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Local news, updates, and useful information for residents of the Parkland, Grange and Granville subdivisions.

Another great Outdoor Movie night was held in September! See Page 3 for an update on our West Fest and Outdoor Movie night events, and see Page 10 for a description of all the membership benefits you can expect by becoming a Glastonbury Community League Member.



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Hello everyone,

I hope this message finds you all well!

As this is my first Gazette as president, I would like to first tell you a bit about myself. I have lived in the Glastonbury community since spring 2006 and have been on the community league board since 2017, mainly in the Vice President position.

As a board, we have had a busy summer of new and continuing programs. Even with the smokiness, we continued to run our weekly Tuesday evening hikes throughout the river valley, partnered with Prana Yoga for our weekly yoga in the park classes, daily drop-in Fun Shack program at Glastonbury and Doug Kelly parks, GCL book club ice cream social and finally, our fall outdoor movie night to celebrate Edmonton's Community League Day! We were also proud community partners for the first Westfest on Canada Day. We expanded the number of locations for our Little Free Library program and continue to run our Men's Shed program.

This winter we will continue with our community ice rink and trail, ski nights at Snow Valley, and our annual New Year's day fireworks celebration. If the weather is nice, we may even try to slot in a few hikes as the river valley is beautiful in the winter. We are a winter city, so get out and enjoy the fun.

Behind the scenes, we've been preparing for fall and winter fun, keeping on top of those oh-so-fun grant and permit applications. While paperwork and the prospect of colder weather on the horizon may not be so exciting, what we have in store for the community this year sure is.

There's always lots going on and many details to share, so if you have any questions, please head over to our social media (Facebook and Instagram), our website www.gclyeg.com or send us an email at info@gclyeg.com.

Lastly, I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Board members, Janet, Kathryn & Abby to the team, and to send my thanks to all of my fellow GCL Board for the continued dedication that they show to our great community. It's truly a pleasure to work with you! Without our board, there would be minimal events available in this community. Say hi to our board members at any of our events, or if you like to join the community league fun by filling one of our vacant roles or have any suggestions for events or programs, please send me an email at president@gclyeg.com.

I look forward to seeing you all this winter.

Kind regards,
Troy Aardema

Do you have a Green Fence in the Glastonbury Community?

Yes! Then you are a member of The Grange Homeowners Association. This is not a voluntary membership and was set up by the developer to keep the aesthetics of our community at a higher standard. Fees are due yearly and it is your responsibility to keep us updated on any sales or mailing address changes.

Immediate Change

The Grange Homeowners Association is not being self-managed or managed by Blueprint Condominium Management any longer. The new management company will be Ayre & Oxford Inc. If you would like more information on why this change has occurred refer to our website at www.thegrangecommunity.ca or attend our AGM at SAINTS Church on November 23 @ 7:00 pm.

ACTION

In order to prevent fees from going up significantly we need members to utilize Ayre & Oxford Inc. online portal CONDOCafé. This is an online portal where you can make payments with your bank/debit card, credit card, and chequing account. You will have access to view your own HOA balance in real-time. In addition, you can access any HOA documents and communications. Instructions on how to sign up for CONDOCafé will be provided on our website by December 1, 2023, at www.thegrangecommunity.ca. Each homeowner will receive details by mail with a personally generated code. So please update your mailing information with us as soon as possible.



The board always welcomes any feedback and input as we continue to make this a safe and attractive neighbourhood.

www.thegrangecommunity.ca

GCL Events Update



West Fest – July 1

This year, we partnered with neighboring communities of Lewis Estates, Rosenthal, and Big Lake, for the inaugural West Fest, an exciting and vibrant celebration of music, culture, and community collaboration.

The free festival kicked off with a pancake breakfast, highlighted a community market, food trucks, beer gardens, a kid zone with bouncy castles, and featured Captain Tractor for the Main Stage lineup.

The Glastonbury Community League had a table set-up in the market for community members to ask questions and purchase GCL Memberships. The highlight for kids was the Plinko game and candy winnings!

We're looking forward to the potential of West Fest 2.0 next year!



Fall Movie Night

Our annual fall movie night was September 16, and we watched Spiderman – Across the Spiderverse. The weather was beautiful, and the event was very well attended. We had great food from Dedo's and lots of sweet treats from Slush Addict. Our MLA, Nathan Ip also provided popcorn for the event. After all, we can't have a movie without popcorn! Thank you to everyone who enjoyed the movie with us, and we hope to see you again next year!





Shopping locally has numerous benefits, both for the individual and the community. In Edmonton, there are many reasons why shopping at local businesses is a great choice, especially here in Glastonbury. Here are some of the key benefits of shopping where you live.

First and foremost, shopping locally supports the local economy. When you shop at a local business, the money you spend stays within our community, helping to create jobs and support local entrepreneurs. It is estimated that for every \$100 spent locally, \$70 remains in the community. This means that your spending has a direct impact on the economic health of our community. Furthermore, local businesses often use local suppliers and service providers, creating a ripple effect that benefits the entire community.

Another benefit of shopping locally is that it helps to reduce your environmental footprint. When you shop at local businesses, you are likely to travel shorter distances, reducing your carbon emissions. Additionally, local businesses often source their products locally, which means that they have a lower transportation footprint than larger chain stores.

In addition to these environmental and economic benefits, shopping locally also has social benefits. When you shop at local businesses, you are more likely to interact with your neighbours and build connections within our community. This can lead to a greater sense of community pride and a stronger sense of belonging.

Shopping locally can also offer a more personalised and unique shopping experience. Local businesses often specialise in niche products or services, which means that you can find items that are not available at larger chain stores. Additionally, local business owners are often more invested in their products and services, which means that they are more likely to provide personalised and high-quality customer service.

