

# What's Up In East



A monthly newsletter to keep Northeast and Central residents informed on the social and recreational services provided by The City of Edmonton Community Services

**February 2011**

## Want a “snapshot” of the City? You can have it with *City Trends*

*City Trends* is a quarterly publication that provides information on current social, economic, demographic, land development and transportation trends as they affect Edmonton.

As Edmonton’s population shifts, grows, and matures over the coming decades there will undoubtedly be impacts on the way the city looks, feels and functions. The 3rd quarter edition of *City Trends* focuses on the current socio-demographic profile of Edmonton and highlights some of the key trends expected to impact our community in the future.

Search “City Trends” at [www.edmonton.ca](http://www.edmonton.ca) for more information.

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## STEP and CSJ Workshops

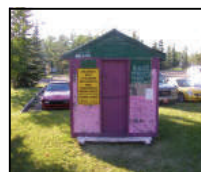
Come and join us for this FREE workshop on how to complete the STEP (Summer Temporary Employment Program) and CSJ (Canada Summer Job) grant forms.

Please pre-register by emailing

[NCDEastEvents@edmonton.ca](mailto:NCDEastEvents@edmonton.ca)

or calling: 780-442-4972

Workshop Sessions for STEP and CSJ will be conducted on each date at Circle Square (11808 St. Albert Trail):



### **Mon, February 7, 2011**

STEP @ 6:30 PM

CSJ @ 7:30 PM

### **Thurs, February 10, 2011**

STEP @ 6:30 PM

CSJ @ 7:30 PM



## Edmonton SpaceFinder

[www.edmontonspacefinder.ca](http://www.edmontonspacefinder.ca)

Edmonton SpaceFinder is a new website that connects Edmonton non-profit organizations that need space with those that have available space.

Non-profit organizations needing space are encouraged to use Edmonton SpaceFinder to find information on space available in the Edmonton area. Edmonton organizations with available space are encouraged to advertise that space for free on Edmonton SpaceFinder.

Edmonton SpaceFinder was developed in collaboration by the Arts Habitat Association of Edmonton, the Edmonton Chamber of Voluntary Organizations, the Multicultural Coalition for Equity in Health and Wellbeing and the City of Edmonton.



## RECYCLE IT!



For More Information:

[www.edmonton.ca/waste](http://www.edmonton.ca/waste) or Waste Hotline at 496-5678.

Some Edmontonians, particularly seniors and persons with disabilities, moving snow can be difficult and even dangerous. They need your help



## Become an Angel

To be a Snow Angel, adopt the sidewalk of a senior or a person with disabilities this winter and keep it clear of snow and ice. You can also pick up some free sand to add traction to your neighbour's sidewalk from the boxes at any [Edmonton community league](#). (Remember to bring a container.)

## Why Be a Snow Angel?

### Keep our city safe and accessible

Snow that remains on sidewalks is hazardous for everyone, but especially for people with limited mobility. Uncleared walkways also make it difficult to deliver services - mail carriers, meter readers, delivery drivers, firefighters, and paramedics.

### It's the law

According to Edmonton's [Community Standards Bylaw #14600](#), property owners are responsible for removing ice and snow from city sidewalks adjacent to their property within 48 hours of a snow fall.

## Do You Have a Snow Angel?

Has someone been an angel and helped you shovel? Say thanks by nominating them as a Snow Angel with the City of Edmonton.. To nominate your Snow Angel, complete the [nomination form](#) online or call the City of Edmonton at 311.

## Need a Snow Angel?

The City cannot match Snow Angels with seniors or persons with disabilities. To find a Snow Angel or a person who needs help with their snow shovelling, please check with your local community league, seniors centre, school, and religious or spiritual centre.

