

The Dalhousie Digest

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Saint Patrick's
Day*

The Future Layers of Dalhousie

GM Introduction

Check our NEW website at www.dalhousiecalgary.ca for Community Center programs and services, general community information and more.



Dalhousie Community Association

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The next DCA Board Meeting will be
Tuesday, March 9, 2021, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
All Dalhousie residents are welcome to attend.



Winter Community Office Hours

DCC Closed Due To Government Restrictions

Monday-Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday: Dependent on Rentals

The Community Centre is open for allowed renters and rental groups, however it is not open to the public at this time

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In Our Community

A Message From The Board Of Directors

Taking advantage of the Corona Virus

While the overall effect on the Dalhousie Community has been negative, it has resulted in a few opportunities. We are constantly renovating and upgrading the Community Hall to keep it in good repair and what better time to do that when there is nobody using the building! While the building remains property of the City of Calgary, the DCA has the responsibility to keep it in good working order. We follow a document called the Building Lifecycle Plan which lays out what needs to be done each year.

Last year, we did a major renovation of replacing the HVAC system for the auditorium. It wasn't as simple as removing the old one and installing the new one because the new one is bigger and heavier. It is installed onto the roof using a crane, but an engineering study had to be done to ensure that the roof could handle the additional weight. The good news is that everything got done and instead of using the approximately 50-year-old unit that was installed when the building was constructed, we have a far more cost efficient and effective unit. This year, we are tackling another major project of replacing the flooring in the auditorium. Again, it will not be as simple as removing the old floor and installing the new one because the old floor used asbestos floor tiles. We will need to bring in a company that specializes in asbestos removal to ensure that everything is done safely. If we didn't have the Corona Virus, doing these major renovations would have been a significant disruption to our long term and one-time renters, but now we can do this without disturbing our tenants. Once it is done, it will give a fresh new look and hopefully attract more renters which will generate additional revenue for the DCA. We are very grateful to the City of Calgary and the Province of Alberta for assisting us in covering the costs of these renovations through providing grants

*Sincerely,
The DCA Board of Directors.*



**Dalhousie
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Association**

Dalhousie Community Planning (U of C Student Project)

Dalhousie has been selected to partner with students from the University of Calgary School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape. Starting in January, a team of students from the program will begin to undertake an analysis of our community, starting with current conditions and building a map towards how our community could develop into the future. In order to make this project a success, students will be looking for input from residents, businesses and community groups to try and understand our needs and our community's opportunities. This input will be collected on an ongoing basis from January through to early April via an online platform at <https://cc.nextcalgary.ca/dalhousie-ds21w-vision>, with the portal for Dalhousie going live January 16th. There are also plans for facilitated online meetings with businesses and community groups scheduled for January 26th and 28th respectively, followed by community workshops in early February and again in early March. Past project examples can be found at <https://sapl.ucalgary.ca/professionalplanningstudio/projects>. We hope you will join us and be a part of this exciting opportunity!

We will endeavor to provide ongoing updates to the community on events and how to participate via our newsletter, the Planning and Development webpage (<https://www.dalhousiecalgary.ca/development/>), (the Dalhousie Community Association Facebook page and Twitter (@dcayyc).

Welcome to Our New General Manager!

Your Board of Directors is happy to welcome Doug MacDonald who joins our organization as our new General Manager. Doug, a long time resident of Calgary, has built a career based on fostering community development to give people a sense of connection and belonging. Joining Dalhousie's community association was a natural fit after holding various positions through the years that have involved organizing fundraising and communications, managing properties, and being involved in literally every aspect of



strategic planning and volunteer and program support.

COVID presents some obvious challenges in his ability to meet members of the community, but when that becomes more of a possibility, you will find a gentleman who is genuinely interested in establishing relationships and building a

collaborative organization. Doug was familiar with Dalhousie after working with Scouts for many years, but tells us he "is impressed with the range of activities, programs and services the DCA offers." Doug is someone who has an appreciation of the past that has made our community one of Calgary's best, as well as a genuine enthusiasm for the future. We are excited too, and welcome Doug to this position!

