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THE OFFICIAL MEADOWLARK PARK COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER





Meadowlark Park Knitting Group

It is a perfect time to start knitting – all of those cozy scarves, cowls, hats, scarves, sweaters just waiting to be made! Our knitting group is always open to new members of all skill levels. It's a great opportunity to get to know your neighbours in the community. We meet most Monday evenings at the Hockey Shack lounge at the community hall (entrance faces the hall parking lot).

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ALL EMERGENCY CALLS		911
Alberta Adolescent Recovery Centre	403-253-5250	
Alberta Health Care	403-310-0000	
AHS Addictions Hotline	1-866-332-2322	
ATCO Gas – 24 Hour Emergency	403-245-7222	
Calgary HEALTH LINK 24/7	811	
Calgary Police – Non Emergency	403-266-1234	
Calgary Women’s Emergency Shelter	403-234-7233	
Child Abuse Hotline	1-800-387-5437	
Kids Help Line	1-800-668-6868	
Child Safe Canada	403-202-5900	
Distress/Crisis Line	403-266-4357	
ENMAX – Power Trouble	403-514-6100	
Poison Centre - Alberta	1-800-332-1414	
HOSPITALS / URGENT CARE		
Alberta Children’s Hospital	403-955-7211	
Foothills Hospital	403-944-1110	
Peter Lougheed Centre	403-943-4555	
Rockyview General Hospital	403-943-3000	
Sheldon M. Chumir Health Centre	403-955-6200	
South Calgary Urgent Care Health Centre	403-943-9300	
South Health Campus	403-956-1111	
OTHER		
Calgary Humane Society	403-205-4455	
Calgary Parking Authority	403-537-7000	
SeniorConnect	403-266-6200	
Calgary Kerby Elder Abuse Line	403-705-3250	
Alberta One-Call Corporation	1-800-242-3447	
City of Calgary	311	
Social Service Info & Referral	211	
Community Mediation Calgary Society	403-269-2707	
RNR Lockworks Ltd.	403-479-6161	
Road Conditions – Calgary	511	
Weather Information		
Gamblers Anonymous	403-237-0654	

2017

Schedule and Fees

Stanley Park Outdoor Pool

4A Street and Riverdale Ave. SW

Aug. 26 - Sept. 4

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9:00AM	Private Rentals 9:00AM – 12:00PM						
10:00AM							
11:00AM							
12:00PM	Public Swim 12:00PM – 7:00PM						
1:00PM							
2:00PM							
3:00PM							
4:00PM							
5:00PM							
6:00PM							
7:00PM							
8:00PM	Private Rentals 7:00PM – 9:00PM						
9:00PM							

Stanley Park Outdoor Pool Admission Fees

Admission Age	Single Swim	10x Pass	30x Pass
Under 2	Free!	N/A	
Pre-School (2-6)	\$1.75	\$15.75	\$42
Child/Youth (7-17)	\$3.50	\$31.50	\$84
Adult (18+)	\$7.00	\$63.00	\$168
Senior (65+)	\$3.50	\$31.50	\$84
Family	\$15.75	\$141.75	\$378
Non-Swim	\$3.50	N/A	
Special Needs	\$3.50		

Stanley Park Outdoor Pool Rental Rates

Wading or Deep Pool	\$250/2 hours
Both Pools	\$350/2 hours

50% deposit required at time of booking.

For information or to book, contact the pool directly at (403) 221-3577 or email stanley@benchmarkprojects.com.

Register for swim lessons online at benchmarkprojects.com or email stanley@benchmarkprojects.com

Meadowlark Park Community Association

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Hall Rental Details

Non-member rental rate: \$55/hour • Resident member rental rate: \$40/hour • Damage deposit: \$500

Rental inquiries can be made by emailing hallrental@meadowlarkpark.org and stating the date and time you are interested in. You will be contacted within 2 days. If the hall is available for your requested date, you will be asked to complete a rental application form. This will give us the required information for the rental contract. If you aren't familiar with the hall, a time will be set up to show you the hall to ensure it will meet your needs. If it does, the rental contract will be completed and payment of the damage deposit and rental fee arranged. Please note that at least 20 days notice is required for rentals.