### For more information:

[capitalcitycleanup@edmonton.ca](mailto:capitalcitycleanup@edmonton.ca)

# Volunteer.

You Can Help Make Tax Time Pay For Low Income Individuals and Families

## You Want:

- A rewarding and meaningful experience
- Professional, government training on the U-file tax program
- To choose your own volunteer hours
- No personal liability

## We Need Volunteers To:

- Prepare taxes
- Help people apply for benefits/subsidies
- Provide computer support
- Schedule appointments

Make Tax Time Pay is a free program of E4C, offering low-income families and individuals income tax, benefit and subsidy preparation clinics at tax time.

E4C **MAKE  
TAX TIME  
PAY**

For more information visit: [www.e4calberta.org](http://www.e4calberta.org)



## What is Living Local

Living Local is a way of thinking. It's about approaching our community and trying to contribute in a positive & meaningful way. Not just by volunteering or contributing via our paid work, but by making positive changes in the way we live our lives, spend our money, and run our homes, businesses, and organizations.

Sometimes living locally means making a small change to our routine or trying something new— sometimes larger changes are needed or warranted.

It is more than enjoying our neighborhoods or knowing our neighbors, living local requires us to understand the important roles that are played in our communities by our local and independent businesses, our local farmers and food producers, and our local non-profits and organizations.

Living Local is not about condemning “global” companies or non-local living. It is about recognizing that we need to work towards finding ways to attract opportunity by building vibrant and equitable communities.

Just by Living Local, we can increase our economic impact in our neighborhoods, reduce our environmental footprint, and build upon the social capital of our community.

[www.live-local.ca](http://www.live-local.ca)

## How to Live Local

### *Eating Local*

Edmonton is endowed with a multitude of farmers, food companies, independent grocery stores, and restaurants. When you support our local food system by buying their products, you are helping create a more sustainable food system for our community. You are also increasing the level of food security in our region, encouraging diversity and choice, and helping to improve the economics of food production. All of these effects are important to retaining our ability to feed ourselves.



## **February Events in Edmonton**

COMMON GROUND - winter festival that brings people together through music, light, stories, and old-fashioned winter fun

When: February 4<sup>th</sup> 6pm-8pm and 5th 11am-8pm  
Where: Giovanni Caboto Park

For more information go to [www.winterlight.ca](http://www.winterlight.ca) or call 780.760.2229

SILVER SKATE FESTIVAL - Edmonton's largest and longest running winter festival, set in picturesque Hawrelak Park, featuring the thrill of skate races, stunning snow sculpture, dazzling performances, stunning snow and fire sculpture, and try-it-yourself activities.

When: Friday to Monday, February 18-21, 2011  
Where: Hawrelak Park

For more information go to [www.silverskate.org](http://www.silverskate.org) or call 780.760.2229

FAMILY DAY - Bring the whole family down to Churchill Square for fun shows, horse-drawn wagon rides, free hot chocolate, play activities, and music!

When: February 21, 2011 12-4pm  
Where: Churchill Square

For more information go to [www.winterlight.ca](http://www.winterlight.ca) or call 780.760.2229

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### **Board Leadership 2011: Making Time Count**

The 2011 Board Leadership Conference, Making Time Count, is a day-long program of engaging and informative workshops focused on board members of voluntary and non-for-profit organizations. This event will provide a variety of sessions and networking opportunities addressing not-for-profit board fundamentals and new trends.

When: Saturday, March 19; 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Where: Grant MacEwan University, Robbins Health Learning Centre 10910 - 104 Street, Edmonton, AB

Registration fee (includes lunch and GST):

\$65 early bird (payment received before January 31, 2011) \$75 (after January 31, 2011)

To register please leave a message at 780-633-3820 and you will be contacted within 24 to 48 hours



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### **How to Contact Community Building East** **www.edmonton.ca**

#### **Kennedale Recreation Office**

12830-58 Street  
T5A 4L3  
(780) 442-4972

#### **Clareview Social Work Office**

#600A Hermitage Road  
T5A 4N2  
(780) 442-4971



#### **Assessment & Short-Term Counselling**

To speak privately with a professional social worker, please call (780) 496-4777.

Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m to 12:00 p.m and 1:00 p.m to 4:30 p.m