James Fong Retiring as Director

This January, our longest standing Board Member, James Fong, made the big move out of Calgary to enjoy his time in another beautiful part of our country. James has been on the Board for over 20 years! Many in our community will know James and his family as long term residents in our community, and from his many years of volunteering with Scouts. James and his wife have retired to the West coast, and behalf of our community we wish them the best in their new adventure and sincerely thank you!

James has made a great impact to the Dalhousie Community Association and community members with his positive attitude and involvement in the community. James has been involved in many projects and initiatives that have helped build the Dalhousie Community Centre and Association into what it is today.

Thank you to James for all of your time and commitments over the decades, you have left a lasting impression on the Dalhousie Community Association and the community. Dalhousie is lucky to have had you for so long!

Contribute To Dalhousie's Future By Sharing Your Thoughts Online Every Monday

Activities Are Fun, And Can Be Completed In As Little As 5 Minutes Per Week

Melody Ma and Travis Dickie are students from the University of Calgary's School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape, and will be working with members of the community to collect feedback on topics like new development, public spaces, amenities and more from January through to April on the NEXTCalgary (<https://cc.nextcalgary.ca/#>) website.

Called **The Future Layers of Dalhousie**, the purpose of this exercise is two-fold. First, the students would like to learn how residents view the community, its amenities and hear some opinions about where they see Dalhousie in the future. Every Monday, the students will be asking for residents to contribute their opinions on key topics using map activities, questionnaires, and fun online exercises. The topics include:

1. Parks and open spaces
2. The pathway network and pedestrian realm
3. Roads, traffic and public transit
4. Residential and commercial development
5. Indoor community amenities (ie.: community centre, schools)

The second part of this project is to look at some of the ways that Travis and Melody can help bring Dalhousie residents together on short-term projects that matter to them, and do not necessarily require capital funding to achieve.

As students, their job is to bring residents together to work toward common community-level goals. For example, a popular contribution to the first online first exercise is the desire to have a community garden. Travis and Melody would help to bring people together to develop an action plan, develop designs and build a community network that could breathe life into a project like this.

Lastly, there may be barriers for some residents when



accessing tools on the internet. The students would like to provide an option to make your thoughts heard using a paper survey, by phone or through other means.

If you have access to email and would like to explore other options for communicating your opinion, please contact travis.dickie@ucalgary.ca to say that you are interested. It is recommended that you try to use the website first, however, as the activities are fun and can show you what some of your neighbors are thinking too.

To visit the website, please visit <https://cc.nextcalgary.ca/#> and select "The Future Layers of Dalhousie" or scan the QR code in this article. If you are having trouble accessing the website tools, please try using another browser (Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, Firefox or Safari), or try to access the site via a smart phone.

Guidebook for Great Communities

The City of Calgary's updated Guidebook for Great Communities is now available at www.calgary.ca/guidebook. The Guidebook will be presented January 13th, 2021 to Council's Standing Policy Committee on Planning and Urban Development as an overview and final update and then on February 3rd for recommendation. On March 22nd, 2021 the Guidebook will be presented to Council for approval. This will include a public hearing where members of the public will have the opportunity to speak directly to Council on this topic. We encourage Dalhousie residents to review the document, to share any feedback with our Councilor, Sean Chu at ward4@calgary.ca and to submit comments to Council when it comes to Committee. The Planning and Development Committee also welcomes your feedback via pd@dalhousiecalgary.ca.

DID YOU KNOW??

Your odds of finding a four-leaf clover are about 1 in 10,000.



Dalhousie Preschool News

We have been busy here at the Dalhousie Community Preschool! We started the new year with some winter activities like ice fishing and snow shovelling all while staying warm inside our very own classroom! We also had a visit from some friendly reptiles where the children had so many questions and learned all about the different animals!



If you are ever around the Dalhousie Community Centre please come take a look at our outside window to see the beautiful art made by the children! They sure do work hard!

