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*“Thank you to
The Glencoe Club
for publishing the
Elbow Park
Gazette!”*



President's Message

HAPPY ALMOST SPRING!



If you have any interest in joining the Elbow Park Tennis Club this season please pay close attention to the registration details. Registration for EPRA members opens on March 9 and we expect the available spots to be filled quickly. See pg 12 for information on how to register for tennis and other sports.

As the pandemic winds to a close, the EPRA Events Committee is gearing up for some fun opportunities to gather and celebrate. An Open Mic night and a micro-brewery beer tasting are two events that we hope to schedule once all the restrictions are lifted. Stay tuned for more details in the next few weeks.

The Elbow Park Residents Association would like to take this opportunity to thank our out-going Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator (NPC), Sarah Papineau, for her support and hard work. We wish her well as she transitions to a new position with the city. Please see page 13 for more information about the role of an NPC entails.

Huge thanks are in order for the extraordinary efforts of the many volunteers who help flood and maintain our three ice rinks: Scott, Tim, Ian, Steve, Gavin, Paul, Roger, Neil, Russ, Spencer, Bliss, Eric, James, Big Rock Hauling. Special mention to Byron - who even made a homemade Zamboni for the East Elbow rink.

EPRA Treasurer, Dave Newby, is pleased to report that the proceeds from the October 2021 casino are \$62,536, exceeding our expectations by a significant margin. Shout out to Bob Dick, Casino Director and former Elbow Park resident for his contribution, including the mammoth task of coordinating the volunteers. A big thank you to everybody who worked a shift. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated!

The City is still conducting its due diligence on the much anticipated storage shed and construction cannot get started until that is complete. We have no timeline but are hopeful that we can get the shed built this season.

On a less positive note, we're disappointed to report that two individuals broke into the Clubhouse in the early hours of January 31, causing damage by kicking down doors and stealing part of the EPRA sound system. The police were involved. We will be increasing our security system and taking the necessary precautions to prevent future episodes.



DID YOU KNOW? There are a number of events organised in 2022 to mark the 200th birthday of Frederick Law Olmsted, known as the “father of landscape architecture”. Elbow Park is one of four Calgary Communities, along with Scarboro, Mount Royal and Bridgeland, with an Olmsted landscape design. Olmsted believed in the importance of connection to nature and that well-designed parks and green spaces strengthen a community.

All the best,
Lisa Poole
EPRA President



Wildlife Sightings

Bobcats, a Coot, and some Jolly Reindeer

BOBCATS

Amy Norman, an Elbow Park resident, sees wildlife as a sign of a healthy ecosystem. Like Norman, many of us have spotted and/or seen photos of bobcats in the neighbourhood. The naturalist Brian Keating feels these wild cats, members of the lynx family, are “a fantastic asset to the city” as they bring “colour and diversity.” Make no mistake, though, says Keating: bobcats are “ambush predators” who sit and wait for an animal – typically squirrels, hares, and mice – to chase and catch (*for full article, see <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/bobcat-sightings-calgary-habitat-food-snow-1.6023743>*).



Are they a threat to humans?

To our canine and feline companions?

Here is what Alberta Wildlife has to say about bobcats (*retrieved from <https://www.alberta.ca/bobcats.aspx>*):

- Bobcats in the wild are naturally shy of humans and are normally most active at sunrise and sunset.
- Though rare, bobcat sightings are increasing in parts of southern Alberta.
- Bobcats are highly adaptable and if living in or near human development may lose their fear of people and the noises of the city. These bobcats may also learn to become more active at any time of the day.
- Bobcats feed mostly on rabbits, hares and other small mammals like mice and squirrels.
- Bobcats are the smallest of Alberta’s wild cats - about twice the size of a domestic cat. They have a bobbed tail that gives them their name, black-tufted ears and dark markings for camouflage.