	UPPER HALL	LOWER HALL	HOCKEY SHACK LOUNGE (available to resident members only)
Capacity (overall 150 in the entire hall at one time)	Dining & beverage – 105 Non fixed table & chairs – 132 Non fixed chairs - 150 Seated guests - 105	Dining & beverage – 105 Non fixed table & chairs – 150 Non fixed chairs - 150 Seated guests - 126	60
Barrier-Free Access	Yes	No	No
Kitchen	Yes	Yes	Yes

Reservations will be accommodated to a total maximum hall capacity of 150 people.



Did you know

The Meadowlark Park Community Association website has been updated? Check us out online:
www.meadowlarkpark.org

MPCA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

As a valued community partner, you are invited to join the This is My Neighbourhood - Meadowlark Park advisory committee.

A little bit about "This is My Neighbourhood" (TIMN)

This is my neighbourhood aims to transform how The City of Calgary works in neighbourhoods. Through the engagement of local residents, community associations, non-profit organizations and businesses, we'll work with you to develop a neighbourhood vision that outlines your future aspirations.

Guided by this vision, The City will work with you to create and deliver initiatives which may include small-scale infrastructure improvements, programs and services that will help your neighbourhood be an even better place to live, work and play.

TIMN began in 2015 with a group of 14 inaugural neighbourhoods. As part of the TIMN program, The City partnered with the first group of neighbourhoods to deliver more than 100 programs, services and small scale projects requested by residents. More information can be found on Calgary.ca

TIMN Engagement

As part of the TIMN initiative, The City of Calgary plans to collect feedback from residents online and in person at a variety of events, throughout the year in the neighbourhood.

We will be asking residents to give their ideas about the neighbourhood vision what is most important in Meadowlark Park.

TIMN Advisory Committee expectations:

- Be a champion of This is my neighbourhood within Meadowlark Park: be creative, share the process with your neighbourhood and learn about your neighbour's ideas for Meadowlark Park.
- Commit to the engagement process with the neighbourhood and stay involved in the program until implementation of the initiatives through 2018.

Potential Meeting Schedule

Meeting 1: February – Introduction to the TIMN neighbourhood Advisory Committee/community asset mapping. COMPLETE (with the Community Association

Board)! The asset map will be a 'living document' and updated as required.

Meeting 2: September/October – Meet new group members and give your input into the neighbourhood vision.

Meeting 3: late November – Review the results of the community engagement, recommend a neighbourhood vision.

Meeting 4: December - Neighbourhood tour to discuss potential initiatives.

Meeting 5: January 2018 – Provide input on the list of potential initiatives to start the creative community initiative engagement process.

Meeting 6: March 2018 – Presentation of approved initiatives. Provide specific implementation input, if needed.

Meeting 7: Once initiatives are completed/near completion – Celebration of initiatives.

This is not an exhaustive list of the meeting dates as there could be more added based on the initiatives selected by the neighbourhood or some work may be done over email.

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If you would like to be involved or would like more information please contact:

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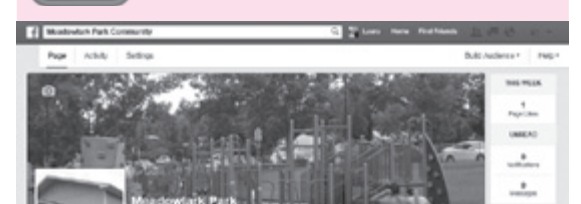
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SECRETARY'S CORNER



\$68,000! That is the handsome cash total our community made at the January casino, for just two days and two nights from our rockin' team of volunteers. That certainly beats bake sales and bottle drives. Thanks again to our small but mighty team of volunteers, many of whom worked double shifts, as we were, ahem, a little short on personnel. Next time, sometime next summer, we would love a few more people to put their hand up to volunteer for some cushy volunteer time at the Elbow Valley Casino, as there is no bigger bang for the buck for a few volunteer hours every year and a half. That's more than enough time to recover from the night shift...