And finally, local businesses often have a vested interest in the well-being of the community, which means that they are more likely to invest in community events and initiatives.

In conclusion, there are numerous benefits to shopping locally, right here in Glastonbury. From supporting the local economy to reducing your environmental footprint, shopping locally offers many advantages over shopping at larger chain stores. Additionally, shopping locally can help to build a stronger sense of community. So next time you are in need of a purchase, consider shopping where we live and supporting the local businesses that make our community great. A great place to start is with our Gazette advertisers, who support our community by helping fund our newspaper.

We asked you to tell us about your favourite local businesses and you answered!

Many of you are using local home based business s'PAWsation to keep your canine family members looking their best. Located in a home in Parkland, owner Miranda has over 10 years of grooming experience. It sounds like many of our neat looking and good smelling neighbourhood pets regularly visit this local small business. If you would like to be in touch with s'PAWsation, you can visit her business Facebook page for more details.

Another recommendation came in for Insaf Hair Design, which is a home based salon, right here in Parkland. Owner Insaf is a master hair stylist with over 20 years experience. To learn more about the services this local small business offers, visit her website at www.insafhairdesign.ca.

Looking for dinner tonight? We received a recommendation for Firezone Pizza in the Grange. To find out what they offer and to order, visit www.firezonepizza.ca.

And finally, the Bone and Biscuit at Hampton Market in Parkland was recommended. This local small business loves serving our community pet families. Visit Bone and Biscuit at Hampton Market for all your family pet supply needs.

Neighbourhood School Updates

Here's the latest update from Glastonbury's neighbourhood schools!

Kim Hung School

The 2023–24 school year is in full swing at Kim Hung School. The Meet the Teacher/Community Mixer event was well attended at the end of September, and great feedback was received.

October's Leadership theme focuses on Accountability, exploring ways in which students, staff, and KHS families routinely take ownership of their individual actions, learn from their mistakes, and guide their future choices accordingly.

School activities have already been busy, including Cross Country, student news broadcast, and as of the Gazette's publishing, the soccer team was headed into the gold medal round of their season. Congratulations to all students and staff who are participating in these enriching activities.

The school is holding a Math Games Night on Tuesday, October 24 at 6pm for K-6 school families. See SchoolZone for further details. RSVP by October 19.

Kim Hung's School Council and Fundraising Society parent groups have begun their regular meetings, typically held on the third Thursday of the month, online. Information on how to attend can be found on the school calendar in SchoolZone. October's meeting will start with the regular School Council meeting, followed by the Fundraising Society's AGM. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 19th and it starts at 7pm.

The Kim Hung Fundraising Society will again be doing a fundraiser with Papa John's in Granville. Stay tuned to the 'Kim Hung School Parent Groups' group on Facebook or the GCL social media pages for more details coming soon.

And finally, a huge thank you to the person that returned one of the Kim Hung Vision Zero road signs. The school should have four and now is back to having two. If anyone sees these in the neighbourhood please return them to the school. The signs really do make a difference in ensuring the safety of students as they go to and from school.

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Tree planting event supports City of Edmonton commitment to naturalization

Thanks to everyone who joined us on August 18 for a tree and shrub planting event at the Granville stormwater pond.

This planting event was a City of Edmonton initiative run through the City's Parks naturalization area executed by the Root For Trees program. The storm water ponds are property of the City of Edmonton/EPCOR and all stormwater ponds are regarded as natural areas (versus a recreational lake) and naturalization initiatives are standard practice.

To quote the City of Edmonton's web site, "Naturalization around stormwater management facilities contributes to, and aligns with, updated landscaping standards for these areas, as well as the City Plan, ensuring we have a healthy, climate-resilient city for future generations."

While there was some feedback to the Community League from adjacent residents who were concerned about new trees blocking the view of the pond, the commitment to naturalization of the stormwater ponds is actually stated in the Granville Neighbourhood Structure Plan which was approved by the City before any homes were ever built in the Granville subdivision. The NSP states:

"Enhance & Preserve the Natural Environment

- Integrate natural areas into stormwater management ponds, parks and development where practical;
- Encourage naturalized landscaping on public and private lands to minimize environmental and economic costs associated with their maintenance."

In these areas specifically, naturalization carries several important benefits including protecting banks from erosion and capturing rainwater, reducing stormwater runoff which will avoid overloading drainage systems and reducing the risk of flooding. These facilities are also important habitats for pollinators, birds and small animals.

Since 2014, nearly 280 hectares of City-maintained parkland have been naturalized or have begun the process of being naturalized. This includes roadways, stormwater ponds, and parkland.





Development continues across neighbourhood

The few remaining spaces across the Glastonbury neighbourhood are filling in as residential developments continue to take shape.

Several changes are on the horizon in the Granville subdivision. A development permit has been applied for at 2025 Glastonbury Boulevard, which is located on the east side of the Glastonbury/Granville Drive roundabout. The proposal is for 13 buildings and a total of 92 units in townhouse style. An artist mockup from the architecture firm's website is available at www.Claroscuro.ca.

There was significant community opposition to a proposed rezoning application for the area at the western edge of Granville. The developer wanted to change the zoning from low and medium-density residential development to three six-storey multi-family housing buildings consisting of 180 units. No further action has been taken on pursuing this rezoning at this time.

Meanwhile, the West Granville Centre located on 215 Street continues to expand south adding more retail and commercial services to the community.

One of the long-standing questions about the Granville subdivision is whether the developer intends to follow through with plans to build the two seven-story condos that were originally slated to be constructed on the west side of the Shops of Granville, just north of Granville Drive. This project was slated to begin in spring 2021 but no updates have been provided by the developer.