Bobcats and your pets:

- It is extremely unlikely that a bobcat will attack a human.
- Bobcats are opportunistic hunters. If bobcats are known to be in the area, keep cats indoors and supervise small dogs when they are in the yard, as they may be vulnerable.

What to do about a bobcat on your property:

- Outside of urban areas, bobcat may be hunted (but not trapped) by a resident on land which the resident has the right of access for hunting in select Wildlife Management Units in the southern area of the province. The hunting season runs from November 1 to February 28. Consult the Alberta Guide to Hunting Regulations for specific open areas.
- Fur Management Zone 6 has a trapping season for bobcat. Consult the Alberta Guide to Trapping Regulation for specific open areas and seasons.
- Be sure that the bobcat has not made a den for kittens somewhere on your property. Bobcat kittens are usually born April to June and they stay with their mother for up to a year. Look for open spaces under decks, outbuildings or in trees, shrubs or piles of debris for den locations.
- If there are no kittens, be sure the bobcat has an escape route – open gates on your property and do not block its exit. The bobcat will leave in its own time. If the bobcat is reluctant to leave, consider spraying it with a garden hose until it does leave.
- Fish and Wildlife offices receive many reports of bobcat sightings each year. Officers will respond when there is a threat to public safety. Calgary contact: 403-297-6674.

How to prevent bobcats from coming to your property:

To prevent conflict with bobcats, remove the food, shelter or water that may attract them to your property:

- Do not feed wildlife.
- Keep your garbage in containers with tight-fitting lids.
- Put your garbage and recycling out only on the morning of collection, not earlier.
- Do not leave pet food outdoors.
- Remove bird feeders and bird baths so bobcats are not drawn into your yard to prey on the birds.
- Trees, shrubs and even grass should be kept trimmed so there is no shelter for bobcats to hide in. Spaces under decks and outbuildings should be closed off for the same reason.
- Add motion detector lighting to walkways and driveways.
- Dogs, rabbits, chickens or other animals that live outdoors should be kept in a secure enclosure with a strong roof.

Relocating a bobcat:

- Trapping and relocating a bobcat several kilometres away is NOT an effective method of removing a bobcat from your property. The 'problem animal' is NOT given a second chance in a new home. Bobcats typically try to return to their original territories, often getting hit by a car or killed by a predator in the process. In many cases, moving bobcats will not solve the original problem because other bobcats will replace them and cause similar conflicts. The best solution is to make your property unattractive to wildlife.



Photo taken by Beverley Podulsky, bobcat trio spotted on her neighbours' driveway in East Elbow Park, December 2021

THE AMERICAN COOT

It seems that James and Coco Cran - observers of the Goose Family on Sifton Blvd - noticed a new bird in their back garden in December. It is the dark bird, with its neck down, in the front of the photo below:



James did some poking around to identify the bird and discovered it's an American Coot. He learned that while it isn't unusual for such a sighting in this part of Alberta, it's the first time in 45 years he and Coco have seen one. He provided the following two pictures from the internet:



As James reports, "it is a water bird and sort of related to the duck but see its weird "webbed" feet? And that is not a duck's bill".

JOLLY REINDEER

I'm sure I'm not the only one who's noticed the number of reindeer on the 36th Avenue block of 6th Street SW.



To solve the mystery of their sudden appearance, I reached out to Lara Cooke. Apparently, the block has had a friendly competition with their Christmas lights the last two years. To cheer herself and others out of the Covid doldrums, she organized a “Griswold’s Christmas Vacation” theme night where folks would go out and “judge” people’s decorations. (Lara admits there might have been some wine and cookies involved for all the participants).

Last year she and her husband gave the Best Decorated House winners bottles of wine or a gift card to Owl’s Nest books. In 2021, Lara noticed reindeer being sold by a Calgary family to raise funds for Inn From The Cold, and she thought it would be a good idea to award one of them to this year’s winner. (See <https://www.randomactsofrainbows.ca/blog/reindeer-for-a-reason>).

