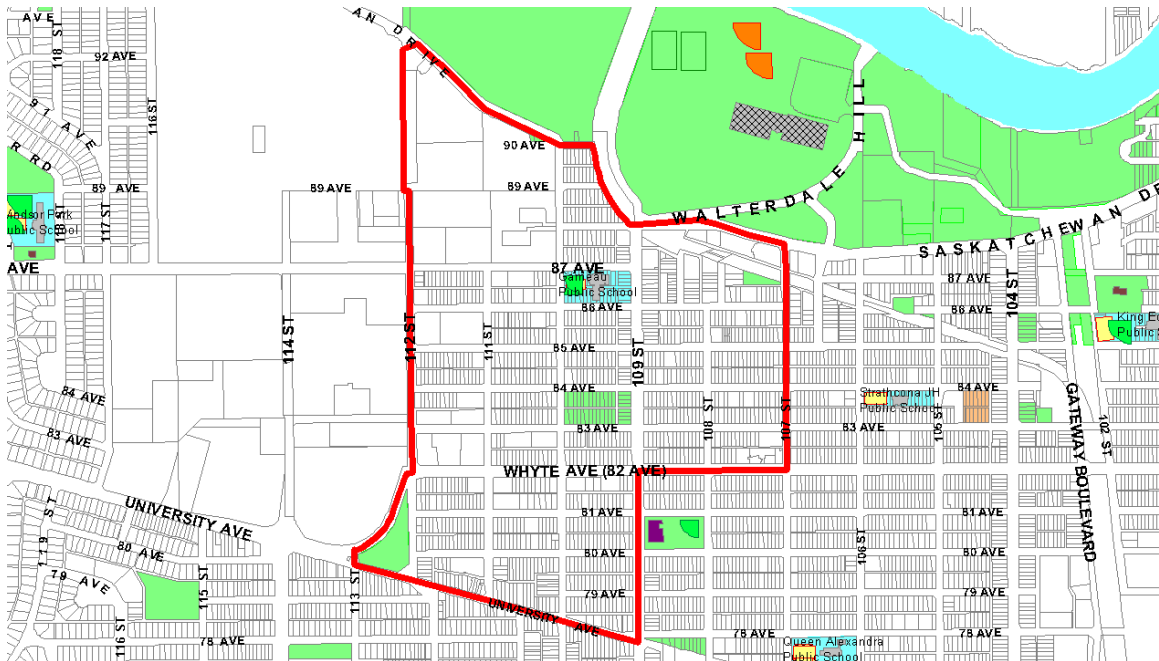


Welcome to The Garneau!

If you have rented or bought a place within the boundaries shown on the map below, you are a resident of The Garneau and the community would like to extend you a hearty welcome to the neighbourhood.



The Garneau Community League hopes that the following information will give you some background on your new neighbourhood's character and amenities to help make your stay with us, whether long or short, as pleasant and happy as possible.

What is The Garneau?

Laurent and Eleanor Garneau built the first home on River Lot 7, which has become the present City of Edmonton neighbourhood, in 1874. The University of Alberta came to the adjacent River Lot 5 in 1910, followed by what eventually became the University Hospital in 1914. The University expropriated the area north of 87th Avenue and east of 110th Street in the 1960s and bought a couple of buildings along 112th Street but the majority of The Garneau is still privately owned. For further information on its history, see <http://preservegarneau.org/>

The Garneau is also home to some fine local businesses. Long-established restaurants and coffee bars include the Upper Crust on 86th Avenue, High Level Diner and The Sugar Bowl on 88th Avenue, Earls on 112th Street, Leva on 111th Avenue, and Di Capo and Fiore Cantina on 109th Street. Enjoy our Art Deco Garneau Theatre, a municipal historic building, which shows both first-run and art films. Safeways on 82nd Avenue is the largest grocery store but there is also a Sobeys in College Plaza. A Shoppers Drug Mart is located by the Safeway store.

