

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer has arrived early in Elbow Park this year, and it's wonderful to see all of the gardens and community traffic circles in full bloom. Several of our residents have adopted a traffic circle near their home, and I would like to thank them personally. If you would like to help out with them, send me an email, and I will put you in touch with the right person.

Thanks to the dedication and fundraising of many residents, as well as some timely grants, our new playground at the Community Centre has recently received a fresh new rubber surface! By the time you read this, I am hopeful that the neighbourhood children are enjoying the rubber floor, and that parents are no longer finding shoes full of gravel!

Everyone is looking forward to the Summer Solstice Party on June 18, and tickets are still available for purchase online at www.elbowpark.com. Please remember that there will be no ticket sales at the door, so sign up early to help us out with numbers for planning the catering.

Finally I would like to make an appeal to everyone in the community. We are in need of some new members for the Board of Directors due to a few retirements. If you've ever wondered what you can do for Elbow Park, have one spare evening a month, and want to work with a fun, and dedicated group of your neighbours, we would love to have you join our group.

The only reason that this is such a fantastic neighbourhood to be part of, is that we collectively have an interest in making it remarkable. I am appealing to you to continue on with the legacy of those incredibly dedicated people who have given back to our community. Email me at president@elbowpark.com and start making a difference today!

Paul Bryden Elbow Park Residents' Association

# ELBOW PARK SCHOOL

Congratulations to students involved in Calgary Youth Science Fair, Science Olympics, and Young Writers' Conference on their participation and successes! Our students are eager and involved in learning both at school and in the community. We are very proud to celebrate their accomplishments. We extend our sincere thanks to both families and teachers who support our students in these endeavors.



Kindergarten students head to Strathmore Pond this week to release the rainbow trout they have raised all year! Students have been examining the ethical treatment of animals, both wild and domestic, and have learned the importance of caring for and advocating for all living things.



Grade one/two students have been working alongside community experts to build an ideal community. Small groups of students have been responsible for designing effective transportation, waste management, housing, recreation, emergency services, parkland, etc. Students have been engaged in problem solving using robotics to deliver services or help provide support in their community. Students in grade three/four have been investigating the question: What is the most beautiful thing about Alberta? After exploring beauty in their community, stories of Albertans over time, landscapes, resources and the multiple perspectives of a variety of groups on issues of concern, students are engaged in independent inquiries on topics of interest to answer their question.



Grade five/six students have been working on community action projects to answer the question: What matters? Small groups of students have been actively making a difference in their communities, reaching out to change thinking, attitudes, and behaviour to make the world a better place. This opportunity to develop their leadership reinforces the importance responsible actions of citizens in a democracy. Elbow Park and Earl Grey Dads will be hosting another Bermuda Shorts Day Family BBQ on Friday, June 17! What a wonderful opportunity to gather both our communities together for some fun in the sun. With the conclusion of another school year ahead, we would like to thank all those who have so generously supported our work this year. We appreciate all that you do!

## CALGARIANS CAN HELP KEEP NATURAL AREAS NATURAL

There are many different types of parks in Calgary. They are broadly divided into two categories; manicured parks and natural area parks. Manicured parks have cropped grass, landscaped trees, non-native plants and open spaces. Natural area parks are designed to increase the diversity of native plants and animals by protecting natural habitats and allowing natural processes to occur. Some specialized techniques for improving natural area parks include; erosion control, weed control, and planting native vegetation.

The natural area parks in the city provide important habitat, food, and movement corridors for many species of birds, animals and native vegetation. They act as protective buffers between urban areas and sensitive ecosystems such as rivers and wetlands. Natural area parks also provide us with a place to exercise, relax, unwind and enjoy nature.

Keeping natural areas healthy is everyone's responsibility. Please refrain from engaging in the following activities because of their negative impact to nature's careful balance: mowing, irrigation, cutting trees, planting, placing garden furniture, composters, and bird feeders, dumping of garden waste, and building of bike jumps.

These activities are damaging to the natural area because they allow for the introduction of weedy species, and loss of native species diversity and habitat. These activities are also prohibited under the Parks and Pathways Bylaw.

Calgarians can help keep Calgary's natural areas healthy through encouraging and engaging in behaviours that support a healthy ecosystem. As neighbours to the natural area and as members of the larger community of Calgary, you can play a part in keeping Calgary natural and beautiful:

- stay on the designated trails and pathways;
- do not dig holes, remove vegetation, plant vegetation, dump garden waste, mow, or place garden furniture/ composters in the natural area;
- do not feed or disturb the wildlife; and
- groom pets to remove plant parts, which stops the spread of weeds.

