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SUBJECT

The Ridge

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CRIME.

WHAT IS 12 CSI?

12 Community Safety Initiative (12CSI) is a local area crime prevention collaborative that fosters community action on the issue of crime prevention by providing support, facilitation and advocacy. We operate in the communities of District 4 of the Calgary Police Service which are Abbeydale, Albert Park/Radisson Heights, Applewood Park, Calgary Marlborough, Crossroads (Mayland & Vista Heights), Dover, Erin Woods, Forest Heights, Forest Lawn, Marlborough Park, Penbrooke Meadows and Southview.

Together, we work toward creating safer neighbourhoods using the actions of our Teams - Youth, Communications, Diversity, Community Action and Governance.

MESSAGE FROM 12 CSI

Happy Spring, everyone.

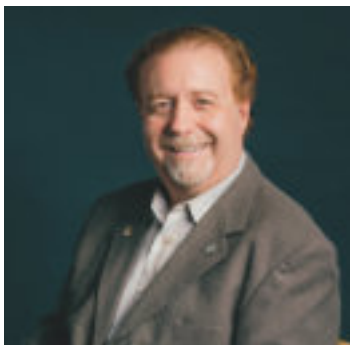
As the weather turns to more sunshine, we hope you are able to get out in your community and speak with your neighbours and friends. Building community keeps us safe. Knowing your neighbours and having trusted friends that live close by leads to being safe in your community. Our “Purple People” in the community, your ambassadors, are there to help those who may not have those networks of people ready to help. Reach out and say ‘hi’ if you need help or can offer help. We have had many offers of donations of items from our communities and we thank you.

We have a **Provincial election coming up May 29th** and I encourage you to follow our website and social media for election forum dates, times and places. *See page 20 for more details.* Voting is an important time to say what type of community you want to live in.

We have a great many projects ongoing here at 12 CSI. We keep adding to the translations for our traffic safety videos on our youtube channel www.YouTube.com/@12csi Check out the latest Amharic and Blackfoot translations. We have 13 languages available, seven more recorded (to be added to video) and others on the way. We are making a four-part series of videos for youth to help them with their mental health, a Pink Shirt Day art project, a film about pink shirt day and Anti Bullying, a film to help Urban Indigenous Youth connect with their culture and updating our Youth Safety app “Safe Ease YYC” with more great resources.

We hope to see you all out and about during a Community Action Team (CAT) walk in your community. Get in touch with Jen (jen@12csi.ca) if you’d like to start one in your community. We bring the vests and invite police and bylaw officers along to build relationship and learn how we can make our communities safer.

We have a great many safety resources and connections to resources that we can use to help any of our 12 Communities. Please reach out and we can try our best to help or connect. Recently we have had meetings with Crime Prevention and Anti Bullying experts in Greece, Belgium, Ireland, the Netherlands, the United States, Slovakia, and across Canada. We learn from them every time we talk.



LARRY LEACH

Executive Director 12 CSI

I encourage you to read our latest **Focus on Diversity article** *page 12*. It’s the last in our first series we hope to continue. We’d love to hear your feedback on the series via [email info@12csi.ca](mailto:info@12csi.ca)

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12CSI acknowledges that our 12 communities are on the traditional territories of the Blackfoot Confederacy (comprising the Siksika, Piikani, and Kainai First Nations and the Blackfoot Nation south of the US/Canadian imposed border).



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MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
2nd Wednesday @7pm

Hello Marlborough Park Residents!

At the time of writing this newsletter we are still in the middle of winter. The days are getting longer and here in Calgary we can boast of many sunny winter days. We hope you can get out and enjoy the weather please be careful as the freezing and melting I can lead to slips and falls. With spring on its way it's not too early to turn your mind to volunteering at the community association. Our AGM is scheduled for May 9, and we encourage you to come out and get involved. Check out our calendar and get involved in your community, for more information please check-out our website at: www.marlpark.ca

Pauline Padbury, Second-Vice President

HALL RENTALS

If you are in need of space to hold meetings or gatherings, we offer various amenities for rent. For more information regarding price and spaces, please call the hall at 403-248-1775 or drop by the hall at 6021 Madigan Drive NE. We will be following all COVID guidelines as it is adjusted.