Alldritt, the developer of the Granville subdivision, has not shared any immediate plans to develop future residential phases of Granville which would ultimately fill in the vacant lands to the south and west of Kim Hung School.

Thanks to Brookfield Developments, the empty space west of Glastonbury Park is being filled with 36 single family detached homes. Many of these homes have already been sold. This also included completion of Grantham Drive to provide a connection between Guardian Road and Glastonbury Boulevard.

Similarly, there are plans to build new homes on the vacant land north of Grantham Drive which will complete this area of the community. Once this is completed, we also look forward to finally seeing completion of the paved pathway that runs diagonally from the northwest corner of our community to the southeast corner. This pathway will provide an important connector once the new Lewis Estates recreation centre is completed.

On the land east of 199 Street, north of Spirit West Church, residents have begun moving into Guardian Villas—a project that includes 109 rental townhomes in phase one, 75 additional townhomes in phase two, and the construction of a six story 144-unit building in phase three. This is part of The Grange subdivision. For more information visit www.gskproperties.ca/alberta/edmonton/guardian-villa.

We welcome all new residents to the community, invite you to get involved in our community, and encourage you to join the Glastonbury Community League to take full advantage of all our community has to offer!

Rink Committee Volunteers Needed

Glastonbury Community League is exploring the feasibility of developing a rink with permanent boards and a warm-up shack. We need your input! If you want to help get this project going, please email volunteers@gclyeg.com to indicate your interest. No contribution of time and input is too small!

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Avoid becoming a victim of crime by becoming a hard target

Unfortunately it's not just your imagination; crime is on the increase in Edmonton.

Over the summer, Statistics Canada released data on crime statistics in Edmonton between 2021 and 2022 indicating an eight per cent year over year increase. This is consistent with a growing trend across Canada as the national crime rate also increased. This trend also appears to be continuing through 2023 due in part to increasing levels of addiction and homelessness. Even with winter approaching, crime levels are likely to continue to increase.

While the Glastonbury community has a relatively low crime rate compared to other neighbourhoods in Edmonton, we have seen crime increasing in our neighbourhood over the last year. If you belong to any of the local community groups on social media, you'll know this is an increasingly common topic of discussion—and frustration.

The Edmonton Police Service provides a Community Safety Data Portal on its web site to provide access to up to 180 days of data including crime statistics and trends occurring in Edmonton. For our neighbourhood, by far the most common crime is property crime—typically theft under \$5,000. Looking at the detail, it is overwhelmingly crimes of opportunity where valuables are left either unlocked or unattended—most often in vehicles.

We regularly plead with Glastonbury residents to be vigilant in avoiding becoming a victim of crime by becoming a hard target. Despite this pleading, we regularly hear about residents who have lost property through theft.

So what can you do to become a hard target?

1. First and foremost, NEVER leave any valuables of any kind unattended in your vehicle—whether it is left locked or unlocked, whether it is parked outside or garaged, or whether overnight or during the day. If you leave any items in your parked vehicle, the reality is that you can expect to be a target for thieves. This includes items such as purses, phones, clothing and laptop computers but it also includes items such as tools left in a truck box. It takes only seconds for a thief to break a vehicle window, reach through to unlock the door, and grab any valuables you have left unattended. Also, do not keep your garage door opener in plain sight, do not keep your registration in an obvious place such as your glovebox, and ensure your licence plates are secured with theft resistant screws. To deter theft, it is always a good idea to have an alarm system on your vehicle as well.
2. Secure your home. This includes installing outdoor spotlights on timers and motion sensors, video cameras, window bars, quality deadbolt locks and security system decals and signage. If you're not home, make sure you don't leave windows open. Even on a two-story house, windows left open are an easy target for someone with a ladder who can be inside your home in only a couple of minutes. Lock your home and garage securely, and use an alarm system to deter would-be thieves. Don't forget to lock your garage door too, including de-activating the large door at night. If you are away from home whether for an hour or a day, put away valuables like electronics and jewelry. A thief can be in and out of your home in a couple of minutes. Don't leave valuables in sight, lock them up in a safe in a discreet location within your home.
3. Secure your yard and all property left outside. Don't be complacent about leaving your garage door open—it only takes a few seconds for someone who happens to be driving, riding or walking past your residence to slip into your garage and grab tools, sporting equipment or anything else of value, or quickly rifle through your vehicle for valuables. If you have a backyard shed, ensure you lock it up at night as well as when you're not home. Also lock all entrance points to your yard. Finally, don't leave any personal property unattended. Whether that's your snowblower or bikes or your bag of bottles for recycling in your side yard, lock it up or lose it. And don't be complacent about packages being delivered to your doorstep, as there is an epidemic of thieves stealing parcels from doorsteps.

