Leisure & Recreation

Chapter Contents

- Cultural Opportunities
- Recreation Resources
- Libraries
- Travel Insurance
- Travel Services

CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES

Edmonton offers a variety of cultural opportunities for the public, including art galleries, ballet and dance, chamber music, opera, symphony, theatre, and many others. Specific events are listed in the two local newspapers, the Edmonton Journal (Today's Senior section, last Monday of the month) and the Edmonton Sun. Also watch the Edmonton Prime Times paper for other articles on Leisure and Recreation. This chapter of the Directory is a great starting point.

Alberta Culture and Tourism

Provincial Historic Sites, Museums and Archives Phone: 780.431.2300 Email:

experiencealbertahistory@gov.ab.ca www.ExperienceAlbertaHistory.com

• All seniors receive a discounted admission when visiting Alberta Government's historic sites, museums, and interpretive centres.

RECREATION RESOURCES

ACT Aquatic and Recreation Centre

2909 113 Ave. NW Mailing address: PO Box 2359 T5J 2R7 Phone: 311

Email: 311@edmonton.ca www. edmonton.ca/leisurecentres/ACT

- Adult Senior Leisure Dance: Wed 1pm-2:30pm. Kick up your heels to live toe tapping music. Have a good time socializing and dancing. Light refreshments served. Fee \$3.50/person
- Water Works: Mon, Wed, Fri 12pm–1pm. This is a safe and easy aquatic exercise program for people with muscle or joint mobility problems. Follow the instructor as you decrease stiffness, increase flexibility and restore or maintain strength; all to soft music.

For information on all City of Edmonton recreation and leisure centres call 311

City of Edmonton recreation and leisure facilities have programs for everyone. You can find everything from fitness and aquatics programs to arts and leisure activities.

Citizen Services Information Line -City of Edmonton

Phone: 311

www.edmonton.ca

- Information about Citizen Services' facilities and programs including sports facilities & community activities.
- For specific listings refer to telephone directory, under City of Edmonton blue pages, located at the back of Yellow Pages

• Leisure Access Program

Phone: 780.496.4918. Provides unlimited free admission to City recreation facilities, and reduced cost for registered programs for low-income individuals and families.

• Ride Transit Program

The Ride Transit Program offers a monthly transit pass to eligible lowincome Edmontonians at a subsidized rate of \$35/month. The program is for Edmontonians ages 6-64. Those 65+ will continue to access the ETS Senior Annual Pass Program. For more information:

www.edmonton.ca/ridetransit

Edmonton Marigold 55 plus Recreation

Contact: Caroline Anker, President Alberta 55 plus Edmonton, Zone 6 11113 113 St. NW T5G 2V1 Phone: 587.469.4460

- Participates in Alberta 55 plus Canada Games.
- Organizes winter/summer fun games during non-provincial Games years.
- Membership Fee: \$30 per year allows participation in all Edmonton, Zone 6 recreational activities and workshops. Membership contact: Marianne Gregory, phone: 780.446.8387

Edmonton Valley Zoo

13315 Buena Vista Rd. NW Mailing address: P.O. Box 2359 T5J 2R7 Phone: 311 Email: attractions@edmonton.ca www.valleyzoo.ca Hours of Operation for 2018: Sept 3-Oct 9: 10am-4pm weekdays 9am-5pm weekends & holidays; Home to more than 350 animals

- The Edmonton Valley Zoo is open 364 days of the year and every visit is rich with animal interactions.
- Get Closer with animal talks and demonstrations!

Harcourt House Arts Centre

3rd. Fl., 10215 112 St. NW T5K 1M7 Phone: 780.426.4180 Email: harcourtinfo@shaw.ca www.harcourthouse.ab.ca Hours of Operation: Tues-Sat 10am-5pm; closed Sundays, Mondays and statutory holidays.