MARLBOROUGH PARK PRESCHOOL NEWS

We are happy that our Preschool is fully operational with 2 exceptional teachers. We offer 2, 3 and 5 days a week from 9am to 11:30am, and from 12:15pm to 2:45pm. Subsidies available. We will open pre-registration for Year 2023-24 in April. For more information, please call 403-248-1775.

GOOD FOOD BOX

Paid by (to MPCA)	Box Arrival Date
March 7, 2023	March 17, 2023
April 11, 2023	April 21, 2023
May 2, 2023	May 12, 2023
May 30, 2023	June 9, 2023

BINGO NIGHT

 Bingo Palace 2604 – 35 Avenue NE

Feb 18	Saturday	4:30pm - 9:30pm
Mar 02	Thursday	4:30pm - 9:30pm
Mar 20	Monday	4:30pm - 9:30pm
Apr 01	Saturday	4:30pm - 9:30pm
Apr 13	Thursday	10:30am - 3:30pm

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Check Our Website www.marlpark.ca For New Events

MARCH

10th Open Mic Night 7:00-10:00pm
Wear green close to St.Patrick's day

APRIL

14th Open Mic Night 7:00-10:00pm

MAY

6th Multi Cultural Bazaar* 10:00am-4:00pm

*We are excited to announce MPCA in cooperation with Northeast Support Group on May 6th 10am-4pm. All funds raised will be donated to our building renovation fund.

9th AGM 7:00pm-9:00pm

12th Open Mic Night 7:00pm-10:00pm

JUNE

We will be having a community clean-up this year. Do not have a date yet!

WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAY

Drop-in Adult Pickleball 1:00pm to 3:00pm

TUESDAY

Crib 1:00pm to 3:30pm

WEDNESDAY

Loma Seniors Whist 1:00pm to 3:30pm

THURSDAY

Drop-in Adult Pickleball 1:00pm to 3:00pm

FRIDAY

Crib 1:00pm to 3:30pm

NJC* *Third Friday's 10:00am to 3:30pm

***(Not just coffee, not just cards) Come upstairs to the boardroom for coffee and socializing. Maybe walk the stairs start a jigsaw or grab a book. We welcome new ideas and all ages (NJS - not just seniors).*

DO SPECIAL DAYS HAVE MEANING?

Submitted by Diane Danielson Resident +12CSI Volunteer

march

March is designated to Community Associations in Calgary. **March 1st is Zero Discrimination Day.** Along with **Women's Day on the 8th, Equal Pay Day on the 31st** and the **International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on the 20th.**

april

April, a month designated to two great causes – **International Volunteering** and the **Prevention of Child Abuse.** **March 7th is Good Friday** which is a Stat holiday and the start of Easter. **The 17th is Equality Day** and the **22nd is Earth Day** which focuses us on protecting “our” planet – remember to turn off your lights for 22 minutes and improve reduce, reuse and recycle methods.

may

May is the month designated to **Asian Heritage** and **Sexual Assault Awareness.** **March 5th is Red Dress xPrevention** – watch for programs offered by 12 CSI. **The 17th is the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia.** The **21st** is set aside to celebrate families and to encourage **Cultural Dialogue.** **Victoria Day** celebrates the birthday of Queen Victoria and is a Stat holiday. **AND for Alberta voters – the 29th is the Provincial Election.**

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MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
 2nd Monday @ 7pm

Happy Spring! It seems like it's been a fairly nice winter, with not too many extremely cold days, thankfully.

I hope everyone has been getting out and taking advantage of our ice rink to get in a skate or two! Our ice rink has seen plenty of use since around the middle of December to hopefully at least end of February. **Thank you to Rink Coordinator Jonathan Masri and his team, for all your hard work making and maintaining the ice for everyone to enjoy!**

The weather was perfect on December 3rd for the **Kids' Christmas Party**, and everyone enjoyed the **horse-drawn sleigh rides around the park**, and then went inside for hot chocolate, coffee and snacks, as well as a visit from **Santa!** We loved seeing and visiting with everyone in person again. **EWCA sends a huge thank you to Champion Life Centre** which provided donations of coffee, tea, cookies, and hot chocolate, along with crafts for the kids. They did all that, along with donating their time to decorate for the party and help out at the party. Thank you to all the volunteers who came out and made this such a successful event. **Everyone in the community really appreciates everything you've done for us!**