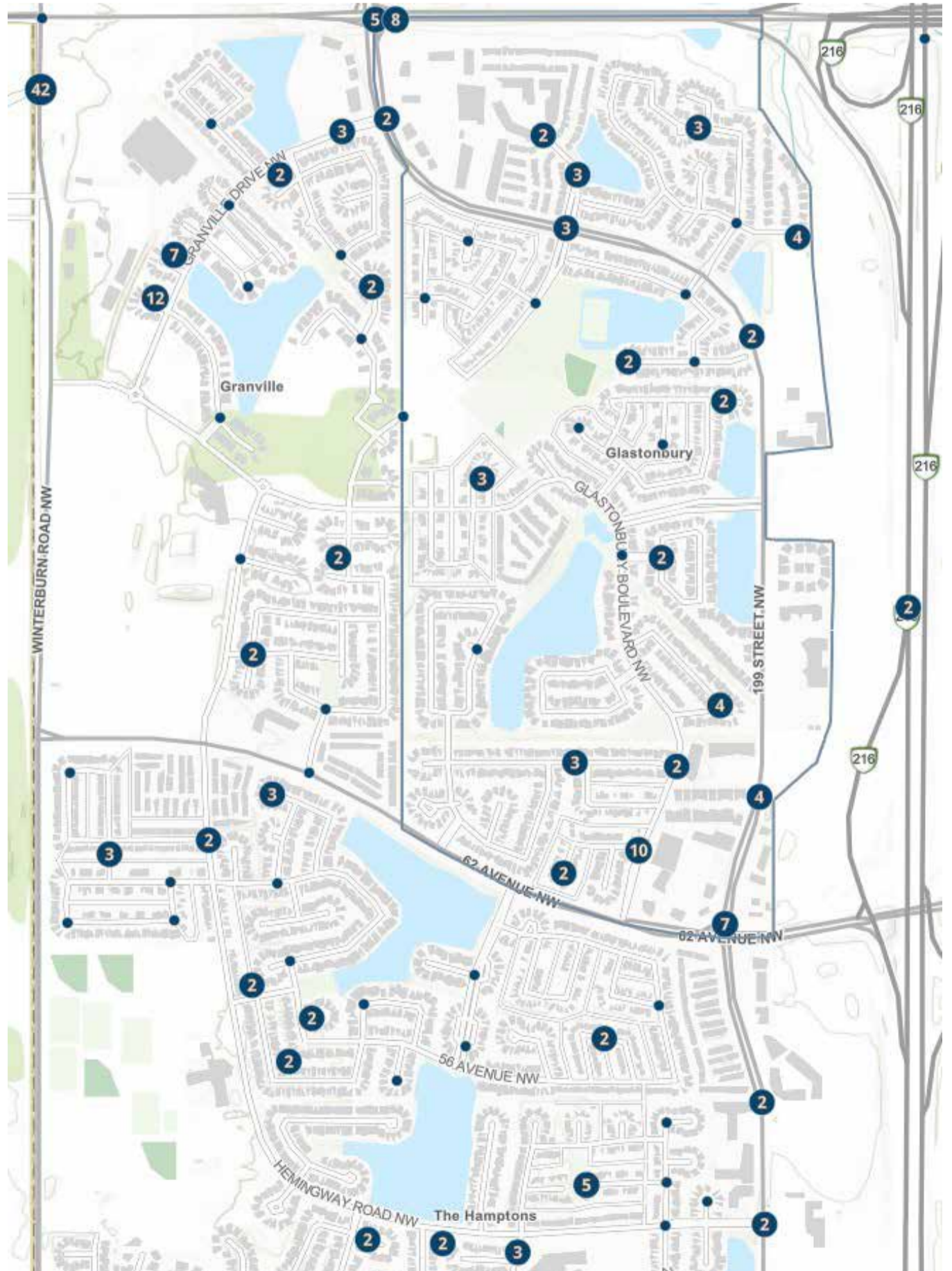
4. Secure your vehicle against catalytic converter theft and vehicle theft. Unfortunately the theft of catalytic converters from parked vehicles is still a huge issue in Edmonton, including our neighbourhood. Thieves can remove a catalytic converter in less than two minutes, making it easy to steal even in broad daylight. To prevent catalytic converter theft:

- Park your vehicle in a locked garage overnight if possible.
- If you must park outside, park in a well-lit area with video surveillance cameras.
- Park your vehicle as close to walls, fences, curbs or your garage door as possible to reduce the amount of clearance a would-be thief has to get under your vehicle.
- Install a car alarm that is motion-triggered.
- Install a catalytic converter lock or clamp to provide an additional barrier against theft. These can be installed at many muffler and exhaust service shops.

If you own an older vehicle, it may be able to be ‘hotwired’ by a thief tampering with the steering column and ignition assembly. Locking your vehicle is not enough. Secure your vehicle when not in use through the use of a physical disabling device such as a steering wheel lock. These devices provide a visible deterrent to theft, and are a small investment to make considering the huge inconvenience of having a vehicle stolen.

If you own a new vehicle with push-button start, be aware that even these vehicles are not immune to theft. Keyless car theft (aka Relay or Radio theft) is where the radio signal emitted from a car key is captured by somebody standing outside the victim’s house using an electronic device. Special electronic equipment captures the signal from the key and transmits it to a receiver that somebody standing next to the vehicle can then use to enter, start and steal the vehicle. This type of theft can be executed in less than 30 seconds. To protect yourself from this type of theft, keep your vehicle keys safe by storing your keys in a signal blocking pouch (often called a ‘Faraday bag’) to stop access to your vehicle by blocking your car key fob from transmitting its code to the vehicle. These pouches are lined with layers of metallic material, are inexpensive to purchase and can also be used to block WI-FI and Bluetooth signals on mobile phones.

5. Get involved and be a good neighbour. The continued success of our Neighbourhood Watch program relies on YOU—residents being our eyes and ears for local crime prevention. If you’re home most of the time and are taking a break during the day, we just ask that you take a quick walk around the neighbourhood or even take periodic look out your window. Get to know your neighbours, keep an eye and ear out for anything that seems out of the ordinary, and if you notice any suspicious activity, please report it immediately to the Edmonton Police Service. Policing is based on statistics, and not reporting suspicious activity or crime in our community means that our community receives less policing.





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We would appreciate your thoughts about the Gazette. Do you read it? What do you like best? What would you change?

