

St. Andrews Heights Community Newsletter



May 2009

President's Report by Liz Murray April 27th, 2009

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The annual **Park and Community Clean-up** is on **Sunday May 24th at 10 am**. Further details can be found in the newsletter – rain out date is Sunday May 31st. Please take the time to also clean up the back lane areas around your home.

Once again I am making a plea for residents to be on the lookout for **graffiti and vandalism** in the community. The community hall and tennis courts seem to be a regular target lately and were hit again the weekend of April 18th. Call 911 if you see these things in progress. Call 311 to report graffiti if you find it. A lot of light posts, mailboxes and traffic signs have graffiti on them now which won't be removed unless you report it.

The **garage sale** has been cancelled for this year. We found that a lot of people used this event to dispose of a lot of old items which are not sellable. We ended up paying a fair amount of money to dispose of many of the items. If a volunteer steps forward to run this event next year, we may put it back on the schedule.

I've received some early warning from the management of **McMahon Stadium** that another rock concert may be held there in August. I will forward details as they are finalized by the Stadium.

We are still looking for new **Community Association Board** members starting in June. I will be stepping down as President at the AGM so that position will need to be filled. We also have a few others you may be interested in so please call me if you can help (403-282-8309).

The **Community Association AGM** is scheduled for **Monday, June 22nd at 7 pm** in the community hall. If you have concerns about the community such as vandalism, sports programs, development, taxes, etc., then this is your opportunity to discuss them with the Board and your neighbours. The CA Board has lots of contacts in the City that can help you resolve any problems or concerns you have.

The next meetings of the Community Executive are at 7 pm on May 25th, June 25th and August 24th. The AGM is scheduled for Monday, June 22nd. All community members are welcome.

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The deadline for submissions for the June issue of the St. Andrews Heights Community Newsletter is: May 22nd, 2009

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Ice Matters By: Nik Rasula

Well, another winter, another super skating season!

Special thanks to all the great volunteers that made it happen; your 2008-2009 Ice-Rink Crew; Roger Smith, Larry Lozinski, Peter Ziriada, Croft Axsen, Charles Whitaker, Dave Russum, Dave Browne, Jane Burke-Browne, John Nesbitt, John Ross, Tom Stubbs, Bryan Smith, Jeff Gehl, and Tony Hamblin.

Thanks everybody.....you've proven again that you're the best!

As a note to all aspiring volunteers for next year, there will be an open call for tryouts in the Fall. Please stay tuned for dates and times. The protocol will remain the same as in years previous, namely, tests for speed, strength, and agility, with final cuts based after short-listing. Good Luck to all!

We'll see you in the Fall!

The Select,

The Few,

The Ice-Rink Crew

Annual Spring Clean-Up May 24/09 10:00 a.m.

It's been a long winter! Come out with your neighbours and friends to help clean up the green space around the community. All ages are welcome and garbage bags will be provided. Meet at the garbage can on Toronto Cr. at Kingston St. (An alternate date is scheduled for May 31st if Mother Nature does not co-operate)

COMMUNITY SYMPATHY to the families of Helen Elizabeth Johnson (her late husband was Howard Johnson). Helen passed away at the Bow Crest Care Centre on Wed. March 11, 2009 at the age of 87 years. Long time residents of St. Andrews and their children may remember the Johnsons. Helen and Howard married after meeting at Henderson Business College, and moved to St. Andrew's in 1957, where they raised their family. Helen was an active member of the community, and in the bridge and bowling clubs. The Johnson children are: Neil (Lorraine); Duane (Sharon) and Brian (Claire). Helen also leaves five grandchildren. A private celebration was held at Mountain View Funeral Home. Memorial donations in Helen's name may be made to the Alzheimer's Society of Alberta.

**“Before You Commit, Make Sure They’re Legit” -
Call 3-1-1 before you hire a contractor**

Protecting yourself from contractor fraud just became a little easier. The City of Calgary's Development & Building Approval's Business License Section launched an awareness program last year that encourages Calgarians to call 3-1-1 before hiring a contractor to confirm that the business holds a valid Business License.

The City of Calgary has standards in place to help protect you from bad business practices. To legally operate a contracting business within the city of Calgary, the owner of the business must obtain a City of Calgary Business License. The process is easy and involves approvals that help establish the contractor as “legit”.

Before hiring a contractor, Calgarians can call 3-1-1 with the exact business or trade name or the owner's name or the business address or phone number, and 3-1-1 can confirm that the business is “legit”.

Calling 311 to confirm a contractor has a Business License is a good first step to help protect you from bad business practices, but having a valid Business License does not guarantee quality of work of the business operator's ethics. Think of it as another tool in your tool box to guard against contractor fraud. If a fraud does occur, report it to the Calgary Police Service at 403-266-1234. Please also notify 3-1-1 so The City's Business License Inspectors can take the appropriate action.

Alderman Druh Farrell



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When and where do I register?

