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Opening within nearly a year from each other, Bounce Right Back Massage and Grin Dental Hygiene Centre have set roots along the area's main thoroughfare of Stony Plain Road between 146th and 147th street. SPANN reached out to both businesses to find out more about their philosophies and services.

#### Holley Kofluk BSC., RDH

► What made you decide to open Grin Dental Hygiene Centre?

As a Registered Dental Hygienist for 19 years, I have spent most of my career as a contractor working in a variety of dental clinics with different equipment, materials, dental professionals, patients, and theoretical ways to practice.

While I loved the variety that

contracting offered, I found working in traditional dental clinics somewhat limiting in terms of being able to provide the kind of care I would ultimately like to deliver if I had more autonomy and access to the things that worked best for me personally to carry out that care. While a lot of offices tick most of the boxes, I decided it was time to take the next step in order to feel more fulfilled in my chosen healthcare career. Grin Dental Hygiene Centre opened its doors in July of 2022. Many of the offices that I contracted in were located in Edmonton's west end - The people here are just so great in every way, and it's become my favourite area in which to work. When this little house turned commercial space came up for lease, I knew the opportunity to strike out on my own was calling!



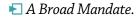




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Hygienists understand the concerns associated with the cost of dental services. Our overhead is lower than traditional offices as we use smaller set-ups, work unassisted, and use less expensive materials; which means we can pass the savings along to our patients. With rising costs during and after the pandemic, I wanted to make access to preventive dental care as affordable as possible. At Grin, we don't charge a fee for our oral health exams which alone is a saving of around \$100, and all of our fees are 15% below the current Alberta Dental Association's dental fee guide.



Alberta Registered Dental Hygienists have the broadest scope of practice in the country: Services provided at Grin include oral health exams, screening for oral cancer and airway issues, scaling and treatment of gum and periodontal disease; x-ray imaging, and polishing with guided biofilm therapy. We offer minimally invasive treatment to prevent, arrest, or repair early tooth decay with silver diamine fluoride and glass ionomer temporary filling material, placement of pit and fissure and antimicrobial sealants, delivery of local anesthetic, in house teeth whitening, and can prescribe drugs used in the dental hygiene profession such as antibiotics, antifungals, antimicrobials, antivirals, etc. Whew! That's a mouthful!



The role of the Dental Hygienist has been the best kept secret around - It's time that everyone is made aware that when it comes to oral healthcare, they have a choice. We hope to see everyone very soon at Grin Dental Hygiene Centre!

See Bounce Right Back Massage p.3

Bounce Right Back Massage (p.3) Donations for Turkey (p.6)



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# **Springing Outta Winter**

#### Todd Janes, SPRBA - Executive Director

You did it! We did it - We survived another winter, and this issue begins our transition into Spring, and with that a rejuvenation of hope and more daylight.

At the Stony Plain Road Business Association, we are busy preparing for summer events and activities. This spring we will be working towards several projects, including an enhanced "Spring Sweep" and litter reduction campaign to keep our streets cleaner while building pride in our district, including working again with the Mustard Seed social enterprise to build further connections and empowerment between people living in poverty in our community. also bring some place-making initiatives such as decorative art wraps on electrical and traffic boxes, and banners of our district logo to enhance the streetscape in the part of our district not directly impacted by Valley Line West LRT construction. We are also working on a new campaign and micro website that will offer area marketing support by businesses impacted by construction. We will be seeking additional input on campaign strategies from local business stakeholders as we move forward.

Stakeholders as we move forward. Our Young Giant Big Bucks area marketing campaign is growing and gaining traction! This localised district currency for customers is seeing increases in both redemption frequency and average dollar-per-unit purchases. The Big Bucks program is proving to be a solid way of building connections and referrals between area businesses and their clientele!

As many of you will remember, Jasper Place was part of Neighbour Revitalization a few years ago, and a number of groups benefited from various grants to help build our community. In 2019, the City of Edmonton decided to exit the communities of Jasper Place and Alberta Avenue. Through this process, SPRBA negotiated a onetime lump sum of funding to finalize the exit revitalization process for Jasper Place (which originally included the neighborhoods of Canora, West Jasper/Sherwood, Glenwood and Britannia Youngstown). This agreement was finalized in January 2022. SPRBA is shepherding a process with west-Edmonton-based consultant Lindsay Humber to engage residents, business, and agencies in Jasper Place and

area to build opportunities for collaborative programs and projects that contribute to resilient local communities. Various outreach initiatives will gauge interest in building a working group, including feedback sessions, as the group starts to build a plan. If you want to be involved, see the advert on page 3!

