

ELBOWPARK

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Elbow Park Residents' Association www.elbowpark.com

SPRING 2012

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Fantastic fundraising initiatives are coming your way this Spring and fall including:

Pub Night - May 26, Elbow Park
Bottle Drive - June 2, Elbow Park
Casino - June 7 and 8
Celebrate - September 8.
Please support your community
by volunteering at
www.elbowpark.com.

Watch for event updates at
www.elbowpark.com

We have added Facebook to our website and interested parties can receive updates of upcoming events through this medium. The website now offers the ability to buy memberships on line. You can also keep up to date on community events, tips on making the community a safer place or view historical photos of Elbow Park.

CLUBHOUSE RENOVATION

Thank you to those who have given generously to the Clubhouse Renovation Project. We continue to fundraise to reach our goal which gets closer by the day. Should you wish to donate this can be done by Paypal or credit card on our website. As we are a registered charity, all donators are eligible to receive an official tax receipt.

ELBOW PARK SPRING PUB NIGHT



Saturday, May 26

7:30 pm -12:30 am

at the Clubhouse

Tickets \$5 at the door!

Beer/Wine \$5

*Proceeds will cover the event costs
and the Clubhouse Renovation Project*

*If you have any questions or
would like to volunteer
bartend or help with set-up?*

*Email : any EPRA Board Member
or www.elbowpark.com*

**SHOULD YOU WISH TO RECEIVE AN ELECTRONIC COPY OF THE GAZETTE PLEASE
EMAIL YOUR CONFIRMATION WITH YOUR PHYSICAL ADDRESS TO president@elbowpark.com**

ELBOW PARK - SAFETY COMMITTEE

The EPRA Safety Committee has come up with an idea to address a growing concern for our community. This concern is increased home/yard/garage thefts and altercations with bottle pickers.

With the introduction of the Blue Bin recycling program many people put refundable items in their bins for weekly pick-up. Very few people have the time or inclination to return their refundable items to a bottle depot for a refund. As such our bins are ripe pickings for people to rummage through and take large loads of refundable items to the recycling depots.

While this may seem like a public service (in both directions) the fact of the matter is that the blue bins have drawn large numbers of non-residents into our neighborhood. While many of these individuals are quite nice there have been a few frightening incidents of the bottle pickers verbally and physically threatening both adults and the children in the community. In fact, the Christ Church pre-school had to do a full scale lock-down procedure in response to a very threatening individual.

Furthermore, the Calgary Police Service has advised us that with the introduction of the blue bins they have seen a rise in house break-ins in neighborhoods where bottle pickers are very active. There are two situations that may be occurring; the bottle pickers might be scoping houses to identify vacationers or boxes from newly purchased items. They may use this information themselves or sell it to other criminals that want to know an easy target. Secondly there has been a number of indications that criminals may be posing as bottle pickers when they are in fact scoping out houses.

Either way, the presence of non-residents in our alley ways is not as innocuous as some might think. There is a real risk of increase home invasion and altercations with some of the less friendly individuals in our alleys.

In response to this concern the Safety Committee is organizing a monthly bottle drive/bottle drop-off at the community hall. The first Saturday of each month a bottle recycling company will have their truck at the Elbow Park clubhouse from 9 am until noon. We ask that residents save their refundable items in their garages each month and then bring them to this drop-off service each first Saturday. We will also arrange for pick up of bottles from homes where drop-off is not possible such as from elderly residents. We will compile a master list of these homes and monthly pick up will be arranged.

We hope that community organizations such as the Girl Guides, Boy Scouts and others will partner with us in this monthly endeavor such that they can benefit from the fund raising opportunity. We hope to have each month's organization make a donation to either the Mustard Seed or Food Bank as an effort to off-set the reduced income that our neighbourhood's bottle pickers will have. We welcome any other organizations who wish to use this as an opportunity to fundraise to please contact the Safety Committee.

We recognize that Elbow Park Elementary School (EPS) does bottle drives to support their sister school every other month. If you are an EPS family please support that project instead or as well. The goal is safety in the community and both venues lead towards that goal.

Please do your part to keep our neighbourhood as safe as possible. Please make the small extra effort to store your refundables each month and then deliver them to the clubhouse for recycling.