The Erin Woods Garden Committee is looking for new members to participate in the planning, building, and running of the community garden that will be rebuilt at the EWCA Hall this spring. John Stark has been very busy rebuilding our garden boxes and making a new formation to complement the trees EWCA will be receiving from the city this year, to **make the garden even more beautiful for everyone in the community to enjoy.**

We have started community engagement with the City of Calgary Parks Department in regards to **creating an off leash dog park in our community.** Informational letters from City Parks have gone out to the residences in the 'potentially affected area' around the proposed site for input. **EWCA will be beginning a sight-line survey** as soon as it begins warming up again. The goal of the sight-line survey is to engage with residents who might potentially be impacted because of their proximity to the new

amenity being proposed. The City will use the survey results, as well as possibly other input, to determine if the majority of residents support or oppose the project. If we can demonstrate that the residents who live on the adjacent properties, and who will see/hear/experience this amenity on a regular basis, are in support, then we can continue with more detailed planning unabated, **and the City will install trash cans and monitor the area, to observe and educate where needed.**

EWCA is currently looking into the possibility of putting in a **community fridge** at the Hall to complement our Little Free Pantries for non-perishable items. Community Fridges are spaces where anyone can access free, quality food that would otherwise go to waste, connect with others, learn about the environmental impact of food, and share knowledge and skills.

EWCA BOARD MEETINGS

Usually 2nd Monday of the month, 7 pm at the EWCA Hall @ 83 Erin Park Dr SE. Please consider supporting your community by becoming a member or continuing to renew your membership. Get involved by volunteering at events, on committees, or joining the Board of Directors, and help steer the direction of the community, which will continue to make it a great place to live. We are always looking for people to fill positions on our board and on our subcommittees - like help with the community garden or sign at the 3-way stop. If interested, please contact us. **Any and all help is appreciated!**

BINGO DATES

March 15, May 15, July 9, and August 12 at the Bingo Palace (2600-35 Ave NE) - all volunteers receive a **\$50 credit towards youth & sports programs.** If you are interested in volunteering please contact us.

The AGM will be held on Monday, May 8th at 7:00pm, at the EWCA Hall: 83 Erin Park Dr SE. For

BYLAWS + TIPS

WHEN SHOULD I CALL 311 TO REPORT A BYLAW INFRACTION?

Call 311 for City information and non-emergency and non-law enforcement related services (e.g. bylaw-related issues, potholes, street cleaning, tax account inquiries).

WHY BYLAWS ARE IMPORTANT:

- Our bylaws help to ensure Calgary functions well.
- Our Calgary bylaws are written for many reasons including public safety, enabling proper maintenance of public spaces, encouraging good neighbour relations, protection of habitats for all to enjoy, accessibility of pathways and sidewalks for all Calgarians, to name just a few.
- The regulations laid out in our bylaws help to ensure stability, continuity, and structure, especially during these times when our city is growing and evolving. All City bylaws undergo regular reviews to ensure they are still appropriate and relevant, and to account for changes in our city and society.

EDUCATION VERSUS ENFORCEMENT

- When enforcing The City's bylaws, Calgary's Peace Officers use a measured and progressive approach.
- The optimal situation is one in which peace officers can engage with citizens who violate our bylaws, educate them on why our bylaws exist and why compliance is necessary and ultimately achieve voluntary compliance.
- Officers exercise discretion regarding enforcement, starting with education, then following up with a written warning if necessary. If these measures do not result in compliance, stronger enforcement methods, such as issuing tickets, may be taken.

BYLAW INFRACTIONS

All City of Calgary bylaws can be found on Calgary.ca

HOW TO FILE A COMPLAINT AND WHAT HAPPENS TO IT?

If you know of a bylaw infraction and would like to report it to Animal & Bylaw Services, please call 311 (from within Calgary) or 403-268-CITY (2489) (from outside Calgary).

TO HELP US RESPOND FASTER, PLEASE HAVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION READY BEFORE CALLING:

- Your name and address.
- A primary and alternate phone number.
- The address and exact location of the property for which you wish to register a complaint.
- A brief and concise description of the complaint.

This information will remain confidential. No anonymous complaints will be accepted - you must identify yourself to the 311 service representative.