Please register online starting May 3, 2009 at: WWW.COMPUSIM.COM/VARSITY/BASKETBALL/REGISTRATION

In person: Saturday, June 13, 2009 from 9:00 am to 12:00 p.m. at the Varsity Community Center

Cost: Tykes \$140; All other age groups are \$345

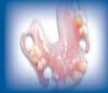


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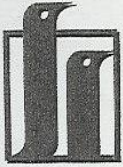
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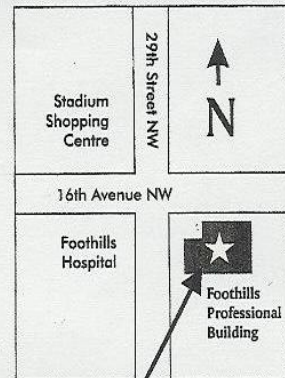
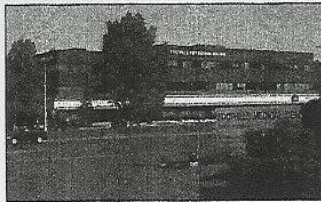
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Here are some reasons why people call 211:

- A senior seeking homecare support
- A laid-off employee wanting information about employment insurance
- A teenager struggling with school or social issues
- A family looking for child care services in their community
- A recent immigrant looking for help getting settled in Calgary.

211 is a partnership Distress Centre Calgary, The City of Calgary and United Way of Calgary and Area. The Calgary Health Region is also an important contributor through its InformCalgary/InformAlberta database partnership with The City of Calgary.

Visit www.211calgary.ca for more information.

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SPRING PROGRAMS 2009

Programs are FREE with a library card.

Register in person by calling 240-2420 or online at www.calgarypubliclibrary.com

Game On!

Hang out with other teens and test your skills at games like **Rock Band**,

Guitar Hero, and more!

Ages 13 to 17

Thursdays, May 21 to Jun 25

3:15 - 5:15 p.m.

Coffee and Conversation for Moms

If you have a baby or toddler at home, bring them along and socialize with other Moms!

Thursdays, May 07 to Aug 27

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

No registration required

50+ Coffee and Conversation

Join us for coffee, conversation, and informal presentations of interest.

Ages 50 and up

Mondays, May 11, Jun 08, Jul 13, and Aug 10

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

No registration required

At *your* Library



Calgarians share vision of sustainable, affordable future

Over the past three years, Calgarians have been engaged in planning what they want the future of this city to look like. Some 6,000 people have participated, their comments have been taken into account and the result, entitled "Plan It Calgary," is about to go to City Council for review.

Plan It Calgary consists of two parts, the Municipal Development Plan and the Calgary Transportation Plan. Together, these integrated plans set out a 60-year direction to accommodate up to 1.3 million new residents, expected in our city. Such long-range planning is required by the *Alberta Municipal Government Act*.

Plan It Calgary proposes to reduce costly urban sprawl, gradually over the next 60 years. During this time, the single family home will continue to be the dominant housing form, while other types of housing are encouraged, providing people more choice. The city currently has available a generous supply of planned suburban land, enough to accommodate 185,000 people in single family and semi-detached homes. The goal is to slowly change Calgary's development pattern so that, over 30 years, about one third of new population growth can be accommodated in the developed parts of the city, instead of only on the outer edges, as happens now.

Established communities will experience very little change, but areas where the concentration of housing and jobs increases will be served by expanded, high-frequency transit service. Bringing homes, jobs and amenities closer together will make walking, cycling and transit more convenient.

Plan It Calgary proposes a way of growing our city that is more affordable – by some \$11.2 billion – and it supports the well-being of citizens and the environment. Right now, the city covers some 850 square kilometres – and it's expanding. These existing development patterns cost more – for roads and water infrastructure, and to provide services – and that affects everyone's taxes. At the same time as the city expands, there is land within existing developed areas, already served by roads, water and other services, that is vacant or under-developed. Plan it Calgary provides support for redeveloping many of these pieces of land to achieve a more efficient and cost effective city.

On May 14, Plan It Calgary goes before the Calgary Planning Commission for review, and on June 16, Calgary City Council will hold a Public Hearing to consider the proposed Municipal Development Plan and Calgary Transportation Plan.

For more information, please visit www.calgary.ca/planit.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED SUMMER 2009

Get Involved! Get Your Hands Dirty! Get Ready for a Great Summer!

TRAIL CARE

Trail Care began in 2006 with the planning and development of a single-track trail in Fish Creek Provincial Park, and the goal of this program is to provide cyclists with one exciting, inter-twining trail that contains a variety of terrain and challenges for both beginner and intermediate riders. This new single-track trail will extend through the entire Park and is estimated to take the next several years to complete. The Friends are looking for volunteer workers and team leaders for the Trail Care 2009 season to help construct this single-track trail in the Park. In addition to cyclists, this trail has already benefited hikers and wildlife such as deer. Trail Care is a great way for families, individuals, clubs and organizations to get involved and to help preserve the biodiversity of Fish Creek Provincial Park and leave a healthy, stable Park environment for future generations to enjoy.



2009 TRAIL CARE DATES

Saturday, June 13, 2009	9:30 am - 2:30 pm
Saturday, July 18, 2009	9:30 am - 2:30 pm
Saturday, August 8, 2009	9:30 am - 2:30 pm
Saturday, September 12, 2009	9:30 am - 2:30 pm
Saturday, October 3, 2009	9:30 am - 2:30 pm

TEAM LEADERS NEEDED SUMMER 2009

TEAM LEADER TRAINING Saturday, June 6, 2009 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
 We request that all volunteers under the age of 18 are accompanied by a legal guardian. Please contact Chris Lalonde, Trail Care Coordinator with the Friends of Fish Creek Provincial Park Society for information or to sign up for one of the above days.
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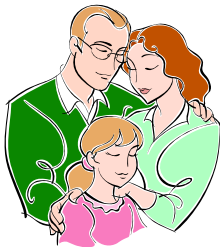
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For more information please call Marion @ 571-0516

Community Events

Art Group - Wednesdays from 1 to 3:30 pm at the Community Hall. Information (403-282-7395)

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