All these efforts are designed to make running a business within the Stony Plain Road and Area easier over time as we build a vibrant, modern mainstreet within the central-west neighbourhoods of Edmonton and the district of Jasper Place. Please reach out if you want to talk and collaborate to help

We will be working to install hanging flower baskets and barrels this summer. This summer will build this.

Todd Janes is the Executive Director of the Stony Plain Road Business Association and can be reached at 780-807-5526.

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#### E Family Roots

Bounce Right Back Massage opened in June 2021, within a commercial house at 14628 Stony Plain Rd. Near the end of 2020 my mother-in-law, who runs Svitlana's Bridal at the same property, was struggling to stay open during COVID. So my

husband and I decided it was time to move forward in creating space for both businesses in the building, helping cover the cost overheads.

Now, after almost two years of working together, both businesses are doing well. I'm very happy with our choice to share the space.

#### ▶ Passion & Care

As a RMT with 7 years experience, it was always in my mind to open a massage clinic when the time was right. While opening during COVID was a risk, I am so happy with how the business has grown and how many people I have been able to help with their healing. It was my goal to create a space not only for relaxation, but to help treat clients with acute and chronic pain toward living a pain free life. No one should have to suffer, and I make it my goal to make the best treatment plan suited to the individual. My staff and I also work hard to create an atmosphere that is calm, comfortable, safe, clean



Jessica Pavlyk, Owner

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Tissue, Relaxation,

#### ▶ Philosophy

At BRB Massage we don't have a receptionist; our staff work together to answer calls and schedule clients. We try to schedule future treatments in person, to ensure we are offering out clients direct feedback in a comfortable setting. However, we also offer an online booking system at *bouncerightbackmassage.com*. We direct bill to most insurance companies, offer paperless records, and have onsite parking.

We really appreciate our clients and look forward to seeing new faces -Come join the BRB Massage family!

## **Editor's Notes**

Greetings Readers! The whispers of spring grow louder with each new warm weather day . With spring comes renewal, and it's time to prep for the season and the growth it represents!

In this issue we

explore the wellness

opportunities provided by Grin Dental Hygiene

Centre and Bounce Right Back

Massage, both relatively new

businesses making their mark along Stony Plain Road. With

spring also comes tax time, and

we've gathered some resources

businesses that offer personal

With this being my fourth

the increased participation of

- Local communication and

representation of businesses

is essential to building strong,

You'll also notice an increased

advertising presence for local

residents and ensuring that local

businesses, a testament to

the value of engaging local

resilient commercial communities.

issue as editor, I am happy to see

businesses within our newspaper

tax services.

for both free tax clinics and local

**Justin Keats** 

communities are aware of the businesses in their area. SPANN is consistently striving to accommodate and connect the business community in the Stony Plain Road area with its residents, and I look forward to the future of this relationship.

Todd Janes furthers the importance of

strengthening our business community by highlighting various initiatives and programs the SPRBA is working on that will make running a business in the area easier. Community relations are also emphasized throughout this issue, with local community league AGM notices, an introduction of the Neighborhood Empowerment Team, and a call for volunteers in the formation of a community development committee for Jasper Place. We also feature a great personal account from a Ukrainian refugee and her experience settling in the area.

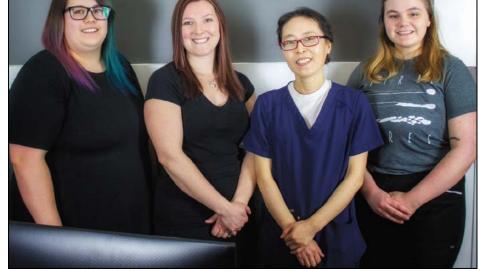
Community is key, regardless if you are a resident, a business, or both! Enjoy your spring, and don't forget to plant your seeds early this year to harvest your rewards.

# PLACE

## **Jasper Place** Community Development **Committee**

#### **BUILDING A VIBRANT FUTURE**

The Jasper Place Community Development Committee is looking for community members interested in building on existing community strengths and working collectively to establish a vision for Jasper Place, along with ideas about bringing that vision to life. If you work, live or play in Jasper Place and want to contribute to a vibrant and connected future for the area - then you're who we are looking for! Your hands-on experience, knowledge and expertise are essential to creating a vision for the future that is inclusive and representative of our community.