Complaints registered with 311 are assigned a file number and forwarded to a peace officer, who will investigate the complaint. Due to the high volume of complaints registered and limited City resources, it can take several days before an initial visit occurs. Complaints are handled on a priority basis. Priority is given to complaints with a serious public safety implication.

THE ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURE DEPENDS UPON THE TYPE OF INFRACTION

1. Public safety hazards are assigned to City crews or an appropriate contractor to resolve the issue in a timely manner.
2. Private property owners who commit infractions are issued a Remedial Order giving them 14 days to solve the problem. After 14 days, a peace officer will visit the property, and if the problem has not been solved, a Notice of Corrective Action will be issued and City crews or contracted personnel will complete the work and the property owner is invoiced for the cost of the service (see the Community Standards Bylaw for more information).
3. For animal infractions, the officer may issue a Warning Ticket asking the owner to comply with the bylaw, or a Violation Ticket with an associated penalty (see the responsible pet ownership page for more information).

LOGGING RECURRING ISSUES AND BYLAW COMPLAINTS FOR 311

At times, citizens experience recurring issues with bylaw infractions with neighbours or elsewhere in their neighbourhood or community.

When recurring issues happen, make sure you note:

- the issue.
- the date or dates the issue occurred.
- the specific location where it occurred.
- the specific details about the issue.

This information should be provided as part of the complaint to assist bylaw officers in investigating your complaint.

If there are several people in the area experiencing the same issue, this information can also help bylaw officers to identify root causes of issues, and broader issues that may require a response coordinated across several business areas of The City.

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP MY COMMUNITY?

Community Projects and Improvements

- We encourage citizens who want to engage in community projects or improvements to consult with The City before proceeding to ensure you are complying with all bylaws.

Citizens can call 311 for more information or to be referred to an appropriate City business area.



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4002-17 Ave SE

White Oak Vegetarian Food Store

120, 4909-17 Ave SE
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PHOTOGRAPHER

Karen Begg

SUBJECT

Sunset from the Ridge





Calgary Marlborough Community Association

We need your help to make sure our neighbourhood is thriving. We have several open volunteer positions on the board. Come out to a Board meeting or email president@calgarymarlborough.com to find out more.

Embrace the winter weather with our public skating rink. It's a safe and fun activity you can enjoy with friends and family in the city. Our rink is free to use and open from around December to February. Remember that hockey sticks and nets are not permitted, and helmets are encouraged for all participants. Now, get ready for some family friendly fun skating in the great outdoors.

The Community snow shoveling program is looking for able bodied residents and youth to help seniors and persons with disabilities shovel their sidewalks and driveways. This is a great opportunity to gain valuable work experience, enhance your resume and earn some extra money. Plus, you'll be doing something good for your community.

Snow Shovelers must be at least 12 years old, able to shovel snow, and have parental consent. No experience is necessary.

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MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
1st Wednesday @ 7pm

CALENDAR OF EVENTS For More Events + Programs Throughout The Year Visit calgarymarlborough.com

MARCH

1st Community Board Meeting Door # 1	7:00pm
8th International Women's Day Event	Time TBD
10th Nerf Battles	6:00-8:00pm
17th Jellybean Dance	6:30-9:30pm
25th Open Mic - Adults Only	7:00-11:00 pm
26th Family Karaoke	3:00-7:00pm

APRIL

5th Community Board Meeting Door # 1	7:00pm
28th Jellybean Dance	6:30-9:30pm
29th Open Mic- Adults Only	7:00-11:00 pm

MAY

3rd Community Board Meeting Door # 1	7:00pm
5th Nerf Battles Games obstacles and more ***	6:00-8:00pm
11th Ladies Night Out	TBD
27th Open Mic - Adults Only	7:00-11:00pm

JUNE

7th Last Community Board Meeting of the season	7:00pm
9th Nerf Battles	6:00-8:00pm
16th Jellybean Dance	6:30-9:30pm
24th Open Mic - Adults Only	7:00-11:00pm
Community Clean up	TBD

WEEKLY EVENTS

Check our website & FB for new Events!

