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12 CSI Quarterly Newsletter

Fall 2024



Scale is good for economies... but is it good for your community?

Vulnerable Persons Team positive stories on encampments

The future of community associations

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Dancing on the Avenue by Ann Craig

A Message from 12 CSI

Happy Fall everyone!

Enjoy this issue packed with lots of great safety information. If you'd like a community action walk in your neighbourhood, reach out to your community association and they can contact us to arrange it. We will invite great people like Bylaw and Police, depending on the issue your community has. We have worked with Erin Woods, Southview and Crossroads most recently on these. We'd love to add your neighbourhood to the list.

A BIG thank you to all that volunteered for our Casino fundraiser in July. Events like this help us fund important programs that we are not able to get grant funding for.

Our new website is live. Thanks to Dafne and Brenda from Maramhub that volunteered their time to put this work of art together for us. A great marketing business that started right here in our 12 Communities.

Keep in touch with us on our social media channels. We will always provide the latest community and safety information to keep you up to date. Find us on Facebook, Twitter (x), YouTube and Instagram. Our YouTube channel has 175 subscribers, 131 videos, with the top video at over 2800 views. Join us today! Our latest video shows how this newsletter is printed. Ever wonder how this gets to you? Have a look on our channel.

Thank You to all our community partners and collaborators. Without Community Associations, businesses, Cultural Associations, Non Profits, Universities and individual residents we can not do the work we do.

Always remember, "Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in."

Larry Leach
Executive Director, 12CSI



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Abbeydale

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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Hello 12csi,

We hope that everyone's been having a great summer and been able to take some time for both yourselves and your families. All of us here on the Board at Abbeydale Community Association have been enjoying the time ourselves.

We are all coming back straight away to our Annual General Meeting September 18th. We have a couple of key roles that are up for renewal this year, those being both our Secretary and my role as President.

There are also director positions that are also up for renewal every year. We're always looking for more volunteers who are looking for ways to make our little corner of the world a better place, and as long as you have a valid community association membership, you do have a voice at this upcoming meeting.

There's a lot coming up for us for the remainder of this year and we're already looking towards what we're going to be doing for 2025! Follow us on our website and our Facebook page to stay updated!

Take care,
Phillip Lounsbury, President

UPCOMING EVENTS

September

2nd – Good Food Box Orders Due

6th – Teen Night

13th – Good Food Box Pickup

18th – Annual General Meeting

20th – Pub Night

23rd – Good Food Box Orders Due

October

4th – Good Food Box Pickup

12th – Autumn Fest

21st – Good Food Box Orders Due

23rd – Andre Chabot's Ward 10 Townhall

25th – Spooktacular Jelly Bean Dance

November

1st – Good Food Box Pickup

15th – Teen Night

18th – Good Food Box Orders Due

22nd/23rd – Winter Craft Fair

29th – Good Food Box Pickup



WEDNESDAY,
**SEP.
18TH**

**ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING**

Join us at Abbeydale Community Association AGM and help shape our community! Various board positions are available—your voice and leadership can make a real difference.

Visit our website and Facebook page for updates!

Abbeydale Community Association

821 Abbeydale Drive NE





299 Erin Woods Drive SE
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Erin Woods

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

83 Erin Park Drive S.E Calgary, AB T2B 3A2 | 403-273-7209 | erinwood@telus.net | EWCAcalgary.ca

Hello everyone... hope you are enjoying gorgeous weather, we have been having! The excitement is building as we are working hard to get a bunch of projects to improve our building underway. The community centre once our projects are done will be more efficient, comfortable and most of all reliable for both rentals and all the events we have coming up soon. Thank you to everyone who has come out and made neighbour day and the stampede breakfast a huge success. We had a few hiccoughs along the way with lack of volunteers, and running out of some items due to larger turnouts than ever before. We will work to improve upon that next year. Hopefully we will get more people from the community interested in volunteering and supporting us.

Erin woods Community Association is small team of a handful of volunteers committed to our common goal, making our community a better place to live. We are dedicated to providing you with social, recreational, and educational opportunities close to home, a variety of special events to bring you together as residents, and a voice for your community.

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 next spring. John Stark has been very busy rebuilding our garden boxes to make the garden even more beautiful for everyone in the community to enjoy.

Our Community Fridge project (AKA "Erin Woods Eats") We are just waiting on the city for approval on the build site and then we will be moving forward on the project.