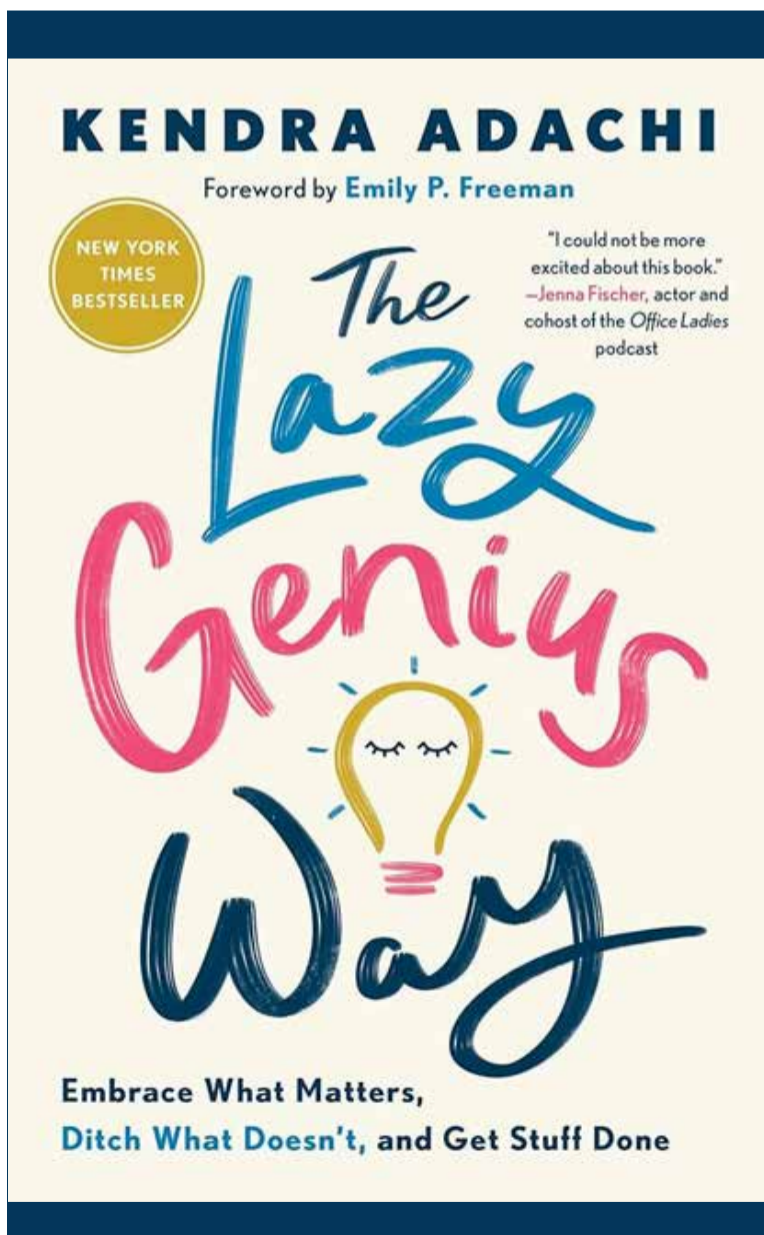
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Fall Book Club

It's that time of year again with school starting and new routines for all of us! Let's start this new season off with some practical suggestions to make our lives simpler and read "The Lazy Genius Way" by Kendra Adachi. Join the GCL Book Club at Original Joe's in the Grange on Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the book. Can't wait to see you all then!



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GCL membership benefits

Being a member of the GCL has many benefits. First, members get access to amazing community events like our Fall Outdoor Movie, and membership fees go toward funding awesome events and amenities that benefit the entire community such as New Year's Day in the Park, Ski Nights, Yoga in the Park and our skate trail and rink.

Members can also access programs such as GCL Soccer, an EMSA West Zone sanctioned soccer program.

Free skating is available to members at the following locations.

- River Cree Twin Rinks any time during their Public Skating, Mom, Pop and Tots, and Stick and Puck times. Schedule: www.rivercreesports.net/drop-in-schedule/.
- City of Edmonton rinks during public skating times.
- Outdoor community rinks like our beautiful outdoor rink and ice trail

Skate tags can be obtained by emailing membership@gclyeg.com.

Swimming is another great benefit. GCL Members can swim for free at Terwillegar Rec Centre on Saturdays from 5-7pm and at Jasper Place Pool on Sundays from 4-6pm. **Note: Terwillegar pool is closed for maintenance until October 26.

GCL members can use the Community League Wellness Program, which gets you reduced rates to City of Edmonton recreational facilities through the Community League Wellness program. You can receive a 20% reduction in the cost of annual memberships, 15% reduction for multi-admission passes, and a 20% reduction on on-going monthly memberships.

GCL is a Community League sponsor of the Edmonton Tool Library (ETL), which means that GCL members will have their Tool Library membership fee waived when they apply to the ETL. ETL members can borrow up to 8 tools at a time for a week at a time. To become an ETL member, visit www.edmontontoolibrary.ca and fill out the Membership Application and Release of Liability found at the Memberships tab.

GCL memberships can be purchased at any time through the GCL app, which can be found in your app store.

Fall 2023 MLA update

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve and represent you in the 31st Alberta Legislature as your MLA for Edmonton-South West. Edmonton-South West is a young, vibrant and diverse riding with some of the fastest growing communities anywhere in the province. I believe good representation begins with listening and connecting with constituents in a way that transcends politics and ensures we all have a voice in our collective future.

As the Fall sitting of the legislature begins, I would like to share with you a few key issues that I will be championing in this session.

Education

Education is the great equalizer and critical to the success of Alberta. Edmonton-South West continues to have some of the highest student enrollment growth in the province and we will need to invest in new schools to meet that demand. While a K-9 school is slated to open in Edgemont in the Fall of 2027, we will need more schools, particularly a new high school, to ensure students are able to attend school close to home.