One of the neighbours chimed in on the email thread and said that she had already ordered one. The link to order the reindeer was then shared with the rest of the neighbours, and within two hours, the block had bought 17 of them!!



Once the herd arrived (all at once in someone’s truck!), Lara realized that the ones on the north end of the street were a bit rowdy; they moved around quite a bit from one night to the next. One morning, she found four of them lying on her front lawn with empty beer cans strewn about. Evenings were clearly full of reindeer games as one night, the herd set up a limbo competition; on another, they were tobogganing; still another saw them playing spin the bottle with no less than an empty champagne bottle. They also threw a disco party and one evening they were stacked in a pyramid, peeping in the windows of a neighbour’s house. Although Christmas is over, the reindeer clearly enjoy their new habitat as many seem to have taken up permanent residence on this block.

Note all EPRAers: The 36th Avenue 6th Street SW block is issuing a challenge to all avenues/streets comprising Elbow Park to an outdoor decoration competition December 2022. Get ready to get your glow on!

Should you have any photos and/or stories of wildlife in our neighbourhood you’d wish to share, please forward them to Kelly Hewson, Gazette editor, at k2hewson@gmail.com

Local Lore

Curated by Tracey J. Johnson, EPRA Director of History

In 1875, a troop of North-West Mounted Police under the command of Inspector Éphrem A. Brisebois (appointed 2 years earlier in the newly organized NWMP) was sent to establish a post at the junction of the Bow and Elbow rivers to maintain law and order in the Bow River country. The 25-year-old Brisebois issued an unauthorized order to name the post after himself - hence, Fort Brisebois. In short order, Brisebois was considered unfit to command his men. His continued insubordination led to his resignation from the NWMP in August 1876, after the arrival of his superior, Colonel James Farquharson Macleod. MacLeod suggested changing the name to Fort Calgary, after his relatives' castle in Scotland called Calgary House, located on Calgary Bay on the Isle of Mull, which he had recently visited. Calgary dropped "Fort" from its name when it was incorporated into a town in 1884.

The word "Calgary" is of Gaelic origin and depending on where you look, could mean "clear running water", though it's now generally agreed that it means "bay farm". Scottish etymology aside, Calgary was originally known as "at the elbow" by its first settlers, the Indigenous peoples of Southern Alberta. The "elbow" refers to the sharp "elbow-like" bend made by the Bow River and the Elbow River. The Bow River was named for the reeds that grew on its banks, used by Indigenous peoples to make bows.



The neighbourhood of Elbow Park takes its name from the Elbow River, so named because a river bend resembled that of a bent elbow. The Calgary community of Glencoe (before it was assimilated into Elbow Park – see picture) was deliberately named to appeal to Scottish settlers during Calgary's real estate boom in the early twentieth century. "Glencoe" is the name of the valley of the Coe River in western Scotland, with "glen" being the Scottish term for a small, secluded valley.

RESEARCHING YOUR HERITAGE HOME

In January, EPRA's Director of History and Heritage, Tracey Johnson, hosted Elbow Park's first Researching Your Heritage Home session with around 20 residents taking part. Community members learned tips on how to research information on their heritage homes and surrounding community. Local John Heffer, whose own Elbow Park home is on the Century Homes and Historic Inventory lists, offered his expertise. Tracey plans to follow this up in the spring with a community heritage walking tour. Stay tuned for details.

DEMYSTIFYING DESIGNATION WORKSHOP

Save the date for an upcoming Demystifying Designation Workshop, May 26, 2022, put on by Heritage Calgary for the Elbow Park Community. This event is for you whether you are an owner of a century home, a mid-century gem or interested in how Calgary's heritage gets protected. Learn about historical designation from heritage experts along with homeowners sharing their designation experience.

The workshop includes:

- Designation criteria and how the process works.
- What is fact? Yes, City Heritage Planners help throughout the process. What is fiction? No, designating a property is not overly restrictive.
- How heritage properties are valued in the market.
- The pros & cons of designation.
- Economic, social and environmental benefits.
- What Municipal and Provincial incentives are available.