The outdoor rink will be back again this winter, hoping to start end of October beginning of November depending on the weather. We are always looking for new dedicated rink team of volunteers, if anyone is interested in helping out to contact the Hall. 403-273-7209 or erinwood@telus.net

There are many more projects our board is working on, and more information will be available in coming months. A huge thank you goes to all residents for their continued support of EWCA and the work we do.

Hope to see you at our upcoming events!

- Shannon Coleman, President, Erin Woods Community Association

Reminder: there are both a Little Free Library and Little Free Pantries located at the EWCA Hall. Please donate to, or use, as you are able to, or need. These initiatives are stocked entirely by people like you in Erin Woods.

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.

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Boot Sale

Sunday August 25, 2024
9 AM-4 PM at 83 Erin Park Drive SE

A boot sale is essentially a garage sale out of the trunk of your vehicle in a parking lot. Cost \$20/Stall or table which can be purchased through EWCA office at 403-273-7209.

Erin Woods Community Cleanup

Saturday September 28, 9 AM - 2 PM

Jellybean Dance

Saturday October 26, 7-9 pm

Grades 1-6, parents must be in attendance. \$5 per kid. Cash only, Concession open. Halloween party.

Bingo Dates

August 12, September 5& 16, October 6, November 10, December 27, January 9, March 15, May 21, July 9 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.

Erin Woods Community Cleanup

Saturday, September 28,
9 AM - 2 PM

83 Erin Park Dr SE



Scale is good for economies... but is it good for your community?

By: Larry Leach

I recently started analyzing the budgets of social agencies in Calgary and the numbers may stagger many not working within the sector. While my analysis is not yet complete, it is clear that the collective budgets of agencies serving the homeless and vulnerable sectors are well over \$200 Million per year. Most of those monies come from the Federal Government (some through Calgary Homeless Foundation) to agencies with budgets ranging from \$10 - \$40 million.

While I wouldn't advocate that those monies aren't spent in a justified way or that less should be spent, we look at the scale of these local agencies with budgets over \$10 million to examine their relative effectiveness. We ask the question: Can the system and the agencies employ these significant resources in a more community-centered way?

Community Experts

I heard a great quote at a Crime Prevention conference recently from a registered social worker, Kassidy Green from Boyle Street Community Services: "I am a member of the community first, then a member of my profession (social worker)". That resonates with me.

As you likely know, our team of Ambassadors, walk our neighbourhoods daily working with vulnerable people to help them access services. In that work, the thing we hear most is a simple thank you for speaking to them with respect and trying to help them. It is a one-to-one, person-to-person, holistic community-based approach.

When considering Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) and SafeGrowth, it is said many times that the real experts are the people that live in these neighbourhoods. In many cases, these agencies may have once upon a time engaged communities they work in, but in practice, the relationships are nonexistent for most of them.



Community action teams have direct involvement on the streets of their own neighbourhood

Like in many City of Calgary engagement sessions, you do not build community relationships by standing in front of a room and telling people that live in the community how an agency is going to improve the quality of life. That may help an agency check a tick box for the funders, but it does nothing to establish positive relationships. The best way to engage a community is to start with the problem and work together towards a solution.

Community engagement should also mean fun activities, socializing, and food.

Outputs and Outcomes

Let's go in a different direction. What if the scale of these agencies prevents them from spending time building relationships with communities? What if these monies went to smaller groups or directly to the community itself through the social agency to solve social issues one block, one person, and one community at a time?

Let's consider outputs vs. outcomes. Often, when you look at agency reports, they speak about how many things they gave out, from food hampers to safe needles. Does that show a good outcome? How were people's lives affected? I heard a great example at a conference by Daniel J Jones, Chair of Justice Studies, NorQuest College. When the Police hold a press conference and stand in front of a table full of illegal drugs that they confiscated on the street, does the price of cocaine go down?

Going forward in community funding, I think we must consider the following fundamental questions:

- How are we affecting people's lives?
- Are we improving people's lives?
- How does what we do affect the community around our work?
- How do we empower the community to be part of the solution?
- Is what we are doing keeping people from improving their lives?
- Is what we are doing supporting everyone in the community?





Southview

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer. Southview is beautiful in the summer with our amazing tree canopy and all the lovely plantings around the community.

