



Inglewood COVID-19 Outreach

We are very excited to announce that our League is launching the **COVID-19 Outreach Initiative** to ensure our community is being supported and cared for during this difficult time.

Are you looking to help your neighbours as a Community Connector Volunteer OR are you looking for a Friendly Neighbour to assist you?

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Spring President's Message - Reetu Schaaf

Hello Residents of Inglewood,

Spring has arrived – the Edmonton way, of course - with just a bit more snow! Last year around this time, I provided residents with a mid-term update on League activities. This year, however, things are a bit different as COVID-19 has grabbed everyone's attention, including the League's.

As you may have noticed, the League Hall has been closed to the public further to the public health measures that began on March 17, 2020. Inglewood Playground, located next to the hall, is also now closed. All League events and activities involving gatherings have been cancelled, until further notice. At this moment, we don't have a date set to re-open or to resume larger activities. We will continue to monitor the situation and update this information as soon as we can. Please keep in mind, these local measures are in place to help protect our residents during this pandemic.

In place of our usual activities, the League is looking at how we can help connect residents who are interested in helping with those who might need help (see our next article to learn more).

The league has also been monitoring the various COVID-related announcements from government. Here are just a few of the updates, in case you missed them:

- Gatherings with 15 or more people are no longer allowed. This measure is now legally enforceable.
- The City has closed City Hall, in-person service counters, all playgrounds and recreational centres.
- Transit services (including Bus, LRT and DATS) are FREE until further notice. Riders are asked to enter buses through the back door unless otherwise required.
- Residential utility customers can request to defer electricity and natural gas bill payments for 90 days, regardless of the service provider. Call your utility provider directly for details.
- The City is providing an option to delay residential and non-residential property tax payments due on June 30, 2020. Call 311 or email taxes@edmonton.ca for details.
- Many banks have options available to defer mortgage payments. Call your bank directly for details.
- The Provincial government has extended expiry dates for Alberta driver's licences, vehicle registrations and other permits and certificates until May 15, 2020. Check the GoA's [Government Service Changes](#) for this information and other supports.
- The Federal government has extended income tax return filings to June 1, 2020. Check [Canada's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan](#) for this information and other supports.

Keep in mind this information can change quickly. I encourage residents to stay informed and frequently check information related to government announcements and special initiatives either through the sources noted above or below.

Whether you are... working from home, have been deemed an essential or supply chain worker, off work because of a closure, attempting to homeschool / distance learn with your children, or just trying to find something for you or your kids to pass the time, COVID-19 is taxing and testing all of us. Like many of you, my family and I are at home and slowly adjusting to the circumstances we find ourselves in. Outside of our daily walk, one of the best parts of our day is finding a moment to watch an old episode of *Mr. Dressup* with our kids.

Staying in all the time takes a toll on the best of us. If you or members of your family are struggling, a reminder there are resources available that can offer some extra support from a distance during this time:

- Kids Help Phone is Canada's only 24/7, national support service offering professional counselling, information and referrals to young people in both English and French. Call 1-800-668-6868, [chat online](#) or text 686868.
- Mental Health Helpline offers Albertans support with mental health concerns. Call 1-877-303-2642 for assistance.
- For other helpful services, check out [this resource page](#).

Lastly, I know we've all heard it before, but it truly can't be said enough: when you do step out for groceries or go for a walk around the neighbourhood please maintain a 2-meter (or 6 feet) distance from others, wash your hands regularly, and follow the advice of our public health professionals. I know these are trying circumstances, but let's all do our part to keep our community safe! Stay safe.

Reetu Schaaf
President
Inglewood Community League

COVID-19 Resources

Find comprehensive COVID-19 information and resources from our various governments and agencies. Keep in mind this information can change quickly. Residents are encouraged to stay informed and frequently check information related to government announcements and special initiatives through the sources noted in this edition of the e-newsletter.

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COVID-19 Inglewood Community Outreach



As a Community League, we are proud to be launching the **COVID-19 Inglewood Community Outreach Initiative**. We want to ensure everyone in our community makes it through this difficult time - healthy, happy and cared for.

Our goal is to match Community Connector Volunteers with folks from our community needing 1-1 assistance in a confidential and safe manner. If you (a) are **needing assistance**, or (b) can **help out** as a Community Connector Volunteer, please let us know.