Email history@elbowpark.com to be placed on the pre-registry list.

People In The Neighbourhood



Charlotte Ward

Those of us residing in West and East Elbow Park—humans and canines alike-- may be familiar with Charlotte Ward. During her first stint in our neighbourhood (2014 to 2016), she delivered the mail while talking on a headset. At the sound of her voice, our then relatively young dog would run circles at the front door, whining to be let out. Once released, he would bolt to wherever Charlotte was on the street to receive what would become a ritual meet, greet, and treat. When Charlotte successfully bid on the Elbow Park route and returned in 2021, our now senior dog, heftier and slower, recognized her, re-discovered his legs, and ran like a young pup to reunite with her. All this to say that not only is Charlotte a friendly, efficient mail carrier, she is also a dog whisperer. No matter how heavy her bag or how busy her day, she always takes time to visit with the neighbourhood canines, and if their humans are around, us too. Her own dog, Zac, 10 years old, is a lab/boxer mix. What a much-loved pet he must be.

Charlotte's been on the job for 22 years. Depending on the mail volume, she covers between 11 and 16kms a day – that's between 22,000 and 33,00 steps. There are over 430 houses on her route, and again, depending on volume, and including sorting and delivering, her workday, because she's fast, is

usually 6 hours long. Through sleet, snow, rain and hail¹, it seems Charlotte's preferred attire is shorts. They are only exchanged for long pants when the temperature goes below -5C.

For her, every day on the job is a new day. She loves the camaraderie, the conversations she has with folks walking the streets, and the atmosphere of our community which she characterizes as friendly and closely-knit. It's obvious, she says, "that there are bonds among neighbours here. You look out for one another. You know each other."

From the ages of 8 to 24, Charlotte was a competitive soccer player, her team acknowledged in the Lethbridge Sports Hall of Fame. Unphased by a torn ACL, Charlotte turned her athletic talents to competitive softball, where she pitches for the cheekily named team, The Vibe Raiders, and has, since COVID, taken up golf, a game she has quickly become good at.

If you've never met her, please stop and say hello to one of the cheeriest people in our neighbourhood.

¹The origins of this phrase, which became part of the United States Postal Workers motto, reside in an account by the Greek historian, Herodotus, 500BC, in his admiration of the relay system (via horseback) of message delivery along the Royal Road in what was then the Persian Empire. "Neither snow, nor rain, nor heat, nor gloom of night stays these courageous couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds."



Liz, a member of the Elbow Park Canine Unit, patiently awaiting Charlotte, January 2022

Best Of Bridge: Cookies

When I contacted Mary Halpen to see what she might suggest as a recipe for this shoulder-season's Gazette, she replied that she happened to be at home baking yet another batch of her family's favourite cookies. As they are also a big favourite at Ronald McDonald House, Mary makes them there quite frequently. It's a Best of Bridge recipe from That's Trump (1988)—no, not that Trump--and the cookies were called FATAL ATTRACTIONS. She changed the name to SNOW CAPS as she felt that was not only more suitable for kids but reflects exactly what the cookies look like.

