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40th Anniversary of the Mill Woods Evacuation

Edmonton, AB: Saturday March 2nd, The Alberta Common Ground Alliance will be recognizing the 40th anniversary of the 1979 Mill Woods gas line explosion. A tragic event that left one man permanently disfigured, led to the evacuation of 17,000+ Mill Woods residents, and resulted in the creation of Alberta One Call and the Call Before You Dig initiative across Canada.

Discover more about this local history that changed a nation Saturday March 2nd between 2:00 and 4:00 in front of the Mill Woods Public Library. The event will feature illustrated panels retelling the events of the explosion, buried infrastructure interactive demos, emergency responders and more. Expect a family friendly event with something for everyone.

The goal of the commemoration is to remember this unique local history while educating residents of the importance of Clicking Before You Dig and the consequences of buried infrastructure strikes. Consequences that cost Albertans \$960,000 daily and endanger lives.

Sponsors of the event in addition to The Alberta Common Ground Alliance (ABCGA) include Alberta One Call and Edmonton Are Pipeline & Utility Operators' Committee (EAPUOC). Additional support has been provided by the Mill Woods Presidents' Council (MWPC), the Mill Woods Public Library and the City of Edmonton.

About the Mill Woods Presidents' Council: Since 1983 the Mill Woods Presidents' Council has served as southeast Edmonton's area council, striving to realize a safe and supportive community to live, work and play.

Our mission is to identify opportunities for community improvement through a recurring forum that brings together leaders, stakeholders and elected officials; then champion solutions through partnerships and the collective effort of the community leagues of southeast Edmonton.