Tip: Use your old garbage bins to collect the refundable items in a garbage bag and then just come and drop it at the clubhouse. It is quick and easy once you make a habit of it. No need to sort your items.

For you: We have large bright stickers printed up that say "This Bin Has No Refundable Items". Please pick one up from the bottle drop off and this will help discourage bottle pickers from frequenting our alleys.

INAUGURAL BOTTLE DROP-OFF/DRIVE

Saturday, June 2 from 9 am till noon

at the Elbow Park Clubhouse on 8th Street and 34th Avenue.

Please save up your refundables and help support safety in our community!!!

Free coffee and muffins/donuts and bin stickers.

Contact safety@elbowpark.com or Troy at (403) 399-2960 for further details.

CALGARY'S 20-MINUTE MAKEOVER

From Wednesday, June 6 to Saturday, June 9, 2012, Calgarians are invited to participate in a city-wide litter cleanup. Grab garbage bags and gloves and clean up a boulevard, back alley or park - any public space that would benefit from a few minutes of special attention.

All Calgarians - individuals and families, neighbours, school, corporate and community groups - are encouraged to be a part of building stronger communities by participating in the cleanup. If each of us spends just 20 minutes picking up litter in public spaces, we will all benefit from a cleaner, safer city. In fact, if one in four Calgarians takes 20 minutes to pick up litter, we will have invested 5,000,000 minutes cleaning up our city. That's a major makeover!

You can join the challenge by signing up online at calgary.ca/20minutemakeover. If you have a group of ten or more, garbage bags and t-shirts will be available for your group. Everyone who signs up will also be entered to win prizes! While registration is optional, we encourage you to sign up so we can map the cleanup. Participants are also encouraged to post before and after photos on the "3 Things for Calgary" website at www.3thingsforcalgary.ca/your-3-things.

Group activities and events will all be posted on the 20-Minute Makeover website, so if you'd like to be part of a group event, watch the site for a location near you. If you're planning a group event, we would be happy to post the details online so that other members of your community can join in.

The focus of Calgary's 20-Minute Makeover is litter cleanup. However, while you are out in your community, you can further assist in the development of healthy and safe public spaces by recording and reporting graffiti. If not immediately removed, graffiti vandalism sends out a message that "nobody cares" about the area. This creates an open invitation for more graffiti, litter and other crimes. Graffiti (crime) in progress can be reported by calling 9-1-1. To report existing graffiti, call 3-1-1.

For more information about Calgary's 20-Minute Makeover, contact the 20-Minute Makeover Team by email at 20minutemakeover@calgary.ca, visit our website at calgary.ca/20minutemakeover, or call 3-1-1.



The City of Calgary Recreation is celebrating its centennial in 2012! June's signature event as The City of Calgary Recreation hosts the 2012 Canadian Track & Field Trials. Cheer on Canada's Olympic hopefuls as they compete to qualify on a spot to represent Canada at the London 2012 Summer Olympics in England.

There will be a fun, family festival running at the park during the trials that includes athlete autographs, games and a chance to learn proper run, jump and throw techniques with Canada's elite athletes. We invite you to get active and join us!

CANADIAN TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

June 27-30, 2012 at Foothills Athletic Park

Did you know that in 1910 The City owned 3 athletic fields at Victoria, Mewata and Riley Parks, and James Shouldice donated 100 acres of land to be used for games, sports and other recreational activities? Shouldice Park is still used today, and now offers an artificial turf field to help extend the play season for sports groups.

In 1970, the Recreation department and local school boards worked together to build The City's two outdoor tracks: Glenmore Athletic Park and Foothills Athletic Park.

To learn more about the history of recreation in Calgary or to attend our numerous special events being held throughout the year, visit www.calgary.ca/rec100. The City of Calgary Recreation - a century of achievement and a future of possibilities.



FOSTERING SAFE COMMUNITIES...

PROPERTY ADDRESSING

- All property addresses must be clearly visible from the street.
- Property owners must ensure that addresses are clearly displayed at the back of the property if that property is adjacent to an alley or public walkway.
- A well-displayed address greatly assists emergency services such as Calgary Fire and Alberta Health Services – EMS.
- It also helps city operations such as Waste & Recycling and Animal & Bylaw Services to provide services more efficiently.