MONDAY

Taekwan do With Grand Master Phu

6-12 years	5:30-6:30pm
13 and up	6:30-7:30pm

TUESDAY

Seniors Social Walk Group

Coffee & Conversations	8-9am
Walking/light exercise	9-10:30

Free with community membership
Self-motivated program - main hall

Drop-in Pickleball 6:30-8:30pm

WEDNESDAY

Taekwan do With Grand Master Phu

6-12 years	5:30-6:30pm
13 and up	6:30- 7:30pm

THURSDAY

Beginner Yoga with Stephanie 7:00pm

FRIDAY

Gentle Fitness 9:00am

For all ages who are looking for a low impact workout. Improve range of motion, flexibility and balance.

CALGARY MARLBOROUGH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

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Address _____

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Email _____

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INDIAN CULTURE Built upon centuries of history and heritage, making it one of the oldest in the world. as the people of India can track their civilization back as far as 4,500 years ago. It is considered as a supreme culture in the world.

Today, India is a very diverse country, with more than 1.3 billion people, according to the making it the second most populous nation in the world after China. About 35 percent of the population lives in urban areas with an estimated annual rate of a little over 2 percent moving to cities each year. New Delhi is the most populous city in India with a population of 31.18 million people, second only to Tokyo, Japan for its population size. 10 million people. According to Statista, 26.16 percent of India population was under 14-years-old as of 2020, 67.27 were aged 15 to 64 and 6.57 percent were 65 or older.

LANGUAGES OF INDIA India has 28 states and seven territories. Hindi is the official language of the government and English is considered a subsidiary official language. The Constitution of India officially recognizes 23 official languages. Though many people speak Hindi in India, at least 56 percent of Indian residents speak something other than Hindi, Bengali, Marathi, Telugu Tamil, Gujarati and Urdu are some other languages spoken in the country.

Sanskrit, an ancient Indo-European language, came from Northern India. How the language started has been a point of argument amongst linguists. It shares many similarities with English, French, Farsi and Russian languages.

RELIGION OF INDIA India is identified as the birthplace of Hinduism and Buddhism, the third and fourth largest religions in the world. About 84 percent of the population identifies as Hindus. There are many variations of Hinduism, and four predominant sects — Shaiva, Vaishnava, Shaker and Smarta. 80 percent of the population is Hindu, 14.2 percent is Muslim, 2.3 percent is Christian, 1.7 percent is Sikh and 2 percent is unspecified.

INDIAN FOOD Cooking styles vary from region to region. Wheat, Basmati rice and pulses with chana (Chickpeas) are important staples of the Indian diet. The food is rich with curries and spices, including ginger, coriander, cardamom, turmeric, dried hot peppers, and cinnamon, among others. Chutneys — thick condiments and spreads made from assorted fruits and vegetables such as tamarind and tomatoes and mint, cilantro and other herbs — are used generously in Indian cooking.

Many Hindus are vegetarian, but lamb and chicken are common in main dishes for non-vegetarians. 20 to 40 percent of India's population is vegetarian. A tradition of vegetarianism appears to go back to the ancient past.

Much of Indian food is eaten with fingers. There is a wide array of breads served with meals, including



and share aspects of the many different cultures that make up our neighbourhoods. Many from Alberta Culture and Tourism whose support makes these presentations possible.

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INDIA: A LAND OF ANCIENT CIVILIZATION

HINDU

Written by Pritam Arora, Calgary AB



INDIAN ARCHITECTURE AND ART The most well-known example of Indian architecture is the Taj Mahal. India also has many ancient temples. India is well known for its film industry, which is commonly referred to as Bollywood. The country's movie history began in 1896 Today, the films are known for their elaborate singing and dancing as well as their elaborate action sequences. Indian dance, music and theater traditions span back more than 2,000 years. The major classical dance traditions — Bharata Natyam, Kathak, Odissi, Manipuri, Kuchipudi, Mohiniattam and Kathakali — draw on themes from mythology and literature and have rigid presentation rules.

INDIAN FASHION, CURRENCY, FESTIVALS Indian clothing is closely identified with the colorful silk saris worn by many of the country's women. The origins of this garment go back to Ancient India and evolved over time to include more expensive fabrics and adornments as they came to the country. A traditional piece of clothing for men is the dhoti, an unstitched piece of cloth that is tied around the waist and legs. Men also wear a kurta, a loose shirt that is worn about knee-length. India's currency is the rupee.