Staff Karlee Bryson, Jessica Pavlyk, Mira Lee, and Rane Skaret.

If you are interested in participating, scan the QR code or fill out an expression of interest by Sunday, April 16th, 2023.



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**Jasper Place Department Store** 

THE DEAL

#### Paula E. Kirman

The Jasper Place Department Store opened in September 1950 at 15311 Stony Plain Road with a staff of 10 employees. The original owners were Simon Russ and Joe Grossman. This first department store in what was then the Village of Jasper Place featured dry goods, frozen items, and fresh fruits and vegetables. Hours were 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on weekdays, and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturdays. The store took advantage of the lack of bylaws relating to closing hours to offer these longer shopping hours to try to attract farmers and those living further away to be able to shop conveniently (1).

Information in an ad placed in the Edmonton Journal in June of 1951 indicates that the Department Store had to be sold because of its owners ill health. It is believed that Charles (Chuck) and Estelle Silver, who lived a few blocks away in Edmonton, purchased the store in 1952. "The store was somewhat like a small town 'country dry goods' store. It included sections for women, men, boys and girls. Plus shoes, toys, and some household goods. No hardware, because across the street was an Imperial Lumber store," says Philip Silver, one of Charles Silver's sons, in an interview with his brother Richard and himself conducted via email in July of 2022.

Richard Silver adds, "JPDS was the home of TK's, a popular casual brand made in Winnipeg," and recalls that the store had two parking lots, with one on either side. He also notes, "The reason Jasper Place's shopping hours were important is that in Edmonton a store had to close by 6 p.m. and was only open till noon on Wednesday, and there was absolutely no opening on Sunday." Philip adds, "The opportunity to shop was perfect for people on shift work and I think some came from across the city as well as those in Jasper Place itself," indicating that there was a shift in the type of consumer from farmers to city dwellers within the span of a few short years.

in Jasper Place. "My parents had been operating a dry goods wholesale business, primarily feeding retailers north of Edmonton. That involved a lot of our dad travelling and I suspect that our parents decided it would be a simpler way of life to 'settle down' and move into retail. They already had the contacts with various suppliers. That accounts for going into retail from wholesale.

I think the reason for moving onto JP was that the operation would be a size that they were familiar with, plus the advantage of the hours that Richard Store closed, Charles Silver opened and I already mentioned. JP must have been seen as a good future."

In 1962, on its 10th anniversary, the store expanded from 3500 to 6000

square feet, and included a new shoe department (2). Charles Silver was elected as President of the Jasper Place Chamber of Commerce in 1956. He was a fervent advocate of extended shopping hours. Philip Silver explains that the extended shopping hours was a major attraction to the business, and explains how amalgamation affected

this aspect and was a contributing factor to the eventual demise of the store.

Our dad, Charles 'Chuck' Silver, worked with the others in the local business crowd to promote this unique aspect of shopping in Jasper Place. Consequently, when amalgamation loomed and with it an end to those open hours, he was very active with other businessmen in opposing amalgamation, if it meant restricting the hours to match Edmonton's.

After the Jasper Place Department "Chuck's Silver Saddle," a saddlery, first at 14219 Stony Plain Road from 1973, then on 152nd Street and 111th Avenue in the north part of Jasper Place. Chuck's Silver Saddle moved to Westmount Mall in 1986, and closed in 1988.

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15311 Stony Plain Road today, site of the former Gold'n Loan Pawn Shop.

Philip Silver has a theory about why his parents chose to operate a business



Jasper Place Department Store (arrow) on the left at 15311 Stony Plain Road, April 30, 1956. Courtesy of the Provincial Archives of Alberta, RP81.7. Photographer: Richard G. Proctor

Do you have any memories of shopping at the Jasper Place Department Store? Send us your stories: jasperplacehistory@outlook.com

Paula E. Kirman is a freelance writer who grew up, and still lives, near the Jasper Place area.

