



NEIGHBOURHOOD DESCRIPTION

Menisa is one of the 27 neighbourhoods of Mill Woods and a part of the three neighbourhood community of Knottwood. The Mill Woods land bank was assembled in 1970 by the Government of Alberta because of concerns 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 Menisa began in 1976 and was nearly complete by the end of the decade.

The Menisa neighbourhood is bounded by arterial and collector roadways. Another collector road and bus route, Knottwood Road South, bisects Menisa. Interior streets follow curvilinear and cul-de-sac patterns. A number of pathways promote pedestrian and bicycle travel within the neighbourhood.

Menisa is primarily a neighbourhood of single-detached homes, with some higher density housing and commercial sites located along collector roadways. The centre of the neighbourhood is a multi-purpose school and recreational site. Residents of Menisa are served by businesses in the Menisa Shopping Centre as well as health services, commercial, recreational and educational facilities of the nearby Mill Woods Town Centre.

In the Cree language, Menisa means “berries” which were abundant in the Parkland vegetation that grew in the Mill Woods area.