FESTIVALS Diwali is the largest and most important holiday in India. The significance of Diwali is the victory of good over evil, light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance and justice over injustice. For some it is start of new year. During the four-day celebration, family members and friends visit one another and give gifts and sweets to each other. It is a four-day festival known as the festival of lights because of the lights lit during the celebration to symbolize the inner light that protects them from spiritual darkness.

Holi, is a spring festival that represents the fun filled colorful harvest celebration. The country also celebrates Republic Day (Jan. 26), Independence Day (Aug. 15).



CHAPTERS and CHAT BOOK CLUB

12CSI believes in crime prevention through community collaboration including all members of the community. To include the Indigenous community and conversations on inclusion, we have a book club called Chapters and Chat.

UPCOMING READS + CONVERSATIONS

BOOKMARK THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH At 6:30pm

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Submitted by Ann Craig Resident + 12C51 Volunteer

Did You Know? The City accepts community garden

applications year-round and they are processed on a first-come first-served basis. Preference will be given to the development of one garden per community first; additional sites may be considered for approval depending on the community need and community support. In addition to the land approval, new gardens may receive up to \$5,000 in-kind support from The City. The City of Calgary is pleased to support community gardens by working with a variety of community organizations.



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THEFT PREVENTION ADVICE

What is a catalytic converter and why are they being stolen?

A catalytic converter helps clean your car's exhaust emissions, it is made up of precious metals such as rhodium, platinum and palladium. The price of some of these metals has risen sharply in recent years.

Reduce the risk of having your catalytic converter stolen:

- When possible park in well lit, high traffic areas and close to building entrances;
- Park inside a garage with the garage door locked;
- Have the catalytic converter welded to your car's frame, making it harder to steal;
 - Have the vehicle identification number (VIN) engraved on the catalytic converter. This may alert scrap dealers that its stolen and help to find the owner;
- Purchase an alarm system and have it calibrated to detect vibrations;
- There are devices on the market you can purchase that lock the catalytic converter in a cage or mesh, which makes it harder to steal.

How do you know if your catalytic converter was stolen?

- Your vehicle will make a loud roaring sound and will get louder when you push on the gas pedal.
- Your vehicle will also drive rougher.

If you think your catalytic converter has been stolen:


- Take vehicle to a professional to confirm.
- If it was stolen;
 - Call your local district Police office
 - Or complete a police report online >>>>>>> www.calgarypolice.ca
 - I would also recommend calling your insurance company to inquire as to whether it covers the theft.
 - You will need to replace it.
 - Police are working with scrap metal dealers to try to stop the purchase of stolen catalytic converters.

For more information about crime prevention,
visit Calgary Police Service
calgarypolice.ca

Stay Safe!

Sgt. Kevin Collier, #4401

District 4, Community Resource Officer





Let's Celebrate!

MARCH

Community Association Awareness Month

1 - Zero Discrimination Day

8 - International Woman's Day

17 - St. Patrick's Day

17 to 24 - Spring Break (Public Schools)

20 - International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination
a week of solidarity

31 - Equal Pay Day

APRIL

International Volunteer Month
Preventing Child Abuse Month

1 - April Fool's Day

7 to 14 - School Break (Catholic Schools)

7 - Good Friday

9 - Easter Sunday

14 - Pi Day

17 - Equality Day

22 - Earth Day

MAY

Asian Heritage Month
Sexual Assault Awareness Month

5 - Red Dress Day

8 to 14 - Crime Prevention Week

14 - Mother's Day

17 - International Day Against Homophobia & Transphobia

21 - International Day of Families

21 - Cultural Dialogue Day

22 - Victoria Day

29 - Provincial Election

Celebrating 47 years

Join In the Fun

Monday Night Blue Grass - Toastmasters
Tuesday \$8 Luncheon - Bingo
Monthly GFLS Community Breakfast
Gardening - Darts - Line Dancing
Wine & Paint Night - Cozy Corner Craft Club
Men's Shed - Painting - Quilting - Pickleball
Learn To Knit & Crochet - Bike Shed
Games Night - Community Scrapbooking
Card Making - Tai Chi - Fitness Over 55
Floor Curling - Crib - Drama
Arm Chair Travel - Learn Technology

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Albert Park/Radisson Heights Community Association

Hello and Happy New Year !