The children love spending time outside on our awesome playground, it's a great way to get some exercise and shake some silly's out!! We are



also planning more special events for the children inside on days when it might be too cold.

Registration is now ongoing for the 2021/2022 school year, space is limited! Please check our website www.dcpreschool.ca for more information or contact our registrar: registrar@dcpreschool.ca

Upcoming Dates:

- March 29th-April 2nd Spring Break

Skip the Depot:

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 non for 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. Receive your refund and donate to the school

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

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

Dalhousie Kindergarten News

Celebrate Kindergarten!

The program at Dalhousie Community Kindergarten is designed to offer a wealth of experiences to our eager learners and we are very proud of the variety of challenges we offer. We believe that our classroom is a place where we can (and should) build a foundation that encourages a lifelong enthusiasm for learning and exploring! In February we celebrated the 100th day of school – how time has flown! This was a day for our students to celebrate much they have learned and how much we have grown – both literally and figuratively!

Our Kindergarten classroom is definitely the place to bring enthusiasm for trying new things and learning new skills. In February we also started outdoor skating lessons on our community rink. Some of our students were on skates for their first time ever, while others brought established skills. All were enthusiastic about working hard, picking themselves up inevitable slips and falls and supporting each other to learn something new. We send a heartfelt thank you to the volunteers who have built and maintained this little treasure in our community. Given the restrictions of COVID, we were so fortunate to have an outdoor rink option in our backyard.

Our class for 2021-2022 is currently full, but we will be keeping a waiting list, as there are often changes. Please email us or call our office (403-288-1050) if you are still considering options. You can also find information about our program at www.dcakids.com. We always welcome inquiries and would be please to tell you more about our exceptional community kindergarten program.

HD Cartwright School

H.D. Cartwright School, often known in the community as simply “HD” or “HDC,” has been a junior high school in the heart of Dalhousie since the 1971-72 school year. The school is named after Herbert Daniel Cartwright, a prominent educator and school administrator in Alberta, whose career spanned over four decades between 1918 and his retirement in 1959. Among his other achievements, Mr. Cartwright organized the first junior high school in Alberta (Rideau Park School) and was principal there for four years. It is coincidental that having organized that first junior high school, his namesake, H.D. Cartwright School, is one of the last remaining grade 7-9 junior high schools in the CBE. (Following the transition of most formerly junior high schools to a “middle school” format.) HDC is currently the designated public junior high school for students in Dalhousie, Ranchlands, Nolan Hill and Sherwood. It also hosts two special education programs, the Learning and Literacy program (L&L) and an ACCESS class.

In its first year of operation the school’s principal, Mr. T.G. Allen, wrote of “looking forward to developing a school of which we can all be proud” and one with an “enthusiastic and cheerful atmosphere.” His hopes for the school certainly materialized over the years, and HDC is known for being a friendly, caring, close-knit learning community. With an enrolment of approximately 450 students (including some currently learning online) students and staff often form close

connections and relationships with one another. In fact, these positive connections are the focus of much of the work done in the school during what is referred to as “Cougar Community” time. Many past and current students can probably recite the school jingle of “HDC, we’re like a family.”

As might be expected, the 2020-21 school year is much different than normal, but the school continues the process of providing meaningful learning opportunities through a strong community approach. To keep students in cohort groups, students are not currently taking their ordinary options classes, but circulating through a variety of complementary courses together with their homeroom classmates. For example, Dalhousie community members may have seen students and their Environmental and Outdoor Education teacher doing some geocaching in the neighbourhood this fall. During the pandemic, regular athletics programs cannot be offered, but students are still participating in daily Physical Education classes (often outdoors). We are also keeping school spirit alive through various “House Cup” challenges between homeroom classes. These challenges have involved various socially distanced activities completed together with homeroom classmates to build school and homeroom spirit.

HDC has been a part of this community for almost 50 years, and is looking forward to continuing a bright tradition of being, as the school’s motto says, “A Great Place to Learn Together.”

Dalhousie Out of School News

Licensing/Health Visits a Huge Success!