If you would like to volunteer for restoration activities in a natural area park you can register online at calgary.ca.

Additional information can be found in the Parks and Pathways Bylaw (Bylaw Number 20M2003) at calgary.ca and by calling 311.

## TRAFFIC ON SIFTON BOULEVARD SW

If you live on or near Sifton Blvd. you might feel that many vehicles are using this road at excessive speeds. A number of residents have decided to form a group which will consult with the Calgary Police Service and the City to find a lasting way to calm this traffic. It is felt that the hill and the curve in the road encourage some drivers to treat the boulevard like a high speed thoroughfare. Another pet has been hit and killed recently, which is very sad for the family effected, and naturally this increases anxiety about the safety of local children and all the kids that commute to and from school using Sifton. Please add your voice to this initiative by contacting Arianna Carlotti at 587-581-6526 or advcarlotti@gmail.com.

## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

If you are inspired by our increasingly pedestrianfriendly city and looking for an easy and interesting way to help shape our community, we have the perfect fit for you. We are currently looking for a few people from Elbow Park to represent our community on a new joint community steering committee for a project called Prospect Trail.

Prospect Trail will connect the greenway between the communities of Cliff Bungalow, Mission, Elbow Park and Mount Royal, and provide a natural pathway along the escarpment where walkers and cyclists can explore and commute. It will also link the Elbow River and Elbow Park School to Western Canada High School in the Beltline, providing a unique experience in nature, away from vehicles, but surrounded by the city.

The participating neighbourhoods are currently looking to develop a committee to help move this project forward. If you would like to participate in this thoughtful and engaging process, helping to identify common challenges and opportunities for each community as the plan is developed, we want to hear from you.

Please contact Paul Bryden at president@elbowpark.com if you are interested.

# BACKYARD PLAY SAFETY

With summer approaching, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) would like to encourage parents and caregivers to ensure their backyard play areas are made safe for children. Although direct supervision is the best method to reduce the chance of injury, ensure your play equipment in your yard is in good repair and is suitable for the age and skill of the children using it. Check play equipment often; replace or repair any worn or broken parts. Set up play equipment over top a 9 inch layer of shock-absorbing material such as sand, wood chips, or pea gravel which extends 6 feet out in all directions from the play area.

### WATER HAZARDS

- Drowning contributes to 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;
- Ensure all backyard swimming pools are fenced. The fence must be at least 1.8 metres(\*) high and have a self-latching, self-closing, lockable gate. (\*Alberta Building Code)

### LAWN AND GARDEN TOOLS

- Keep young children away from outdoor power equipment;
- Serious burns may result from touching hot engine surfaces;
- Ensure that all sharp 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;
- Consider destroying or relocating hives and nests situated near your home;
- To avoid injury through inadvertently stepping on a stinging insect always wear footwear outdoors;
- If your child has received an 'EpiPen, Junior' prescription from your physician (for anaphylactic reactions only) ensure they understand when and how to use it;
- If your child experiences a severe reaction to an insect sting, or other environmental cause, seek medical attention, or call 9-1-1.

### ELBOW PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION: CLUBHOUSE RENOVATION



We are so close to the finish line and were all set to start the clubhouse renovation this spring, but a new and unexpected city bylaw has unfortunately delayed our plans. The new bylaw says that all buildings in overland flow areas are now required to be constructed 0.3 metres above the highest point of grade of the street. What that means for our clubhouse is that the new addition must be raised by 8 inches, resulting in changes to the design, more costs and unavoidable delays. We are still moving forward as quickly as we can, but have decided that it makes sense to push back the start of construction until after the tennis season concludes. Thanks so much to our entire community for your continued support and patience, and to everyone who has worked so hard and donated funds to this project. It has been a marathon to say the least, however we are excited to finally begin this fall!

The Renovation Committee



great homes • great locations • great builder



Food Trucks
Jumpy Castles
Inflatable Obstacle Course
Face Painting
DJ Music
Beer & Wine Tent
and more!!
Elbow Park: 800 - 34 Avenue SW TICKETS: elbowpark.com

# BRIAN PINCOTT WARD ||

What does it mean to be flood ready? Higher river flows typically occur in Calgary from the middle of May to middle July. However flooding can strike any Calgary community in any season, often with little or no warning. Interestingly this has less to do with spring run-off from the mountains, and more to do with precipitation.