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## *News From the Ledge:* Budgets, Taxes, and You



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We will soon be welcoming the changing of the seasons. The warmer weather, that we all look forward to, will be upon us shortly. It may not feel like it now, but spring is in the air! This comes with the opportunity to do our spring cleaning, clear out the cobwebs, and prepare for growth and renewal. Part of this for the provincial government is the creation of the annual budget. Or at least, it should be. Instead of setting up Albertans for success by laying the groundwork for a

roaring year, the UCP budget is instead sweeping the dust bunnies under the rug, only to pull it out from under us immediately after the election at the end of May.

For example, many Albertans have been relying on assistance with the mounting cost of living crisis. From gas and utility relief, to the affordability payments, these are programs that were supposed to provide relief with the higher cost of living that will be coming in the summer. However, many of these programs are set to expire faster than a carton of milk and leave

Albertans high and dry. Summer 2023, under a UCP Government, will be the most expensive ever!

Another budget regression is healthcare funding falling \$1.4 billion under where it should be to keep pace with our population growth and inflation. Funding of the South-West Edmonton Hospital has been delayed again. This will stand in the way of sufficient healthcare access that would go a long way to serving the needs of residents that are served by the businesses of the Stony Plain Road Area. However, a solution to this service deficit that has caused chaos in our healthcare system is in the works.Our commitment to family health teams will ensure that one million more Albertans will have access to a family doctor.

One significant loss under the UCP Government is the closing of the Seniors Advocate Office. Staff served dutifully as a safeguard for the interests of our elderly loved ones. During the pandemic seniors were hit the hardest. Many experienced social isolation and their homecare services were halted. Tragically Alberta has the highest number of outbreaks in our continuing care system in any province in Canada. And worst of all, over 1200 seniors lost their lives in these facilities. It is absolutely critical that this office be restored and, should the NDP become the government, we are committed to doing so.

Of immediate concern for the businesses represented by SPANN is the complete lack of new initiatives or support for business innovations in this budget. Attracting fresh

investment capital and new, skilled talent are initiatives that should be driven by the provincial government. We have been advocating for a reintroduction of several of the tax incentives that successfully drove investment in the past. We've heard loud and clear that these incentives are needed and we will introduce them if elected.

A significant component of attracting and maintaining the talent that our business community needs is by providing sufficient funding and

resources to Albertan schools. Alberta currently has the lowest per-student level of funding in all of Canada. Coupled with our deficit of 3600 teachers, we are struggling to provide the tools that our students need to succeed.

Albertans don't have to accept this budget. In just a few short months, Albertans can do some collective spring cleaning of the Alberta legislature. We can choose to focus on renewing our commitment to good, stable public healthcare, education, and a resilient jobs economy that works for everyone. Bring on the spring!



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## **Improving Healthcare for Edmontonians**

#### Randy Boissonnault, MP

Dear Neighbours,

One thing the pandemic made clear was that our healthcare system needed a lot more work and support from both levels of government if it is to continue to live up to its status as a source of Canadian pride. Here's how this legislation will be of great benefit to our healthcare system and





**Randy Boissonnault** 

agreement is enhancing timely access to family health services. This involves investing in family medical teams, including physicians, nurse practitioners, and other healthcare workers. This will help to ensure that all Albertans, including those living in remote, rural, and underserved areas, have access to high-quality family health services. The agreement also aims to

support healthcare workers and reduce backlogs. The healthcare workforce is the backbone of the Canadian healthcare system, and supporting and growing this workforce is critical to ensuring that those waiting for necessary care can get it in a timely manner. The agreement includes actions to support retention efforts, recruitment, and better data to allow for improved and longterm workforce planning. This means great jobs for Edmontonians in the healthcare sector. Another important area of focus for the agreement is improving mental health and substance use services. With one in three Canadians struggling with mental health, access to timely and equitable mental

health and addictions services is critical. The agreement aims to provide Albertans with access to quality mental health, substance use, and addictions services to support their well-being.

Finally, the agreement aims to modernize the healthcare system by making it more connected and world-class. This includes electronic access to health information for Canadians, which can be shared between healthcare professionals to improve care, safety, quality, and reporting on how the system is working. Electronic health information can also save lives by improving safety and reducing unnecessary or duplicative tests. This deal between Government of Canada and the Province of Alberta to invest \$24.18 billion in healthcare over the next 10 years is a significant step forward in improving healthcare services for Albertans. By working collaboratively, we can deliver results for Edmontonians and improve the healthcare system for all Canadians.