- Harcourt House is an open, viewer friendly gallery forum for the best in contemporary visual arts, new media, architecture and design.
- The organization provides programs and exhibitions of the highest caliber in support of the local arts community and Edmonton audience.
- Our exhibition programming seeks both emerging and established artists and designers to present work that aims to engage. The gallery annually presents a minimum of 10 five-week exhibitions from local, provincial, national and international artists, collectives, architects, designers and arts organizations.

Heritage Amphitheatre

Phone: 780.944.7745 Email: amphitheatre@edmonton.ca

• The Heritage Amphitheatre is Western Canada's largest outdoor amphitheatre. The landmark's distinctive white canopy offers excellent acoustics and an open view of William Hawrelak Park. It has fixed seating for 1,100 patrons in the safety of a permanent structure with additional festival seating for 2,900 on attractively landscaped grassy slopes, for a comfortable capacity of 4,000 patrons.

John Janzen Nature Centre

Corner of Fox Drive & Whitemud Drive Mailing address: P.O. Box 2359 T5J 2R7 Phone: 311

Email: attractions@edmonton.ca www.edmonton.ca/johnjanzen Hours of Operation:

Jan 2-Dec 23: 10am-5pm daily, 11am-4pm holidays; Dec 24-Dec 31: 11am-4pm. Closed Christmas Day

- learn about the natural wonders of Edmonton's river valley
- seniors' rates available

John Walter Museum

(Kinsmen Park) 9180 Walterdale Hill Mailing address: P.O. Box 2359 T5J 2R7 Phone: 311

Email: attractions@edmonton.ca www.edmonton.ca/johnwalter Hours of Operation:

July 1-Sept 30: Saturdays 1-4pm; March 5-Nov. 26: Sundays 1-4pm

- Admission is free, though donations are gratefully accepted
- Learn about Edmonton's history through the story of this pioneer family

Kinsmen Sports Centre

9100 Walterdale Hill NW Phone: 311 Email: 311@edmonton.ca www. edmonton.ca/kinsmen

- Special rates for senior citizens (65+) per visit or passes to reduce the cost.
- Four swimming pools, two fitness centres, and field house. Walking and running tracks, racquetball courts, change rooms, indoor tennis courts, functional training centre, cafeteria, and physiotherapy.
- Personal trainers available for consultation.
- Check E Active Recreation Guide or website for registered or drop-in fitness classes.

The Minus One Club of Edmonton

Social dances for seniors twice a month on Saturdays from 7-11 pm at Bellevue Community Hall, 7308 112 Ave. NW Live bands: Music from Old Time to a little Rock 'n Roll Widowed, divorced, single or couples - all welcome For more information visit www.minusonedanceedmonton.com or call 780-478-6187

Provincial Archives of Alberta

8555 Roper Rd. NW T6E 5W1 Phone: 780.427.1750

- Acquires, preserves and makes available the documentary heritage of the province of Alberta.
- Throughout the year the Provincial Archives hosts numerous events and workshops. For more information on our events please visit our website.

See HELP AT HOME – Donating Your Household Items – Historical Items

Recreation and Wellness Directory for Older Adults

Edmonton Seniors Coordinating Council

Phone: 780.423.5635 Email: info@seniorscouncil.net www.seniorscouncil.net

- The Recreation and Wellness Directory for Older Adults lists more than 1200 courses, clubs, trips and events for adults 55+ in the Edmonton area.
- Enrich your life with activities covering arts, fitness, technology, health and recreational programs.
- Browse the online directory at www. seniorscouncil.net or pick up a print copy.

See SENIORS' INFORMATION SERVICES – Seniors' Services Organizations, and VOLUNTEER RESOURCES for ESCC listings

Senior Citizen Centres

Most senior citizen centres have recreational programs; refer to the Senior Centres, Clubs and Groups chapter for listings, and call those that interest you.

Ukrainian Canadian Archives and Museum of Alberta

9543 110 Ave. NW T5H 1H3 Phone: 780.424.7580 Email: ucama@shaw.ca www.ucama.ca Hours of operation: Tues-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 12 noon-5pm

- Welcomes small tour groups.
- Research library available.
- Membership opportunities.