The Dalhousie Out of School Care Program has recently had their Licensing and Health Inspections completed! All sites were visited and all locations passed with flying colours. Even with an unannounced surprise visit at our West Dalhousie School, there was nothing but great reviews all around. If you are interested in finding out more information about our programs, please visit our website at <https://www.dalhousiecalgary.ca> or contact the Out of School Care Director via email atdoscdirector@dalhousiecalgary.ca. Space is limited and on a first come, first served basis so don’t delay, reach out and inquire today!

Joke Corner



Q. What do you get when you cross a four-leaf clover with poison ivy?

A. A rash of good luck

Q. Why shouldn’t you iron a four-leaf clover?

A. You might press your luck

Q. Why do leprechauns love to garden?

A. They have green thumbs

Coyotes and Bobcats in the City

Dalhousie's proximity to Nose Hill Park and other area ravines are factors that influence the variety of wildlife that we see in our community, but several species in general have adapted well to city life. Of these, coyotes and now bobcats are frequent visitors to our streets.

Coyotes are highly curious, intelligent and adaptable. They primarily feed on rabbits, mice and squirrels. Coyotes have done well at adapting their behaviour to take advantage of available food and shelter in the city. They are clever and perceptive and very quickly learn to avoid unpleasant encounters.

Coyotes become more visible during the winter months as snow and ice force some to move around more in search of food. Coyotes typically breed in February and March with young are born in April or May. During this time, it is a good idea to be more cautious, particularly with pets, as they may become more protective of their resources, their mates and possibly more their territory.

Bobcats have also become more visible in Dalhousie and surrounding communities in recent years. They are largely solitary, however Bobcat breeding begins in winter, with mating generally occurring in February and March. The female raises her young alone with kittens born in April to June. Kittens stay with their mother for up to a year. Bobcats may take advantage of open spaces under decks, sheds or in trees, shrubs or piles of debris for den locations.

Bobcats in the wild are naturally shy of humans and are normally most active at sunrise and sunset. They are however highly adaptable and when living near human development may lose their fear of people and noises and learn to be more active at any time of day. Bobcats feed mostly on rabbits and other small mammals like mice and squirrels, plus insects and birds. They are opportunistic hunters.

How can you reduce conflict with these animals? Remove the food, shelter or water that may attract them. Do not feed wildlife. Keep your garbage in containers with tight-fitting lids. Do not leave pet food outdoors. Consider removing bird feeders and bird baths. Remove fallen fruit and other things that attract mice and squirrels and add motion detector lighting to walkways and driveways. Close off open spaces under

decks and sheds and monitor vulnerable pets like cats and smaller dogs. As with all wild animals, keep a good distance between them and yourself. Give these animals their space. Allow them to do their thing and be wild!

Fish and Wildlife offices receive many reports of coyote and bobcat sightings each year, however officers will respond only when there is a threat to public safety.

Sean Chu Winter Road Report

Councillor Sean Chu had forwarded many requests and escalated to Roads to ask them to help Ward 4 residents with the snow issues.

<https://www.calgary.ca/transportation/roads/road-maintenance/snow-and-ice-control/snow-and-ice-control-update.html>

FYI on January 21st 2021: Calgary council agreed to take a closer look at the city's approach to major snowfalls... say it's time to talk about upping Calgary's snow-control budget.

Council unanimously passed a motion to give city staff the authority to declare a snow emergency, which could help them call in extra resources after a significant snowstorm. The city will also look at tweaking the policy for dealing with an extreme winter event, and look at options for "private volunteers" to help with snow and ice control.

Roads director Troy McLeod told council two snowfalls in late December dumped a total of 47 centimetres of snow on Calgary. In the first storm during the week before Christmas, some parts of Calgary saw 40 centimetres of snow over just 24 hours.

McLeod said the city would typically expect to see that amount of snow across an entire month, not within a matter of hours.

We just received this information, there were a total of 132 calls for Snow and Ice concerns from Dec 21 to Dec 31st 2020.

Also please do check <https://www.facebook.com/seanchucalgary/> for the latest up to date information from Cllr. Sean Chu.