GRAFFITI

- Graffiti makes citizens feel unsafe.
- When graffiti is left in a community, it suggests to vandals that residents don't care.
- Graffiti left unchecked attracts more graffiti and other forms of vandalism and crime.
- You can help prevent graffiti by following the 3Rs: RECORD, REPORT, REMOVE.

RECORD the address where graffiti is located.

REPORT the graffiti by calling 3-1-1. If you see graffiti being applied, call 9-1-1.

REMOVE any graffiti from your property within 72 hours.

- For information on graffiti resources, call 3-1-1 or visit calgary.ca.

SPAYING OR NEUTERING YOUR PET: BENEFITS AND BEYOND

When you choose to own a cat or a dog, you are making a commitment to care for that animal for the duration of their life. Proper care for your cat or dog includes not only providing food, shelter and exercise, but also licensing your pet and acting as a responsible pet owner by spaying or neutering your cat or dog.

Research has shown that spaying or neutering cats and dogs has benefits for the pet, the owner and the community. For example, spaying or neutering:

- Reduces or eliminates disease, infection and cancer of the reproductive system, increasing the likelihood that your pet will enjoy good health and a longer life.
- Reduces pet overpopulation and the thousands of homeless and unwanted animals that end up in rescue organizations and shelters every year.
- Eliminates crying, howling, nervous pacing and frantic attempts to get out and find a mate.
- Reduces or eliminates inappropriate spraying in males and heat cycles in females.
- Results in more social and affectionate pets that are calmer and more content to stay at home.

Since cats and dogs reach sexual maturity at approximately six months of age, it is recommended that pets are spayed or neutered prior to this age. Consult your veterinarian to discuss what the optimal timing is for your pet.

Two assistance programs are available in Calgary. The City of Calgary Animal & Bylaw Services operates the No Cost/Spay Neuter program which provides free spaying or neutering of cats and dogs owned by low income Calgarians. The MEOW Foundation offers the Spay/Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP) to help low income cat owners with the cost of spay and neuter surgeries.

By spaying or neutering your pets, you help to ensure that all animals are wanted and have a home.

For more information about the No Cost Spay/Neuter program, visit calgary.ca/animalservices or call 3-1-1.



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ANIMAL & BYLAW SERVICES

FOSTERING SAFE COMMUNITIES...

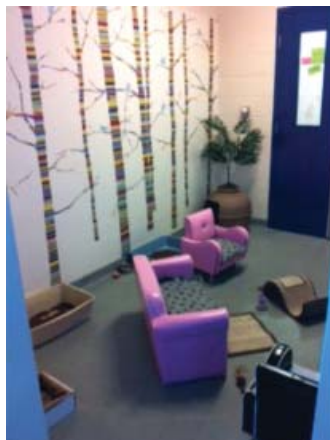
CAT ROOM

The Animal Services Centre is now home to a spacious new communal cat room! The purpose of this bright new expansion is to help promote healthy living by providing an enriching living environment for some of our longer term residents.

Besides the obvious advantages to our adoptable cats of increased exercise, comfort and social interaction, potential adopters benefit from seeing the cats interact with each other. Cats are much more able to showcase their true personalities and temperaments in this spacious environment. Potential adopters have a much better idea of how a pet might adjust to his new home after adoption. The communal cat room also allows for more natural meetings between adopters and potential new feline friends.

The room can house up to seven cats at one time. It includes a gorgeous, big tree for climbing and hiding in, couches and chairs for lounging on and even a TV that's programmed with captivating programs about birds and fish!

If you would like to see the adoptable cats in action in the new communal cat room, stop by the Animal Services Centre at 2201 Portland Street S.E. Hours of operation are Monday-Friday, 10 am to 7 pm and Saturday-Sunday, 10 am - 4 pm.



THE P.U.P.P.Y. PROGRAM:

Teaming up with Calgarians to promote sustainable use of off-leash areas

In 2011, the City of Calgary established the P.U.P.P.Y. (Pick Up Pooch's Poo Yourself) program: a partnership between Calgary Parks and Animal & Bylaw Services aimed at promoting park clean-up and educating park users about sustainable use of off-leash areas. As a result of Calgary's growing dog population, more and more Calgarians are frequenting off-leash areas to exercise their canine companions. With the increased use of these areas comes an increased need for Calgarians to act as park stewards, demonstrating responsible pet ownership and safe behaviours in these multiuse spaces.