We are back to kick off 2023. Please follow us on Instagram @APRHYYC and Facebook @APRH Community Association for updates on membership drives, community cleanup, community meetings and events.

Winter will soon be leaving us and the green thumbs will be getting itchy. We are starting to take applications for the garden boxes. Previous renters get first choice to renew. **The seasonal garden box can be rented for the price of our Community Association Membership plus \$30.00 rental.** Each renter must donate their time to keep the garden area clean.

Yes, we will be having a community clean up this year, this May 14th. The clean-up will be held on the old community site (1310 28 Street SE). Watch for notices and signs for reminders on the upcoming date. **We will need volunteers to help run the event.** If you have a **truck and trailer** and willing to donate some time it would be greatly appreciated. We offer pick-up to the **elderly and those that need assistance.** If you are able to lend a hand, please leave your name and number at 403-272-7317.

Thanking you in advance, we welcome members to join us in making this community desirable.

Hoping this finds you well - stay in touch through Facebook or Instagram - or give us a call.

Looking forward to a great year,

Nancy Kearney.

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radisson-heights-
community-association

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Nancy Kearney

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KIM CHULSKY
SUBJECT
Valleyview Park

ELECTIONS - DEMOCRACY IN ACTION

Submitted by Diane Danielson Feb 2023

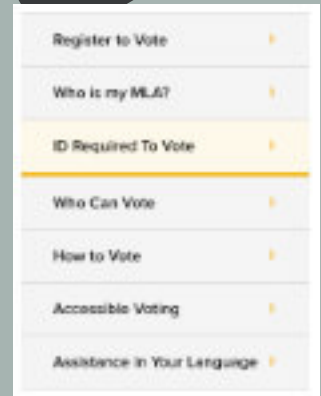
Voting is both a right AND a responsibility. Did you let your "voice" be heard? I did. As soon as I turned 18, I have exercised my right to vote. I have always tried to make an informed choice. Did my candidate always win – no, but I did my civic duty and I feel that I have the right to connect and complain if I have an issue.

We can rationalize almost anything but not voting undermines our democracy. Other countries do not have the right to vote or the elections are rigged or it is too dangerous to go to the polling stations. Our process may not be a perfect system but there is a reason that Canada is considered a great country by many around the world.

Remember that it is important to get engaged with your community and voting is one important way. The next one coming our way, is the provincial election slated for MONDAY, MAY 29, 2023.



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Kim Chulsky

SUBJECT

Valley Ridge Park



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Seeking Volunteers- Upcoming Casino



IAACC is fortunate to be one of the selected charities to host casinos as a fundraiser. These funds go towards local community arts & cultural programming in Greater Forest Lawn. IAACC is seeking volunteers for March 8 & 9, 2023 at Pure Gaming Casino. Please contact finance@iaacc.ca for more information

Be Part of the Indo-Canadian Mural Project

To commemorate the late Vinay Dey's active ideals, and to celebrate the South Asian community in Calgary, IAACC is organizing a mural to be included in the International Avenue BRZ collection along 17 avenue southeast. IAACC is actively seeking donations, sponsorships and input on this mural project. To learn how you can be part of it, email finance@iaacc.ca



Artist In Residency Program



The "Artist in Residency" program provides opportunities for Artists to develop new disciplines that enhance their portfolio. 3 month residency with access to Fuse33 Makerspace, following a 6 week paid internship with IAACC. For more information visit www.iaacc.ca

Have an art project idea for Greater Forest Lawn?

IAACC supports and partners with various projects, events and organization initiatives to assist in fulfilling their missions while benefiting East Calgary. Do you have an idea or project that you think will benefit East Calgary? IAACC is always looking to support new initiatives for the betterment of East Calgary. Submit your ideas to: finance@iaacc.ca



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Using mobility aids 	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓
Cycling * people under the age of 14 can be on the sidewalk 	✗*	✓	✓	✓	✓
E-cycling (Pedal Assist) 	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Scotoring 	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
Skateboarding 	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
Inline Skating 	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
Shared e-scooters * Permitted shared electric scooters only 	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
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PHOTOGRAPHER Kim Chulsky SUBJECT Night View From the Ridge



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