

# ELBOWPARK

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Elbow Park Residents' Association [www.elbowpark.com](http://www.elbowpark.com)

SUMMER 2012

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

### **SAVE THE DATE - SEPTEMBER 8 IS CELEBRATE!**

Our CELEBRATE community event is scheduled on September 8, 2012. We are currently planning another fantastic event including the Movie In The Park, Face Painting, Games and the ever popular Beer Tent. We are seeking volunteers to help plan and support the event so please let us know if you can volunteer your time ([celebrate@elbowpark.com](mailto:celebrate@elbowpark.com)). Keep your eyes on the web site for further developments and ticket information ([www.elbowpark.com](http://www.elbowpark.com)).

Events such as CELEBRATE highlight why we need an EPRA Board. The Board has the responsibility to maintain the clubhouse, direct future renovations and maintenance at the leased site as well as establishing communications across the neighborhood for challenges such as safety and developments. Many of our Board members have been serving the community for as long as 11 years and we are looking for more community minded people who can commit to a year of service in a variety of areas. You don't have to be specialized in any particular field other than wanting to give your time to support the community. Volunteering allows you to have input on what happens in the community and help maintain and improve our great neighbourhood. The time commitment is 2-3 hours per month over a 10 month period. Those interested please contact Tim Sprung at [president@elbowpark.com](mailto:president@elbowpark.com).

We continue to fundraise in anticipation of new playgrounds, general maintenance and clubhouse renovations. The recent Casino was a huge success and we thank everyone in the community for their participation.

As this is our last Gazette until September we wish everyone a fantastic summer from all of us on the EPRA Board.

Regards,

**Tim Sprung, President EPRA**

## **ELBOW PARK**

### **SAFETY COMMITTEE**

#### **PARK SAFETY**

The Calgary Police Service has suggested three actions to reduce after hours usage of the park which tends to increase in the summer months.

First the trees and bushes around the playground and clubhouse will be pruned to improve visibility and help to reduce graffiti tagging.

Second, signs will be put up that indicate the hours of park usage and thus use outside those hours can be ticketed by the police or bylaw officers.

Finally, the police suggest that if residents hear partying or other disruptive activities in the late hours to please call the police to report this.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!**

### **Join the Elbow Park Development Review Committee**

If you are interested in how Elbow Park is developing, we need your help.

Knowledge of Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning policies is an asset but not essential.

Training will be provided as necessary. Join our team!

Please contact Donna Conway at [conwayd@shaw.ca](mailto:conwayd@shaw.ca) for further information.

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EMAIL YOUR CONFIRMATION WITH YOUR PHYSICAL ADDRESS TO [president@elbowpark.com](mailto:president@elbowpark.com)**

# 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.

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# ELBOW DRIVE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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## PHASE 3

Construction on the third and final phase of the Elbow Drive Road Reconstruction project between Sifton Boulevard and 4 Street S.W. is expected to begin in mid to late June (depending on weather and other circumstances). The exact start date will be communicated to businesses and residents along Elbow Drive before construction begins. All project updates, and maps of the construction area, are posted at [www.calgary.ca/elbowdrive](http://www.calgary.ca/elbowdrive).

The reconstruction of Elbow Drive is part of an ongoing program dedicated to rebuilding Calgary's aging roadways. Elbow Drive, due to its age and condition, was identified as a priority for this work, and it is the first road to benefit from this program.

## PHASE 3 – SIFTON BOULEVARD TO 4 STREET S.W.

The road work that will be done to re-build the road between Sifton Boulevard and 4 Street S.W. will occur in stages. It is most likely that crews will begin working at the Sifton Bridge first and work their way north.

Previous work done along this section involved replacing sidewalks and other improvements. Therefore, Phase 3 will focus primarily on replacing the roadway. Information and maps showing the scope of the work are posted on [www.calgary.ca/elbowdrive](http://www.calgary.ca/elbowdrive).

## PHASE 3 IMPACTS

- Traffic will be limited to one lane in each direction between Sifton Boulevard and 4 Street S.W., and delays should be expected along Elbow Drive.
- Construction should begin in mid to late June and will last until the end of the construction season (late fall).
- Bus stop locations may be temporarily relocated or closed, and sections of sidewalk may be closed during construction.

## UPDATE ON OTHER PHASES OF CONSTRUCTION

### *Phase 1 & 2 - spring finishing work underway*

The reconstruction of Elbow Drive 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, except for work that was not finished in 2012 because the construction season came to an end.

For example, the southbound sections of the intersections at 50 Avenue and 58 Avenue S.W. were finished in 2011. The northbound section of 50 Avenue S.W. at Elbow Drive was finished in May 2012 and the bumps that were evident in the road are now smoothed out. The intersection at 58 Avenue S.W. at Elbow Drive may be underway by the time you receive your newsletter and should take about two to three weeks. The intersection will be closed while this work is being done.

Other landscaping and finishing work will be done throughout the summer.

## ATCO CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

ATCO gas has been undertaking work along Elbow Drive between 47 Avenue and Lansdowne to upgrade the gas lines. They have advised us that their work should be complete in early June. Please call ATCO Gas at 403-245-5741 if you have any questions about this project.

The City of Calgary would like to thank all community residents along Elbow Drive for their patience while The City reconstructs this important Calgary roadway. We know that road construction is an inconvenience for everyone, and we appreciate your understanding.

Up-to-date information about all work related to the Elbow Drive project will be posted on an ongoing basis at [www.calgary.ca/elbowdrive](http://www.calgary.ca/elbowdrive). Please call 3-1-1 if you have any questions about this project.