On February 27, 2023, the Government of Canada and the Government of Alberta announced an agreement in principle to improve healthcare services for Albertans. This agreement will see \$24.18 billion in federal funding invested in Alberta over the next 10 years. The funding will support timely access to family health services, improve mental health and substance use services, reduce backlogs, and modernize the healthcare system. The agreement is part of the Government of Canada's \$198.6 billion investment in healthcare across the country over the next 10 years.

One of the key areas of focus for the

Randy Boissonnault, PC, MP 780-442-1888 randy.boissonnault@parl.gc.ca

## **Donations Needed for Earthquake Ravaged Turkey**

#### Justin Keats

On February 6, 2023, a devastating earthquake struck southern and central Turkey, as well as northern and western Syria. The earthquake, which measured a magnitude of 7.8, was the largest to hit Turkey since the 1939 Erzincan earthquake. The tremendous quake was felt in Egypt, Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, Cyprus, and the Black Sea coast of Turkey, with over 10,000 aftershocks in the three weeks that followed (1).

The damage caused by the earthquake was extensive, covering an area of about 350,000 km<sup>2</sup>, roughly the size of Germany. It is estimated that 14 million people, or 16 percent of Turkey's population, were affected, with approximately 1.5 million people left homeless, according to the United Nations (3). As of March 10, 2023, over 51,000 people are known to have died in the disaster across Turkey and Syria, and many thousands remain missing (4).

The earthquake has also exacerbated an already dire housing crisis in the country, with rent prices increasing rapidly as cities fill with people looking for safety. Tent cities have been erected throughout the region, and the government has started building container homes, but many remain homeless (5).

The Turkish Canadian Society of Edmonton is collecting donations via e-transfer, cash, or credit card. Donors have the option



**Turkish Canadian Society** of Edmonton

to direct their funds to AFAD, Turkiye's official disaster and emergency management authority, or AHBAP, a local voluntary network currently active in the affected regions, or the purchase of medical supplies to be sent to the earthquake zone. The Turkish Canadian Society will cover all credit card and bank transfer fees to ensure that donations are directed to the designated charity.

To make a donation to the Turkish Canadian Society of Edmonton, e-transfers can be sent to tcs.earthquakerelieffund@gmail.com. For cash and credit card donations, donors can visit the Turkish Canadian Cultural Center located at 15450 105 Avenue NW in Edmonton. This information can also be found at www.turkishcanadiansociety.ca/ earthquake-donations



#### Canadian **Red Cross**

The Red Cross Red Crescent is also providing assistance to those impacted by the earthquakes. Money raised will enable the organization to provide immediate relief, ongoing recovery efforts, and resiliency and preparedness activities in impacted and surrounding areas. Assistance may evolve based on emerging needs and compounding humanitarian crises.

For those interested in supporting the Red Cross Red Crescent, donations can be made on their website at *www.redcross.ca* or by calling 1-800-418-1111.

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## **New Businesses in the Area**

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Check out these newer businesses along the Stony Plain Road area!

- Osmow's Shawarma 10009 - 170 Street NW (780) 444-1211 osmows.com
- Alberta Bud
   16118 Stony Plain Road NW
   (780) 394-4297
   albertabud.com
- Da Vinci Wellness Centre 203, 16028 - 100A Avenue NW (587) 635-3222 *davinciwellness.ca*
- Preddy's Angel Hair & Beauty Supply 15209 - Stony Plain Road NW 587-991-9836 preddysangelhairandbeauty.ca

New at West Block (14055 West Block Drive NW)

- ARPA Farm Fresh Butcher's Shop Unit 110 (780) 929-3152 *arpafarmfreshbutchery.com*
- Fellow by Floc Unit 155 (587) 337-2557 fellowbyfloc.com

• Floc Boutique Unit 170 (587) 337-2177 flocboutique.com

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## West Edmonton Community League Updates



## April 17th, 7-8:30pm 9620 152 St NW (league hall)



#### Dear West Jasper Sherwood Community,

We are excited to invite you all to our upcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM) on April 17, 2023, at 7pm. This event is a significant milestone for our community, where we come together to reflect on the accomplishments of the past year and discuss our vision for the future. We hope to see all of you there as we celebrate our many achievements and continue to build our community.

During the AGM, we will be approving financials, voting for board members, and discussing new projects and initiatives for the upcoming year. Only community league members can vote, memberships will be available at the AGM. This event is a great opportunity to get involved in our community and make your voice heard. But it's not all business - the AGM will also be a fun and social event, complete with appetizers and mocktails.