We would like to thank all the community members who came out for the Annual General Meeting in June. Having a good turnout means so much to the Board members who volunteer to operate and manage the Community Association on behalf of the residents. Community support and participation is vital to the success of the Community Association. We appreciate it when the membership comes out to the AGM and other events and activities throughout the year.

The Association has activities and events planned for the fall. Please stay tuned to Facebook/SouthviewYYC and Instagram/SouthviewYYC for updates and times.

To keep our community a safe and welcoming place, we encourage residents to report concerns to 311 and the non-emergency police line. The City of Calgary is 'data' driven so reporting your concerns is essential to rectify your concern, log crimes for police budgeting of resources, and to continue the care and beauty of our neighbourhood. Your proactive input is vital and does enhance and improve our community.

Submit concerns via the 311 app, Calgary.ca/311Online or by phone 403-268-CITY

Non-emergency police concerns can be made by phone 403-266-1234 or www.calgary.ca/cps/report-a-crime.

Southview Community Association is 100% volunteer run. If you would like to share your skills and knowledge by volunteering, please email southviewyyc@gmail.com - subject: Volunteer.

SOUTHVIEW COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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SVCA BOARD MEETINGS

3rd Wednesday of the month, 7 pm

SOUTHVIEW WEEKLY EVENTS

Dance Club Society

Wednesdays, 7pm, Main Hall
Contact: fsloan@shaw.ca

Crib Night

Thursdays, 7pm, Main Hall
Contact: blshelvet42@gmail.com
403-803-3012

Poker Night

Saturdays, 1st, 3rd and 5th
7pm, West Hall
Contact: blshelvet42@gmail.com
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Antyx Community Art

Youth art programs
Sundays, East Hall
Register online at
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Shannon Kelsick, Hall Manager
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Hello Marlborough Community Members,

As we gear up for another exciting quarter, we want to remind everyone about membership renewals. Your membership is vital in supporting our community association, enabling us to offer valuable programs and events. We also have an ongoing need for volunteers. Volunteers are the backbone of our organization, bringing energy, creativity, and dedication to our community initiatives. We also have various board positions open for interested members, providing a wonderful opportunity to take an active role in leading our community.

We're thrilled to announce a Town Hall with Councillor Andre Chabot on September 19. at Calgary Marlborough Community Centre. This is a fantastic opportunity to voice your concerns, share your ideas, and actively participate in shaping the future of our community.

Additionally, be sure to check out the exciting programs and events happening at the community centre! There's something for everyone, and more information can be found on our website;
CALGARYMARLBOROUGH.COM

Your input is essential in helping us build a vibrant and inclusive Marlborough. Join us, and let's make a difference together!

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COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

WEDNESDAYS 7:30-8:30 PM

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**Town Hall with
Councillor
Andre Chabot**

Voice your concerns, share ideas, and
actively participate in shaping the future of
Ward 10.

19th September, 2024

6:30pm - 8:30pm

Calgary Marlborough Community Hall
636 Marlborough Way NE

Visit Our Website
CalgaryMarlborough.com

CALGARY MARLBOROUGH EVENTS

September

4 - Community Meeting
7pm, Activity Room

8 - Family Karaoke
3pm, Upper Lounge

13 - NERF Games
6:30pm, Main Hall

19 - Town Hall with Councillor Andre
Chabot, 6:30pm, Main Hall

28 - Open Mic
7pm, Upper Lounge

October

2 - Community Meeting
7pm, Activity Room

18 - NERF Games
6:30pm, Main Hall

25 - Jelly Bean Dance
6:30pm, Main Hall

26 - Open Mic
7pm, Upper Lounge

November

6 - Community Meeting
7pm, Activity Room

8 - Family Karaoke
3pm, Upper Lounge

15 - NERF Games
6:30pm, Main Hall

22 - Jelly Bean Dance
6:30pm, Main Hall

23 - Open Mic
7pm, Upper Lounge

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- This winter, we will share new park design options with the community, and we need your feedback.
- Watch for project updates displayed outside the Marlborough Park Community Association.

Questions or concerns? Call 311 or send us an email at engage@calgary.ca (attention: Big Marlborough Park)





Marlborough Park

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

6021 Madigan Drive N.E. Calgary, AB, T2A 5G9 | 403-248-1775 | marlpark.ap@shaw.ca | www.marlpark.ca

Hello Marlborough Park Residents!