Walkways

Living in Dalhousie, you are no doubt aware of the network of walkways spanning our community, behind and alongside our properties, and providing residents an easy and direct means to travel throughout our community to visit friends and family, go shopping, access transit, get to school or simply take a stroll to get some exercise. Thank you to all of you who have helped to make sure these walkways and back pathways are clear of snow and ice and remain accessible through the winter!



The walkways in West Dalhousie were a great idea in the 1960's and 1970's by the developer "NuWest". They were designed to increase the sense of community and interaction between neighbours. NuWest didn't put in building code restrictions that other communities put in place. Instead, they just put in "recommendations" which are not enforceable by law. As a result, most property owners in Dalhousie have opted to maximize their space and security by building built 6' high wooden fences inches from the backyard sidewalks.

Visit <https://maps.calgary.ca/PathwaysandBikeways/> for a map of all Snow Removal for Pathways and Bikeways in the City of Calgary! Please call 311 or submit an online report via the link above if there is a pathway or sidewalk that isn't cleared on time.

How Does The City of Calgary Decided Which Pathways To Clear?

The following criteria is used to determine which pathways are cleared of snow:

- The number of people using the pathway in winter
- The amount of risk in using and clearing the pathway; e.g. areas that are steep and/or tend to ice up
- Proximity to LRT stations, schools, business districts or recreation centres
- Connections to cycle tracks or bike lanes

Some sections of pathway, due to slope steepness or site conditions, aren't suitable for winter use due to safety concerns for users and the crews who maintain them. Citizens are discouraged from clearing pathways that are steep and unsafe for snow removal, and may become icy during melt/freeze conditions.

Can You Recycle Clothing, Shoes and Textiles? Yes!

As you start your spring clean, don't put textiles in the garbage! There are many ways to keep clothing, shoes and textiles out of the City landfills.



- Clothing and shoes Donate usable clothing and shoes to local charities or drop-off charity bins near you. Be sure to contact them first to find out what types are accepted. If the charity bin is full, don't leave it outside - only materials in the bins are accepted. Instead, hang onto your donation or take it to another bin.
- Recycle clothing and textiles for free at a City landfill, even if it's damaged. Our Throw 'N' Go accepts a variety of textiles including outerwear, shoes, reusable shopping bags, purses and backpacks, and more. Just make sure fabrics are clean and dry and place items in a bag before dropping off. If you bring other garbage in your load, landfill charges will apply.
- Repurpose old cotton shirts by cutting into rags for household chores such as cleaning or automotive work. Textiles also make great projects and crafts with many patterns available online: sew quilts from denim and flannel, handkerchiefs from old t-shirts, or cushion covers from curtains.

Not sure how to properly dispose of an item? Visit calgary.ca/whatgoeswhere for answers to hundreds of items.

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DID YOU KNOW??



Legend says that each leaf of the clover has a meaning: Hope, Faith, Love and Luck.

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: 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Phoenix Room: 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Sunrise Room: 12:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Conference Room: 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Dance Studio: 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Multi-Purpose Room: 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Tuesdays

- Auditorium: 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Phoenix Room: 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Sunrise Room: 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Conference Room: 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Dance Studio: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. & 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.
- Multi-Purpose Room: 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Wednesdays

- Auditorium: 2:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.
- Phoenix Room: 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Sunrise Room: 12:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Conference Room: 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Dance Studio: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Multi-Purpose Room: 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Thursdays

- Auditorium: 9:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- Phoenix Room: 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Sunrise Room: 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Conference Room: 2:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Dance Studio: 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Multi-Purpose Room: 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Fridays/Saturdays:

ALL DAY

Sundays

- Auditorium, Conference, Sunrise, and Phoenix: 1:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.
- Dance Studio & Multi-Purpose Room: 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

Calling All 2021 Brides & Grooms!

Did you know the DCA has an Auditorium, with attached Conference Room and Commercial Kitchen with a bar for rent? We can host up to 250 people seated at tables (depending on other layout requests)! There is no need to worry about setting up or taking down the tables, our staff do that for you. You can rent the space up until 1:00 a.m.. We also have microphones, speakers, projector and screen, a portable bar and more available to you as well.