• Building new museum; donors can receive artistic plates or donor wall recognition.

Seniors Information Phone Line

Connecting Seniors to Supports and Services

Dial (211)

Social Activity Matters

Staying socially active is an important part of our overall health. Visit Sage and get connected! **780.423.5510**

University of Alberta Botanic Garden

51227 AB 60, Parkland County, AB T7Y 1C5 780-492-3050

Email: uabg.info@ualberta.ca www.botanicgarden.ualberta.ca Hours of Operation: Open daily, May 1 through Thanksgiving. Check website for hours.

- The University of Alberta Botanic Garden (formerly the Devonian Botanic Garden) is a 97 hectare (240acre) property located in Parkland County, 15 minutes southwest of Edmonton, with cultivated gardens and plant collections, indoor showhouses, and extensive natural areas.
- Includes the stunning new Aga Khan Garden, Alberta, a 4.8 hectare Mughal-inspired garden, made possible by a gift from His Highness the Aga Khan. Other highlights include the Kurimoto Japanese Garden; a Tropical Showhouse with exotic butterflies: Temperate and Arid Showhouses: alpine, herb, rose, peony, lilac, lily and primula collections; Indigenous Garden; trial beds and much more. Amenities include aift shop, outdoor patio café, quided tours, aroup discounts.

Waskahegan Trail and Trail Maintenance

P.O. Box 131 Edmonton AB T512G9 Email: information@waskaheaantrail.ca www.waskahegantrail.ca

- 10 km guided hikes every weekend. Country hikes April through October, city hikes November through March. Guests welcome.
- Want some exercise? Come to our trail maintenance work parties most Wednesdays and Saturdays.
- Membership and Waskahegan Trail Guide Book available.
- Visit www.waskaheaantrail.ca or check Vue Weekly, Edmonton Journal listings.



beautiful new Aga Khan Garden, Alberta.

botanicgarden.ualberta.ca 780-492-3050

Located in Parkland County, 5 km north of Devon on Hwy 60

YMCA of Northern Alberta

www.northernalberta.ymca.ca Offering over 20 drop-in fitness classes for seniors including cardio, strength, yoga, Tai Chi, Zumba®, aquatics, Pickleball and more.

- No contracts
- No cancellation fees
- Support from certified staff
- Indoor running/walking track Seniors rates and financial assistance available.

Castle Downs Family YMCA (North Edmonton)

11510 153 Ave NW 780.476.YMCA (9622)

Don Wheaton Family YMCA (Downtown Edmonton)

10211 102 Ave NW 780.452.YMCA (9622)

Jamie Platz Family YMCA (West Edmonton)

7121 178 St NW 780.481.YMCA (9622)

William Lutsky Family YMCA (South Edmonton) 1975 111 St NW

780.439.YMCA (9622)

YMCA Welcome Village -Family Resource Centre (Downtown Edmonton) 9538 103A Ave NW 780.426.9265

LIBRARIES

CNIB

12010 Jasper Ave. NW T5K 0P3 Phone: 780.488.4871

 In coordination with the Centre for Equitable Library Access, CNIB Library Services offers both 'home bound' audio book services and access to accessible material such as audio and braille books at your local library. For individuals with vision loss, a specialized audio book reader is available.
 See HEALTH & WELLBEING-Health Service Organizations for complete listing.

JUNE 15 world elder abuse awareness day

For more information on elder abuse visit the Sage website and look under the NEED HELP? tab.

www.mysage.ca

Edmonton Public Library

Main location: Enterprise Square 10212 Jasper Ave T5J 5A3 Phone: 780.496.7000 www.epl.ca Hours of Operation: (Enterprise Square Only) Mon-Fri 9am–9pm Sat 9am–6pm, Sun 1pm–5pm

- Hours vary by location. For hours of operation of other EPL locations, please contact the branch or visit epl.ca.
- EPL has been designated Senior Friendly™

