

Let's light up Summerlea!

7th Annual Christmas Lights Contest

Judging takes place the **day and evening** of **December 24 and 25**, so **leave your lights on**

Winners will receive gift certificates to local restaurants and businesses.

Keep Your Home Safe This Winter

Neighborhood Watch Tips

Your residence should not only look "lived in", but it should also have the appearance that "people are home".

This winter:

- Try and keep the snow cleared from your sidewalk and driveway.
- Keep a light on. Leave a radio playing.
- Remember, you do not have to "play fair." You can have a "**beware of dog**" sign without the dog. You can have **children's toys** in the yard without having the children. You can park a pair of **size 12 boots** by the back door even if you wear size five. Why not keep the bad guys guessing?

And remember ... **get to know your neighbors!** They are a great alarm system.

*Seasons Greetings and Happy New Year
from your Summerlea Executive*

Season's Greetings from Summerlea Executive

Dear Summerlea Residents

We hope this greeting and update finds you all safe and well. This message begins with thanks.

Thank you to all the masked residents who attended the AGM outdoors, physically distanced on a rainy September day. Your support allowed the community league to carry out mandatory business to continue to operate.

Thank you to the Executive who continue to volunteer their time, and welcome to our new members!

Thank you to JoAnne Burek who coordinated and oversaw the Pop Up Gardens in Summerlea this summer. Thank you to Rusk Redmond who is Summerlea's representative on the West Edmonton LRT Working Group. Thanks to Ralph Tuominen who donates his time to make the Annual Christmas Light Contest such a special event.

Since our AGM, City Council has approved rezoning the overflow lot to Commercial Retail (second reading). Further, it was confirmed the overflow lot will be used for the Temporary Transit Centre. For details visit:

<https://transforming.edmonton.ca/west-edmonton-mall-transit-centre-to-move-temporarily-during-lrt-construction/>.

We brought forward pedestrian safety on 90 and 95 Avenue, parking and traffic problems, safety and security concerns. We met with WEM to open communications. We have broadened the conversation with other communities affected by the developments, with hope to have a collective voice as our neighborhoods undergo so much change.

Recently, the City Planners, LRT Security and Neighborhood Empowerment Team gave us a presentation on the temporary transit centre site, planned pedestrian crosswalks, Transit Security, and public safety education. We still have questions on how the overflow lot will function, who is responsible for the various aspects of the site, and what additional controls will be in place to mitigate concerns.

We are committed to continue working in Summerlea's best interests and to do our best to keep you informed. For details and updates please visit our website summerlea.org.

As we approach a very different holiday season, please remember to take care of yourself and your community. Keeping sidewalks clear of snow and ice helps prevent break-and-enters by indicating that people are at home. Secondly, safe sidewalks encourage people to walk in the neighborhood. That's a stress reliever during the pandemic, and it means more eyes on the neighborhood, reducing crime.

Light up your home and plan to take some walks. Check out the Christmas lights. Email us your favourites at summerleacommunity@gmail.com. We have multiple winners every year. Winners receive gift cards to local restaurants (there's always take out), and a personalized recognition certificate of your home lit up.

Sincerely

Christine Belter

President