## RENOVATION UPDATE

*Tim Sprung*

For those who are new to the community, our proposal is to improve the Clubhouse by utilizing a larger footprint on the main floor to provide a designated hockey and sports area, a larger recreational room for yoga, a new basement area for storage and mechanical and a general use area that is increased in size by moving existing hot water tanks, furnaces and service rooms into the new basement area. The rendering below illustrates our current plans and we are always open to feedback. If you have comments or are interested in making a donation, please contact Tim Sprung at [tsprung@sprung.com](mailto:tsprung@sprung.com).



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# CELEBRATE

## ELBOW PARK CARNIVAL IN THE PARK

Saturday, September 8, 2012

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Contact [celebrate@elbowpark.com](mailto:celebrate@elbowpark.com) if you can come out and help.

Keep your eyes on the website for further developments  
and ticket information [www.elbowpark.com](http://www.elbowpark.com).

## DO YOU NEED HELP WITH YOUR PROPERTY TAXES?

Its property tax time again. Did you know that The City of Calgary offers financial assistance to low income homeowners, regardless of age, who are having trouble paying their property taxes?

The Property Tax Assistance Program is designed to help homeowners who are experiencing financial hardships as a result of an increase in their property taxes.

To be eligible for the property tax credit, the homeowners must:

- experience a property tax increase from 2011-2012
- meet the minimum income guidelines (\$22,637/one person; \$28,182/two persons; \$34,646/three persons; \$42,065/four persons.)
- own the property for a minimum of one year
- live in the principle residence for the majority of the time
- own no other property
- provide a proof of income (i.e. a copy of 2011 income tax return is required)

For more information or to apply to the Property Tax Assistance Program please call 311 or visit our website to apply online at [www.calgary.ca/propertytax](http://www.calgary.ca/propertytax)

Applications must be made by December 1, 2012.

Please spread the word about this program to family members and friends who might benefit from this City of Calgary program. Even if a person does not meet the eligibility criteria for the Property Tax Assistance Program, they can still learn about other programs and resources that could help them.

The Property Tax Assistance Program is administered by Community and Neighbourhood Services, The City of Calgary.



## FROM YOUR MLA

### DEAR FRIENDS,

Today, Alberta has the potential to reach greater heights than ever before. Economic recovery is underway in many parts of the world, and demand for our energy and skills will grow in the years ahead. Our government will capitalize on this by continuing to build Alberta's presence on the international stage, and strengthening relationships key to our energy future and economic growth.

Calgary-Elbow has a part to play in this, and I want to hear from you about it. How should Alberta manage its growing energy wealth? What are your hopes and dreams, for yourselves, your families and your communities? What do you think Alberta and Calgary-Elbow should look like in the years to come? Where can government do better to meet your needs? I will keep listening to you to make sure we are fulfilling your vision of what this province can become.

In many areas, we have already started. Your government is committed to a publicly funded health-care system. We're working to streamline services and find cost-effective ways of implementing innovative new service models such as family care clinics, one of which has already opened in Calgary.

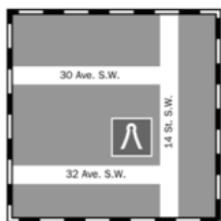
Meanwhile, this summer, the \$1.3 billion South Health Campus is scheduled to open in phases, employing 2,400 staff and about 180 doctors. In addition, there will be 11 operating rooms and over 300 beds. For Calgarians, this translates into 200,000 more outpatient visits, 40,000 emergency visits and reduced wait times for you and your families.

We have also kept our promise to provide predictable and sustainable funding for education. Budget 2012 provides funding for 20 projects to build new schools or modernize existing ones in Calgary and the surrounding area.

As always, it is my privilege and pleasure to be your MLA, and I look forward to keeping you up to date about what your government is doing. Should you have questions or concerns, please contact my constituency office.

Yours truly,  
**Alison Redford**  
MLA, Calgary - Elbow





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### 2012 TD SUMMER READING CLUB

Join our Summer Reading Club. Drop by Calhoun library and to sign up and collect your activity booklet. Read all summer to win great prizes! No registration is required

### YOUTH READ 2012

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Ages 6 to 8

**Saturday, July 21** 11-11:30 am

Registration is required

### CALLING ALL TEEN VOLUNTEERS

Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity and are you in Grades 7 to 12? Teen volunteers are needed at Alexander Calhoun library to provide one-on-one reading support and fun literacy activities for readers in Grades 1 to 3 in our Reading Buddies program.

**August 13-17** 2-3 pm

Contact Tammy Profili at 403-221-2062 or email [tammy.profil@calgarypubliclibrary.com](mailto:tammy.profil@calgarypubliclibrary.com)

### 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

**August 13-17** 2-3 pm

Registration is required

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# ELBOW PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

## COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP

Membership in our community continues to be strong and for just \$40 per family or \$25 for seniors, it is excellent value for all.

We have recently implemented paypal as one more option to make joining easy. We still love our volunteers though since it is another way to connect neighbours and continue the awesome community moral. Volunteering for our annual membership campaign is hugely valuable and takes less than a few hours to complete while you reconnect with your neighbours.

Our annual membership drive runs from September to September starting with our door to door campaign in the fall. If you miss your neighbour at the door, we make it easy for you to mail in the form with your payment at your convenience or you can find a form in every Gazette. You can also get the information you need from our website at [www.elbowpark.com](http://www.elbowpark.com) and pay online. It is that easy!

We look forward to your continued support in our 2012/2013 campaign.

*Rhonda Fulton, Membership*

## FAMILY/SPORTS \$40

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# ELBOW PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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