And what are we doing with that \$68,000 you may ask? By the time you read this, hopefully heavy equipment will be on site to begin our hall/park/parking lot project. We are adding a wheelchair ramp to the rear of the building, a real pathway through the park to the hall, beautifying the park, and building a small parking lot for the community so we do not have to leave the neighbourhood to park at the hall. Of course, a project of this scale is expensive (and time consuming to get permits and bids) so the proceeds of several casinos over the past few years will be used to fund this project.

I hope everyone is enjoying this gorgeous summer! And, just for fun, we are working on a design for t-shirts to show our pride in our small but mighty community, officially Calgary's littlest neighbourhood! Stay tuned...



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Before I get into this month's newsletter I wanted to make sure you received an invitation to my annual BBQ on September 10th – which will be held at Sunalta Hall (1627 10 Ave SW).

We'll be there from 11 am to 1 pm, flipping burgers and saying hello to our neighbours. If you're interested we also have an RSVP page online on my website at www.KentHehrMP.ca which will give us a heads up if you're attending so my team can plan on how many burgers to prepare.

WHAT: MP Kent Hehr's Summer BBQ
WHERE: Sunalta Hall – 1627—10 Ave SW
WHEN: 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Next, I wanted to talk for a moment today on the subject of infrastructure investment. Our government is committed to investing in flood mitigation, affordable housing, public transportation, and places where communities come together (like community centres or hockey rinks). We were elected on a commitment to invest in infrastructure and these long-term economic generators for communities.

Just as one example, Infrastructure Canada funding to Alberta has received more funds for projects in the last year and a half (a total of \$4.3 billion). This is larger than the last five years **combined**.

You can see all of the projects invested in by Infrastructure Canada online here: <http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/map-carte/ab-eng.html>

By investing in green infrastructure, we get people home to their families faster, cleaner communities, and more inclusive, affordable cities.

And by investing in affordable housing we can begin to take on the issue of homelessness and poverty – a conversation that the federal government has been noticeable absent in the last ten years.

With our new National Housing Strategy, the \$11.2 billion highlighted in Budget 2017, and the important work we are doing to cut homelessness in half, and take 500,000 families out of housing need, we are well on our way to creating more inclusive communities.

As always, you can contact my office by email at kent.hehr@parl.gc.ca or by phone at 403-244-1880. My office is located at 950 6 Ave SW and my door is always open to you. You can follow my work in Parliament online and sign up for my e-newsletter at www.KentHehrMP.ca.



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Summer is festival season in Calgary! I look forward to spending time in my community attending the many events that make our warm summer days and nights so special.

I hope to see you at **Marda Gras Street Festival** on Sunday, August 13th from 10am to 5pm. Marda Gras is a FREE family-friendly event that attracts over 35,000 visitors from all over Calgary. This year the streets of Marda Loop will celebrate the festival's 33rd year in the community. The festival includes live music, dance and cultural performances, a fun kid's area, unique shopping and lots of great food! Please stop by my booth; I would love to hear what is on your mind. For more information visit <http://www.mardagrass.ca/>.

Calgary Pride Parade takes place on Sunday, September 3rd from noon to 1:30pm. I've been proud to walk in the parade in the past to show my unwavering support for the LGBTQ community and the advocates who continue to work for inclusivity and acceptance. Following the parade, don't forget to visit Pride in the Park. Until 6pm you can enjoy one of Calgary's largest free outdoor cultural celebrations. Set in Prince's Island Park, the event will include live music, a marketplace and activities for all ages. More details can be found at <http://www.calgarypride.ca/>.