This Fall, I will be advocating for more new schools and more teachers to support students in the classroom. Education funding in Alberta has lagged behind other provinces in recent years on a per pupil basis. Classroom needs are more complex than ever before with an increased number of students requiring specialized supports.

Education is the cornerstone of a thriving society. I will continue to advocate for a strong education system that provides every child with opportunities to succeed.

Affordability

I continue to hear from families about their concerns with affordability. The rising costs of electricity, groceries and housing

have made life difficult for many Albertans. I will champion policies that will provide a secure economic future for you and your family. A recent announcement by the government to pull Alberta out of the Canada Pension Plan has many people concerned. I share these concerns. The uncertainty and risk in stepping away from the CPP is dangerous and I will continue to advocate for the financial security and prosperity of Albertans.

Healthcare

The healthcare system is another area that requires immediate attention. With current shortages of primary care physicians, prioritizing access to healthcare is paramount. More and more Albertans are struggling to get quality healthcare in a timely fashion. A strong healthcare system is essential to deliver vital care to all Albertans irrespective of their location or financial situation.

Get in Touch

I am committed to advocating for a legislative agenda that benefits all Albertans. Your input and ideas are invaluable in shaping our collective future. Please do not hesitate to reach out to my office at Edmonton.southwest@assembly.ab.ca with your concerns, suggestions, and hopes for our community.

Together we can build a better Alberta that we can all be proud of.

Nathan Ip, MLA, Edmonton - South West





Please slow down!

With three extremely busy K-9 schools in our neighbourhood as well as multiple playgrounds, we ask residents to check your speed and to ensure you are not speeding through our local school or playground zones. Our community is home to thousands of children, and we all need to work together to prevent a tragedy.

Over the summer months, a mom and her young child were nearly struck in the marked crosswalk in the playground zone adjacent to Glastonbury Park on Grantham Drive.

If you see speeding vehicles in the neighbourhood, please get licence plate numbers and report them to the Edmonton Police Service.

At the same time, we also remind parents if you are dropping off or picking up your children from school, ensure you are using marked crosswalks, parking only in designated areas and following all traffic control signage.

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FALL FESTIVAL

Join us Saturday October 28th from 1 - 4 pm for the annual Saints Church Fall Festival! There will be hayrides, carnival games, face painting, jumpy castles, and more!

Snacks will be available for purchase.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING

The focus of the program is conversational English but reading, vocabulary and grammar are included. Whatever your faith or status in Canada...you are welcome! Our winter term runs in person on Tuesdays and Fridays Jan 9 to Mar 1, 2024.



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Night to Shine, is an unforgettable prom night experience, centred on God's love, for people with special needs ages 14 and older. In 2024 Night to Shine will celebrate its 9th anniversary as thousands from around the world will come together to honour those with disabilities.



SAINTS YOUTH

Youth Drop-In
Thursday 3:30 pm - 6 pm

This is our mid-week connection point where students can come and hang out after school! We have video games and an open gym. For grades 7 - 12.

Friday Night Youth
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

This is where Drop-In and Saints students collide. This is where we unashamedly and boldly point to Jesus in a way that makes sense to teenagers. For grades 7 to 12.

CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve

December 24th: Nothing quite says Christmas like singing Carols by Candlelight as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Join us this Christmas Eve for "A CLASSIC CHRISTMAS." We have two service times, 10:30am or 12pm for our one-hour, candlelight & carols Christmas experience at Saints Church.

JOSEPH: The Christmas Show Tonight

December 15th at 7 pm: What happens when a late-night talk show comes off the rails during a very special Christmas show? Experience a brand new Christmas stage show from playwright Dan Bagan... start a new family tradition and kick-off the Christmas season with lots of laughs and all the Christmas feels!



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Welcome...and welcome back!

We are pleased to announce the return of the Glastonbury (West Edmonton) Men's Shed program. We will be hosting our first meeting of the fall on Tuesday evening October 17 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

At our first meeting of the fall, we will welcome new and returning participants, share updates about the Men's Shed program and discuss potential activities for the next few months. We will also have refreshments and door prizes. We will then look to resume our regular meeting schedule of the first and third Tuesday evening of each month starting in November and continuing through the winter.

If you're new to Men's Sheds, our program is a great place for men of all ages and backgrounds to gather together to work on community, craft or personal projects—and while doing so, create shared connections and purpose with other like-minded individuals. There is no expectation to have a specific skill set and no cost to participate.

The Men's Shed movement started in Australia in the late 1990s, and has spread internationally— particularly in the UK, Ireland and Canada. There are now almost 2,000 Men's Sheds around the world from Nunavut to Africa—and upwards of 20 Men's Sheds across Alberta alone.

Men's Sheds address the reality that men tend to only make connections at work—and if they are retired, working from home, no longer working, on disability, or just plain busy, they have limited ability to form social connections. The pandemic further increased the sense of social isolation that many men have experienced over the last few years.

The Glastonbury Community League initiated the Glastonbury/ West Edmonton Men's Shed program in 2022 to serve the local community and has provided funding for the purchase of project

materials and supplies. This program is also graciously supported by Saint's Church which has offered up its heated workshop as a gathering space—including some materials and supplies. This location at 6315 199 Street is conveniently located just off Anthony Henday Drive at 62 Avenue. The program is also being supported by the Willowby Community League.



In our first year of the program, we worked on projects for the community league including building composting bins and raised planter boxes for a community garden, and building book boxes for the Little Library program.

This fall we will be assembling benches for the local outdoor community skating rink. We also have more raised garden beds to assemble for the community garden, and have been asked by community members to build more Little Library boxes for local playgrounds. We have also been asked by the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital if we would be willing to make bird house kits for Glenrose patients to assemble as part of their rehabilitation. We will discuss ideas for additional projects at our upcoming meeting.

