



THE ALEXANDRAN

NEWSLETTER OF THE QUEEN ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY LEAGUE

JANUARY 2019

ROBBIE BURNS DAY

JOIN THE CELEBRATION OF SCOTLAND'S BARD

Every year on January 25, Scots and Scots-at-heart around the world come together to celebrate the life and works of Scotland's national poet, Robert Burns. Join the celebrations at Queen Alex's Burns supper.

There'll be a four-course dinner of traditional Scottish dishes, pipers, poetry, and more.



MENU

Cock-A-Leekie Soup (traditional Scottish chicken broth soup);

Forfar Bridies (ground beef & onions wrapped in pastry);

Haggis (housemade) or **Beef Callops** (seared striploin with mushrooms & onions breaded in oatmeal) with

Neeps and Tatties (garlic & chive mashed potatoes & turnip) with a **whisky jus**;

Tipsy Laird (whipped cream, raspberries, Drambuie syrup & toasted oats served with traditional Scottish shortbread)

When: January 25, 6:00 PM
Where: Queen Alexandra Hall
Tickets: \$40 (members)
 \$50 (non-members)
 Buy on Eventbrite
<http://qacl.ca/burns>

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UPCOMING LEAGUE EVENTS

FRIDAYS, 9:00-11:00 AM

Playgroup

Queen Alexandra Hall

JANUARY 19, 7:00 PM

Board Games Night

Queen Alexandra Hall

JANUARY 29, 7:00 PM

Monthly Members Meeting

Queen Alexandra Hall

JANUARY 17, 6:30 PM

Digital Literacy for Adults

Queen Alexandra Hall

JANUARY 25, 6:00 PM

Robert Burns Dinner

Queen Alexandra Hall

FEBRUARY 1, 7:00 PM

Zumba

Queen Alexandra Hall

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If you're interested in joining a League Committee or want to learn more about the Committee's work, email the Committee Chair. For more general inquiries, email info@qacl.ca.

WINTER PROGRAMS

ZUMBA RETURNS FEBRUARY 1



Burn off the winter blues! Zumba returns to the Queen Alex Hall beginning February 1. *Note: We've pushed back the start from the originally announced January 25 due to a scheduling conflict.*

What is Zumba? A dance fitness program choreographed to a mix of upbeat music, Zumba is **suitable for all fitness levels & modifiable for various physical abilities.** Zumba is a great way to release stress and make new friends!

Registration will be on the first night. Please come early, and bring your Community League membership. Memberships will be available for purchase on the first night. Payment by cash or cheque only.

ZUMBA WINTER SESSION

When: Fridays, 7:30-8:30 PM
starting February 1

Where: Queen Alexandra Hall

Bring: Indoor runners required.

Cost: \$60 (12 sessions)

FRIDAY PLAYGROUP



Join us every Friday for Playgroup, there will be hot coffee and tea, snacks for the little ones, and great company! This is a casual drop-in program—so come when you can, leave when you have to. Kids love the big space to run around, especially in those chilly winter months!

Meet your neighbours, and get to know other families in the neighbourhood (moms, dads, aunties, grandparents all welcome). Share baby gear, toddler survival tips, some laughs, and a zest for living life in Queen Alex.

TO REGISTER

Bring your community league membership, and the registration fee to the hall any Friday morning. Queen Alexandra Community League memberships will also be available for purchase as well. Cash or cheque only please.

PLAYGROUP

When: Fridays, 9:00-11:30 AM
until April 26

Where: Queen Alexandra Hall
(10425 University Ave)

Cost: \$20 for the year

DIGITAL LITERACY FOR ADULTS

After a successful digital literacy class for elementary school kids in which we made and programmed a robot, we will run the same workshop for adults.

The course will run over 8 Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at the community hall. The dates are as follows

- January 17, 24, 31
- February 7, 21, 28
- March 7, 21

The course will be a light introduction to electronics and programming by building a robot. It can be helpful for people who want to get involved in house automation, Internet of Things, or other challenges.

Registration will take place on the first day of class. Please come early and bring your Community League membership card. Payment by cash or cheque only please.

