photos and memorabilia, please visit jasperplacehistory.org or contact us at jasperplacehistory@outlook.com.

Brooke Leifso is a community-based artist working on the Jasper Place Community History Project.

Tracking Progress on Valley Line West LRT

The Valley Line West LRT is an urban-style transit line and will connect with Edmonton's overall mass transit system providing access all over the city as we shift how we work, travel and enjoy our rapidly growing and evolving city. You've likely already seen the signs of progress as we move closer to LRT service becoming a reality in west Edmonton.

The 14-kilometre Valley Line West will run from Downtown Edmonton to Lewis Farms and includes 12 street-level stops and two elevated stations at West Edmonton Mall and the Misericordia Hospital. In the Stony Plain Road business area there are three stops: Grovenor Stop at 142 Street and Stony Plain Road, Stony Plain Road Stop at 149 Street, and Jasper Place Stop at 156 Street just south of Stony Plain Road. Each will provide transit users an easy and efficient way to visit this hub, where they can shop, eat, and enjoy local amenities.



An artist's rendering of the Grovenor/142 Street Stop on Valley Line West LRT.

Image Supplied by the City of Edmonton

The Valley Line West is fully funded and recently launched its procurement, which is the competitive process the City uses to find a contractor to design, build, and provide partial financing for the project. The

successful contractor will be selected by December 2020 and construction of the project is expected to be completed by 2027.

But you've probably already seen construction work all along the

LRT route. These early works help prepare for full construction in the future, and involve major projects like relocating the complex network of underground utilities away from future LRT infrastructure. Most of this work has already been completed in the Stony Plain Road business area, but there will be some projects happening in 2020. The City will also remove five buildings from the area to make room for LRT infrastructure and landscaping. We work hard to minimize impacts, but you can expect some disruptions in your area as the City prepares for this important and transformative public transit project to break ground next year.

Interested in staying informed? Details of our construction preparations and other news will be available online at edmonton.ca/valley-linewest. Our website also includes a link to sign up for email updates straight to your inbox.

Submitted by the City of Edmonton.

Community League Updates

Britannia-Youngstown

The Britannia-Youngstown Community League has a website at <https://www.bycl.ca/>, and a Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/BYCL.EDMONTON>

There are also Facebook groups for:
Soccer: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/429001993903470/>
Skating Rink: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/327497630613180/>

Canora

Valley Line West LRT chugging along
The Valley Line West LRT is on track to break ground for construction next year. The project has launched its competition to find a contractor to design, build, and partially finance the \$2.6-billion public transit project. That competition will conclude in December 2020 when the City chooses the successful bidder. Construction is expected to begin in 2021 and last another five to six years. But before then, the City is continuing its preparations: relocating underground utilities, removing buildings from City-owned properties, and completing condition assessments of buildings next to the Valley Line West LRT route. More informa-

tion is available online at www.edmonton.ca/valleylinewest. Also, see the article about Valley Line West elsewhere in this issue.
For information about upcoming programming and events, visit our website: www.mycanora.com



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Glenwood

Glenwood Games Night
Did you know: The first 5,000 copies of Settlers of Catan sold out so fast that its creator, Klaus Teuber, doesn't even have a 1st edition copy. But if you have one, feel free to bring it by Glenwood's Board Games Night! On the first Friday of every month, join board gamers from around the neighbourhood, around the city, and even from out of town. There are plenty of games on hand, but feel free to bring your own. Open to all, ages 6 to 106. Games get started at 6:45 p.m. @ 16430-97 Avenue.

Casino Volunteers Needed!

The next Glenwood Community League Casino will take place on May 26th and 27th at Starlight Casino (West Edmonton Mall). We are looking for Volunteers to cover a shift! This is a great opportunity to get to know your neighbours while helping your community league.
Either sign up online at www.volunteersignup.org/R983Y or call our friendly Gaming Director, Paul McKinney, and he will be happy to sign you up. Paul can be reached by phone at 780-484-8586



Hall Rentals

Are you hosting a birthday party? Baby or bridal shower? Family reunion? Family Christmas party? Need a space to hold a meeting or presentations? Consider renting the Glenwood Community Hall.