The 2012 P.U.P.P.Y. program will consist of community-based park clean-ups at four featured parks: Southland Park, River Park, Nose Hill Park and Bowmont Park. These events are opportunities for park users to show their pride by volunteering their time to help remove litter and dog waste from off-leash areas. The City of Calgary will be providing clean up supplies for each event.

The P.U.P.P.Y. events will also feature educational activities and interaction with various experts on a variety of topics that focus on the health and safety of humans, pets, wildlife and parks. The events and locations are as follows:

Saturday, May 26, 1-4 pm - Southland Park

Saturday, June 9, 1-4 pm - River Park

Saturday, September 8, 1-4 pm - Nose Hill Park

Saturday, October 13, 1-4 pm - Bowmont Park

The P.U.P.P.Y. initiative engages citizens, educating them about the importance of picking up and disposing of pet waste and proper off-leash park etiquette through interactive activities and models. By participating in this program, Calgarians will gain a deeper appreciation of how to use parks and green spaces in responsible ways. Learning to share the space is crucial to increasing user enjoyment and sustaining the ecological integrity of the many beautiful parks across Calgary.

For more information about the P.U.P.P.Y. program please go to calgary.ca and search "P.U.P.P.Y." or call 3-1-1.

FOSTERING SAFE COMMUNITIES...

EXCESSIVE VEHICLE NOISE TESTING OFFERED

On Saturday, May 26 and Wednesday, May 30, Animal & Bylaw Services is offering Calgarians the opportunity to have the decibel levels of their vehicles read by the Noise Snare.

On July 5, 2011 an amendment was made to the Calgary Traffic Bylaw 26M96, citing that any vehicle noise measured at 96 decibels or more by a sound pressure level meter is “objectionable noise” and is in contravention of the bylaw. On December 19, 2011, Council directed Animal & Bylaw Services to use the Noise Snare technology to test excessive vehicle noise.

Details regarding the testing site and times will be available the beginning of May on calgary.ca by searching “Vehicle Noise 2012.”

NEW PROGRAM FOR SENIORS!

Animal & Bylaw Services is proud to announce the launch of our “Seniors for Seniors” program: a new cat and dog adoption program aimed at connecting mature cats and dogs with people age 60 and over. This program offers seniors a 60% discount on adoption fees when adopting a “senior” cat or dog (8 years or older).

Through the “Seniors for Seniors” program, our goal is to help enrich the lives of both pets and people by sharing the benefits of adopting an older companion animal. Not only does adoption give a deserving animal a much needed home, the adopter can benefit from increased opportunities for exercise, socialization and companionship. The love of a pet has also been linked to health benefits such as lowering blood pressure, triglyceride levels and cholesterol. A furry companion can also help to combat loneliness.

When well taken care of, senior cats and dogs can be a source of love and companionship for many years to come. Older pets are great for first-time pet owners or people who do not have the time or energy to deal with frisky puppies or kittens. Most senior animals are house-trained and likely have already received obedience training. In addition, when you adopt a senior cat or dog, there are no surprises when it comes to his size or personality, making it easier to know if the pet will be a good fit in your home and for your lifestyle.

The 60% discount offered through the “Seniors for Seniors” program results in a cost of \$60 to adopt a senior cat and \$80 to adopt a senior dog. The adoption fee includes a vet check, vaccinations, spay or neuter surgery, a microchip, a six-month City of Calgary licence and a bag of food.

Help us to connect the wonderful senior cats and dogs at the Animal Services Centre with loving and caring forever homes! For more information about the “Seniors for Seniors” program call 3-1-1 or visit calgary.ca/animalservices to view all of our adoptable cats and dogs.

VACATION “TO DO” LIST

With warmer weather just around the corner, many Calgarians are busy planning summer getaways. It is important to include property maintenance on your vacation ‘to-do’ list in order to ensure bylaw compliance and the safety of your property by making your home look “lived in” while you are away.

- Ensure your yard is maintained by having your landscaping tended to by a neighbour or lawn care service.
- Before you leave, trim tree branches that may cause obstructions or reduce visibility of activities occurring on your property.
- Stop mail and newspaper deliveries or have them regularly picked up by a neighbour. Piles of papers or flyers may alert potential burglars to your absence and can also cause unnecessary litter in your community if left to blow away.
- Arrange for a house sitter or someone to check your property regularly. This will help to prevent crimes of opportunity, such as graffiti or break-ins.
- Be sure to check with your home insurance company prior to your vacation. Many insurance companies have a number of requirements about how homes should be looked after while you are away.

