

MALMO PLAINS

• COMMUNITY NEWS •



Conceptual rendering of one of the proposed three new mid-rise residential complexes in Edgeway. (SUPPLIED: Westcorp)

New changes for Edgeway Phase II development

Representatives from Westcorp met with the Malmo Community League and neighbourhood residents on May 10 to discuss Phase 2 of development for the Edgeway community on the neighbourhood's western boundary.

The new trio of mid-rise buildings is an expansion of the existing residential complex on 51 Avenue currently consisting of seven low-rise buildings. The three new buildings will bring an additional 365 rental units to the current 110.

Prior to beginning construction on the new buildings, Westcorp is engaging with the community and City of Edmonton to review proposed amendments to the original project plan, first launched in 2013. Amendments include a reduction in the number of parking spaces, decreasing the total number of units, and other adjustments to the building and surrounding grounds (see side bar for full details).

Another proposed change will shift the focus of the units from seniors' living to accommodate a broader range of tenants including families, couples, and singles.

The new 3-bedroom units will be smaller than those in the existing low-rise facilities, with lower rental costs to reflect the differences.

No changes are proposed to the current access route, where all traffic flows through a single access road south of 51 Avenue. Facilities adjacent to the arterial road will be set back at least 6 metres, allowing for patio space for ground-level units. A dog park is also planned as part of the new development.

Westcorp is also re-focusing the planned development on energy efficiency to help lower operating costs.

As of May 2022, Westcorp is completing the pre-application Notification Engagement and Development Application Package submission process. The City of Edmonton technical review and community outreach are planned for June to September 2022, with an anticipated public hearing at City Council in September or October.

Malmo Plains residents are encouraged to share feedback and questions on proposed amendments by contacting project Planner & Partner, Brian Murray, at bmurray@bapg.ca or (780) 938-3837.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO EDGEWAY PHASE II

- Reduce parking spaces following City of Edmonton changes to parking regulations. 523 underground parking spots were originally planned (1.4 stalls per unit), which has been reduced to 393 (0.9 stalls per unit). 183 bicycle parking spots are being added.
- Lower overall density (decrease number of new units by 30).
- Update landscaping plan and improve accessibility to a broader range of age and mobility.
- Increase building length by 90m to accommodate architectural changes to facade.
- Update waste enclosure requirements to correspond with City of Edmonton Waste Management practices.
- Focus on broader range of renters by offering bachelor, 1, 2, and 3 bedroom units.



The Malmo Community League Hall runs regular programming for local groups and the neighbourhood at large. All programming is free and open to registered Malmo Community League members, unless otherwise noted.

SENIORS' BRIDGE CLUB
Wednesdays @ 12pm, starting in June

Contact Mohimder Chhina at **(780) 695-3488** for more information.

COMING SOON...

- **Big Bin Event** Waste & Recycling initiative
- **AGA Art Hives** Inclusive & Collaborative Community Art Studios
- **Sage Seniors' Association** will host a Senior's Saturday in October.
- Plus ... the return of **Malmo Movie Nights!**

Stay tuned for more information on these upcoming programs. Join our community Facebook group at facebook.com/groups/MalmoPlains for the latest news!

Malmo Community League Hall bookings are open to active members of the Community League (see below). Interested in booking the hall for your event? Contact Rita at **(780) 709-2634** or hall.booking@malmoplains.com



Have you seen our brand new Malmo Community Pop-Up Garden?

Nestled between the Community Hall and the sand volleyball courts, 10 planters help create a space where community members of diverse ages and backgrounds can learn and experiment with gardening. Master gardeners kindly donate their time and expertise, while committed volunteers energetically dig, plant, water, and care for the garden.

The project started this winter as an initiative from the City of Edmonton in the form of a grant. After a successful application and a site visit in the Spring, the City delivered 5 shallow cloth planters and 5 raised water preserving planters filled with soil.

The rest was synergy and community spirit. A group of volunteers met and discussed a vision for the garden (community plots mixed with individual

plots, garden proceeds would be donated to organizations who can benefit from it).

After efficiently collecting donations of seeds and seedlings, volunteers met on a Sunday morning for a planting blitz, et voilà: a community garden was born.

Our goal is to use the garden as an intergenerational space where neighbours can come together and enjoy nurturing and growing both plants and relationships.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Want to help the Malmo Community Garden?