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

May 8, 15, 22, 29

June 5, 12, 19, 26

July 3, 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



DCA Outdoor Rink Information and Rules

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.

Learn To Skate Program Update

While the DCA has been hoping that we would be able to host our Learn To Skate program, the COVID Alberta Government restrictions that are currently in place at the time of this article, do not allow the outdoor gatherings for group physical activities and training sessions. We are sad we cannot offer the program this year – however we have put together a Learn To Skate package that has detailed videos, fun games to build skill development, tips and more! To receive this Learn To Skate package, please visit www.dalhousiecalgary.ca and go under Programs to our Outdoor Rink and Learn To Skate tab.



DCA ODR Rules

The DCA is proud to be able to offer the community a boarded outdoor rink to use throughout the winter! While not all activities are able to happen due to Alberta Government COVID 19 restrictions, there are a few activities that can still happen for Albertans despite the pandemic – find out the most up to date information here: <https://www.alberta.ca/enhanced-public-health-measures.aspx>

Here are additional rules for the DCA Outdoor Rink that are to be followed by all visitors of the outdoor rink area:

- Hours: 7:30 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.
- Helmets REQUIRED for users under the age of 18 (no bicycle helmets)
- Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult
- Limit of 10 skaters at a time, 1 hour time limits when at capacity
- Keep a 2-meter distance between other family cohorts
- No organized sport or activities, including hockey
- No sticks, pucks, etc. between 10am-11am daily
- Passing of pucks, while at a distance, allowed – no slapshots or raised pucks allowed
- Be respectful of everyone's space and skating abilities
- Face masks are recommended when on/around the rink
- No social gatherings in the DCA parking lot or on/around the DCA rink

HUGE Thank You!

We would like to extend a HUGE thank you to Tom and Barry of the Dalhousie community for repairing the outdoor rink and maintaining the flooding during the cold months! We are so thrilled to have the rink in earlier than usual and to have it be used as often as it has. It takes a lot of work, timing and detail to get an outdoor rink in as good of condition as the DCA's! *Please remember to follow Alberta Government guidelines when on outdoor rinks, as well as the DCA rules that are now posted outside our rink.* <https://www.alberta.ca/enhanced-public-health-measures.aspx>

We would also like to thank our dedicated snow shovelers that tend to the Dalhousie Community Centre and community buildings, as well as all the friendly neighbors that continue to keep their sidewalks and back pathways clear of snow and ice – it is that much safer to enjoy the outdoors in these conditions!

Saint Patrick's Day!

March 17th is known worldwide as Saint Patrick's Day, the feast day of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. Saint Patrick was born in Britain in 385 AD and he was kidnapped at the age of 16 and taken to Ireland as a slave. He escaped six years later to a French monastery, where he became a priest, and then he chose to return to Ireland to convert the Irish to Christianity. When he died on March 17, 461, he had established many monasteries, churches, and schools in Ireland. There were many legends that surrounded him, including him driving the snakes out of Ireland and using the shamrock to explain the Trinity. Ireland celebrated his day with religious services and feasts.

The holiday transformed into what we see these days back in the 1700s, when the Irish immigrant community in the United States put on extensive celebrations for the holiday, which included elaborate parades. Boston held its first St. Patrick's Day parade in 1737, a tradition that has grown and continued.

Did you know blue started out as the traditional color for St. Patrick? The earliest depictions of St. Patrick showed him clothed in blue garments. However, it changed to green as it became a tradition to wear green and to pay homage to the Emerald Isle. In fact, the tradition is tied to old folklore that says wearing green makes you invisible to leprechauns who like to pinch people!

What will you do this St. Patrick's Day? Maybe the family should wear green and have an Irish dinner? Maybe green cake for dessert? What about a "find the shamrock or leprechauns" game around the house or yard?

