

# The Blue Grass Rattler

Serving the Communities of Blue Quill, Blue Quill Estates, Sweet Grass and Skyrattler

## Welcome!

Chances are, if you're holding this newsletter, then you live in Blue Quill! Did you know that if you live in Skyrattler, Blue Quill Estates or Sweetgrass that you are also part of the Blue Quill community? After a few years' hiatus, we have resurrected this newsletter. And it has taken a slightly different form with a brand new name: The Blue Grass Rattler! We hope you enjoy what it has to offer.

When I say "we", I'm referring to the Blue Quill Community League that strives to provide a sense of community and to enhance the quality of life for its residents by providing facilities for community use, various programs (recreational, social, cultural) and focussed advocacy efforts. We are planning to publish five issues of this

newsletter each year and have them distributed directly to doorsteps and businesses in the community. We feel that this will be the best way to get information regarding the community out to the local residents. It is also available electronically through the BQCL Facebook page (Blue-Quill-Community-League-BQCL), Twitter feed (@BlueQuillCL), web site (<http://www.bqcl.org>) and direct e-mail. If you would like to be added to our distribution list, then please email [bqcladmin@bqcl.org](mailto:bqcladmin@bqcl.org) or check us out online.

We have several events planned this year and hope that community residents come out to enjoy them. These will provide a great opportunity to meet friends, other residents, network and have fun with the family. Check out the pages of this newsletter for details of what's coming

up. There are also city-planned developments on Blue Quill and Skyrattler parks that are being worked on. The community meeting coming up on June 5th will provide an overview of what these developments are all about, an opportunity to ask questions and an avenue for individuals to get involved in the process.

Finally, we'd like to remind residents that the BQCL hall has several rooms and outdoor facilities available to rent for public or private functions. In particular, we have an upstairs loft that is ideally suited for hosting board meetings, birthday parties, movie nights and TV events. The loft has a new floor and is equipped with a projector, wide screen, foosball tables, dart board, Blu-ray player, stereo and Bell satellite TV. If you are interested in renting this room or any others in the BQCL hall, then please send an email to [hall-rentals@bqcl.org](mailto:hall-rentals@bqcl.org) or call the office.

## Blue Quill Surplus School Sites—JUNE 5 at 7pm

Come join us for an update on the progress of advancement of potential development on the three (3) surplus school sites within the Blue Quill Community, two on Blue Quill Park and the other in Skyrattler Park. What does this mean to you? What will be the impact

for you? Will this affect your taxes? What will the potential development look like? When will this happen?

We are also looking to appoint liaisons within the community to work with the City of Edmonton to ensure that our suggestions and concerns will be

heard. We will require four (4) representatives for Blue Quill. The representatives for Skyrattler Park were determined at a previous meeting.

To help out in advance or during the evening please contact the community hall at [bqcladmin@bqcl.org](mailto:bqcladmin@bqcl.org) or call at 780-438-3366.



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Article contributions and community event promotions are welcome. Please contact our Office Administrator to submit content. The Blue Quill Community League reserves the right to control content.

Are you only getting a paper copy of this newsletter but would like an electronic version? Simply contact our office Administrator at :

[bqcladmin@bqcl.org](mailto:bqcladmin@bqcl.org)

We'll make sure you receive all future issues of our newsletter electronically.

CITY OF EDMONTON

BIG BIN EVENTS

June 7 & 8 and

August 23 & 24



**UPCOMING  
EVENTS**

**MAY 31**

**Flea Market**

**JUNE 3**

**Senior's Pancake  
Breakfast**

**JUNE 5**

**Community  
Meeting**

**JUNE 7 & 8**

**Big Bin Event**

**SEPTEMBER 13**

**Party in the Park-  
Music Festival**

Please contact the  
Office at 780-438-3366  
for the tennis code.  
Free with Membership



## Do you live in Skyrattler?

If you received this news-  
letter and live south of  
23rd Avenue, then yes  
you do! Skyrattler is  
bounded by 23rd Avenue  
to the north, 111 Street  
to the east, and the  
Blackmud Ravine to the  
south and west. Now that  
our park has a sign, hope-  
fully more residents will  
know the name of our  
neighbourhood.