We currently need donations of:

- Watering cans (shower head type)
- A compost bin
- Rain barrels

To donate or volunteer, contact Rita at **(780) 709-2634** or hall.booking@malmoplains.com

GET INVOLVED Join the Malmo Community League

Membership entitles neighbourhood residents to use facilities and to participate in programs and events hosted by the community league.

Our combined membership fees, fund-raising activities, volunteer services, and matching government grants all provide for this enjoyment.

To join the Malmo Community League, please complete and drop off this form at the Malmo Hall mailbox, **11525 - 48 Avenue NW**.

You can also purchase your membership online and learn more about membership benefits at malmoplains.com/membership

| MEMBERSHIP FORM | | |
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| MALMO COMMUNITY LEAGUE | | |
| First Name | Last Name | Email Address |
| Street Address | | Phone Number |
| Membership Type <input type="checkbox"/> INDIVIDUAL (\$15) <input type="checkbox"/> FAMILY (\$30) <input type="checkbox"/> SENIOR HOUSEHOLD (\$15) (2 adults with at least one 65+) | Payment Method <input type="checkbox"/> CHEQUE ENCLOSED <input type="checkbox"/> CONTACT ME FOR PAYMENT | Would you like to receive very occasional email updates regarding Malmo Plains Community League news and events? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |

Questions? Contact our membership coordinator at membership@malmoplains.com

Engagement opportunity: FUNDRAISING ASSISTANT

The Malmo Community League (MCL) Infrastructure Redevelopment Committee (IRC) is seeking a skilled individual with fundraising and development experience to help seek funding opportunities for the new MCL Hall.

This role will work alongside the IRC to engage with community members, business owners, government and grant organizations, and other potential stakeholders to solicit donations and support of the MCL Hall redevelopment project.

The role is primarily volunteer-based, but mutually agreeable compensation may be available to applicants with the appropriate CV.

Please send questions and applications to ircchair@malmoplains.com.

MCL Off-Leash Dog Park summer pilot begins

The Malmo Plains Off-Leash Dog Park is set to open June 15.

Located in the MCL Hall skating rink, the dog park is part of a City of Edmonton pilot initiative that allows community leagues to use rinks in the summer for off-leash areas.

A soft launch is planned this month, and the MCL is seeking volunteers to help maintain the area and ensure accessibility to all neighbours. Duties include maintaining and emptying garbage bins and sanitizer stations, ensuring doggy bag boxes are full, assisting users with access, and ensuring safe and responsible use of the area by all users.

Please send questions and applications to ircchair@malmoplains.com.

Removing black knot fungus from your trees



Black knot affects many trees in Malmo Plains and can eventually kill the entire tree. (PHOTO: Tricia Simon/Alberta.ca)

Black knot fungus is a common tree disease caused by the fungus *Apiosporina Morbosa*. It mostly affects species of cherry and plum trees, including the May Day chokecherry trees common to Malmo Plains.

This tree disease spreads during spring rainy seasons, which facilitate the release of spores that transmit the fungus. The wind carries the spores and helps them find their way to the unhealthy branches and newer growths.

Black knot is easily identifiable from its distinctive gnarled, black growth, known as a gall. Starting small and green, the fungus grows and develops as it infects more of the tree, hardening into a black knot. Once fully matured, these knots produce spores to spread infection while working deeper into the tree and eventually killing it.

While black knot is not harmful to humans, it can cause severe damage to residential trees, making their branches brittle and causing potential hazards as they break off and fall.

The fungus can be treated by pruning infected trees. The best time to do this is in late winter while the infection remains dormant; removal in the spring is possible, but caution is advised. Remove all twigs and branches with the black galls, and be sure to disinfect and clean your cutting tools to prevent the spread of infection. Contain cuttings to a covered or sheltered area and dispose of them quickly.

Fungicides can be used to treat trees that remain infected after pruning. Be sure to remove any existing knots prior to the application of fungicides.

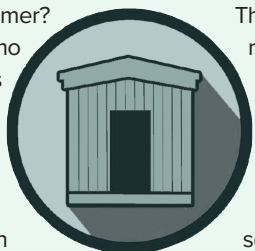
The MCL is offering assistance with black knot removal to neighbours with means or mobility issues who are unable to prune infected trees on their own. Please contact Chris Ouellette at ircchair@malmoplains.com for more information.