The Garneau School has programs for children from K to 6 and a fine playground equipped for children as well as a football/baseball field that may also be rented to groups wishing to play soccer or baseball after hours. The City Arts Centre on 84th Avenue runs programs for both children and adults and, in the summer, is also the base for The Garneau Tennis and Sand Volleyball Club. In all, we have three play parks for children and of course great access to the walking, skiing and biking trails throughout the river valley.

Your neighbours

The Garneau is a vibrant neighbourhood because residents are wonderfully diverse. We have large numbers of student residents who stay with us for a few months or a few years, but we also

have significant numbers of young professionals, families with children, and retired people who have lived here for many years, as well as several residences for seniors and the handicapped.

The community's message to all residents is please enjoy your home to its fullest, but don't prevent others from enjoying theirs. We strongly recommend that you introduce yourself to your new neighbours. Consider sharing such chores as snow shoveling and lawn mowing. Neighbours can also keep an eye on your place and your pets during weekends and holidays when you're away. Respect your neighbours by keeping noise to acceptable levels and letting them know if you plan to hold a party. Be particularly sensitive if you live alongside young children or old people. Inconsiderate noise levels are the most frequent source of disputes between neighbours.

One of the best ways to meet your neighbours and understand the issues facing the community is to join The Garneau Community League. All are welcome at meetings, which in 2009/10 will be held on September 9, November 18, January 13, March 10 and May 12 at 7:30PM at the City Arts Centre. For further information email [Kathybk@shaw dot ca](mailto:Kathybk@shaw.ca).

Traffic and parking

The Garneau's system of one-way streets and frequent stop signs is unique and can be baffling to newcomers. Please take it easy on our residential streets and observe the traffic signs. The lanes which run between the avenues and some streets are designed for service vehicle and local resident access only. As most garages are built close to the property lines, drivers backing out into the lanes have limited vision, so be especially careful if you are cycling or driving past.

In the City of Edmonton cycling on the sidewalks is not allowed unless they are specifically marked as bike paths, so please stick to the road. There are contra-flow bike paths on most of the one-way streets closest to the university. Only use the paths when you are cycling against the flow of vehicular traffic. If you're cycling with the flow you should not be in the contra-flow path. "Stop" and "yield" signs apply to cyclists too. Be especially careful at the start and end of the school year, when The Garneau is flooded with new students to the University and their parents. They're concentrating on finding their way, and won't be looking out for you as they should. The mature elms that line The Garneau's streets are glorious in summer – but they really cut back on the light available from the City's lamp standards. We've been trying to get the City to address this for years. Until we are successful, make sure your bike is well equipped with lights if you cycle after dark.

Parking is one of the more contentious issues in The Garneau. A residential parking program is in force in most areas of the community (except evenings and weekends). Cars parked without permits are liable for at least a \$50 fine. If you own or rent a single-family house you can apply to the City for a permit for your car. Fraternities, condominium and apartment dwellers are expected to have their own parking on site. Note that it is illegal to rent out parking spots in your back yard to anyone not resident in your house.

Safety

The Garneau is on the LRT, and close to the city centre and the University. The city's sneak thieves find busy, forgetful students and their neighbours easy pickings. A few elementary precautions will help keep both you and your belongings safe. Lock your doors at all times, even when you are home. Always lock your bike, even if you are just popping into a store for a couple of minutes. When you're not using it, keep your car in your locked garage and remove all valuables from view. Don't let anyone into your apartment or condo building that you don't know. Keep an eye on your neighbour's place and challenge anyone on the property that you don't recognize. If you see anyone suspicious lurking in the back alleys, report it to the police.

Finally, if you have been drinking with your friends on Whyte Avenue or in one of our more local bars and are making your way home on foot late at night, stick to the well-lit main streets like 109th Street, Whyte Avenue and 87th Avenue as much as possible. Many residential streets in The Garneau are darker than we would like them to be.

Enjoy your time in The Garneau!