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Poverty: No Single Cause

Poverty is a complex issue. It's not about bad personal choices. It can be systemic or sudden, a turn of fortune, or a generational cycle. It can be compounded by disabilities, mental health, and oppression. And just like how there is no simple cause, there's no simple fix either. Instead, it takes a range of solutions to tackle the symptoms and systemic issues that can cause a person to live in poverty.

But just because it's complex, it doesn't mean that it can't be done. United Way of the Alberta Capital Region has been investing in our local community for almost 60 years, helping hundreds of thousands of individuals have the best chance to live a life free of poverty and its complications.

United Way looks at the big picture for the root causes of poverty, and brings together all kinds of non-profits, private businesses, government, and private citizens to work together on a coordinated approach to create lasting solutions. By pooling resources, we can create more effective solutions instead of duplicating efforts. Through this approach, we're able to support over 100 local programs that focus on breaking the cycle of poverty, providing a safety net, and lifting people out of poverty. From early

childhood development to emergency support to help pay the bills, we're able to provide a range of services to people, regardless of what stage they are in their journey out of poverty.

Take Kaitlyn for example. She was one of many Albertans who are considered the working poor. Despite having a job, she was still unable to feed or house herself. Homeless and hungry, she was struggling just to get by.

"Saving up for an apartment was a challenge, and I felt like I would never have enough to pay for a security deposit and the first month's rent," she said.

But after reaching out to a United Way-funded community centre for help, Kaitlyn found a variety of services that would help her build a new path in life. She learned about financial literacy, which helped her develop a budget, become self-sufficient, and eventually save up for her first apartment.

"Not only did they help me find a place to live, but they even stocked my cupboards once I moved in. I now have my own bed and no longer need to worry about where my next meal will come from!" she shared.

Poverty isn't just about not making ends meet - it takes many forms and results in a loss of self-esteem,



Kaitlyn

Photo Credit: United Way of Alberta Capital Region

identity, and power. It's a complex problem and affects all of us. This is why it is so important that we come together as a community. When we work together, it is amazing what we

can accomplish, and can make our region a great place to live for everyone.
Article submitted by the United Way of Alberta Capital Region.

Community Classifieds

Are you a resident of Britannia-Youngstown, Canora, Glenwood, or West Jasper Place-Sherwood? Do you have an event coming up you would like to promote? A service to provide to the community? Community Classifieds are **FREE** to area residents. Length limit: five lines or less. We reserve the right to edit classifieds based on clarity and suitability. We also reserve the right to refuse classifieds that are not appropriate for the paper. Classifieds may also appear on our website. Email your classified ad to spanneditor@gmail.com.

Jasper Place Leisure Centre Re-Opens



“Neon Sky” by Victoria Wiercinski (2019)

Photo Credit: Doyle C. Marko

The Jasper Place Leisure Centre (9200 163rd Street) re-opened on February 17th after three years of being closed for rehabilitation. Most of the work done in the 50 year-old building was “back of house” in order to keep the facility operating. Unforeseen circumstances kept the building from reopening longer than originally anticipated.

Here is a list of all of the building’s improvements, some of which are immediately visible to patrons, while others are behind the scenes:

- Refreshed lobby including accessible front counter service.
- Addition of barrier free washroom in lobby.
- New salt water pool experience.
- Refreshed steam room and teach pool with waterfall feature.
- Addition of an inclusive change room with barrier free washrooms/change room.
- Additional lockers.
- Refreshed male and female change rooms.
- Stair access to the water slide and 5M platform to increase use.
- New viewing area.
- Additional parking stalls in the front.
- New art mural installation.
- Replaced the pool deck drainage system.
- Replaced windows.
- Replaced ceiling in the natatorium (the building containing the pool).
- Completed structural and waterproofing repairs.
- Public safety improvements.



The newly-renovated pool area.

Photo Credit: City of Edmonton - Integrated Infrastructure Services

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Removal of hazardous materials repairs to the building structure.• Upgrades to the pool sanitary and circulation system.• A new boiler and ventilation system.• New power, gas, water and telephone service connections. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Upgrades to the plumbing fixtures in the change rooms.• All new piping to the sanitary system underground.• Compliance to Alberta Health Services Anti-Entrapment requirements for public safety. |
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