The City has plans in place that guide our response to floods of various sizes. Every event is different and actions leading up to and during a flood depend on the specifics of each event. In general, as a City, we take these actions to mitigate the impact of a flood:

- Manage the flow of water out of the Glenmore reservoir
- Close the gates on storm water outfalls to prevent river water from entering the storm system
- Deploy temporary lift stations to supplement pumping
- Deploy temporary berms, flood tubes or sandbags to critical locations.

Last month, the City of Calgary held two open houses to provide information to residents about on-going 2013 flood recovery efforts. This information is available online if you missed the session at Calgary.ca/ flooding, along with resources on preparing yourself and your community in the event of a flood.

Community building in your neighbourhood! June is a busy month for Ward 11 communities. Be sure to check your Community Association for their family-friendly event listings – festivals, bike parades & Neighbour Day events – just to name a few! Community clean-ups are also underway from now until September. They are a great way to meet your neighbours, and take a burden off of your spring clean-out. See the full schedule at Calgary.ca/ cleanup.

As mentioned last month, my team and I will host a community information session on Little Free Libraries on Thursday, June 9th at 6:00 pm at the Voltage Creative Garage, 2101 – 34th Avenue SW. Light refreshments will be provided. We hope to see you there!

Remember to sign up for Ward 11 updates to receive information on upcoming events, City programs, and public engagement opportunities relevant to you at www.ward11calgary.ca.





## GREG CLARK, MLA CALGARY-ELBOW

It has been a busy couple of months in the Legislature and like many of you I'm looking forward to a busy summer of festivals, outdoor activities and family time. I am excited to be back in the constituency and meeting with residents and community groups.

As summer approaches we need to consider how we can safeguard our property while many of us travel away from home. The Calgary Police Service suggests some simple practices, including locking your doors, removing valuable from vehicles, trimming shrubs and maintaining property, using motion detection lights and keeping an eye out for one another. Get to know your neighbours and have them take in your mail and mow your lawn while you're out of town.

Data recently released by the Calgary Police Service (CPS) shows break-ins are on the rise in Calgary, with 4 of the top 5 communities located here in Calgary-Elbow. Elbow Park was ranked 27th with a break-in rate at 847/100,000 citizens. A number of factors account for this city wide 56% increase from last year, including the economic downturn and increased addiction to fentanyl.

Visit our new website at www.calgaryelbow.ca to find a link to more details on Calgary crime statistics or you contact my office at Calgary.elbow@assembly.ab.ca to find out more.

CPS encourage us to report all crimes, so they can track trends. It is through the use of these statistics that police resources are deployed. But not every incident requires we phone 9-1-1. So who should we call, and when?

Call 9-1-1 when you believe someone is in immediate danger, or you are witnessing a violent or criminal act. These type of incidents may include house break and enter, vehicle theft, or domestic violence.

The CPS non-emergency number, 403-266-1234, should be called when you believe the police should be engaged but there are no immediate threats to safety. These are lower priority calls that the police will respond to at a later time. These crimes may include phone scams, damage to property, a drug tip, or theft from a vehicle. You can also report these crime using the CPS website at www.calgary.ca/cps and clicking on 'Report a Crime Online'.

3-1-1 Calgary is a single point of contact for City of Calgary non-emergency services. The service can be reached by dialing 3-1-1 or online at www.calgary.ca/311online. Please contact 3-1-1 to report graffiti or bylaw related concerns.

The Federation of Calgary Communities has a great resource centre that offers a wide range of resources on crime prevention, safety, community engagement, and more. Visit them at https://calgarycommunities.com/ and search 'virtual resource centre' to access the information.

Greg Clark hands over a cheque from the Alberta government CFEP grant program to EPRA president Paul Bryden. The funds received will go a long way towards helping EPRA with its much-anticipated clubhouse renovation to begin this fall.

I wish you a relaxing and fun filled summer. I'll be in the constituency until the Legislature sits again in October. Please feel free to stop by the office and say hello. We are

located above the Sunterra in Britannia.





## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

### BE A MEMBER AND SUPPORT THE ELBOW PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION



We are kicking off a Door-to-Door Membership Drive in late spring. Memberships may be purchased on line at www. elbowpark.com or from your block's community volunteer member.