DIGITAL LITERACY FOR ADULTS

When: Thursdays, 6:30 PM
starting January 17

Where: Queen Alexandra Hall

Bring: Laptop computer
(Windows, macOS, Chrome OS)

Cost: \$40 (includes all necessary components)

LEAGUE NEWS

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

HALL REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE

This new committee will work to help the League and its members define a vision and direction for the future development of the Community Hall. We are currently seeking a Chair for the Hall Revitalization Committee and committee members. Should this interest you, please contact Julie Kusiek at president@qacl.ca.

SKATING RINK MAINTENANCE VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers needed to help with rink maintenance tasks such as shoveling and flooding. Whether you can help out on occasion, or take a regular shift it would really be appreciated. Contact info@qacl.ca.

COMMUNITY GARDENS COMMITTEE

The League is seeking a new Chair for the Community Gardens Committee. The City is keeping our file open until the end of May, and if no new chairperson is found the file will be closed and approvals to date will need to be re-done by a new future Gardens Committee. If you interested in this position, please contact Julie Kusiek at president@qacl.ca.

ROBBIE BURNS DINNER VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers needed to assist with: tickets, set up, clean up, and light serving duties. Volunteers will get a free meal. Contact Jason at events@qacl.ca.

SKATING RINK OPEN



Thanks you to volunteers Andriko, Kristof and Mike for putting up the boards, flooding the rink, and clearing the snow. The rink is located on the east side of the community league hall. All members are welcome to go out for a skate (remember to wear your skate tags). The rink is unsupervised, so we ask that people skate at their own risk and recommend wearing appropriate protective gear and helmets (especially for children).

Unfortunately, due to the League's insurance and agreement with the city, playing hockey is not permitted on this style of rink.

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COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

A QUALITY DAYCARE RUN BY COMMUNITY MEMBER

Submitted by QACL Member Krystal Lim

After teaching with Edmonton Public Schools for fourteen years and being a mother of three young boys, I understand the importance of quality child care. My husband and I were never able to find a daycare that we were comfortable with, so we decided to open a child care centre within our own community, Queen Alexandra. The vision was to create a home where we would want to raise our own boys in.

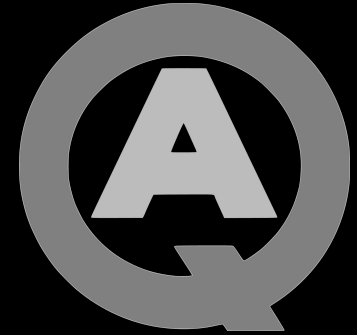
At Next Level Child Care we believe in providing high quality childcare through a program that maximizes opportunity for each child to develop in all areas of growth, as well as become lifelong learners within our diverse community. Balance is key to

helping every child to develop physically, socially, intellectually, emotionally and creatively. The basis of our program is creating educational learning through a balance between engaging guided activities and a play environment that encourages imagination and independence. We believe just as adults, children require a balance in all aspects of life that include free play, guided learning, outdoor activities and a balanced diet.

If you are looking for a daycare, consider us at Next Level Child Care at 10531 74 Avenue. We are also looking for exceptional people to be a part of our team.

We can be reached at krystal@nextleveldaycare.com or www.nextlevelchildcare.com.

The Alexandran is published monthly by the Queen Alexandra Community League. Articles and other submissions should be sent to the Publicity Committee at news@qacl.ca.



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS SUBMISSIONS

Community Connections gives League members the opportunity to submit classified ads, announcements, or articles for inclusion in the League newsletter.

Publication of member-submitted content does not imply that the League endorses the

information contained within, nor can the League guarantee the accuracy of said information.

Members should review the League's advertising policy (see <http://qacl.ca/newsletter>) for guidelines prior to submitting an ad, announcement, or article.

FRONT YARDS IN Bloom

2019

Winterscapes






JANUARY 17 – FEBRUARY 28
CREATE A BEAUTIFUL WINTER YARD!

Sculpt with snow, create playful winter scenes, build works of art, or maintain a natural winter yard.

Nominate a Winterscape for a chance to win

To nominate a Winterscape – yours or someone else's – submit a photo at edmonton.ca/winterscapes

Categories include:

-  Winter Garden
-  Winter Art
-  Winter Play

Prizes awarded weekly.



Learn more at: edmonton.ca/winterscapes

Share photo and ideas at: facebook.com/WinterCityEdmonton