In addition to the AGM, we have several exciting events coming up that we want to share with you. Our annual Spring clean-up and Big Bin social event will be at the end of April, and we are thrilled to announce that the Dog Park opening party will be in early May or when the ground is dry enough.

We are also starting a walking and/ or cycling group and planning a big summer event for mid-July.

We are very eager to welcome some new board members as well as a couple volunteers to come forward. For the community league to be successful we need people like you to help make decisions and be a part of the team! Board meetings are once a month and volunteer team building nights can be once per month as well. Please consider offering some of your time to make these events happen! Email matthew@westjaspersherwood.ca to express your interest and join the team!

Stay tuned to our website, westjaspersherwood.ca, for all the details about these upcoming events and more. Our website is a great resource for community news, events, and updates. If you're not already following us on social media, we invite you to connect with us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

We are looking forward to another great year in the West Jasper Sherwood community, and we hope to see you all at the AGM on April 17th.

Sincerely, West Jasper Sherwood Community League

## **Stay Active This Spring!**

#### Michael Goth, City of Edmonton

#### **Visit 2 Premier City Attractions** for the Price of 1!

Between February 18 - March 31, 2023, Alberta residents can receive 2-for-1 admission to both the Edmonton Valley Zoo and the Muttart Conservatory. Simply purchase your admission to either facility and then show your receipt with a piece of valid Alberta identification to receive your free admission to the other facility! Your first admission can be purchased online in advance or upon arrival. Your second admission ticket will be given at the gate at the time of your visit. https://www.edmonton.ca/attractions-events for more information.

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- Free Drop-In Public Skates are offered across the City at arenas across the City.
- Registration for Spring Physical Activity classes opens on March 8th. We've got plenty of active programs available for preschool, child, youth and adults!
- Sundays at the **Downtown Community Arena** offer community league skating. The skate is free to community league members, skates are also available for those who do not own skates.

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**Recreation & Volunteer Opportunities** 

#### The Community League Wellness Program provides current community league members with admission incentives to enjoy the City's world-class sports and recreation facilities.

• The Root for Trees Program is the City of Edmonton's volunteer tree planting initiative. Help plant native trees, shrubs and wildflowers in Edmonton's naturalized areas! Bookings for the Registered Group Planting Program will open to the public on March 31, 2023 at 9:00 am.

Abundant Community Edmonton -"Creating a Neighbourly Vibe" Workshop Interested in getting more connected on your block, building floor or cul-de-sac?

Join Neighbourhood Services / Abundant Community for an online workshop on creating a neighbourly vibe! The "Creating a Neighbourly Vibe" workshop is held twice per month.

See all upcoming event dates at *www.eventbrite.ca* and register today!

> **Upcoming Workshops:** Thursday March 23 6:30pm



## West End Shelter Community Conversation Series

#### Chancy Black Water, Community Safety Liaison with NET

I was invited to introduce myself and the work I do pertaining to the Stony Plain Road area. My name is Chancy Black Water, I am a Community Safety Liaison with the Neighbourhood Empowerment Team. The Neighborhood Empowerment Team is a partnership between the City of Edmonton, The Family Centre, Edmonton Police Service, and United Way of Alberta Capital Region. NET, as we are informally referred to, works with community stakeholders, businesses, residents, and organizations to build sustainable solutions to create vibrant and safe neighborhoods and communities.

Recently, an important element of my work has been supporting Jasper Place Wellness Centre in their efforts to engage with the broader Stony Plain Road community. NET has supported engagement efforts in the past such as Camp Pekiwewin,Tipinawâw at the Edmonton Convention Centre, and the Spectrum temporary shelter. At the time these temporary shelter spaces were operational, the feedback from the adjacent communities identified the benefit to continue these engagement efforts moving forward.

Jasper Place Wellness Centre is the most recent organization to become a temporary shelter provider so NET collaborates by hosting the monthly West End Shelter Community Conversation Series. NET hosted the first Community Conversation on Wednesday February 22, 2023. The conversations will take place virtually once a month for the duration of the operation of the West End Shelter at Bedfort Inn and Suites. These virtual gatherings are intended to provide interested parties the opportunity to bring forth inquiries as well as for Jasper Place Wellness Centre to speak to the work being done to increase accountability as a stakeholder to the Stony Plain Road area. By providing a safe space for all participants to both listen and be heard provides an opportunity for a streamlined process to address any community safety concerns brought forward.

