

Let's

BUILD THIS PARK!

Lynnwood Community League host Fall Festival to raise money to build park accessible to children

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

On Saturday, September 21—Community League Day—the neighbourhood of Lynnwood is hosting a Fall Festival fundraiser to support their effort to build a park all kids can play on.

Lynnwood School is one of only four schools in Edmonton Public Schools that provides the Community Learning Skills (CLS) program. The program supports approximately 25 students with moderate to profound cognitive, sensory and physical needs. Sadly, the nearest park to the school isn't accessible, leaving many of these kids to watch their friends play on a playground they can't use.

Over the last 3 years, the Lynnwood Community League has been determined to change that by raising money for a new accessible playground. The local neighbourhood has rallied around this cause, raising \$255,000 through grants, spring carnivals, books sales, bake sales, bottle drives, garage sales, plant sales, raffles, and auctions. With additional support from the City, the community needs to raise another \$370,000 to cover the \$1.2 million playground. The project costs have already increased almost 20% since they started fundraising. The community hopes to raise the remainder quickly before the costs become too high to build.

The Lynnwood Community League invites the broader Edmonton community to the Fall Festival to support this new playground by buying a book, enjoying some baking, or making a direct donation. The festival features live music from Marie Dunn, Jimmy Wiffen band, and an acoustic jam session. Activities at the event will be friendly to people of all abilities, including a pop-up sensory space provided by Autism Edmonton—a community first. The community will also unveil the new Lynnwood Family Tree art installation, another successful fundraiser for this project. Together we can make sure that kids from all over Edmonton can all play with their friends.

Information and Contacts

Festival Address

Lynnwood Community League
15525 84 Ave NW
Edmonton AB

On-site Contact

Kate Somerville
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Schedule

Activities

12-4:30 p.m. – Crafts
12 - 4:30 p.m. – Book Sale
12 - 6:30 p.m. – Bake Sale
12 - 2:30 p.m. – Edmonton Public Library
1:30 - 3:30 p.m. – Pedalheads Mini bike lessons
3:30 - 5:30 p.m. – EPL Van Library

Music

3:00 - 4:00 p.m. – Ukulele Jam
4:00 - 5:00 p.m. – Acoustic Jam Session
5:30 - 6:30 p.m. – Maria Dunn
6:30 - 8 p.m. – Jimmy Whiffen Band

Interviews

Interviews can be scheduled with a Lynnwood student, parents, and community organizers. To schedule interview in advance or during the festival contact:

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Potential Interviewee names:

- Students: Ava Wragg and Noor Osman
- Parents: Leslie Pappas and Brian Yaeck
- Community fundraiser: Caitlin Angus (President, Lynnwood Community League) and Kristin Reeves