EPL Locations

Abbottsfield - Penny McKee Branch 3410 118 Ave. NW T5W 0Z4 Phone: 780.496.7839

Calder Branch 12710 131 Ave NW T5L 2Z6 Phone: 780.496.7090

Capilano Branch 9915 67 St NW T6A 3C2 Phone: 780.496.1802

Castle Downs Branch 106 Lakeside Landing, 15379 Castle Downs Rd. NW T5X 3Y7 Phone: 780.496.1804

Clareview Branch 3808 139 Ave. NW T5Y 3E7 Phone: 780.442.7471

epIGO – West Henday Promenade 818 Webber Greens Drive, West Henday Promenade T5T 4K5 Phone: 780.796.8342 Heritage Valley 2755 119A St. SW T6W 3R3 Phone: 780.496.4834

Highlands Branch 6710 118 Ave. NW T5B 0P3 Phone: 780.496.1806

Idylwylde Branch 8310 88 Ave. NW T6C 1L1 Phone: 780.496.1808

Jasper Place Branch 9010 156 St. NW T5R 5X7 Phone: 780.496.1810

Lois Hole Branch 17650 69 Ave. NW T5T 3X9 Phone: 780.442.0888

Londonderry Branch 110 Londonderry Mall, 137 Ave. & 66 St. T5C 3C8 Phone: 780.496.1814

McConachie Branch 16607 50 St. NW T5Y 0C8 Phone: 780.496.1587

Meadows Branch 2702 17 St. NW T6T 0X1 Phone: 780.442.7472

Mill Woods Branch 2610 Hewes Way NW T6L 0A9 Phone: 780.496.1450

Riverbend Branch 460 Riverbend Square, Rabbit Hill Rd. & Terwillegar Dr. T6R 2X2 Phone: 780.944.5311

Sprucewood Branch

11555 95 St. NW T5G 115 Phone: 780,496,7099

Strathcona Branch

8331 104 St. NW T6F 4F9 Phone: 780.496.1828

Whitemud Crossing Branch

145 Whitemud Crossing Shopping Centre, 4211 106 St. NW T6J 6L7 Phone: 780,496,1822

Woodcroft Branch

13420 114 Ave. NW T5M 2Y5 Phone: 780.496.1830

epl2you

Edmonton Public Library

Phone: 780.496.6894

- Provides library materials to older adults, ill or disabled individuals who are unable to get to the library, through delivery to their homes. extended-care facilities or senior's lodges.
- Special materials available: large print books, Daisy Books and Daisy Players (digital talking books), audiobooks on CD, descriptive videos and DVDs, digital content.

Leduc Public Library

2 Alexandra Park Leduc AB T9F 4C4 Phone: 780.986.2637 Email: infodesk@leduclibrary.ca www. leduclibrary.ca Hours of Operation: Mon-Thurs 10am-9pm, Fri-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 12pm-4pm (The library is closed on Sundays from May through to the Labour Day Weekend.) • Outreach Services brings large print

books, audio books, Daisy books, DVDs, and other library materials to people who are unable to use the library due to temporary or long-term physical and medical disabilities.

- The Library provides a substantial collection of audio and large print books.
- Staff provide one-on-one training sessions. Sessions must be booked in advance.

St. Albert Public Library

5 St. Anne Street St. Albert AB T8N 3Z9 Phone: 780.459.1530 Email: sapl@sapl.ca www.sapl.ca Hours of Operation: Mon-Thurs 9am-9pm; Fri 9am-6pm; Sat 9am-5pm; Sun 1pm-5pm

- Free programs of interest to seniors
- Many formats available for borrowing with a library membership, including large print, CD audiobooks, DVDs, blurays and playaways.
- Home library service is available for residents of St. Albert living in their own home who are unable to visit the library due to a temporary or permanent disability; a volunteer will deliver materials to you.