I hope this message finds you all in good health. As the old things goes, the squeaky wheel gets the grease. I say this

to remind everyone, that if you see or hear something, unusual, please call 311 or the police nonemergency line to report it. This is the only way that we will encourage the city and police to take care of the issues of concern.

We have been excited to collaborate with the city of Calgary on ideas for the improvement to the big park. I have heard from the city that people have had some great ideas. We are greatly looking forward to see what they come up with.

We are still looking for members of our board and volunteers. Many hands make light work. We would like to continue to provide events and services for our community. If you can spare an hour or two a month, please reach out to the hall or come check out a board meeting.

President Kathy Canu



Get Involved!

We have many volunteer opportunities that need your talent, skills and enthusiasm.

Call 403.248.1775 or visit www.marlpark.ca/get-involved

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 are now accepting registration for the 2024-2025 school year. Please call 403-248-1775 for more information.

Marlborough Park Hall Rentals

If you are in need of a 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.

Good Food Box

The Good Food Box is a great program in which families can purchase fresh fruit and vegetables in bulk at a low cost. Boxes come in 3 different sizes: 20 lb. box for \$25, 30 lb. box for \$30, 40 lb. box for \$35.

To place an order phone the MPCA office @ 403.248.1775

Pay By Date

September 3, 2024
September 24, 2024
October 22, 2024

Box Arrival Date

September 13, 2024
October 4, 2024
November 1, 2024

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

MPCA Board Meetings

2nd Wednesday of the month,
7 pm at the MPCA Hall

Drop-in Adult Pickleball

Mondays and Wednesdays
1pm to 3pm

Crib Club

Tuesdays, 1pm to 3:30pm
Friday, 1pm to 3:30pm

Loma Seniors Whist

Wednesday, 1pm to 3:30pm

Open Mic Night

Saturday, September 13
7pm to 10pm

Visit our Facebook page for information on upcoming dates.



Bingo Palace

2604 35 Ave NE, Calgary

Sept. 17	Tuesday,	10:30am-3:30pm
Sept. 22	Sunday,	4:30pm-9:30pm
Oct. 4	Friday,	4:30pm-9:30pm
Oct. 21	Monday,	10:30am-3:30pm
Nov. ??	Saturday,	10:30am-3:30pm

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conversations on inclusion, we have a book club
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Albert Park/Radisson Heights COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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Dear Albert Park / Radisson Heights Community,

As the leaves turn and the air cools, we find ourselves reflecting on the past year and looking forward to the season ahead. Fall is a time of change, and with it comes new opportunities to strengthen our bonds as a community. Our community garden plots have been thriving this year, thanks to the hard work and dedication of our local gardeners amidst water restrictions and extreme heat conditions. Your efforts have not only brought beauty to our neighborhood but have also fostered a sense of community and sustainability that we can all be proud of. Round of applause for the Garden Committee.



As we transition into the cooler months, I'd like to remind everyone that it's time to begin preparing your garden plots for winter. The annual garden plot clean-up is essential to ensure that our shared spaces remain tidy and ready for the next planting season. This includes removing any remaining plants, clearing debris, and ensuring that tools and materials are stored properly. We have big plans and dreams for the 2025 season as we engage landscape architectural groups on revamping the WHOLE garden area and yes - a secured one.

Over the summer, we've seen incredible participation in our neighborhood events, from community clean-ups to family-friendly gatherings in our parks and a visit and press release with Love with Humanity Association. Your enthusiasm and involvement have made these initiatives a success, and it's a testament to the vibrant, caring spirit that defines Albert Park / Radisson Heights. Looking ahead, our focus will be on continuing to foster this sense of togetherness.

As always, your feedback is invaluable. Whether you have ideas for new initiatives or ways we can improve existing ones, please don't hesitate to reach out. Our community is strongest when everyone's voice is heard.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to making Albert Park / Radisson Heights a wonderful place to live. Let's continue to work together to make this fall season memorable for all.

Warm regards,
Tony Dinh
President, Albert Park / Radisson Heights
Community Association



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- September 23 - Lantern Workshop
- To learn more or to register, visit: www.iaacc.ca
- ***more workshops being planned for fall 2024*

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Help strengthen the art community through volunteering.

Upcoming volunteer opportunities:

- Casino Fundraiser -Sept 3 & 4
- LanternFest - Sept 28

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For more information, email finance@iaacc.ca

Stay tuned to our social media for details on an Artwalk taking place September 2024!!!