By ensuring your property is taken care of while you are away, you can relax and enjoy your vacation knowing you have done your part to promote safer communities.



Backyard Play Safety

With summer fast approaching, Alberta Health Services EMS would like to encourage parents to ensure their backyard play areas are made safe. Direct supervision is the best method to reduce the chance of injury. It is also prudent to ensure play equipment in your yard is suitable for the age and skill of the children using it. Don't forget to check the equipment often and repair any worn or broken parts. Set up play equipment on 8 to 12 inches of a shock-absorbing surface such as sand, wood chips, or pea gravel. Grass will not adequately cushion a fall.

Water hazards

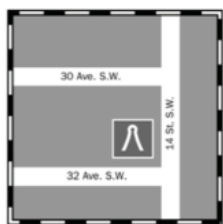
- Ensure all backyard swimming pools are fenced. The fence should be at least 1.5 metres (5 feet) high and have a self-latching, self-closing, lockable gate;
- Drowning is the leading cause of unintentional injury-related death among children ages one to four;
- Children can drown in just a few centimetres of water if it covers their mouth and nose.

Lawn and garden tools

- Keep young children away from outdoor power equipment. Serious burns may result from touching hot engine surfaces;
- Ensure that all tools, fuel, chemicals, and other hazardous substances are stored in a secure, locked area. A simple latch may not be sufficient.

Insect bites and stings

- Minimize the risk of attracting insects by not wearing strong perfumes or scented lotions;
- Avoid wearing brightly coloured clothing outdoors;
- Destroy or re-locate hives and nests situated near your home;
- To avoid a bite in case of accidentally stepping on a stinging insect always ensure you child wears shoes or sandals;
- If your child has received an 'EpiPenJr' prescription from your physician (for serious anaphylactic emergencies only) ensure they understand when and how to use it;
- If your child experiences a severe reaction to an insect sting, seek medical attention or call 9-1-1.



ALEXANDER CALHOUN LIBRARY

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Hours:

Monday - Thursday
Friday & Saturday
Sundays (mid-Sept to mid-May)

Telephone: 403-260-2600

10 am - 9 pm

10 am - 5 pm

12-5 pm



Register for programs by phone at 403-260-2620, online at www.calgarypubliclibrary.com, or in person at any Library branch. A valid Calgary Public Library card in each participant's name is required to attend all programs.

The Library will be closed for Victoria Day on Monday, May 21.

BABY STORYTIME

Enjoy age-appropriate songs, rhymes, and stories; and learn ways to share books and language with babies.

Ages 6 to 23 months with a parent/caregiver

Tuesdays, May 15-29

10:15-10:45 am **OR** 11:15-11:45 am

Registration begins May 2.

PENTIMENTO: THE PAST IN THE PRESENT

Join Calgary artist Carl White as he guides participants in this experiential workshop on the theme of 'Pentimento' (alterations and traces of past works in contemporary art). In partnership with The Art Gallery of Calgary.

Monday, May 28

7-8:30 pm

Registration is required.

WHAT'S IN YOUR BACKYARD?

Discover how "everyday" animals are anything but average with facts and games about Alberta animals.

Ages 7 and up

Saturday, June 2

2-3 pm

Registration is required.

CENTENNIAL BIRTHDAY BLOCK PARTIES PRESENTED BY CENOVUS ENERGY

Join us for a party one hundred years in the making! Help Calgary Public Library celebrate its centennial with a special community-based block party at your Library, presented by Cenovus Energy. Bring the whole family and enjoy music, food, games, entertainment and a variety of contests and prizes. Help us celebrate our amazing story, our bright future, and most of all, the people who continue to make Calgary Public Library a place where everyone is part of our story!

Saturday, June 2

10 am - 4 pm

No registration is required.

FABULOUS HIKES OF THE FOOTHILLS & HOW TO PACK FOR THEM

Not sure where to start hiking? With safety in mind, learn a few off the beaten track places to hike and view beautiful scenery and wildflowers on both gentle and challenging trails. Learn to read the basic signs of wildlife, weather and how to be bear-aware. Presented by Julie Walker of Full Circle Adventures.