Stony Plain Public Library

112-4613 52 Ave. Forest Green Plaza Stony Plain AB Phone: 780.963.5440 Email: info@mysppl.ca www.mysppl.ca Hours of Operation: Mon-Fri 10am-8pm; Sat 10am-5pm; closed Sun

- Free One on One Technology Help by appt
- Free Memberships
- Free/low-cost programs

Strathcona County Library

401 Festival Lane **Sherwood Park** AB T8A 5P7 Phone: 780.410.8600 Email: info@sclibrary.ca www.sclibrary.ca Hours of Operation: Mon-Fri 9:30am-9pm, Sat 9:30am-5pm, Sun 1pm-5pm Additional rural service provided by the Bookmobile

- FREE Library cards
- Free programs: technology, book clubs, authors, films, genealogy, travel, and more
- Outreach for people who are unable to come to the library
- Resources large print, e-books, movies, audiobooks, DAISY books, and more



TRAVEL INSURANCE

Consider whether purchasing travel insurance is right for your trip.

Types of Travel Insurance Coverage

•**Medical** travel insurance can help provide coverage to limit out-of-pocket costs if you become injured or sick.

• Evacuation - If you're abroad and must deal with a natural disaster or political unrest, getting to a safe place in a strange land is a harrowing experience. It can also be incredibly expensive. Travel insurance can help cover the cost of getting out of harm's way.

• Cancellation travel insurance covers cancellations due to illness and injury, and other problems such as if your tour provider goes bankrupt or an airline delay causes you to miss your event.

•**Baggage** insurance will provide some reimbursement for lost, damaged or stolen luggage.

• Death and dismemberment - Similar to typical life insurance, this option provides your heirs with a payout should you die during your trip.

TRAVEL SERVICES

at a Service Canada Office

OR

Canada's Passport Program

Apply for a Canadian passport: Phone: 1.800.567.6868 TTY: 1.866.255.7655 Canada.ca/passport (Complete the application form online and then print it) Applications may be made: In person Passport Edmonton Office Canada Place Building, 126-9700 Jasper Ave. Mon-Fri: 7:30am-5pm

278

	LEISURE & RECREATION
OR contact the nearest Government of Canada office abroad: travel.gc.ca/assistance/embassies- consulates By mail Government of Canada Passport Program Gatineau QC K1A 0G3 Canada By courier Passport Program 22 de Varennes St. Gatineau QC J8T 8R1 Canada Simplified Renewal Application Process	renewal application form; • have been issued for five (5) or ten (10) years; • not be damaged; • never have been reported lost or stolen. With the Simplified Renewal Application Process, you can apply in person in Canada at any Passport Canada office or Service Canada receiving agent location, or by mail in Canada or from the United States, or in person at a Government of Canada
Simplified Renewal Application Process If you are eligible to use the Simplified	passport issuing office abroad. Check passport processing times at:
Renewal Application Process, you need	Canada.ca/passport.
only provide a completed simplified	*The new photos are only valid for 6
renewal passport application (PPTC 054),	months from date they were taken. They
along with your current Canadian passport, the required fee and two	do not need to be signed by anyone (guarantor). However, the name and
recent photos*.	address of the photographer or studio, as
The Simplified Renewal Application	well as the date the photos were taken,
Process does not require supplementary	must be provided on the back of one
identification or guarantor information.	photo. Refer to the photo requirements
To be eligible for Simplified Renewal, your current Canadian passport must:	at: www.canada.ca/passport
 be submitted; 	Adults (16 years of age or over) have the
• be valid or expired for no more than	option of a 5-year or 10-year passport.
one year;	
 have been issued based upon an adult 	Travel Health Clinic

- have been issued based upon an adult application form. (16 years of age or older at the time of your previous application);
- be in the exact same name, sex, date of birth and place of birth as requested on your new simplified
- **Traveller's Health Services / Immunization** Business Unit, Alberta Health Services 440-10030 107 St. North Tower T5J 3E4

Phone: 780.735.0100 • Appointments Require

- Appointments Required for Immunizations
- General Travel Information available from www.cdc.gov/travel

Social Activity Matters

Staying socially active is an important part of our overall health. Visit Sage and get connected! **780.423.5510**