

DALHOUSIE NEWSLETTER

October 2020 Newsletter

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THE NEXT DCA BOARD MEETINGS WILL BE <u>TUESDAY</u>,

<u>NOVEMBER 10, 2020 AT 7PM</u>

AND

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020 AT 7PM
ALL DALHOUSIE RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

THE NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) WILL BE HELD ON <u>JANUARY 25 2021 AT 7PM</u>

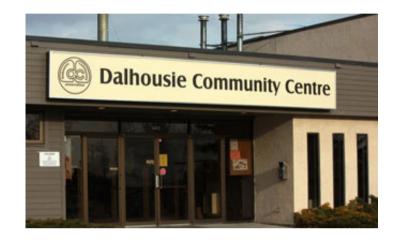
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last name and e-mail address to ensure
future delivery!

THE DALHOUSIE COMMUNITY CENTER
REMAINS CLOSED UNTIL PHASE 3
CLOSED

2020 DCA CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR CANCELLED

We have been getting many inquiries about joining our craft sale, and if the event is still happening. After being hopeful for many months and a lot of conversations and meetings with several groups, the Dalhousie Community Association has decided to cancel the 2020 Christmas Craft Fair.

We truly wish we would be able to pull off this historically successful event, however with the current conditions and health and safety risks it is unfortunately not feasible for us. We understand there has been waves of outbreaks in Calgary even with current protocols in place, and it is not worth the risk to our vendors, staff and shoppers.

With this being said, we are going to be looking into opportunities for 2021 in terms of craft fairs and other sales. If protocols are changed, we may be able to offer a Spring Craft Fair and other events in the new year.





NEIGHBOURHOOD SPEED LIMITS



On September 30th, City Council's Standing Policy Committee on Transportation and Transit ("Committee") was presented with and discussed the following three recommendations for neighborhood speed limits:

- 1. Give three readings to the proposed City of Calgary Standard Speed Limit Bylaw to change the unposted speed limit from **50 km/h to 40 km/h within the city limits**.
- 2. Direct Administration to post 50 km/h speed limit signs on existing Collector roadways unless or until a credible environment for a slower speed limit is provided.
- 3. Direct Administration to work with industry partners to revise Collector standards to support 40 km/h roadways and to revise Residential standards to support 30 km/h roadways, and to apply those standards in new communities and for retrofit projects on existing city roadways.

Lower speed limits are a key step towards Vision Zero, part of the City's Safer Mobility Plan, which aims to improve road safety for Calgarians and bring us closer to a transportation network free of fatalities and major injuries (Report TT2020-1036).

Committee voted in favor of accepting the first two recommendations as stated. Though aimed at setting the stage for systemic changes towards lower-speed streets going forward, the third recommendation was not accepted based on a tie vote.

Notwithstanding the Committee's vote, all three recommendations will come before Council on November 2nd, 2020 for a final decision. Changes would affect residential streets only.

Collector streets, i.e. generally with a yellow centerline in our Community, would not change, nor would multi-lane streets such as Dalhousie Drive or 53rd Street. More information and draft maps of streets impacted by the proposed changes on a Wardbasis, can be found at:

https://www.calgary.ca/transportation/roads/traffic/traffic-safety-programs/residential-speed-limits.html
You can also use https://www.etatool.com/ to see how your own trips could be impacted..

DALHOUSIE CONSIDERS A BLOCKWATCH PROGRAM BY JOHN PIERA

Does Dahousie need a Blockwatch Program?

By John Piera

We are so fortunate to live in a relatively safe community where violent crime is almost non-existent and property crime is minimal. According to the City of Calgary- Calgary Police Service, in the community of Dalhousie so far this year, there have been a total of 10 non-domestic assaults most have occurred on or near the C-train station and no murders so far this year. However there have been 44 incidents of Theft from Vehicles also mostly at the C-Train station and 11 break and enters.