Thursday, June 7

Registration is required.

FAIRY TALES PUPPET SHOW

Join Gail Gregory of Tales, Tunes, and Puppetry for a puppet show featuring your favourite folk and fairy tales.

Ages 5 to 8

Saturday, June 9

10:30-11:30 am

Registration required.

LOCAL TO GLOBAL: COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

Join us in conversation as we explore local issues, news from around the world, emerging trends, and more. Light refreshments served.

Independent of a parent/caregiver

Monday, June 11

7-8:30 pm

Main floor - Program Room

Registration is required.

FLIPBOOK ANIMATION FOR KIDS

Make your own cartoons by learning simple animation through creating flipbooks. Presented by Quickdraw Animation.

Ages 8 to 12

Saturday, June 16

10:30 am - 12 pm

Registration is required.

2012 TD SUMMER READING CLUB

Join us as we kick off Imagine! the 2012 TD Summer Reading Club. Drop in for a scavenger hunt and other fun activities. Collect your activity booklet from your local Library branch and read all summer to win great prizes!

Saturday, June 16

10 am - 4 pm

No registration is required.

SOUTH AFRICAN PUPPET SHOW

Join us for traditional African stories including one of Nelson Mandela's favourites in this marionette puppet show.

Ages 4 and up

Saturday, June 23

11:00 - 11:45 a.m.

No registration is required.

CPO IN YOUR LIBRARY

Robert Penner, Violin and Rafael Hoekman, Cello

Canadian Natural Resources Limited presents Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra Musicians in concert - classical favorites for all ages!

Monday, July 16

2-3 pm

No registration required.

READING BUDDIES

Teen volunteers and Library staff provide one-on-one reading support and fun literacy activities for readers in Grades 1 to 3.

Ages 5 to 8

Monday-Friday, August 13-17

2-3:30 pm

Registration is required.



EPRA CASINO

June 7 & 8

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

This is our biggest source of funds for the community and requires about 30 people to help at the Stampede Casino. It is a fun time looking after the cash and running chips for the casino. To help out, please send an email to casino@elbowpark.com



POTTERY & JEWELRY
STUDIO SHOW & SALE
3041 - 6 Street SW



Friday, June 1 2-8 pm
Saturday, June 2 10 am - 4 pm
Sunday, June 3 12-4 pm

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Bicycle crashes are the leading cause of brain injury in school-aged children. Most injuries occur when a cyclist suffers a fall, strikes a stationary object, or collides with another cyclist or pedestrian. Remember – it is the law in Alberta that cyclists under the age of 18 must wear a helmet (and highly recommended for all ages). Helmets should be CSA approved and worn during recreational activities such as skateboarding, in-line skating, or cycling.

Getting informed

- Wearing a helmet while cycling can prevent a serious injury or save a life.
- Brain injuries can cause permanent disability or death.
- Reduce your risk by always wearing your helmet.
- Replace any helmet that has been involved in a crash, even if it appears undamaged.

Getting started

- Allow children to assist when buying their helmet. Cyclists who choose their own helmet are more likely to wear them.
- Start the habit early. Young children learning to ride tricycles need to wear helmets.
- Parents must lead by example: always wear your own helmet when cycling.

Getting the right fit

- Take the time to properly fit and adjust your helmet to ensure maximum protection in case of a crash.
- When worn properly, helmets should fit level, not tilted up or down over the forehead.
- Helmets should feel snug, but not too tight. To test the fit, the helmet should not fall off when you shake your head from side to side while the straps are unfastened.
- Adjust the chin straps to form a “Y” below and slightly forward from the ears.
- Only one finger should be able to fit under the chin strap when it is fastened.
- Do not forget to use the sizing pads included with the helmet. They will help improve the overall fit and comfort.

LANDSCAPES AND TREES UPDATE

Spring is upon us and the neighbourhood is looking great already. Fall and spring are the best times for pruning and tidying, and we'll be undertaking some of that work this year again as well. After receiving some great suggestions from our safety committee based on their proactive engagement of the Calgary Police Service, and suggestions from you the community at AGM's, we'll be performing the following works this year primarily at Elbow Park and at the Clubhouse.

