# **November / December 2021**

# **COMMUNITY CONNECTOR**

Bringing news from Leduc Family & Community Support Services and Leduc Assisted Transportation Services to Seniors and LATS clients

## **Welcoming Winter**

Winter is a long period of the year here in the northern hemisphere. This year it begins on Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> and ends Sunday, March 20, 2022. You may be asking why this article's title is 'Welcoming Winter' then. There are many things the season offers so no matter what your interests are, you will surely find something to enjoy.

If you love outdoors, winter is an amazing time to get out and enjoy a walk, go skating, snowboarding, skiing or snowshoeing. There is nothing better than dressing warmly and embracing the winter weather, whether sunny or cloudy, every day seems to sparkle.

Of course, there is always Canada's favourite sport and that is hockey. This year the Edmonton Oilers have welcomed fans back in-person if they are over 12 and are vaccinated.

Winter is a time for rejuvenation and comfort as well. Resting and relaxing with a warm cup of tea, cocoa or mulled cider and enjoying a great book, is a great way to spend a winter day. Perhaps you like doing puzzles, playing

games, baking, crafting or learning a new skill by taking a course. Keeping your mind active is just as important as keeping your body fit.

One of my favourite activities in December is to take in all of the Christmas light displays throughout Leduc. It brings me such joy to see everything looking so magical and festive. If you have yet to see the display the City of Leduc puts on by Telford House on Telford Lake, it would be time well-invested.

The local Farmer's Markets in and around Leduc and area are full of local artisans, who appreciate your support and the chance to say hello. What a great way to buy that special someone a gift and support 'local' at the same time.

With all of the restrictions due to Covid-19, spending time gathering with friends and family is different again this year. As long as we all follow the rules, we will welcome winter safely.







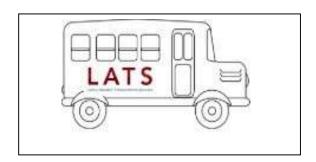


# The City of Leduc is closed on the following dates:

- Remembrance Day Thursday, November 11 - closed
- Christmas Day
   Saturday, December 25 closed
- Boxing Day
   Sunday, December 26 closed
- Monday, December 27 and Tuesday, December 28, the Civic Centre is closed but LATS will operate both days
- Christmas Eve Friday, December 24 Closing at 3:00 p.m.
- New Year's Eve Friday, December 31 Closing at 3:00 p.m.
- New Year's Day January 1 closed

The booking office at Edmonton DATS will operate on a holiday schedule and the Client Services Schedule will be closed on December 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Subscriptions will be cancelled December 25<sup>th</sup> to January 1<sup>st</sup>. If you still require your subscription booking on any of these days, please call 780-496-4567 (option 2), to book it.





If you need a ride to join in on the FREE coffee and tea with friends at the Leduc Recreation Centre (LRC), Leduc Assisted Transportation Services (LATS) can take you there. If you are not a registered LATS client yet, call us at 780-980-8445 and we will help you get set up to use the service.

You are only required to pay your fare on the way to the LRC and your ride home is complimentary.



### **Aquatic Fitness Opportunities** Note: Seniors and Gentle classes

\*Seniors AquaFit is now within the Seniors Active Afternoons timeframe, so it's free of charge for 60+

Sept 13 - Dec 18							
Location	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		AquaFit - Shallow 8:30 - 9:15 a.m.	AquaFit - Deep 8:30 - 9:15 a.m.	AquaFit - Shallow 8:30 - 9:15 a.m.	AquaFit - Deep 8:30 - 9:15 a.m.	AquaFit - Shallow 8:30 - 9:15 a.m.	
Main Pool			AquaFit - Seniors 12 – 12:45 p.m.		AquaFit - Seniors 12 – 12:45 p.m.		
Leisure Lane Pool		Gentle AquaFit 3 – 3:45 p.m.		Gentle AquaFit 3 – 3:45 p.m.			

Dry Fitness Opportunities Note: Active & Ageless, Barre for Boomers and Yoga that are all popular with older adults

