FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Belonging grant projects have started coming to fruition, with the opportunity for the community to attend upcoming events.

[Edmonton, AB] April 25, 2024—The recipients of the Belonging Project grants are working hard to put their community initiatives together and prepare them for public participation. Jasper Place and the surrounding area are in for great opportunities to connect with neighbours, learn about the community and grow their own sense of belonging.

Playing with Blocks
(Submitted by High Park Community League)

High Park Community League is starting to organize the communities to help with hosting block socials with their project, Playing With Blocks. Their project will facilitate belonging in two ways:

- Making sure everyone feels connected to our neighbourhood by receiving their High Park Community League membership for FREE; and,
- Making sure everyone feels connected to their block by getting to enjoy a block social with their neighbours on their street.

Building a sense of belonging starts with coming together with your neighbours, and Playing With Blocks in High Park is doing just that! Stay tuned for more info on what you can expect on their socials.

If you want to get involved, please reach out to the High Pack Community League!

West End Hot Club Duo at CH Cafeteria
(Submitted by Donald William Ross)

Join us for Sunday Afternoon Music with the West End Hot Club Duo 🎵 Take a break with some lively music from Edmonton's local jazz scene, Jazz for clarinet and guitar with Don Ross and friends. Enjoy a coffee and your favourite chocolate treat at ch.Cafeteria ☕🎶

Drop in with no cover charge! Mark the April & May dates in your calendar and bring your friends!

April 28, 1-4pm
Don Ross and Don Ehret

May 11, 1-4pm
Don Ross and Gareth Gilliland

Nordic Walking with Crestwood Community League

Join other community members every Tuesday & Thursday from 2-4pm to get active and explore your neighbourhood. A Certified Fitness Instructor provides light to moderate exercises emphasizing a fun, educational approach to developing better balance, strength, flexibility and cardio-respiratory fitness OUTSIDE. Walks start and end at the Crestwood Community League Building: 14325 96 Ave NW,

Edmonton, AB T5N 0C5. A nominal registration fee of $5 is asked of those who can afford it, to help offset expenses and to ensure registration commitment. The program runs until the end of April.

You can indicate your interest, register or obtain more information by sending an email to YegNordicWalking@shaw.ca or just show up at the Crestwood hall on Tuesdays or Thursdays at 2pm.

More Information on the Initiative

Taking into account the different directions this initiative could go, exploring community belonging was selected as a focus for the initiative - in order to make a lasting and meaningful impact. The concept of belonging brings with it many opportunities, like community inclusivity, advocacy, community connectivity and strengthened relationships between neighbours.

In the fall of 2023, our Projects for Belonging Grant application process encouraged community members from across the Jasper Place District to submit project proposals to explore how we as a community might strengthen a sense of belonging in the area – for everyone. We invited people to submit their ideas for projects that foster belonging by:

- Engaging the community
- Developing a community resource
- Repurposing something that already exists
- Hosting an activity or event
- Developing a short term pilot program or initiative

The initiative is being supported by the Stony Plain Road Business Association ("Stony Plain Road BA"). The Stony Plain Road BA has secured limited funding from the City of Edmonton to jumpstart our process during the next two years. It is important to note that this project is a transition from the City-led Jasper Place Revitalization Project which is wrapping up after over a decade of presence in our community.

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