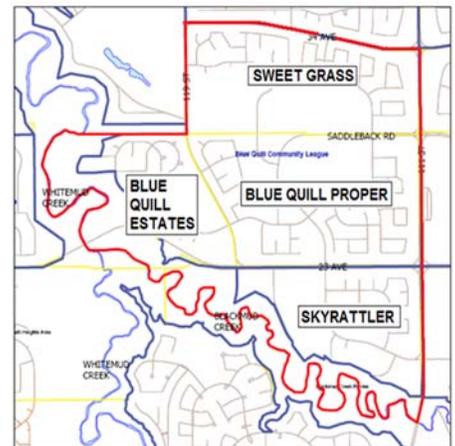
Skyrattler has about 2000  
residents, mostly (85%)  
living in multi-family  
housing. The neighbour-  
hood has come together  
in recent years to re-  
spond to the city's plans  
to build First Place Hous-  
ing on our small park. At  
a forum in April 2013, the  
community spoke out  
and resoundingly said we  
wanted to preserve our  
small green space, espe-  
cially since development  
pressures surround us –  
at Century Park, and the  
Taylor College lands, for  
example.

The community also said  
they don't want status  
quo – they want to make  
the park into a place that  
truly serves the neigh-  
bourhood's needs. Be-  
sides preserving needed  
sports fields, residents  
said they'd like to see  
benches, picnic tables,  
paths, lighting – and of  
course, more trees! To  
help get this going, the  
Skyrattler Neighbour-  
hood Association (SNA)  
was formed.

In February 2014 City  
Council decided to de-  
fer the proposed hous-  
ing development to  
give us some time to  
engage with the own-  
ers of the college  
lands, to try to come  
up with comprehen-  
sive development that  
fits our neighbour-  
hood. They asked the  
SNA to coordinate this  
on behalf of the com-  
munity.

Skyrattler falls within  
the Blue Quill Community

League boundaries, and  
the SNA isn't meant to re-  
place the community  
league. Rather, it will help  
organize Skyrattler resi-  
dents to work on issues  
that are specific to  
Skyrattler. A recent exam-  
ple is a presentation made  
to the Traffic Safety com-  
mittee on traffic  
shortcutting through our  
neighbourhood on Saddle-  
back Road. You can see the  
presentation by going to  
[bqcl.org/forum](http://bqcl.org/forum) and clicking  
on the "Cycling Corridors"  
Transportation Forum.



## Party in the Park— September 13, 2014

### CELEBRATING COMMUNITY THROUGH LOCAL MUSIC!

Come join us again, for  
our second Party in the  
Park event. We are seek-  
ing volunteers, musi-  
cians, and sponsors for  
this event that will again  
take over the Blue Quill  
Park. It's for all ages.

There will be over 30 musi-  
cal acts (on three separate  
stages), two beer gardens  
(wine, beer and pop), hot  
and cold food, clowns, face  
painting, juggling, and the  
evening will finish with  
fireworks. If you would

like to help out in advance or  
during the event please contact  
[bqcladmin@bqcl.org](mailto:bqcladmin@bqcl.org) or call 780  
-438-3366.



## A Word From Michael Walters

It was another long winter here in Edmonton and, as usual, we survived. We are ready to welcome spring and to look forward to a summer filled with festivals and hot weather.

As we move into spring here at city hall we will keep a little bit of winter with us. At our May 21st-Transportation Committee we will be discussing and improving our snow and ice control policy. I will be pushing for improvements to snow clearing and wind-throw removal on streets adjacent to schools. We are reviewing the whole policy and, as a council with six newcomers, there

will be a lot of new ideas about how to make it better.