I appreciate the opportunity to share more about my role as a Community Safety Liaison with the Neighbourhood Empowerment Team. Thank you for taking the time to learn more!



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WHAT: COMMUNITY INCOME TAX PROGRAM (CVITP) in Partnership with The Learning Centre

VOLUNTEERS: Filipino Support



1 person \$30,000

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In partnership with **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library,** eligible children receive one new book every month until five years old!

Register in-person at any EPL location, or at:

Services Society (FSSS)

**WHEN:** Every Saturday in March and April, 2023:

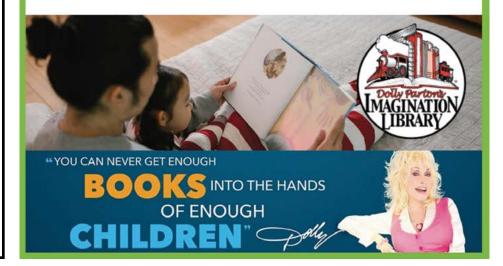
MARCH: 4, 11, 18, 25 APRIL: 1, 8, 15, 29 Time: 10 am - 4 pm

WHERE: The Learning Centre (The Orange Hub), 10045 156 Street NW, (Theatre Entrance), Room 294 B, Edmonton 2 person \$40,000 3 person \$42,500 4 person \$45,000 5 person \$47,500 Volunteers are not employees of

the Canada Revenue Agency.



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## **Setting New Roots:** A Ukrainian Expat's Perspective of SPR

#### Tatiana Ali

During SPRBA's "3 Weeks of Holiday" contest campaign this winter, one of our winners advised that they were a recent refugee from Ukraine. Recognizing the unique opportunity in hearing fresh perspectives of the area from a newcomer, SPANN reached out to Tetiana Ali for her unique viewpoint.

Hello there, my name is Tatiana and I'm from Ukraine. I'm a newcomer, and trying to start my life again. That's why I chose to become a childcare teacher at a daycare here.

From the first moment, Canadians showed us how they are gentle, helpful and open to us. Every day we had a lot of help from volunteers and neighbours. My family and I are very appreciative of it all - Canadians have made our fresh start here both comfortable and easy.

With the conflict in Ukraine our life situation required us to move, and once in Edmonton we chose the Stony Plain Road area as it's both comfortable and not far away from the city center. We had multiple locations to choose from, but we stand by our choice of Stony Plain Road as it meets all our needs: with nearby schools, daycares, and various stores and shops. So we are fully satisfied.

The area is different compared to where we lived prior in Ukraine. It's less dense; more humble and calm, making it a great place for families. Existing infrastructure and services like bus routes and roadways pleasantly surprise and make daily life comfortable. I am glad that we have chosen an area where we have close and easy access to daily necessities.

Prior to the war I worked in social media marketing, particularly promoting businesses on Instagram. I've noticed a considerable difference in how business promotions are done in Canada compared to Ukraine, where visual messaging and communications with consumers on social media is very common. Comparatively, local business promotion on social networks in Canada appears to have just begun to gain momentum. From someone with international experience in promotions, it's interesting to see the differences between the two countries and the potential ways social media marketing may evolve here in Canada.

I'm so glad that I won one of the prize packs from SPRBA's "3 Weeks of Holiday!" campaign! It was a breath of fresh air amongst everything that happened prior this year, making my win and visit to Live to Dye Salon almost like a fairy tale - super service, pleasant staff, and I loved the results of their work and dedication to their craft. I also received ten \$3 Young Giant Big Buck's as part of my prize, and am keeping my eye out on where I can spend them! I'm glad that I tried my luck with this local event!

I want to thank SPRBA for the opportunity to participate in the prize draw, and a special thanks to Live to Dye Salon for providing a chic service, being as polite as possible, and their outward support for Ukraine. This is so important now for me and other Ukrainians - A big thank you, Canada!



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Business Directory · Blog Posts · Community Calendar · Members Only Resources and More!