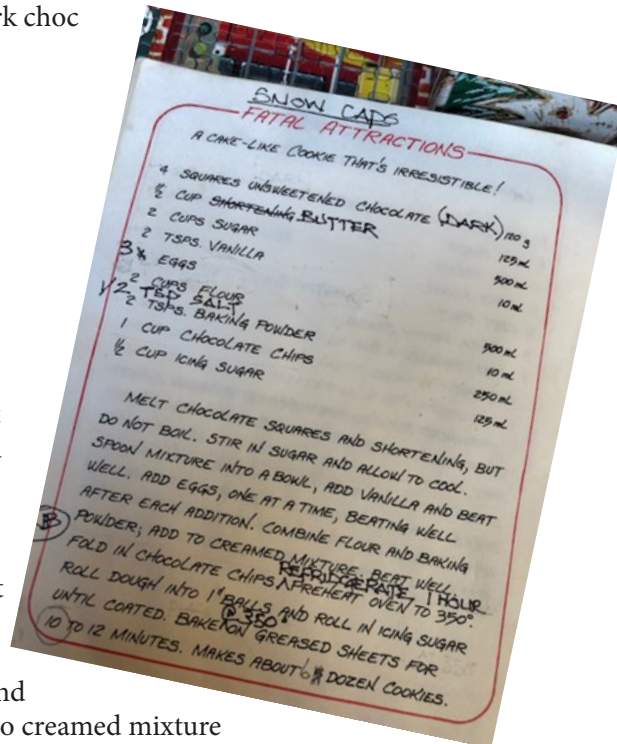
Mary also made a few changes to the recipe, so she sent me a photo from her book with revisions written in. (I'm sure I'm not the only one who takes pleasure in reading hand-written comments on recipes). And she encourages us to make them because not only are they easy, "they're really really good!"

Revised Ingredients for the re-named Snow Caps:

4 sq unsweetened dark choc
 ½ c butter
 2 c sugar
 2 tsp vanilla
 3 eggs
 2 c flour
 ½ tsp salt
 2 tsp baking powder
 1 c choc chips
 ½ c icing sugar

Melt choc squares and butter but do not boil. Stir in sugar and allow to cool. Spoon mixture into a bowl; add vanilla and beat well. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition.

Combine flour, salt and baking powder; add to creamed mixture and beat well. Fold in chocolate chips and refrigerate for 1 hour. Roll dough into 1" balls and roll in icing sugar until coated. Bake at 350 on a greased cookie sheet for 10 minutes. Makes about 6 dozen cookies.



ELBOW PARK MUSCIANS UNITE!



- Connect with musician neighbours
- Mentor new musicians
- Play at Pub Night
- Participate in open mic nights

If you are interested, curious, have ideas to add, please contact Chris Robb, Robb4@shaw.ca or 403-770-7206.

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1/2 page

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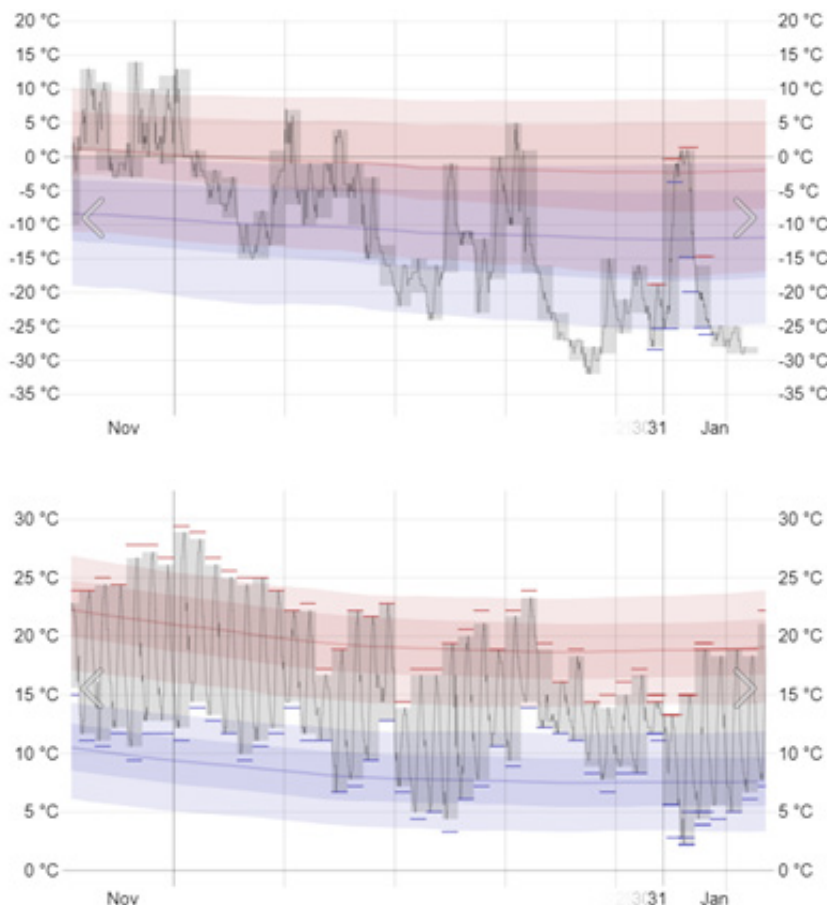
DID YOU KNOW...

