A REPORT FROM YOUR VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR, JEFF EDWARDS

2021-22 has been a year of ups and downs, but through it all volunteerism has been strong in our neighbourhood. Thanks again to all the volunteers who facilitated activities like…

* Good Food Boxes – many are involved in managing the pickups and deliveries of fresh fruits and vegetables from Community Kitchen Calgary at the ECA. About 55-70 boxes go out, with 16-20 delivered, and 15 are sponsored. Thanks to Jan Brigden for taking over as coordinator from Deidre Harris.
* Breakfast Club – was still Tuesday lunch club because of covid, but the mandate was the same! Volunteers feed needy children. Thanks to all shoppers, preppers, deliverers, and the donating organizations. About a dozen volunteers made lunches for 99 kids including 15 that went directly to our schools. It will continue through the summer as Lunch Club serving about 100 people with volunteers from Westminster.
* Christmas hampers, sorting, wrapping and delivery – about 75 volunteers helped prepare hampers for 12 local families! Special thanks to the coordinators: Deirdre, Connie, Heather, Elaine, Barb E, and Barb M.
* Snow Angels – wonderful volunteers again shoveled walks for several neighbours this winter. Five senior clients received shoveling help from about a dozen volunteers.
* Ice Rink – five volunteers repaired, flooded and cleared the rink this winter. Thanks!
* Winter Olympics – About 20 volunteers made a multi-station event a great time on a bitterly cold day at the rinks.
* Hand-made Market – This year’s craft fair was helped out by the Scouts and a few volunteers and board members.
* Thursday Food Trucks – Last summer and this summer, a couple of volunteers always made sure everything flows smoothly and cleanly on the last Thursday of each month.
* Mother’s Day Tea – Churchill’s volunteer club will be dressed up to serve!
* ECA Clean-up the Ravine will happen in the fall with a BBQ and games. Thanks to U of C’s Exploring Communities and our own Bruce James for heading this up.
* Youth Press – teens continue to do articles for the Inside Edge.
* ELM & beautification team – volunteers manage landscaping and report 311 concerns.
* Volunteering still happened for sports, arts, boys/girls clubs, & cultural activities.
* Edgemont Networking Group – continued their multi-faceted work in many areas.
* Edgemont Garden Group – the Breakfast Club garden will be underway again.
* ECA Board of Directors – all are volunteers with many significant administrative roles.

Thank you again Edgemont volunteers! You have indeed been loving your neighbours.
Questions or comments are welcome to volunteers@edgemont.ab.ca.
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