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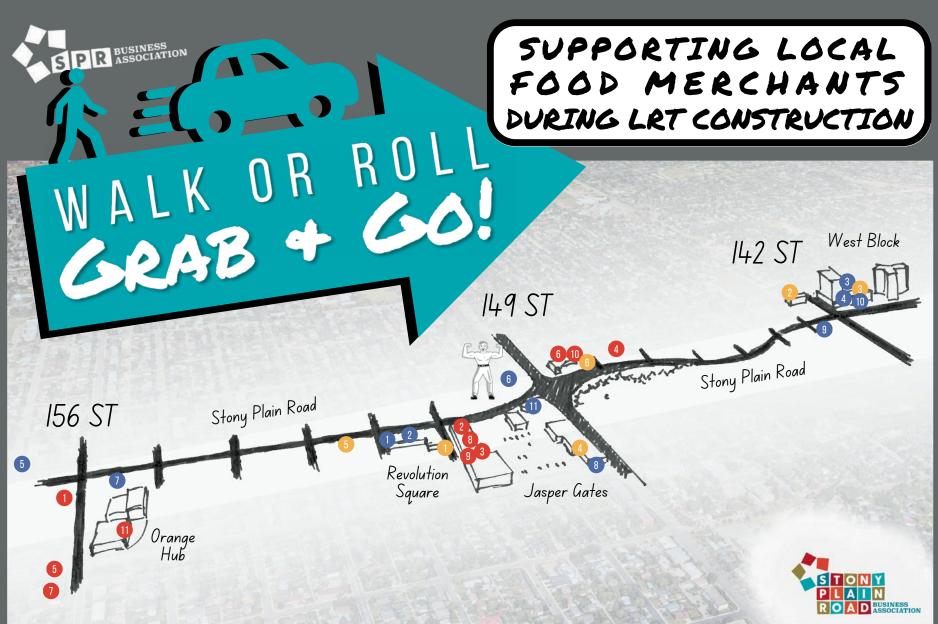




and reach thousands of households in the Jasper Place/Stony Plain Road area.

Contact spanneditor@gmail.com for more information! In late January, the building that previously housed Roman's Family Restaurant on 158th Street and Stony Plain Road was demolished, having remained empty and abandoned after a devastating fire in late 2017.

The removal of derelict buildings from our business community improves safety, boosts confidence, and provides evidence of impending renewal along Stony Plain Road - A step towards positive change and growth!



#### QUEEN DONAIR

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#### GRAB & GO

#### **5** DAIRY QUEEN

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#### **10** LITTLE VILLAGE

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#### GROW WOMEN LEADERS

155A - 10045 156 ST NW 780.200.2302 Located in the Orange Hub, lower level, offering social conscience and good eats.

#### REMEMBER: PICKING UP YOUR ORDER HELPS SMALL BUSINESSES SAVE ON THEIR DELIVERY COSTS!

#### DRINKS & SNACKS

#### NEO JUICERY

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#### 2 CAFE RISTA

14213 103 AVENUE NW 780.761.1155 Roasted artisan coffee and fresh food. Closes at 3 p.m.

#### **3** SQUARE 1 COFFEE

140, 14055 WEST BLOCK DR 780.993.3990 Neighbourhood cafe and patio with a selection of high quality drinks and snacks.

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14957 STONY PLAIN RD 780.489.2464 Jasper Gates Starbucks was one of YEG's first cafes - A great place to connect!

#### **5** CELEBRATE GLUTEN FREE INC

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#### **4** EL CORAZON

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780.341.4653 15117 STONY PLAIN RD Practice your game with an indoor golf simulator and delicious food!

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170, 14055 WEST BLOCK DR 780.760.6005 Modern bar and pizza made with slow fermented sourdough, oven fired.

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- 4) Cafe Rista
- 5) ch. cafeteria 14802 Stony Plain Rd
- 6) Chef Tony's 14921 Stony Plain Rd
- 7) The Gilded Rabbit: Artist Supplies & Framing 11) Martin Food Store 10104 149 Street NW
- 9) Little Village Greek Takeout 14816 Stony Plain Rd
- 10) Live To Dye Salon 16837 Stony Plain Rd
- 10134 156 St NW
  - **16) Ritualistics**

13) Ocean Odyssey Inland

10019 167 St NW

14) Rendezvous Pub 49

15) Revolution Cycle

10108 149 Street

15103 Stony Plain Rd

- 17) Square 1 Coffee 14055 West Block Dr NW
- **18) Variant Edition** Graphic Novels & Comics 15129 Stony Plain Rd
- 19) Yans Flowers 14716 Stony Plain Rd