Be A Part of the Solution Reporting Community Issues to the City

Have you stumbled over an uneven sidewalk, noticed a sinkhole or frost heave in the road, or came across hateful graffiti? These are only a few scenarios that can be reported to the City via their 311-application available in the iOS and Android store. The application is easily downloaded and setup. Once setup, citizens can use the application to geo-tag and flag issues for the City to follow-up on. Our City is big and our community relatively small, so bringing our items of concern to the City's mind will help in as much as "the wheel that squeaks the loudest is the one that gets the grease."

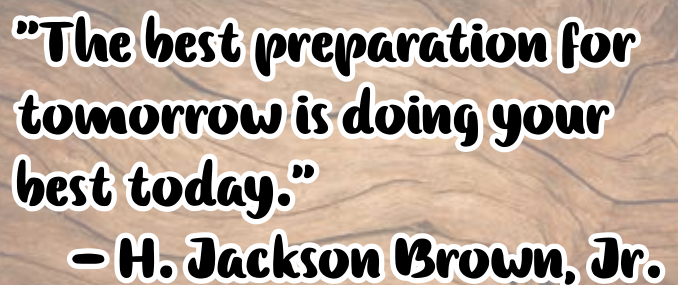
#ChooseToChallenge – International Women's Day 2021

International Women's Day is observed worldwide on March 8th as a day to celebrate women's achievements, raise awareness about women's equality, lobby for accelerated gender equality and fundraise for female-focused charities.

In 1977, the United Nations adopted a resolution proclaiming a Day for Women's Rights and International Peace to be observed, but March 8th was chosen back in 1913 after women across Europe held rallies to campaign against the war and to express women's solidarity.

This year, the theme of International Women's Day is 'Choose To Challenge'. "A challenged world is an alert world. Individually, we're all responsible for our own thoughts and actions – all day, every day. We can choose to challenge and call out gender bias and inequity. We can choose to seek out and celebrate women's achievements. Collectively, we can all help create an inclusive world. From challenge come change, so let's all choose to challenge." Quoted from www.internationalwomensday.com.

In the last few years, marches have been held in cities around the world, as a way for our communities to demonstration awareness and solidarity. Covid-19 might not make that possible this year, so another way to observe the day would be to learn about women who have changed the world, maybe as a family googling activity? Here are just a few suggestions: Virginia Hall, Christina Koch, Dr. Catherin Hamlin, Gertrude Elion, Raye Montague, Katherine Johnson and Dian Fossey. What else will you do to celebrate this year?



**"The best preparation for
tomorrow is doing your
best today."
– H. Jackson Brown, Jr.**

International Earth Day

International Earth Day on March 20, should not be confused with the U.S. observation of Earth Day. The United States, and an increasing number of other nations around the world, celebrates Earth Day on April 22. The reason for this is more traditional in nature as U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson in concert with then Harvard University student, Denis Hayes, established a nationwide “teach-in” about the environment in 1970.

The purpose of both days (International Earth Day and Earth Day) is to educate and inform the public about the Earth and things each and every person can do to help conserve resources in order to preserve the planet. Where is your home? Somewhere in Dalhousie, or maybe somewhere else in Calgary? Regardless of where your house that you call home is, Earth is home to us all! It is important that we take care of our home, so that we can keep living here and our children, our children’s children and so on. Earth Day is coming up on April

Canada has done several things in order to help with maintain our planet Earth, such as implementing recycling with the “Blue Box Program” which started for the first time in the world in Kitchener, Ontario in 1981. Did you know that Alberta didn’t accept milk containers for recycling until June 1, 2009? Crazy to think how far we have come with recycling and composting in the last 40 years!

Plastic is everywhere, and we need to help curve this issue. In recent years, personal straws (metal/bamboo, typically) have become increasingly popular and many restaurants have started to change to compostable straws, as well as other items. Another way to help reduce your plastic use is to consider using bar shampoo/conditioner, use beeswax wrap for your food and snacks instead of baggies, and consider researching brands and products to see what they are doing to be more eco-friendly!

What is something you do every day that can you can do to be more earth friendly?