We can rely on the police patrols to manage crime because police are trained to deal with detecting and apprehending criminals, however there are only 6 squad cars at any given time that provide service to several communities in NW Calgary which includes Dalhousie. They do the best they can with the resources they have. So, do we accept this, or do we choose to be proactive to prevent these crime rates from increasing? The alternative is to implement an on-line Block Watch program. Twenty or more years ago, many communities in Calgary used a Blockwatch program but this is different. The old program had "Block Captains", zones and districts and people met monthly to discuss safety and security issues. The new program that we are considering uses social media sites such as Facebook and What's App to allow people to report suspicious activity. Those reports are vetted and pertinent information is passed along to the police for follow up. The police support this program because they know that when neighbours look out for each other, crime rates are lower.

The Dalhousie Community Association is considering this program. If you have any feedback, please me at johnpiera@hotmail.com and let me know what you think.

DCA CASINO: FEB. 2+3, 2021



The Alberta Gaming and Liquor Cannabis (AGLC) has set the Casino date for February 2nd and 3rd, 2021 at the Cowboys Casino here in Calgary. Thank you to the volunteers who have already signed up for your patience. We still need another ten volunteers and you can easily sign up by sending an email to rmckellar@procyonenergy.ca or johnpiera@hotmail.com

Ron McKellar, Assistant Casino Co-ordinator John Piera, Assistant Casino Co-ordinator







***Donations are accepted at the Dalhousie Community Center in the donation bin! At this time, we are still closed to the public and the donation bins will be outside for drop off. Please know the bins are monitored and emptied throughout the day and taken in at night. If you have a large or vast amount of donations, please ring the door bell that is to the left of the main doors during office hours and staff will assist you. If you have any questions about donations or who you could make a donation cheque to, please email admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca.

TAKE PART IN WASTE REDUCTION WEEK IN CANADA 2020!

Waste Reduction Week in Canada is a year-round campaign focused on the principles of the circular economy, resource efficiency, and waste reduction. The goal of the campaign is to <u>raise awareness while</u> <u>encouraging new innovative ideas and solution</u>s. Join Canadians from coast to coast to coast as we discuss, share and celebrate what we are doing to enhance and protect our environment. Below is a list of topics it will be covering:



For more information, visit **https://wrwcanada.com/en**and join the coversation!

BEST INDOOR PLANTS FOR YOUR HOME

It's no secret that indoor plants provide a refreshing and natural decoration to our homes. But indoor plants have many other benefits aside from proving aesthetics. Certain plants can actually improve the air quality in your home by removing significant amounts of indoor pollutants that could cause headaches, asthma, allergies, and other ailments.

Below are a few indoor plants that could improve the air quality in your home









Philodendron

The Missouri Botanical
Garden calls it the "best type
of house plant" because it
mostly removes
formaldehyde, which can be
found in carpets and
cleaning supplies.

Boston Fern

This Boston Fern is a great indoor plant that looks great in hanging baskets.

They can remove formaldehyde from glues as well as pressed wood products like plywood paneling and furniture.

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR DCA MEMBERSHIP?

The DCA membership is valuable for multiple programs that the DCA hosts. With the DCA membership, you and the family members (if applicable) are covered under insurance while participating in the DCA program and while in the DCA parking lot.

Some programs that the DCA membership is required for are:

- DCA Spring Recreation Community Soccer
- Dalhousie Out Of School Care
- Learn To Skate Program
- Cribbage
- Zumba
- Youth Drop In Basketball
- Adult Co-ed Volleyball
- And more!





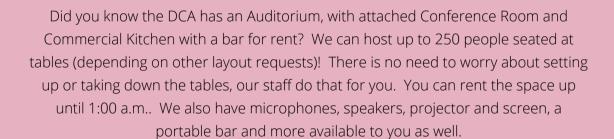




All memberships are valid from September 1, 2020 – August 31, 2021. Renew yours today! Membership cards will be mailed to address provided. Go to www.dalhousiecalgary.ca to purchase your membership today!