[Article adapted from crofttreeexperts.ca]

Green Shack Free Drop-In for Kids

Looking for fun this summer? Think **GREEN!** The Malmo Community League is hosting a Green Shack program for kids ages 6–12 this summer beginning on July 4 until August 25.

Get active and join in on games, sport, crafts, music, drama and special events! A complete list of activities and special events is posted on the side of Green Shacks each week.



The Green Shack program is run by Programs Leaders, who are easily identified by their blue shirts and may be assisted by volunteer leaders in training. All leaders have completed a security clearance process, are trained in first aid, and are certified specialists in fun!

Programming is still available on rainy/snowy days, but may be cancelled during severe weather.

Call for participants: Research Study on early childhood language delay

Researchers from the Language Development and Disorders Lab at the University of Alberta are seeking young children with language delay/difficulty to participate in a new study on how language changes over time for these children.

The study, titled *Language Growth in Preschoolers with Language Difficulties*, seeks to address the changes made to early intervention in Alberta that have made it harder for young children to get speech-language therapy.

Eligible participants are children who:

- Will be starting Kindergarten in 2023.
- Have diagnosed language delay/difficulty OR whose parents have concerns.
- Are not receiving regular speech-language therapy

What's involved?

- 3 language assessments over 1 year.
- Your child will receive gift cards as thanks for their participation.
- We will be happy to share your child's results with you.

For more information, please contact (780) 492-4098 / lddl@ualberta.ca and visit <https://tiny.one/ABlanguage>

CLASSIFIEDS

EDMONTON FIT DOGS

Does your dog need exercise, socialization, or just fun walks? Contact Janneke at **(780) 885-2437**. I have dedicated the last 13 years to keeping client's happy, safe and fit. Check us out on Facebook and Instagram (@yegfitdogs).

FOOT CARE NURSE

United Health Centre Foot Care Nurse. I can come to see you to take care of your feet. Kibbe Yoon, FCN
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Office: (780) 761-9111

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MATH TUTORING

Math anxiety is real. Can every child become a math whiz? Mathnasium of Summerside has the answer. Every child gets their own customized learning plan. We ensure your child succeeds and keep you informed of their progress all the time. Contact us to learn more about our program and how we can help build math muscles for your child. Visit our website to see what parents have to say about our program.
mathnasium.ca/summerside or **(587) 401-2584**

MALMO PLAINS CRIME PREVENTION

With numerous crimes reported in Malmo Plains in recent months, the Malmo Community League is working with the Edmonton Police Service (EPS) Community Engagement Team to help improve safety in our neighbourhood.

- If you witness a crime in progress, call **911**
- If you need to report a crime and need police response, call the EPS non-emergency line at **(780) 423-4567**, press 2, then 8, or dial **#377** from your mobile phone.
- Certain crimes can be reported online at edmontonpolice.ca/ContactEPS/OnlineCrimeReporting
- Finally, you can also reach out to Constable Corinne Kline from the Community Engagement Team at **(780) 426-8382** or Corinne.Kline@edmontonpolice.ca

PHOTOGRAPHY SERVICES

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VIOLIN LESSONS

Master of Music violin teacher offering lessons in Malmo studio. Children's and adult lessons! Contact becky.schellenberg@gmail.com

YOGA

Friday Family Yoga for June only 5:45-6:30pm. Drop in or register @ Glow Yoga Kids or with Cheryl **(780) 975-7174**. Adult Yoga on Thursday evenings in June, 6:45-7:45pm. Contact Cheryl to register at **(780) 975-7174** or cherylmctea@shaw.ca

GUTTER CLEANING & REPAIR

Are your gutters filled with debris? Do they leak? Then it's time to call the Guttermen! Our services include: Gutter Cleaning & Repair, Gutter Replacement & Installation. We are a student-run business with the mission of creating the best possible home maintenance experience for our clients. Interested? Visit our website: theguttermen.ca or call **(780) 885-6855**

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- Ads must be relevant for Malmo residents therefore should be for businesses, clubs, events, etc that occur in Malmo or nearby such as the University Farmlands.
- Advertising in the Malmo newsletter is free, so priority is given to small resident businesses, children's enterprises (such as snow shovelling), and not-for-profit events/clubs.
- We will not advertise for large corporations.
- Space is limited, so ads may be edited or omitted to allow all qualified ads a chance for publication.

The deadline to submit any newsletter articles or ads is the last weekend of the previous month. Submissions may be edited due space.

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