- Pruning all the spruce trees around the playground to about 5 to 7 feet up from the ground to clean them up and also improve visibility of the area.
- Some additional pruning will be done around the Clubhouse and tennis courts and clubhouse as part of normal business and needs.
- Removing all the larger shrubs in front of and beside the Clubhouse and replacing with a bit lower profile, yet attractive, groundcover. This will improve visibility of the clubhouse area.
- In addition to the vegetation work, lighting improvements will be installed in three main locations of the park to improve security and visibility, as well as replace some systems that are reaching end of life.
- Tennis courts lighting is in rough shape and we've had to repair the past couple of years so we'll be adding to and upgrading this system.
- Clubhouse exterior lighting will be enhanced with more fixtures and we'll add more along the south and west walls where we've been hit by graffiti artists the last couple of years.
- Lighting at three or four corners of the park where people enter and also congregate at certain times of the day and night. The lighting will be tasteful and will aid in providing security lighting and visibility of the main entrances to the park.

One other project that was mentioned last year that will see physical progress is creating a more amenable path from the Christ Church stairs that come down from 8A Street and hopefully into the park area. The wooden stairs close to that area were removed last year and a better solution is definitely available. I'll be working with our City Parks representative to finalize and construct this year.

Our winter maintenance contract has come to a close for Elbow and Flock Parks, and our summer maintenance work will begin once the hockey boards are removed in early May. We also have permission now to upgrade the traffic circle plantings and we hope to have this done at the same time as the Clubhouse plantings.

I'm excited about the above improvements as they will hopefully help to stem the increasing trend of issues in our park the last couple of years and we need your support. If you have any additional suggestions or comments please don't hesitate to contact myself or any member of the board.

Thanks, Don Terway

ELM PRUNING BAN - HELP PREVENT DUTCH ELM DISEASE

Dutch elm disease (DED) is a deadly fungus that attacks elm trees spread by elm bark beetles. To reduce the risk of DED, pruning elm trees is prohibited throughout Alberta annually from April 1 to September 30. Provincial regulations also prohibit the storage, transport and sale of elm firewood.

Property owners should prune dead and dying elm branches October 1 to March 31. This helps to reduce the beetle breeding habitat and reduces the risk that fresh cuts from pruning will attract the beetles.

For information from the Government of Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development regarding Dutch elm disease and the elm pruning ban, please visit [http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/\\$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/prm1043](http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/prm1043).



CALGARIANS TO CELEBRATE THEIR HISTORIC HOMES THIS YEAR

JOIN THE HOUSE PARTY OF THE CENTURY!

Is your house 100 years old (or thereabouts) - built in 1914 or earlier? If so, it's time to celebrate your home's place in Calgary's history - and your role looking after it.

Calgary Century Homes is a citywide celebration commemorating homes constructed during Calgary's first building boom. Owners and residents are invited to share details and stories about their house, particularly during Historic Calgary Week 2012, Friday, July 27, through Monday, August 6. Participants will receive a free kit to help them create a Century Homes yard sign with historic photos and information such as stories of former residents, special events that happened there, a description of the home's style and original features. During the celebration they will hang a banner to identify their home as a Century Home and display their yard sign to the public. Throughout the year participants will receive information on how to research their home's history, including workshops. There will be opportunities to share stories on a website and to network with other residents and admirers of Century Homes

The Calgary Century Homes project is headed by volunteers from a variety of partner organizations, including the Calgary Heritage Initiative Society (CHI), Calgary Heritage Authority, City of Calgary Heritage Planning, The Federation of Calgary Communities, Calgary Public Library Community Heritage & Family History, and Hillhurst-Sunnyside and Cliff Bungalow-Mission Heritage Committees. Other organizations are invited to join in.

Organizers are recruiting community coordinators to sign up participants in their community, arrange a location in the community where blank yard signs and banners can be picked up, and keep participants and the community informed throughout the project. The community coordinator for Elbow Park is Carolyn Ryder who can be contacted at rydand@gmail.com or 403-287-9243

Want to sign up as a participating house and/or community co-ordinator, or simply find out more? Contact Marilyn Williams at marilynwilliams@shaw.ca, the Calgary Heritage Initiative at info@calgaryheritage.org (website calgaryheritage.org), or phone the Federation of Calgary Communities at (403)244-4111.