that Calgary entered a Sister Cities Agreement with Phoenix, Arizona in February 1997?

Including Calgary, there are ten international cities involved in the Phoenix Sister Cities initiative. For more information on their mission, vision, and values, see phoenixsistercities.org

Fun Fact? Maybe not. Below are charts comparing the Sister Cities' December Weather 2021. Guess which chart belongs to which city?

To read, note: The daily range of reported temperatures (gray bars) and 24-hour highs (red ticks) and lows (blue ticks), placed over the daily average high (faint red line) and low (faint blue line) temperature, with 25th to 75th and 10th to 90th percentile bands.



Retrieved with thanks from Weatherspark.com, a veritable font of weather information. There are charts detailing hourly wind speed, humidity (or lack thereof), phases of the moon as well as number of hours of sunlight for cities around the world.



Art Work Thursdays in the Clubhouse

DO YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN ART?

Would you like to connect with other artists on Thursdays between 1-3:30pm in the Clubhouse?

Any age and ability welcome to this drop-in opportunity. Bring your own project and supplies, a \$5 entry fee or \$20 for non-EPRA Members.

This isn't a class but a gathering of community artists to create, discuss and enjoy the world of art together.

Development Chair Report

Submitted by Martina Walsh

3419 6TH STREET SW

An information session on the DP application at 3419 6th Street SW. This meeting was attended by 16 individuals, who voiced various concerns regarding the plans for the development, including parcel coverage, roof height, shadowing, drainage, dwelling massing/3rd storey and tree removal. The EP Development Committee submitted a letter to the City, listing concerns with the pending application. Neighbours also submitted letters. There has been no response from the City to date.

3719 14TH STREET SW

City of Calgary sponsored an information meeting on January 19, 2022, for four proposed Marda Loop applications. Many Elbow Park residents attended this meeting to hear about the Direct Control (DC) application for 3719 14th Street SW. The EPRA opposes the use of DC zoning to sidestep the existing R-C2 zoning. The proposed 10-unit development, a 1000% increase in density with insufficient parking and inadequate waste removal is unsuitable for this location.

1136 RIVERDALE AVENUE SW

An appeal was made to Subdivision Appeal Board Decision (SDAB) due to overbuilding of the lot and a lack of respect for an existing easement. The appeal was denied.

“PLANNING 101” MEETING WITH WARD 8 REPRESENTATIVES ALICIA TA AND JOEL LAFOREST

EPRA's Ward 8 representative, Alicia Ta prepared a 35-slide presentation about planning, development and land use that was attended by both members of the EPRA board and the EPRA Development Committee. We are hoping to have another meeting to discuss development challenges we are facing as a community such as:

1. Respect for existing zoning, heights, setbacks and lot coverage bylaws and to stop using discretionary applications to avoid the need to comply with current bylaws.
2. Respect for adjacent neighbours concerns regarding shadowing, enjoyment of their amenity space as it pertains to high continuous walls along the length of the property.
3. Respect for community context and acknowledgement of the EPRA Planning and Development Guidelines
4. Respect for existing restrictive covenants
5. Protection for mature trees and the urban canopy on both on public and private property
6. Better communication and respect from city file managers - we need to know when an application has been approved & when there have been modifications.
7. Consequences for when demolition / construction has begun before approval.