# ■ Drop-in Fitness Programs

Sept 7 - Dec 23 Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Ride & Shine (Spin) 6-6/15 a.m. Apple Core Cycling Zone		Sweat Equity 6 - 6:45 a.m. Apple Core Cycling Zone / Track		
Sunday Cycle (Spin) 9 – 9:45 a.m. Apple Core Cycling Zone	HI Lo 9 – 9:45 a.m. County Court C	Right to Bare Arms & Abs 9 - 9:45 a.m. County Court B	Barre Bootcamp 9 – 9:45 a.m. Aspenleaf Studio	RPMs 9 – 9:45 a.m. Apple Core Cycling Zone	Rock Bottom 9 – 9:45 a.m. Apple Core Group Training Zone	Weekend Warrior 9 – 9:45 a.m. Apple Core Group Training Zone
	Active & Ageless 10 – 10:45 a.m. Apple Core Group Training Zone				Healing Yoga 10 – 10:45 a.m. Aspenleaf Studio	
	Barre for Boomers 1 – 1:45 p.m. Aspenileal Studio	Oulcklit 12:15 - 12:45 p.m. Apple Core Group Training Zone	Crank'd 12:15 - 12:45 p.m. Apple Core Cycling Zone	Ouiddit 12:15 - 12:45 p.m. Apple Core Group Training Zone	Zumba Gold 1:15 – 2 p.m. County Court C	
			Matinee Yoga 2 – 2:45 p.m. Aspenisal Studio		Stroller Strong 1:30 - 2:15 p.m. Apple Core Group Training Zone	
	H.LLT It! 6 - 6:45 p.m. Apple Core Group Training Zone	Rock Bottom 6 – 6:45 p.m. Apple Core Group Training Zone	Indoor Cycling (Spin) 6 – 6:45 p.m. Apple Core Cycling Zone		Classes with this logo  must the common are sponsored by Healthy Hearts Leduc and are FREE	
		Easy Flow Vinyasa Yoga 7 - 7:45 p.m. Aspenleaf Studio	Zumba 7 – 7:45 p.m. Aspenleaf Studio	Fit & Fierce 7 – 7:45 p.m. Apple Core Group Training Zone	(no daily wristband required).  All drop-in classes are included with membership or paid daily admission.	

## Safety Tips for the Fall/Winter

This is the time of year when we need to take extra precautions to ensure we are safe and warm. Make sure that you have everything you need when stepping outdoors and onto the bus. What you wear impacts how the cold weather can affect you. Ensure you are equipped with the appropriate attire such as boots, gloves, a hat and a warm coat and of course, your mask!

Plan ahead and remember that sometimes the winter weather can cause delays due to road conditions, heavy snow, ice, traffic, etc. Please be patient if your bus is delayed.

Be cautious when you board the bus, especially in snow covered areas. The stairs and aisles can become slippery when wet so use extra caution. Try to clean the snow off of your boots or shoes before boarding to avoid slips and falls.

Ensure that your home sidewalks are kept clear of snow and ice so that you don't slip and fall. Safety first!

When traveling at night, turn your porch light on so that both you and the driver can see the walkway.

Be visible – carry a small blinking flashlight or have something reflective or light coloured on, so that you can be easily seen in the dark.

Remember to be respectful of your driver. They are doing their very best to get you to and from your destinations safely, no matter what the weather conditions are.







Plan Ahead! If a fire breaks out in your home, you may have only a few minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Everyone needs to know what to do and where to go if there is a fire.

#### SAFETY TIPS

- MAKE a home escape plan. Draw a map of your home showing all doors and windows. Discuss the plan with everyone in your home.
- KNOW at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily.
- ))) HAVE an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole or mailbox) a safe distance from the home where everyone should meet.
- PRACTICE your home fire drill at night and during the day with everyone in your home, twice a year.
- PRACTICE using different ways out.
- TEACH children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- CLOSE doors behind you as you leave.

#### IF THE ALARM SOUNDS...

- If the smoke alarm sounds, GET OUT AND STAY OUT. Never go back inside for people or pets.
- If you have to escape through smoke, GET LOW AND GO under the smoke to your way out.
- CALL the fire department from outside your home.



#### Your Source for SAFETY Information

NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

#### FACTS

- A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire. Install smoke alarms inside every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. Smoke alarms should be interconnected. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.
- According to an NFPA survey, only one of every three American households have actually developed and practiced a home fire escape plan.
- (1) While 71% of Americans have an escape plan in case of a fire, only 47% of those have practiced it.
- One-third of American households who made an estimate thought they would have at least 6 minutes before a fire in their home would become life-threatening. The time available is often less. And only 8% said their first thought on hearing a smoke alarm would be to get out!

www.nfpa.org/education CNFPA 2016

#### **NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2021**

#### **ACTIVITIES AT TELFORD HOUSE**

#### EXERCISES AND QUIONG ARE ON HOLD TILL NEW INSTRUCTOR FOUND

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sturling	9:30 am			1:00 pm	
Bridge	9:00 am			1:00 pm	
Curling	1:00 pm		1:00 pm		
Knitting				9:30 am	
Lunch				11:30 am SERVED	
Crib		1:00 pm		7:00 pm	
Euchre					1:00 pm
Guitar	7:00 pm		1:00 pm		
Painting			9:30 am		
Stained Glass	9:00 am	6:30 pm			
Darts	ТВА				

Sending warm wishes to you and your Family during this 2021 Holiday Season.

May your home be blessed with love and happiness.

Lucrecia Mendoza

Older Adult Services Coordinator