Is there a recreation program that you would like to see brought to the DCA? Email admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca with suggestions on programs you would like to see in your community!

CALLING ALL 2021 BRIDES!





Here are Saturdays available between May 2021 and September Long Weekend 2021:

> May 8, 15, 22, 29 June 5, 12, 19, 26 July 10, 17, 31 August 14, 28 September 4



A refundable damage deposit of \$550 for the Auditorium/Conference Room and \$250 for the Commercial Kitchen (if applicable) is required to hold the space for your special day.

We would love to host your wedding any day of the week that is available! If you have an inquiry about a different date or any rental question, please email admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca





FALL BIRD FEEDING GUIDE



FALL BIRD FEEDING MYTHS



The biggest misconception is the idea that if the birds have a steady source of food available in autumn, they won't migrate, and then, when those feeders are empty, the birds will starve. A reliable food source is only a minor factor that affects how birds migrate.



Daylight levels, climate, and instinct also play important roles in seasonal migration, and feeding birds in autumn does not prevent migration but can help it. Migrating birds require tons of calories for the energy necessary to fly hundreds or thousands of miles, and feeders can provide an energy boost to passing migrants as well as help resident birds build up fat reserves for their journey or to survive falling temperatures.

It is also a myth that there simply aren't birds around to feed in the fall. While many birds rely less on feeders in autumn because of the natural harvest abundance of wild berries, fruits, grains and seeds, bird feeders will still see plenty of activity. Backyard flocks will change as some resident birds leave for migration and more northern migrants arrive, but they will all welcome the opportunity to find an easy snack at bird feeders.



REASONS TO FEED



- Help resident birds build fat reserves for energy once they begin the migration
- Provide an easy food source for any migrating birds passing through the area
- Offer supplemental food when natural food sources begin to be depleted
- Attract the first winter bird species and encourage them to remain nearby all season
- Help birds imprint on the location of reliable food sources so they will return to the same place in the spring.

BEST AUTUMN BIRD FOODS



To give migrating birds the best nutrition and abundant energy for their long journeys, backyard birders should provide foods with high oil content and many calories. At the same time, offering a variety of different foods ensures that all passing migrants can find a tasty treat at the feeders. The best fall bird foods include the following:



- Black oil sunflower seed
- White proso millet
- Nyjer

- Suet
- Nuts
- Cracked corn
- Nectar

Birders should watch their fall flocks carefully and adjust food supplies as necessary to meet their birds' needs. Migrating hummingbirds may mob nectar feeders in early fall, for example, but later in the season nectar will only be a minor part of the backyard buffet.



HUMAN AND BOBCAT INTERACTION

Bobcat sightings have increased in Calgary. Bobcats are naturally shy animals however precautions must be made to avoid human-bobcat conflict. Bobcats are about twice the size of a domestic cat and feed mostly on rabbits, hares, and other small mammals such as mice and squirrels. While it's extremely that a bobcat will attack a human, they are opportunistic hunters when it comes to other animals. If bobcats are known to be in the area, keep cats indoors and supervise small dogs when they're outside. There are many things you can do to prevent bobcats from coming to your property such as keeping garbage on containers with tight-fitting lids and remove bird feeders. For more information, visit https://www.alberta.ca/bobcats.aspx



FREE SIDEWALK CHALK!

We have free sidewalk chalk kits that are available for pick up at the Dalhousie Community Center. If you are interested in receiving free chalk for your family or friends, please email **admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca** to set up a time to contact-free pick up your bag of chalk today!



IN NEED OF CHILD CARE?

We would love to know more about what our Dalhousie residents are interested in us offering. Are you a parent, or maybe know someone, who would be interested on weekdays (early morning, early evening) or weekend child care while you work? We would love to hear your input if you have a need for this service or are interested in learning more if it is something we are able to offer in the future.