8. Residential Communities are not an industrial park! Some of the issues of concern during construction include:
 - Smoking including cannabis on the job site
 - Toxic fumes and noise from idling vehicles
 - Toxic fumes from lacquering
 - Using residential properties as a workstation for other jobs
 - Loud Music
 - Blocking Driveways
 - Cutting down Trees
 - Falling debris
 - Damage to adjacent foundations
 - Construction hours are unreasonably long, especially on weekends and also when so many people are trying to work from home

For reference:

EPRA Good Neighbour Policy:
https://elbowpark.com/resources/Documents/EPRA%20Good%20Neighbour%20Policy_1JUN2021.pdf

Elbow Park Development Guidelines: <https://elbowpark.com/resources/Documents/EPRA%20Development%20Guidelines%20LC%20Edit.pdf>

34TH AVENUE AND 10TH STREET SW

There has been a great deal of interest in the future usage of the former St Patrick's School Site, which adjoins William Reid Elementary School's playing fields. Please be advised that Councillor Courtney Walcott assures that he will keep Elbow Park Residents Association informed about the future of the St Patrick's school site and no decisions will be made without the involvement of community residents.

Get Active: Sports Registrations



A little snow doesn't stop players from getting out on the courts! January 2022

TENNIS

Elbow Park Tennis Club

Registration Opens:
March 9 at 8:30 am
www.elbowpark.com

BASKETBALL

We're looking into summer camps. Stay Tuned.

SOCCER

Calgary Villains Football Club

Registration Deadline:
U7-U19: March 25
U3-U8: April 10
www.calgaryvillainssoccer.ca

BASEBALL

Rocky Mountain Little League

Ages 4-16yrs
www.rockymountainlittleleague.com

RUGBY

Canucks Rugby

U7 - U18
www.canucksrugby.com

FOOTBALL

Bulldogs Football

8-15 yrs
2022 Tryout Spring Season
Registration Deadline: March 31
www.bulldogs.com

LACROSSE

Sabre Cats

U6-U18
Registration is underway.
www.sabrecatslax.com

SWIMMING LESSONS

Registration Opens: March 8
www.liveandplay.calgary.ca

The EPRA board is looking for a Sports Director. Please contact info@elbowpark.com if you would be interested.

DID YOU KNOW . . .

that the City of Calgary employs Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinators?

Calgary Neighbourhoods engages in partnerships with community associations and social recreation groups to help make neighbourhoods great places to live, work, and play. Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinators support these organizations in the following areas:

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Support the development of sound board governance practices
- Support and facilitate strategic/business plan development that responds to residents'/members' needs
- Support and facilitate operational (including financial, communications and programing) policy and procedure development

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

- Support and facilitate development of financial best practices
- Review and consult on annual financial statements and mitigation strategies, as required
- Support and consult on grant and funding resources

LICENSE OF OCCUPATION (LOC)/ LEASE

- Initiating and/or exiting a LOC/lease
- Guidance on responsible land stewardship
- Administration of LOC/lease

CONNECTING CITY RESOURCES

- Connecting CAs/SRGs to appropriate City business units to address needs
- Share relevant City information

ENGAGEMENT

- Support and facilitate the identification of engagement needs
- Support CAs to connect with residents
- Support organizations to build a vision that fosters a sense of community

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

- Supporting to align programs and services to their strategic and/or business plan
- Providing guidance, consultation and support in the provision of programs and services

FACILITY MAINTENANCE & CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION

- Consult and support organization for capital construction projects, policy and processes
- Consult and support organization with the lifecycle and safety management pertaining to facilities and amenities

The Elbow Park Residents Association would like to take this opportunity to thank our out-going NPC, Sarah Papineau, for her support and hard work. We wish her well as she transitions to a new position with the city.

A warm welcome to the in-coming Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator, Jared Jenkins.