Until this pandemic is over, there may be increasing need for isolation. We hope that anyone that becomes at-risk and/or displays active symptoms, will enjoy the comforts of home with support from this initiative:

1. If you **need assistance**, please ensure you provide us with all of your information to ensure we can connect with the right volunteer to help address your needs.
2. Those seeking assistance will be matched with a Community Connector Volunteer on a confidential 1-1 basis.
3. The information provided in this form helps us tremendously – for example matching the tasks, risk groups, and location of people.
4. If you have generously **offered to assist**, we will contact you personally through our Volunteer Coordinator Sarada, as the need arises.

Thank you for participating in the COVID-19 Inglewood Community Outreach Initiative.

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Inglewood Programming & Events

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all Spring and Summer programs are currently suspended. This applies to all levels of programming, including group classes like yoga, our community garden program, the City of Edmonton Summer Camps, Green Shack and all in-person social events and gatherings. We will keep you notified of changes to these circumstances as this pandemic continues to unfold.

As a League, we understand now more than ever before, the need to stay connected as a community while practicing physical distancing. Leagues across our great city have reframed what "connecting" means in some pretty creative, engaging and dynamic ways! To name just a few...

- Window Art Walks
- Sidewalk Chalk Messaging
- Virtual Yoga and Dance
- Virtual Events (Pub Nights, Concerts)
- Virtual Meetings
- Online Platforms/Apps for Connecting
- Friendly Phone Calling

Let's get creative Inglewood!

If you have ideas/suggestions of ways to keep us all connected as Community, please share! I love hearing from all of you. Thank you for your cooperation as a community in practicing physical distancing and self-isolation. We are all in this together.

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design

The design and management of a space impacts human behaviour. When a space is well designed it helps reduce crime and increases perceptions of safety. However, when a space is poorly designed crime and antisocial behaviour is more likely to occur. This not only impacts our safety and willingness to engage in our community but it also affects our overall wellbeing.



Property owners can take proactive steps to protect their property by implementing target hardening strategies. These strategies follow the principles of CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) and seek to design the physical environment in a way that helps deter crime. Good design increases the chances of an offender being caught and reduces the benefits of crime. It also makes us feel safer and more comfortable.

[Download Document](#)

Crime and Safety Tip of the Month

Spring cleaning: With spring approaching keep in mind that your property can do a lot when it comes to keeping crime to a minimum.



- If you have shrubs or bushes on your lawn: cut them to ensure you can view a person from the waist up. If they are higher than six feet tall, trim the bottom to ensure you can see the waist down. This will increase sight lines and keep the visibility of your property high.
- Keep your lawn and alley tidy. Somebody is more visible on a clean and tidy property versus one littered with garbage. It also shows pride in your ownership and can deter criminals.
- Lighting: this can be one of the most important factors. Even aesthetic lighting can increase the feel and perception of safety in an area.

The above items can be changed with minimal cost to the homeowner. Security systems can be a helpful tool, but remember that they do not replace the above suggestions. A camera with no

lighting can make for a poor video quality. They can be costly, but they do assist in overall safety (especially after the event). Remember, an image of a suspect can potentially lead to an arrest. However, making small adjustments to your property can help prevent it before it starts.

Inglewood Servus Credit Union Closure



A message from our local Servus Credit union:

The Inglecroft branch will be temporarily closed effective Friday, March 27.

This closure allows us to maintain long-term staffing across our wider branch network, as well as at our Member Contact Centre, so we can deliver on our commitment to provide financial support when you need it most.

In the meantime, we're happy to help you in a number of other ways:

- *Email us at contact_us@servus.ca*
- *Make use of our [online banking services](#)*
- *Call our Member Contact Centre anytime at [1.877.378.8728](tel:18773788728)*
- *At one of our nearby branches and ATMs not impacted at this time:*
 - *[10303 107 Avenue](#)*
 - *[11311 Kingsway Avenue](#)*

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,

Jamie Cochrane

Branch Manager, Inglecroft branch

Avenue Edmonton 's Best Neighbourhoods Survey

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2020 **BEST** **NEIGHBOURHOODS** SURVEY

UNTIL APRIL 15

The survey should take about six minutes to complete. Once the survey results are compiled, we use third-party data collected by a variety of groups including the City of Edmonton, the Edmonton Police Service and Walk Score, among others, to rank Edmonton's neighbourhoods.

[Take Survey!](#)



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