ArtScape Art Show

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Are You Connected to Your Community?

By: Diane Danielson

In this sense, community is a place. The place where you live, that you call home. The City of Calgary is divided up into Communities? Do you know the name of yours? Residents that are most connected, have a strong sense of pride and loyalty and they see a positive future for their area. They are happy to live in their community. They know their neighbours. Their children are active in local programs. They have support close to home when needed.

As we saw during the Covid pandemic, this bond, this emotional connection has been especially important. As a senior living alone, I have neighbours who clean my walk, mow my lawn and bring me food. They are my friends and watch out for me. I feel safe and proud of my community. Each community has a Community Association that offers recreation and social programs during “normal” times. These volunteer organizations are unique to the City of Calgary. I have been fortunate to use their resources raising my children. Another reason to be proud.

Are you involved? Are you connected? Do you help your neighbours? Do you support your Community Association? Do you talk with your neighbours? Do your children play with their children? And remember – it is never to late to start!

The more residents have a strong connection to their community helps build stronger communities. AND A STRONG, HEALTHY AND ACTIVE COMMUNITY MAKES FOR A SAFER COMMUNITY.



SHARE YOUR FAVORITE COMMUNITY MOMENTS!

Submit your photo to be included in a future issue of the Community Connector. **EMAIL US AT INFO@12CSI.CA**



LOCAL ACCESS NUMBERS

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

211

***For information on
community and
government
agencies/services***

Free, confidential, multilingual, 24 hours information and referral system connects Albertans to thousands of community and social services available across the province. It's accessible by calling 2-1-1 or texting INFO to 211
Live Chat or Search via <http://ab.211.ca>

311

***For information
about municipal
services***

In large cities, including Calgary and Edmonton, calling 3-1-1 puts the person in-touch with city information and resources, including:
by-law enforcement, garbage collection, municipal recreation programs, property taxes

411

***For business or
residential listings***

It acts just like an old-fashioned phone book with a directory of phone numbers, addresses of businesses and people.

511

***For Alberta road
conditions***

A free traveller information service operated by the Government of Alberta, offering: highway conditions, roadwork, major incidents, weather alerts, availability of ferry services, waiting times at border crossings. It's accessible via phone toll-free by calling 5-1-1. Computer and mobile device users can visit 511.alberta.ca.

611

***For home phone or
cel phone services***

This number is used by home phone and cell phone providers to access customer services. If you have a problem with your phone, need to pay a bill or add money to your pay-as-you-go account, this will be your point of contact.

811

***For general health
information and
nurse advice***

It's also known as Health Link. The free tele-triage and health advice is run by Alberta Health Services. It's available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

911

***For
life-threatening
emergencies***

This phone line is for assistance in medical, fire and police emergencies only. The caller gets connected to the dispatch office which can send emergency responders to the caller's location to address the emergency.

The Future of Community Associations

By: Diane Danielson

Community Associations are vital to the health and well-being of your residents and members. Please stay active – we need you – now more than ever.

And connecting is what Community Associations do well. Youth programs, dances, physical fitness programs, cards, darts, lounges and many more programs and events bring people together. And people together means a stronger and mentally healthy community.

Community Associations still need to bring people together to ensure we are all mentally healthy. We still need to be wanted and needed by our residents and members. So, what can be offered?

OFFER PROGRAMS

Several CA's are already offering darts, classes, conversations, bingo, etc. Our local Senior Activity Center (Greater Forest Lawn 55 Plus Society) also offers similar programs. On 12CSI's social media channels, we also let you know of other community programs.

EDUCATE OURSELVES

And we need to learn more about mental health. What is it? And how can we learn techniques to stay healthy? A suggestion is to bring a mental health expert to your Community Center. Educate yourself and others. Eleven of our 12 communities have big halls and you can contact Alberta Health Services for resources..

PLAN, PLAN, PLAN

Community Associations need to plan for their future survival. Hold consultations or do a survey – this is a great opportunity to learn about what your residents really want or need. And the best solution – ASK. A good resource is to talk with your City Social Worker or Community Neighbourhood Partner.

The recent pandemic has highlighted how important Community Associations and their Community Hall are as a gathering place. Participate in your local community association today!



**Get Involved,
MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

Volunteer with your local community association and help shape the future of our neighborhoods.