EPRA Membership

Many residents believe they are members of Elbow Park Residents Association; however, when they check the database it turns out they are not. Please go online to elbowpark.com for online registration OR use this membership form below and mail or drop it off to 800 34 Avenue SW T2T 2A3, make cheques payable to EPRA.

MEMBER BENEFITS

- Block Captains
- Direct link to Police Constable
- Maintenance of Clubhouse and EPRA Park
- Kennel Club
- Loyalty Program
- Good Neighbour Program
- Monitoring of Development
- Clubhouse Rental Discount
- Park Enhancement Project
- Voting Privileges at AGM
- Digital Newsletters & Gazette
- New Residents First Year Free

MEMBERSHIPS

Name(s) _____

(Please include full names of both partners if applicable.)

Address _____ Postal Code _____

Phone _____ E-mail: _____

Children's Names and ages: _____

EPRA MEMBERSHIP (check applicable):

Household Membership ☐ 1 Year \$40 ☐ 2 Year \$80 ☐ 3 Year \$120 \$ _____

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

Do you want to be recognized for the Donation? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Name to be used for recognition: _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

NEW TO ELBOW PARK? FIRST YEAR IS FREE

Welcome to our neighbourhood. Contact Don at membership@elbowpark.com to activate your free membership.

ELBOW PARK

Ice Crew Update

The Elbow Park Ice Crew (aka “Ice Dads”) continue to work hard and battle Mother Nature to keep our hockey rinks open and in good shape. It has been a tough year with the weather alternating between extreme cold snaps to t-shirt weather in January back to extreme cold and snow. Unfortunately during the past warm spell we were unable to maintain enough ice on the tennis court pleasure rink. However, with two and sometimes three-a-day floods the hockey rinks are back in action!

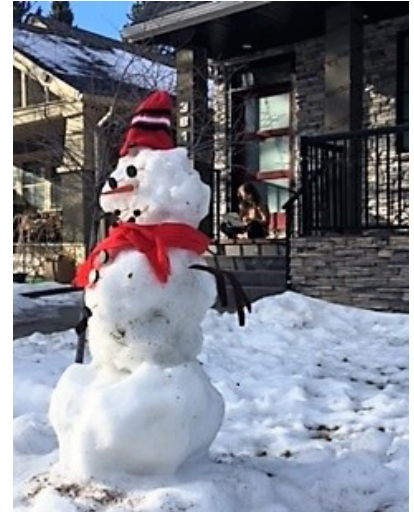
This year has definitely been a challenge with the weather (below -20 we can't flood and above +5 we lose a lot of ice) but it has definitely been a year of a lot of fun, a few 'dad pops' and some interesting lessons. Strong support from the community allowed us to upgrade and expand our equipment fleet and purchase upgraded nets. Next year we are already making plans to upgrade the hoses and of course utilize the proposed new storage building. The donations, support and folks stopping by early in the morning to thank us as they walk their dogs means a lot. Having both rinks open, and when we can, the tennis court rink, means there are safe and enjoyable rinks for skaters of all ability levels, ages and Olympic worthy talents!

The Ice Dads also had a very strong Rookie Class this year and all our new volunteers now understand the difference between a two stage & three stage snow blower, what “a light mist” means, what it takes to replace a sheer bolt and thanks to Ian we all have strange dreams about Zamboni's. A special thanks to all our volunteers including Ian, Steve, Gavin, Paul, Roger, Neil, Russ, Spencer, Bliss, Eric and others. A second special thanks to Ian for his hard work on the nets this year and assembling the truck ramps which now allows us to get the equipment loaded onto a truck when required in no time.

For many of us our significant others have recommended that we all seek therapy for our obsession with the rinks. The truth is it is a great way for us to contribute to such a great community and we know the rinks get a lot of use, especially in these challenging times. We love doing it and can't wait to make things even better next year!

On behalf of the Ice Dads,
Scott and Tim

PS – stay tuned for an update regarding hockey board take down which we try and schedule for early April depending on ground/weather conditions.





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