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Please email

admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca if

you are interested in learning more about our future possibilities.





RENTAL SPACE AVAILABLE AT THE DCA!



Weekly, Bi-weekly, Monthly or One-Time – we are open for select bookings during these difficult times. We are open for renters that run registered programs and one-time bookings that are able to adhere to current Alberta Government gathering guidelines, the City of Calgary by-law, and DCA guidelines.

We currently have the following rooms available during the said dates and time frames:

Mondays

Auditorium: 9am-6pm
Phoenix Room: 9am-9pm
Sunrise Room: 1230pm-9pm
Conference Room: 9am-9pm
Dance Studio: 9am-330pm
Multi-Purpose Room: 4pm-9pm

Tuesdays

Auditorium: 9am-6pm
Phoenix Room: 9am-9pm
Sunrise Room: 9am-9pm
Conference Room: 9am-9pm
Dance Studio: 9am-5pm & 730-9pm
Multi-Purpose Room: 4pm-9pm

Wednesdays

Auditorium: 245pm-545pm
Phoenix Room: 9am-9pm
Sunrise Room: 1230pm-9pm
Conference Room: 9am-9pm
Dance Studio: 9am-4pm
Multi-Purpose Room: 4pm-9pm

Thursdays

Auditorium: 9am-630pm
Phoenix Room: 9am-9pm
Sunrise Room: 9am-9pm
Conference Room: 2pm-9pm
Dance Studio: 9am-430pm
Multi-Purpose Room: 4pm-9pm

Fridays/Saturdays: ALL DAY

Sundays

A<u>uditorium, Conference, Sunrise,</u>
and Phoenix: 1pm-1am

<u>Dance Studio & Multi-Purpose</u>

<u>Room:</u> All Day

Here are the current capacities with the minimum social distancing for each room:

Auditorium – 70 Conference Room – 8 Sunrise Room - 10 Phoenix Room - 10 Multi-Purpose Room - 15 Dance Studio - 20

Check out our website **www.dalhousiecalgary.ca** for FAQ, prices, and photos. If you have further questions or inquiries email **admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca**

REMEMBER TO TAG YOUR EXTRA GARBAGE BAGS!

Starting October 1, if you have an extra bag of garbage that won't fit in your City black cart, you'll need to **buy a garbage tag**. Tags are \$3 each and available at participating convenience and grocery stores or online. See the full list at **calgary.ca/garbagetag**.

We encourage everyone to look at what you are buying and throwing away to find ways to reduce waste. Sorting materials correctly helps maximize the use of all three carts (blue, green, black). Learn more at **calgary.ca/garbagetag**

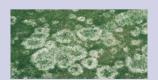


COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DATES

Dalhousie's Community Clean Up dates will be posted in **early 2021** for Spring and Fall dates



WHAT IS SNOW MOLD & HOW TO TREAT IT



WHAT IS SNOW MOLD?

Most signs of spring are the welcome kind, including buds, blooms, warmer temps, and green grass. But gray-colored circles on your lawn? Not so much. Snow mold is caused by cold-weather fungi that primarily affect cool-season grasses. Signs of a problem aren't noticeable until the spring when the snow melts.

HOW TO PREVENT SNOW MOLD

Mow Before the First Snow

Extra-long grass is a breeding ground for gray snow mold. Make your last cut of the growing season 1 to 11/2 inches shorter than usual (but be careful not to scalp the lawn).

Don't Let Leaves Pile Up

 $Because\ a\ thick\ layer\ of\ leaves\ creates\ a\ welcome\ environment\ for\ snow\ mold,\ use\ your\ mower\ to\ mulch\ leaves\ into\ your\ lawn.$



PROGRAMS AND SERVICES AT THE DCA



The Dalhousie Community Centre is an important hub in the community with many programs and services to offer! We have a variety of different rooms to rent, where many of our third-party renters host their programs. Third party programs include, but are not limited to, a variety of adult exercise classes, children's dance, adult and children's karate and tai chi, Girl Guides, and much more! The Dalhousie Community Association also provides programs and services that the DCA organizes themselves such as Senior's Cribbage, Family Game Night, Adult Zumba, our Learn to Skate program, and more. Our DCA programs are free or low cost with your 2020-2021 DCA membership, which can be purchased online at www.dalhousiecalgarv.ca.

