

NEIGHBOURHOOD DESCRIPTION

Michaels Park is one of the 27 neighbourhoods of Mill Woods. The Mill Woods land bank was assembled in 1970 by the Government of Alberta because of concern over the rising cost of serviced residential land in the Edmonton area. Mill Woods was named for Mill Creek which crossed it and the groves of Parkland forest trees that stood there. By 1971, a development plan had been prepared by the City of Edmonton. The City began to purchase the land, subdivide it and sell residential and commercial building lots. Residential development in Michaels Park began in 1973 and was essentially completed by the end of the decade.

The neighbourhood is bounded by arterial and collector roadways. Another collector road and bus route, Millbourne Road East, bisects it. Interior streets follow curvilinear and cul-de-sac patterns. A number of pathways, including a pipeline right-of-way, promote pedestrian and bicycle travel within the neighbourhood. At the centre of Michaels Park is a multiple purpose open space and recreational area, part of which was deemed surplus to school needs in 2008 and will be redeveloped as low to medium density housing as part of the City of Edmonton's first time homebuyers program. High density housing is located along collector roadways. Directly east of the neighbourhood is the Mill Woods Golf Course.

Michaels Park, together with three adjoining neighbourhoods comprise the Millbourne Community with a community level shopping facility at the centre. The residents of Michaels Park are served by the Millbourne Shopping Centre as well as the health services, commercial, recreational and educational facilities of the Mill Woods Town Centre.

Michaels Park was named in honour of John Michaels who was involved in community service for 50 years and was best known for his promotion of aviation and the north country.