Vulnerable Persons Team positive stories on encampments

While no day can be described as typical for the team, members could visit roughly ten campsites per day, perform wellness checks and offer outreach support to inhabited sites or assess vacant/abandoned sites. The City of Calgary Joint Encampment Team (JET) addresses encampments in Calgary communities. This program helps The City better respond to issues surrounding illegal encampments including:

- Cleaning up and removing encampments from public property.
- Helping encampment occupants connect with social services (health services and addiction support, housing).
- Increasing the safety of those who work around illegal encampments by bringing in the services most appropriate for dealing with the dangerous materials often found in encampments.



A couple of stories provided by our Central encampment team

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 Central Encampment Team encountered a female who had created an encampment around her inoperable van in the Odgen area. Officers first attended with CPS who investigated the vehicle and spoke with the female about moving her vehicle off the city property. The female assured officers that she had AMA and would have the vehicle towed. Sometime later, CCS officers checked back and observed that the female had not moved from the

location. The female's mother was present and was able to provide a better background on the female. She shared that her daughter struggles with hoarding disorder and other undiagnosed mental health conditions. CCS Officers informed Alpha House of the female and gave directions to the Navigation and Support Centre. The females Mother was able to drive her to the Navigation Centre to connect with supports. The female was very overwhelmed by the thought of a clean-up as she struggles with hoarding. Officers decided to give her 5 days to attempt to clean up the area and have her vehicle towed on her own. After 5 days, Officers reattended the location with a clean-up crew. The female was present with a massive amount of debris surrounding her van. When clean-up crews arrived, the female became very overwhelmed. CCS and CPS officers were able to deescalate the female and she agreed to allow a clean-up

of the area. CCS Officers assisted the female with calling AMA and having the vehicle towed to Cochrane, where her Mother agreed to allow her to park it. The female thanked officers for their support during the clean-up, and recognized that she needs to access therapy to work on her hoarding disorder. The females Mother was also appreciative of the work officers did with her daughter.

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Central Encampment Team officers received numerous

complaints for a couple camping in a very open area in a residential area. Officers attended and spoke with the couple and learned that they had 1 dog and 3 cats. The couple usually lived out of their cars, however due to the extreme heat, they were staying outside. The female receives AISH and the male is maintaining a full time job while sleeping outside. CCS Offices were able to connect them with Alpha House and the couple are currently actively looking for homes with the Diversion Program. Due to the rapport built by officer and Alpha House, the couple were agreeable to relocate to a more discreet camping location until they find a home.

What to do if you see an encampment

- Don't go into the encampment yourself.
- If you think someone is in danger or if there's a violent situation, call 911.
- Report it by calling 311 (from within Calgary) or 403-268-CITY (2489) (from outside Calgary) or use the 311 app.

Community Court Program

The City, in partnership with Calgary Legal Guidance, is piloting Community Court, which is an innovative program that takes proven elements from other court diversion programs and applies them to individuals struggling with trauma, addiction, mental health, and/or homelessness as underlying causes for bylaw infractions to connect vulnerable persons with critical supports. We have already had tremendous support and buy-in from community and enforcement partners.

Some of the primary goals of Community Court is to reduce barriers to attend court and build trust amongst individuals experiencing vulnerabilities with the justice system. The first day of this pilot was Wednesday, June 26, and it will run on the last Wednesday of every month. Thus far we have had two Community Court dates so far. On the first day we had 17 participants, and on the second date this had increased to 45 participants. Among the impactful feedback that has been received, one participant said to the presiding Justice that this was the first instance that someone has listened to them. Another was from a police

officer where since the program has started they have already observed a decrease in volatility in dealing with individuals experiencing vulnerabilities and that they have people asking to access the program. Finally on the last occasion 2 CPS officers assisted one individual experiencing vulnerabilities to attend court, complete an intake process and help transport them to social support agency.

As the program evolves, we hope to introduce additional elements that will reduce the barriers to attend court, and incentives to participate and complete the program. To improve access we are working with Transit to see if it is possible to have a safe storage site nearby the courthouse so that individuals can leave their belongings when they attend court (as entering the court requires them to go through airport-style security), and community shuttle transportation from the shelters to the courthouse on Community Court days. In terms of incentives, we are hoping to introduce in the coming months, a community paramedic program where participants can get a health check-up and a transit concession pass so that they can safely use transit.