We also provide options for child care for those registered and not registered in our Dalhousie Out of School Care program, during select times of the year – (you don't have to live in Dalhousie either)! We have our DCA Summer Day Camps that operate throughout the course of the summer, as well as there are many third-party day camps that operate within our center as well. We also offer Winter and Spring Day Camps during school breaks if enough interest is projected. Registration and other inquiries can be sent to admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca. However we also do have several third-party summer camps each summer as well, ranging from robotics and engineering, musical theatre, cooking camps, and more! Registration and information for any third-party programs and services is conducted and can be found through the appropriate contact as displayed on the Program Guide and/or on their website. Any DCA programs and services information can be found under its designated tab on our website, www.dalhousiecalgary.ca, or you can email any inquiries to admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca.

DALHOUSIE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR DALHOUSIE AND SURROUNDING AREA

Activity Name	Person	Contact for Registration	Day & Time			
Banzai Karate	Chris	banzaikaratedojo@gmail.com	Tuesdays 6:00pm-7:00pm Thursdays 7:00pm-8:00pm			
Cause and Effect Foundation – PUF Program (Alberta Education funded)	Willa	contact@causeandeffectfoundation.co m 403-523-0150	Mon- <u>Thurs_Sept</u> 14/20 – June 7/21 (enrollments close Sept 30/20)			
Dalhousie Community Kindergarten		dcakids@telus.net 403-288-1050 dcakids.com	Monday-Friday 8:45am-11:45am			
Dalhousie Community Preschool		info@dcpreschool.ca 403-286-2339	Please Contact <u>For</u> Program Details			
ESSENTRICS by Vital 1 Fitness	Marcia	info@vital1.ca 403-208-3307	Contact for up to date information			
Girl Guides of Canada, Guides and Pathfinder Programs	Linda	linda.j.pic@gmail.com 204-471-4672	Mondays 6:30pm-8:00pm			
hardCORE fitness	Megan	megankmacdonald@yahoo.ca	Wednesdays 6:15pm-7:15pm and 7:30pm-8:30pm			
Mommy Connections Calgary - Mom & Baby Program	Katherine	katherinemcyyc@gmail.com 587-899-6547	Wednesdays 10:00am-11:30am			
One Step Ahead Dance Studio	Melinda	office@onestepaheaddance.com 403-247-3607	Monday and Thursday Evenings			
Stagecoach Theatre Arts Calgary	Rahim	403-604-0047 calgary@stagecoachschools.ca	Saturdays Main Stages Class 2:30pm-5:30pm Early Stages Class 2:45pm-4:15pm			
Tai Chi / Kung fu	Raymond	403-650-9191	Contact for Registration			
Thrive Church Services with Kids Church Online	Natalie	natalie@thrivecalgary.ca	Sundays @ 10:30am at thrivecalgary.ca			
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DALHOUSIE OUTDOOR RINK!