This year, in addition to hosting the fireworks competition from August 15th to 26th, **GlobalFest** is hosting a FREE human rights forum from August 8th to 12th at the Calgary Public Library's John Dutton Theatre (616 Macleod Trail SE). This year's topics are focused around UNESCO's Coalition of Municipalities against Racism and Discrimination. Details on the events can be found on GlobalFest's website at <http://www.globalfest.ca/>.

Visiting the Legislature

The Borealis Gallery on the grounds of the Legislature presents a brand-new exhibition.

The Dream We Form By Being Together centres on the theme of reconciliation and emerges from the awareness that art can play a central role in the process.

Drawing from indigenous practices and understandings, the show seeks to rebalance colonial narratives within the much larger story of this place we now call Canada.

The exhibition is a free, non-ticketed event open in the Borealis Gallery until October 1, 2017.

Visit www.assembly.ab.ca/visitorcentre for more details.

I hope to see you at one of the many events taking place in and around Calgary-Elbow. My office will be open throughout the summer. We can be reached at calgary.elbow@assembly.ab.ca or by phone at 403-252-0346.



Library Connect

Check out the September-October issue of *Library Connect*, your ultimate guide to free back to school Library programs, reading recommendations, and events happening this fall. Visit calgarylibrary.ca to download a copy of *Library Connect* or pick one up at your local community library.

Forest Lawn Library Nature Playground

The Forest Lawn Library Nature Playground is open! The new outdoor space inspires active, fresh-air-filled play. Play is a priority at the Library, because it's central to how kids learn and grow. The nature playground was made possible thanks to generous funding from the Canada 150 Infrastructure Program. Visit today!

Free Online Resources

Did you know your Library card gives you access to free online tutoring? Brainfuse is an online resource aligned with the Alberta curriculum for students in Grade 2 to Grade 12. Get expert online help with your homework at calgarylibrary.ca/resource/brainfuse from 2 p.m. to 11 p.m. daily. Support for adult learners is also available.

The Calgary Public Library's E-Library offers many other resources for learners of all ages. At calgarylibrary.ca/online-resources you'll find language learning courses Rosetta Stone and Mango Languages, eBooks and eAudiobooks on OverDrive, Flipster Magazines, online learning services Lynda.com and Gale Courses, and much more.



COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

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Meadowlark Park Community Association, 623 58th Ave SW T2V 0H8
Email Verna Leask – v_leask@shaw.ca

Membership: 1 Year - \$20.00

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Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

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Be sure to include your email address so we can keep you up to date with community news and events of interest to you.

Your support through membership is critical to Meadowlark Park Community Association's success in negotiations with the various governments (municipal, provincial and federal) and business entities that your board interacts with on a regular basis.

Thank you for your participation.

SOCIAL UPDATE

Lawn Chair Theatre

August 31st, 6-8pm

Meadowview Park (Beside the Community Hall)

Bring your lawn chair, enjoy great snacks and live entertainment for the entire family!

Oktoberfest - TBD

Christmas Party - TBD

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Artisans in quilting, knitting, crocheting, card making, as well as a "do-as-you-wish" table meet to learn and practice their art in a community setting. No experience is required. Come and learn from instructors, obtain advice, but mostly enjoy the company of women across the ages, make friends, and have a personal time out!

Wednesday mornings, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., our current session is April 5 to June 21. Our fall session will start Wednesday, September 6 and finish November 29. Registration is preferred, but drop in is available, babysitting supplied. Please contact Lori at McDougall United Church 403-252-1620.

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New pilot signage aims to hit the mark with Calgarians

The City of Calgary places a Notice Posting sign on sites where a proposed land use change, or development application has been received by The City. The sign helps inform citizens about a proposed application, and how they can get involved in helping build our city.

We're working to enhance our signs to make them simple, informative and transparent. Thanks to your input last year, we're piloting a new Notice Posting sign and we want your comments. Take our quick survey at calgary.ca/noticeposting before August 31, 2017.

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