**Oh.. and potholes!** City council will continue to invest in road repairs this year and voted on April 15th to add an additional \$27 million into the Arterial Road Rehabilitation program for 2014. As citizens you are the eyes out there so please alert 311 to any potholes that need attention.

**Infill and public transit-** There are two very important policy discussions underway at City Hall. Council is deliberating over a review of Edmonton Transit and how we

can expand and improve the system within Edmonton. I am also part of a regional conversation about how best to provide public transit across the region.

As we expand transit we also have to consider our growth as a city. With over 500,000 people expected to move to Edmonton in the coming 2030 years we have real questions to ask about where they all will live. I am committed to starting a larger conversation about infill and increased density to counter rapid outward expansion.

### OUTDOOR POOL SCHEDULE BQ Members get to swim free from May 17-Sep. 1, 2014

Fred Broadstock  
Sun, Mon, Tue & Wed  
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Oliver  
Sun, Mon, Tue & Wed  
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Queen Elizabeth  
(Only until Aug. 25)  
Sun, Mon, Tue & Wed  
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Mill Creek  
Every day of the week  
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

### Blue Quill Community Flea Market

11304-25 Ave NW

SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2014

9:00am to 2:00pm



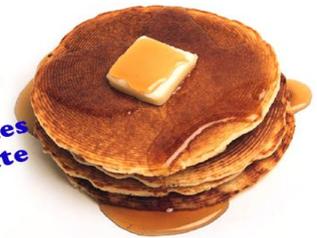
Register to have a table of household goods.

\$30/Table-Preference given to BQCL Members

Limited Space

Download Registration Form from <http://www.bqcl.org>

*In celebration of  
Seniors Week,  
your friends from  
the Southwest  
community leagues  
and SWESA invite  
you to...*



## Join us for a Seniors Pancake Breakfast

**FREE**

**Tuesday June 3**

**From 9-11am**

**hosted at**

**Blue Quill Community center**

**11304 - 25 ave**



**Sausages  
Pancakes  
Juice & Coffee  
are provided**

Contact [carolbigam@gmail.com](mailto:carolbigam@gmail.com)  
ph: 780-434-7558  
if you require any additional info

## Classified Ads

Blue Quill Community league is seeking a summer employee this year. Interested applicants should send in their resume and cover letter at their earliest opportunity.

**Marketing Administrative Assistant** - The successful individual will have an interest in a marketing and sales or event-planning career with the computer and clerical skills to support numerous program and event tasks. A key aspect of the position will be to report to the Party in the Park Music Festival Committee for helping to bring the event to a successful outcome. In this aspect, you may be required to make marketing materials, ensure delivery, maintain mailing lists, post/create internet web pages, and engage on social media (e.g., Twitter). You will also work with the league administrator to help upgrade systems.

## Advertise in the Blue Grass Rattler, Blue Quill's own Newsletter

The Blue Grass Rattler is a local community newsletter published five (5) times per year that provides news and details of events, programs and civic issues. It has a circulation of 5000 and is direct delivered to homes in Blue Quill Proper, Blue Quill Estates, Sweet Grass and Skyrattler. Advertisements are accepted according to the rate schedule below with priority given to local businesses and organizations. The newsletter is published and circulated by the Blue Quill Community League who maintains editorial control and reserves the right to limit advertising as required.

### Introductory Rates:

SIZE	RATE
<b>Business Card Size</b>	<b>\$30</b>
<b>¼ Page</b>	<b>\$50</b>
<b>½ Page</b>	<b>\$90</b>
<b>Full Page</b>	<b>\$150</b>
<b>Back Page</b>	<b>\$175</b>

**\*10% discount will be given for multiple months of advertising paid in advance.**

Please contact our Administrator at [bqcladmin@bqcl.org](mailto:bqcladmin@bqcl.org) or 780-438-3366 to arrange advertising. Next issue is September 2014 with submission deadline of Aug. 15th.

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