We would certainly welcome any additional support and ideas as the program is still in it's infancy/pilot phase.

children's safety



PERSONAL INFORMATION



- I know my full name, address and telephone number (including area code) and the correct name of my parents (not Mommy & Daddy).
- I know the emergency numbers are kept by the phone but I also know how to use a cell phone, a public phone, and how to phone 911 in an emergency.
- I know the password that only my family knows and I keep it secret.
- My clothes and backpack do not show my name visibly.

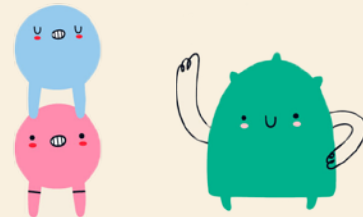
HOME ALONE



- I check the house before entering to make sure everything is safe and secure.
- I never tell anyone I am home alone and do not open the door to people I do not know.
- I will not have friends over unless my parents approve.

PREPARE YOUR CHILD

- Walk around the neighbourhood with your child to find safe places and people who will help in an emergency – businesses, police, letter carriers, school bus drivers, etc.
- Keep a current picture of your child and a copy of their fingerprints (identification kits can help).
- Know your child's friends and where your child is at all times.
- Work with your child to go through the checklist and make sure all is age appropriate.



IN THE COMMUNITY

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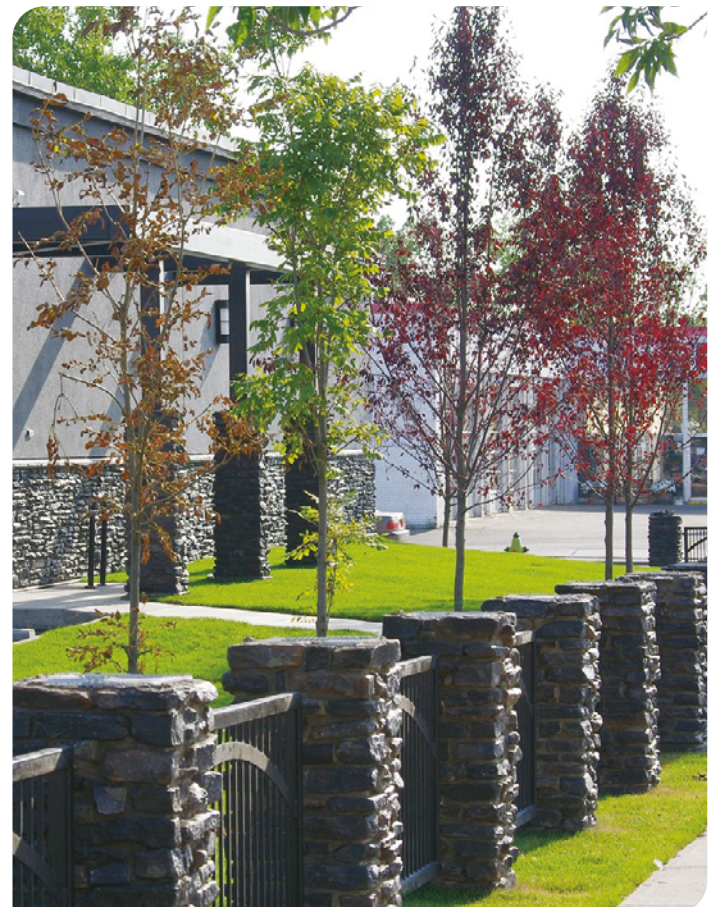


Community Action Team Walk-Erin Woods

Join city officials and community members for a Community Action Walk.

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 11. 7PM

MEETUP POINT:
Erin Woods Community Hall
83 Erin Park Drive SE, Calgary



Save the dates! 2024

Welcome Back ... Hope your Summer was fun!

- Sept. 12 - GFLS Community Breakfast
- Sept. 26, Oct. 24, Nov. 28 - Birthday Supper
- Oct. 26 - Art Show
- Nov. 2 - Holiday Market

"Keep your eyes peeled ...
More to be announced!"

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- Bingo
- Cards/Games
- Computers
- Dancing/Sockhop
- Dining
- Exercise
- Excursions
- Bike Shed & Men's shed
- Coffee & Conversation
- Meet New Friends
- Music, Jams, Choir
- Pool/Darts
- Pickleball
- Dinners



Volunteering ... And so much more!



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