Did you know that there is an outdoor rink right in Dalhousie? It is located behind the Dalhousie Community Center, at 5432 Dalhart Rd. NW! Our approximately 40 ft. by 40 ft. boarded (2 ft. high boards) outdoor rink is the perfect spot for you or your family to get in some ice time outside. Our rink is ideal for those looking to learn to skate, practice figure skating skills, a small hockey game, broomball, or a fun skate! There is lots of parking in our parking lot, just off of 53rd Street! There is no charge to use the rink, however we do ask that you are mindful of the trash and recycling that you may bring – please use the waste bins provided. With the current COVID guidelines, there would not be washrooms available for use during our office hours, as we are not yet open to the public – therefore you would not be able to enter the building at this time. There are benches to sit on to tie your skates, take a break, or have a snack. We highly recommend that people that use the rink wear appropriate helmets that protect your entire head to prevent concussions and other injuries. The Dalhousie Community Association is not liable for any injuries or theft at/around the outdoor rink. The DCA does not have any skates, hockey/ringette sticks or pylons to rent out – however we do have broom ball sticks and a ball if you are interested in renting the sanitized equipment! Please email admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca for more information on this opportunity.



SKATING COACH WANTED!

The Dalhousie Community Association is looking to hire a skating coach to teach our Learn To Skate program! The program is offered at our outdoor rink, just behind the community centre at 5432 Dalhart Rd. NW. In the past, most of our participants have skated 5 or less times, and are looking to learn basic movements such as stopping techniques, turns, backwards skating, and other skating basics. The program is tentatively set to run on Tuesdays between and including January 26th to February 23rd, 2021 with the shift being from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and the teaching time to be from 6:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m., with the core of the class running from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.. Please send your resume with a cover letter outlining your related experience to admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca!

FREE LEARN TO SKATE PROGRAM!

We are very pleased to offer our Learn to Skate program this year! We have had great, positive experience from previous years with our program, and are looking forward to helping others to learn how to skate on ice. Starting in early 2021, we will be having a 5 week FREE (purchase of 2020-2021 DCA Membership required) Learn To Skate program for children aged 5-18! Tentative Dates and Times: January 26 and February 2, 9, 16, and 23rd, 2021 from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., with optional personal tips and training 15 minutes before and after the class time. Please email admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca if you are interested in registering for this FREE program, would like more information, or are potentially interested in being a skating coach!

OUTDOOR RINK MAINTENANCE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The DCA is looking for a few volunteers to actively maintain the outdoor rink that we have behind the Dalhousie Community Centre! We will provide orientation and training on the flooding procedure, our snow blower, and more to help prepare for a great season. Our rink is approximately 40 ft. by 40 ft., with boarded about 2 ft. high all around the rink, with a maintenance shed right beside the rink. Volunteer training will start the first week of November, weather pending. For more information or to add yourself to the volunteer list, please email

admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca!



Happy October! We have completed our first month of school here at the Dalhousie Community Preschool. All of our students are settling in and enjoying our classroom and each other! It's so nice to see new friendships forming and some of our returning students getting to reconnect! Dalhousie Preschool is a co-operative, parent run preschool that operates under the umbrella of the Dalhousie Community Association. It offers a warm and accepting environment with dedicated teachers for your child to begin his or her school career. Our Reggio Emilia inspired play based program has been serving the community for over 30 years!

Programs

- Our program for the 2020-2021 school year is a combination of the 3 and 4 year old programs.
- This class is available as a 2 day (Monday and Wednesday only) a week option for \$160 per month OR a 3 day (Monday/Wednesday/Friday) a week option for \$200 per month.
- All classes run from 9:00AM 11:30AM

Upcoming Dates

- October 12: Thanksgiving no classes
- October 28: Halloween Dress up
- October 30: PD Day no classes
- November 11: Remembrance Day no classes

If you would like to support our community preschool, you can easily do so by donating your empty cans and bottles! We have teamed up with Skip the Depot to help raise funds for our nonfor profit preschool! It's super easy:

- 1. Download the Skip the Depot app https://app.skipthedepot.com/dcpreschool
- 2. Schedule a pick up time and leave your bags outside
- 3. Funds will automatically be donated to the Dalhousie Preschool

This is a really simple, zero contact way to support the school, while decreasing your to-do list! Any donations would be greatly appreciated!

you have any inquiries or questions about the contact registrar@dcpreschool.ca or visit www.dcpreschool.ca for more information.

