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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

- Rockin in Rundle GOLD: Wednesdays, 1pm-2:30pm. Kick up your heels to live toe tapping music. Have a good time socializing and dancing. Light refreshments served. Free to Leisure Access Pass annual pass holders or City of Edmonton Rec Centre Members. Drop-in: \$7
- 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.

Please note: the pool is going to be shut down tentatively from Dec. 1, 2019 for approx. a year.

Alberta 55-Plus

Edmonton Zone 6 - Recreation

Contact: Caroline Anker, President

Phone: 587.469.4460

Office Location: Central Lions

11113 113 St. NW T5G 2V1

Hours of Operation: Tues-Thur 1:00-3:00

Phone: 780.454.6560

Website: <https://alberta55plus.ca>

- Edmonton 55-Plus offers a wide variety of athletic and artistic activities and workshops.
- Opportunities for competition in Alberta 55-Plus Winter and Summer

Games and Canada 55-Plus Winter and Summer Games. Winter/summer fun games are organized during non-provincial Games years.

- Membership fee: \$30 per year.
Contact: Roz Schilberg, 780.466.0148.

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 low-income 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 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; Closed

Christmas Day

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!
- Seniors' rates available

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: 9am-4pm daily, 11am-4pm holidays; Closed Christmas Day and Jan. 1

- Learn about the natural wonders of Edmonton's river valley

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:

May 24-Sept. 2: Friday-Monday 12-4pm

- 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 (Social Dance) Club of Edmonton

Bellevue Community Hall, 7308 112 Ave.

Our social dance club provides live old time music for seniors 55+. All seniors are welcome – single and married.

- 2nd and 4th Saturday each month (visit website or call for exceptions)
- 7-11 pm (lunch at 9:30 pm)
- We also host a New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance (ticket sales start in November)

For list of dance dates and bands playing visit www.minusedanceedmonton.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 1400 courses, clubs, trips and events for adults 55+ in the Edmonton area.
- Enrich your life with activities covering arts, fitness, technology, health, social 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.

Shadow Theatre

10329 83 Ave. Phone: 780.434.5564

Email: info@shadowtheatre.org

www.shadowtheatre.org

Hours of Operation: 10am – 5pm

- Breathtaking live theatre in the heart of Old Strathcona.
- All performances take place in the beautiful Varscona Theatre.

Special Seniors Matinee

**SHADOW
THEATRE**

Compelling stories
as far as the mind can see

SPECIAL SENIORS SUBSCRIPTION RATE

All four shows for only \$80

regular price \$144 you save \$64

Talk back with the actors after the show

Tea and coffee provided by **ATB Financial**

The Roommate
12:30 pm, October 30, 2019

*The Odd Couple meets
Breaking Bad*

Heisenberg
12:30 pm, March 18, 2020

*An electric encounter turns into
life-changing experience*

**Happy Birthday
Baby J**

12:30 pm, January 29, 2020

*A startling new comedy skewing
the excesses of political correctness*

**The Wrong People
Have Money**

12:30 pm, May 6, 2020

*The funniest play ever written about
moving Greenland*

At the beautiful **VARSCONA THEATRE** · 10329-83 Ave, Edmonton

Where to purchase

www.shadowtheatre.org (use promo code SENMAT),
or call us at **780-434-5564**

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.

University of Alberta Botanic Garden

51227 AB 60, **Parkland County**, AB T7Y 1C5

Phone: 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 (240-acre) 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 gift shop, outdoor patio café, guided tours, group discounts.

Waskahegan Trail and Trail Maintenance

P.O. Box 131 Edmonton AB T5J 2G9

Email: information@waskahegantrail.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.waskahegantrail.ca.

YMCA of Northern Alberta

northernalberta.ymca.ca

Stay active, connect with others, and be a part of a welcoming community at the YMCA!

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 Family Resource Centre (Downtown Edmonton)

Boyle Street Plaza
9538 103A Ave. NW
780.426.9265

LIBRARIES**CNIB Foundation AB & NWT**

11150 Jasper Ave., Edmonton, AB T5K 0C7
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.

Edmonton Public Library

Main location: Enterprise Square
10212 Jasper Ave. T5J 5A3

NOTE: The main branch will be relocating in February, 2020 to our newly renovated Stanley A. Milner Library at 7 Sir Winston

Churchill Square T5J 2V4

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**Abbotsfield - 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 3G4

Phone: 780.442.7471

West Henday Promenade (Lewis Estates)

818 Webber Greens Dr.

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

Idylwyld 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 Library

17650 69 Ave. NW T5T 3X9
Phone: 780.442.0888

Londonderry Branch

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

McConachie Branch

16607 50 St. NW T5Y 0C8
Phone: 780. 442.5314

Meadows Branch

2702 17 St. NW T6T 0X1
Phone: 780.442.7472

Mill Woods Branch

2610 Hewes Way NW T6L 0A9
Phone: 780.496.1818

Riverbend Branch

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

Sprucewood Branch

11555 95 St. NW T5G 1L5
Phone: 780.496.7099

Strathcona Branch

8331 104 St. NW T6E 4E9
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

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Edmonton Public Library

Phone: 780.496.7000

- 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 T9E 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, blu-rays and playaways.
- Homebound library service is available for residents of St. Albert living in their own home who are unable to visit the library for three months or more 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@mypspl.ca

www.mypspl.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

4401 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 & outreach for people who are unable to come to the library
- Free programs: technology, history, travel, book clubs, genealogy, Scrabble, and more
- Accessible formats: 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

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

OR

at a Service Canada Office

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

If you are eligible to use the Simplified Renewal Application Process, you need only provide a completed simplified renewal passport application (PPTC 054), along with your current Canadian passport, the required fee and two recent photos*.

The Simplified Renewal Application Process does not require supplementary identification or guarantor information.

To be eligible for Simplified Renewal, your current Canadian passport must:

- be submitted;
- be valid or expired for no more than one year;
- 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 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 passport issuing office abroad.

Check passport processing times at: Canada.ca/passport.

*The new photos are only valid for 6 months from date they were taken. They do not need to be signed by anyone (guarantor). However, the name and address of the photographer or studio, as well as the date the photos were taken, must be provided on the back of one photo. Refer to the photo requirements at: www.canada.ca/passport

Adults (16 years of age or over) have the option of a 5-year or 10-year passport.

Travel Health Clinic

Traveller's Health Services/Immunization

Business Unit, Alberta Health Services

440-10030 107 St. North Tower T5J 3E4

Phone: 780.735.0100

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