Membership fees are \$40 for Family/Sports and \$25 for Residents not accessing sport facilities and parks. The EPRA is responsible for, and membership fees are used for the costs of:

- maintaining stairways, parks, skating rinks, and the clubhouse
- contributing to costs of the clubhouse renovations, park, playground and other community enhancements
- supporting community events such as Celebrate and the Christmas Eve Skating Party

#### **BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP INCLUDE:**

- supporting community maintenance and events and the EPRA ability to access government grants
- the ability to purchase tickets and support community social initiatives such as Celebrate and pub nights
- an invitation for you and your extended family to the Christmas Eve Skating Party
- having membership-only rights to rent the clubhouse
- receiving communications about community events and safety alerts through the newsletter and email distribution

To help out with the Membership Drive (minimal work required!) in May please contact Shannon at safety@elbowpark.com

### **STAY** CONNECTED

Sign up for EPRA email updates by registering your email with us to receive timely and important announcements from the community.

Please go to www.elbowpark.com

Those who register before September 1 will be entered in a draw for a family pass of tickets to this fall's Celebrate event on September 12. (\$100 value)

Note: We do not share our email list with any third parties.

### MOUNTAINS TO METROPOLIS: THE ELBOW RIVER WATERSHED

S2G+ was excited to find out that a new book had been written about the Elbow River. We asked the author, Diane Coleman, if she would be willing to write an article about what prompted her to write about the Elbow Watershed. And, here is her response!

Water in the landscape has always attracted me. Perhaps that is why I have lived near the Elbow River for four decades. When I lived near downtown Calgary, potable water magically came out of the tap and wastewater disappeared with a flush. No big deal. But then on our acreage outside the city in the middle watershed, water issues quickly became apparent. Here, our household water comes from a local water co-operative and we have a septic system to maintain. Here, one thoughtless person overwatering his large lawn has brought the water system to its knees on occasion. Then, as a geographer, I have also had a fascination for the landscape itself. Landscape plus water equals watershed, and in my case, that of the Elbow River.

Big questions arose: where does our water come from, how is it best used and where does it go when we have finished with it? What is a watershed really? What are its parts, how does it function, is it so important to keep it healthy, and how do we do that? And why should we care? Why? — because we all live in a watershed.

I began to research everything I could find out about the Elbow watershed - its geography, its wildlife, its human history, its management and its present-day situation - all coloured by my own experience living, hiking and camping here. And all that turned into this book!

My conclusion about all of this? The Elbow River watershed is beautiful and important and it is under significant pressure for industrial, urban and recreational development. Since the sound functioning of any watershed depends on the well-being of all of its parts, I hope this book will help ensure the Elbow's continued health through knowledge and understanding, and from that, good management.

Diane Coleman is the author of Mountains to Metropolis: The Elbow River Watershed (Friesen Press, 2015). The book is available through Amazon.ca, Friesen Press or the Moose Mountain General Store in Bragg Creek. Diane can be reached at mapchick@telus.net or www.elbowriverwatershed.com.



Formed in 2004, S2G+ Preservation Society collaborates to enhance the environment and natural history of the lower Elbow River, its valley and contiguous bench lands from the Glenmore Dam to Fort Calgary. To join our stewardship network email us at S2Gplusinfo@gmail.com. Follow us on facebook.com/S2Gplus

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The Elbow Diver Watershed





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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.

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 and pay online. It is that easy!

We look forward to your continued support in our 2015/2016 campaign.

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.



| 2016 MEMBERSHIPS  |                    |  |  |  |
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| (Please include full names of both partners.)   |                    |  |  |  |
| Address   | Postal Code        |  |  |  |
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| EPRA Membership (check applicable):   |                    |  |  |  |
| □ Family/Sports \$40  | \$                 |  |  |  |
| □ Single/Senior <b>\$25</b>   | \$                 |  |  |  |
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| EPRA, c/o Rhonda Fulton, 3808 9th Street SW, Calgary, Alberta, T2T 3C9 - SORRY NO REFUNDS   |                    |  |  |  |
| www.elbowpark.com - memberships available online  |                    |  |  |  |
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## **ELBOW PARK** RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

800 - 34 Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta T2T 2A3

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| Director                                   | Diana Bloom                   |                  |   |
| Director                                   | Alex Wylie                    |                  |   |

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| (Preschool, Youth Club, 20's and 30's Club, 50+ Club, Inn from the Cold) |                 |              |                           |
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### CALGARY CALL 3-1-

| Councillor Ward 11      | Brian Pincott          | 403-268-2430 | ward11@calgary.ca         |
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