We are also currently looking for a couple of good used compound mitre power saws (10 inch plus) or radial arms saws for donation to our program, so if you have either item in good working condition taking up space in your garage or basement and you'd be willing to donate it to a great cause please contact Brian at enw@gclyeg.com.

For more information about the Men's Shed Program, or to be added to our email list for updates and meeting reminders, please email Brian at enw@gclyeg.com.



The Parkland Neighbourhood Residence Association (PNRA) is the resident's homeowner's association for most of Glastonbury and the northern half of The Hamptons. The PNRA is responsible for operation and maintenance of the water fountains, dog waste bag stands, the large potted flowers we see in summer, tree lighting in the winter, maintenance of two PNRA owned lots & ornamental deer. Supplementary turf and shrub bed maintenance beyond what the City of Edmonton does is also addressed. We provide homeowners with guidance to the original architectural controls established by Carma when the area was first developed.

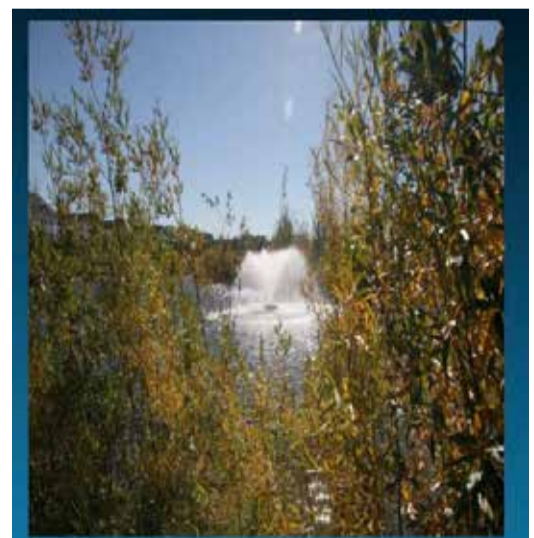
The PNRA wishes to convey some of the key architectural controls we look to ensure compliance to and they are shingle color, fence color and style, accessory building style and color, and general aesthetics to the original design of the neighborhood. You can find details on these items on the PNRA website at:

<https://www.pnra.ca/architectural-guidelines>
<https://www.pnra.ca/architectural-guidelines/fences>
<https://www.pnra.ca/architectural-guidelines/roofs>

In 2023, the PNRA started the process to repair the stone fences & entryways throughout the community, along with wood fence repairs & painting.



2024 will see fountain replacements, along with continuing the revitalization of the wood fence repair & painting program.



The board always welcomes any feedback and input as we work alongside the City of Edmonton and the homeowners to keep our neighborhood looking attractive. Inquiries can be forwarded to info@pnra.ca. Thank you.



2023 GCL Fun Shacks

Here are some pictures from the 2023 GCL Fun Shacks at Doug Kelly and Glastonbury Parks.

Clockwise from top left:

1. Putting finishing touches on the Little Free Library at Doug Kelly Park
2. Crafts
3. Tie Dyeing during Colours week
4. Playing games
5. More crafts at Glastonbury Park.

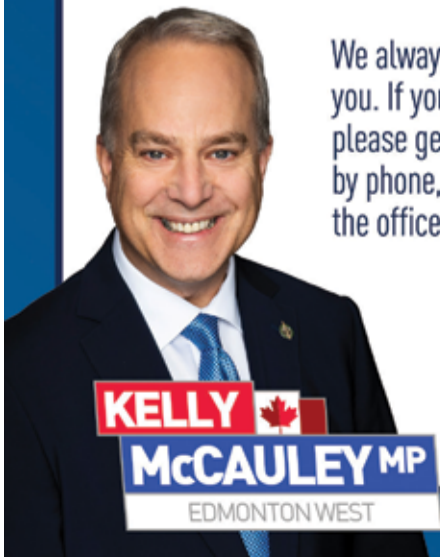
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Your Member of Parliament, Kelly McCauley and his staff are here to assist you with questions that you have regarding any programs or services offered by the Government of Canada. The local office is here to guide anyone who may have questions relating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

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



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Thursday	8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Friday	8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Closed Weekends & Holidays

Glastonbury Little Free Library Update

Take a book, leave a book. The collection of GCL Little Free Libraries in our neighbourhood continues to grow!

Libraries can be found at:

1. Glastonbury Park Fun Shack- 1101 Grantham Drive
2. Doug Kelly Park Fun Shack- 57 Av, 208 St.
3. 1744 Glastonbury Blvd
4. 103 Galland Crescent
5. 1673 Glastonbury Blvd
6. JP Gillese Park-671 Glenwright Crescent
7. 903 Goodwin Close

If you are interested in hosting a Little Free Library, especially in The Grange or Granville, contact communications@gclyeg.com. And stay tuned for a refresh on the Kim Hung School Little Free Library, and a new Little Free Game Library at one of our existing locations.



