



NEIGHBOURHOOD DESCRIPTION

Jackson Heights is one of the 26 neighbourhoods of Mill Woods. The Government of Alberta assembled the Mill Woods land bank in 1970. 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.

Jackson Heights is a triangular shaped neighbourhood bounded on the west by 50th Street, north by Whitemud Drive and a utility corridor that has been developed into open green space. Part of the Mill Creek Ravine crosses through the southern portion of the neighbourhood. The focus of the neighbourhood is a multiple purpose school and recreational area. Residents are served by businesses on a small commercial site along 50th street.

Jackson Heights is named in honour of Annie B. Jackson, first policewomen in Canada. She was appointed to the Edmonton Police Department in 1912, and received worldwide acclaim when her photograph as a Policewoman appeared on the front page of the London Daily Mirror on August 8, 1913.