Seniors' Active Living Fair



Tuesday, June 5, 2012

10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Westbrook Mall (1200 37 Street S.W.)

Come join us at the Seniors' Active Living Fair. This event features a variety of social and recreational programs available in South West Calgary. Enjoy activities, entertainment and much more. Learn more about living a healthy and active life!

Brought to you by Westside Interagency Seniors Subcommittee & Westbrook Mall



Special thanks to Westbrook Mall for the generous support of this event. Many thanks to all of the merchants and staff at Westbrook Mall.

SPRING 2012 UPDATE

ELBOW DRIVE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

PHASE 3 - SIFTON BOULEVARD TO 4TH STREET S.W.

Elbow Drive is being rebuilt as part of a City of Calgary program dedicated to reconstructing the city's aging roadways, and is being completed in phases. Phase 1 (50th Avenue S.W. to Lansdowne Avenue) and Phase 2 (Glenmore Trail to 50th Avenue S.W.) are now mostly complete.

Phase 3, which extends from Sifton Boulevard to 4th Street S.W., will begin in the spring of 2012, depending on weather. This phase involves reconstruction of the roadway only; Elbow Drive will not be widened.

During construction, the roadway will be reduced from four lanes to two (one in each direction) for a period of between four to six months. Lane closures will change as the project progresses, but two lanes will always be open.

Those residents and businesses located on Elbow Drive who will be impacted by construction will receive letters from The City explaining the potential impacts and providing contact information.

Some impacts will be traffic delays, temporary relocation of bus stops, and some restriction to direct access to Elbow Drive from adjacent roads, lanes and driveways within the construction zone.

The City of Calgary will communicate start dates to the community and businesses when they are known.

For more information: visit www.calgary.ca/elbowdrive for the most up-to-date information or call 3-1-1.



Open from
May 15 - October 15
(weather permitting)

MEMBERSHIP RATES

Single \$258, Couple \$440, Family \$515,
Full Time Student \$125, Junior \$75

Located at 800-34 Avenue SW, Calgary

*For more information call 403-243-2506 ext: 577
or go to www.eptc.ws*

ELBOW PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

2011 /2012 Membership Drive is well underway. We have lots of options for your payment and the board endeavors to use every dollar wisely for the benefit of the whole community. We now use door to door canvassing for those who are home at the time, Paypal on our website at www.elbowpark.com , Gazette ads and mail in forms with envelopes. Your feedback about these options is always welcome.

Thanks to the many volunteers who helped canvas their block this year. It makes the job much easier and neighbor friendly. A BIG THANKS to those residents who contribute each year and show such tremendous support for your community. Our community has one of the highest rates of membership in the whole city. We should be proud of that!

Block canvassers who stepped up to help this year were: Richard Fulton and family, Hails Kirker, Sarah Palmer, Holly Houston, Lori Fyke, Erin Thrall, Wendy Wadey, Kahleia Murdoch, Julie McFayden and family, Beth Riley, Carolyn Duckworth, Suzanne Williams, Natasha Gaskin, Angela Roehm. Jamie Cormack, Vicki Arista, Lisa Hynes. Deborah Ambrose, Louise Giannoccaro, Nancy Allison, Christie Hayne, Kelly Bobke, and Andrea Alizadeh-Khiavi. Your time is so appreciated and I look forward to your help again next year.

Rhonda Fulton, Membership

FAMILY/SPORTS \$40

Family use of sports facilities including hockey, skating, tennis, basketball, etc. In addition to community projects and maintenance and enhancement of local area parks and buildings

SINGLE/SENIOR \$25

Supports maintenance and enhancement of local parks, buildings, and community projects

NON-RESIDENT \$25

Non-Resident use of sports facilities including hockey, skating, tennis, basketball, etc.



2011/2012 MEMBERSHIPS

Name(s) _____
(Please include full names of both partners.)

Address _____ Postal Code _____

Phone _____ E-mail: _____

EPRM Membership (check applicable):

Family /Sports \$40 \$ _____

Single /Senior \$25 \$ _____

Non-Resident \$25 \$ _____

Additional Donation \$ _____ (tax receipt will be sent) \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Your financial support is appreciated. Please mail the completed form and cheque payable to
EPRM, c/o Rhonda Fulton, 3808 9th Street SW, Calgary, Alberta, T2T 3C9

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