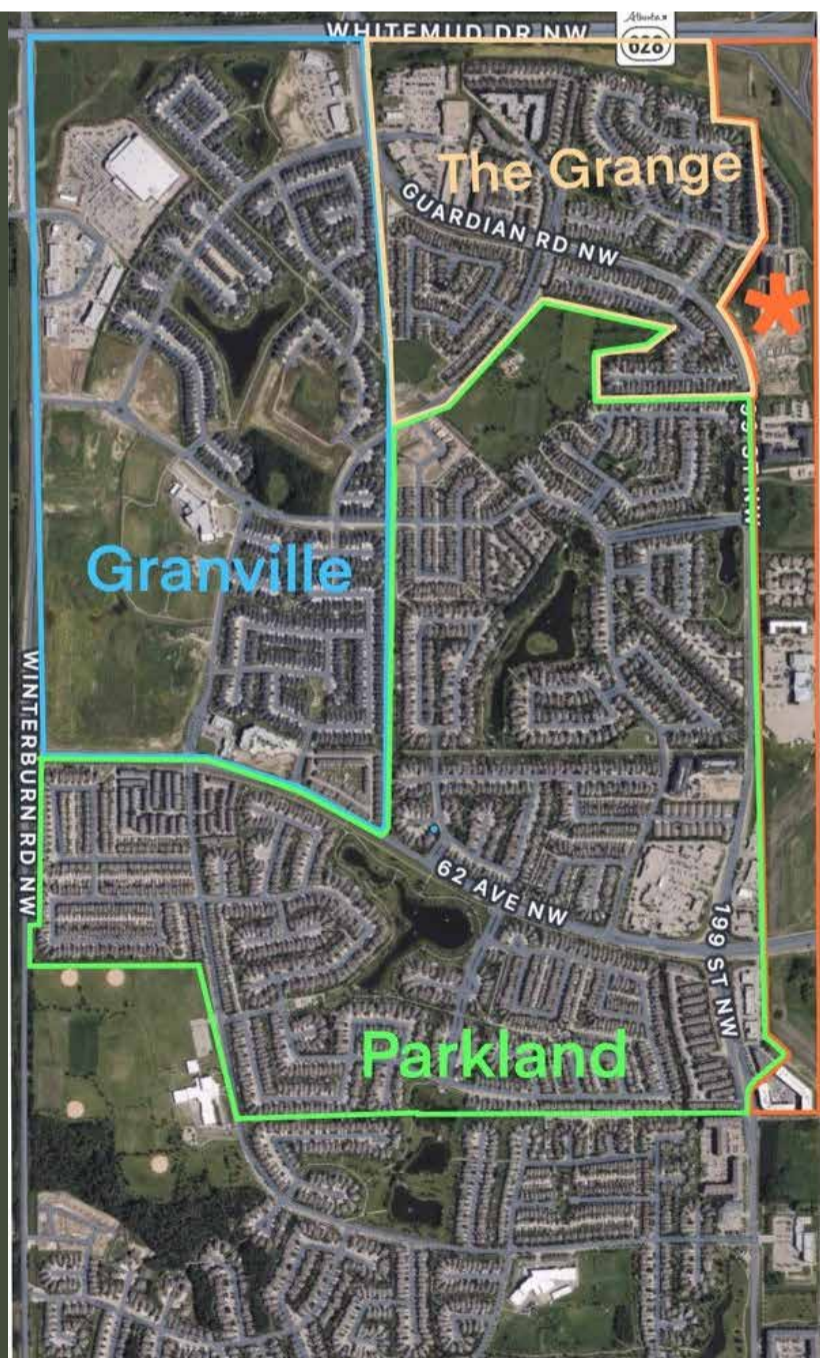
Understanding Glastonbury boundaries

Understanding the boundaries in our community can often be confusing. With all of the different Home Owners' Associations, developer boundaries, business names and city neighbourhood names, it can be hard to understand exactly what community you live in. Though there are no subdivisions within the community actually named Glastonbury, Glastonbury is the name chosen by the original community league board, as defined by one of the described neighbourhoods on the City's Neighbourhood Plan. However the developer's chose not to use that name for any of the subdivisions in our area.

The Glastonbury Community League serves three developer subdivisions: The Grange, Granville and Parkland. For our purposes, these are the communities that make up the Glastonbury neighbourhood, served by the GCL.

There are a few different ways that you can determine which of the three subdivisions you live in. Fence colour is one. And whether or not you belong to, and pay fees to a Home Owners' Association is another (the Granville community is not represented by an HOA, but The Grange and Parkland are). Finally, a map is probably the easiest way to determine which subdivision you live in, in Glastonbury.

*This area on the map is served by the Glastonbury Community League, but isn't part of the original developer neighbourhoods in the area.





Preparing Your Home and Yard for Winter

Winter is coming, and living in Edmonton, you know how important it is to prepare your yard and home for the cold and snow. Here are some tips to ensure you and your property are ready for the winter season.

First, make sure your home is properly insulated. This will not only keep you warm and comfortable, but it will also save you money on heating bills. Check for drafts in windows and doors, and consider installing weather stripping or caulking to seal any gaps. It's also a good idea to have your furnace serviced before the cold weather arrives, to ensure it's working efficiently.

Next, take care of your outdoor spaces. Clean out your gutters and downspouts to prevent ice dams from forming, which can cause damage to your roof and walls. Trim any tree branches that are close to your house, as heavy snow or ice can cause them to break and potentially cause damage. It's also a good idea to store any outdoor furniture or equipment that won't be used during the winter, to protect it from the elements.

When it comes to your yard, there are a few things you can do to prepare it for the winter season. Consider aerating your lawn before the ground freezes, which will help to improve drainage and reduce compaction. You can also fertilize your lawn in the fall, which will help it to grow stronger and healthier in the spring.

Finally, don't forget about your driveway and sidewalks. Make sure to clear any debris or leaves from these areas, as they can become slippery when covered in snow or ice. Consider using a snow blower or shovel to clear away snow before it becomes too deep or heavy, as this will make it easier to manage. You can also spread sand or salt on your driveway and sidewalks to provide traction and help melt any ice.

In conclusion, preparing your yard and home for winter in Edmonton requires a bit of effort, but it's well worth it to ensure your safety and comfort during the cold months. By following these tips, you'll be ready for whatever winter brings your way.

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