- Turn off the tap when you are brushing your teeth
- Don’t run the shower for longer than you need to
- Put your recyclables, compostable and trash in the appropriate bins
- Use energy efficient light bulbs
- Take a walk to the store instead of driving
- Use cloth bags instead of plastic bags at stores
- Choose non-toxic cleaning products

Commercial Kitchen Rental Available!

We have a our commercial kitchen available to rent! The commercial kitchen boasts 4 large stainless steel counter spaces, 4 commercial grade sinks, a large freezer, a large 3 door cooler and two smaller coolers, ice machine, dishwasher, stove and oven, convection oven, and other additions!

We have two rental options: \$250 for the day or \$40/ hour, with a minimum 2 hour rental and an additional \$250 refundable damage deposit

Please note as it is a commercial kitchen, there are no dishes, pots and pans, cutlery, etc. The kitchen must also be cleaned before the end of your booking, and your booked time must include your time you allocate to clean the kitchen.

For further questions, please email admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca

Call for Volunteers:

Do you have an interest in planning, development or transportation? Do you want to help guide your Community through its ongoing evolution? If so, consider joining the Dalhousie Community Association Planning and Development Committee. If you want to find out more, you can email us at pd@dalhousiecalgary.ca or check out the Planning and Development section of the Dalhousie Community Association website <https://www.dalhousiecalgary.ca/development/>.

The City of Calgary is in the process of developing and rolling out the Guidebook for Great Communities. This is a comprehensive policy document that will shape how our communities evolve and grow. Find out more about the Guidebook and give your input here <https://engage.calgary.ca/guidebook>.



Be a Snow Angel!

“Lucky and proud.”

That’s how a lot of people describe their feelings when they nominate a Snow Angel. Many are seniors without the strength to clear their walks. Others may be on the mend from surgery or an illness and their physical ability is limited. Sometimes it’s a neighbour who is just having trouble coping with added responsibilities in his/her life.



When you pick up your shovel to clear your walk this winter, take a few extra minutes to help a neighbour too. You’ll make it easier for everyone to travel your neighbourhood and build a sense of community at the same time. For more information, visit calgary.ca/SnowAngels.

City of Calgary

Would you like to receive this e-newsletter on a regular basis?

Please email admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca to ensure you receive upcoming e-newsletters!

Did You Know... These Facts About March

- The birthstone of March is aquamarine.
- The birth flower is the daffodil.
- The two zodiac signs in March are Aries (March 21 - April 19) and Pisces (February 19 - March 20)
- March is named after Mars, the Roman god of war.
- Spring arrives in March! This year it falls on March 20.

Free DCA Membership

The DCA is feeling extra generous this year, and offering free DCA 2020-2021 DCA Memberships! All you have to do is email admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca with your name(s), phone number, address and email address(es) that you would like associated with the account.

What does a DCA Membership get you? It covers you and those indicated on your membership with insurance in all of our DCA programs and events. We are working towards collaborating with Dalhousie and other Calgary businesses to be able to offer discounts and deals at their business. Check out www.dalhousiecalgary.ca under the Memberships to get our updated list of partners!

If you have already purchased a membership for the 2020-2021 year, you will receive a free membership for the 2021-2022 membership year!

Please note: DCA Membership years run from September 1st to August 31st of each year.

Added Bonus! - Starting in September, if you show your 2020-2021 DCA Membership card at The Hangar Flight Museum you receive 10% off admission!

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!

Classified Ads

- Are you planning an Event (Weddings, Corporate Parties, Birthdays, Community Events, etc...)? Do you require exceptional music that will wow your guests? DJ RECKLEZZ could be a part of your event at the Dalhousie Community Association. Come experience the professionalism of the Disk. Jockey World. Email borrice1@hotmail.com for further details and mention “CODE DCA” for applicable discounts.
- Are you looking for a fun, new and exciting activity for your preschooler? Varsity Gymnastics Club is now taking pre-registrations for the Spring session March 1st - May 22nd pending COVID restrictions lifting. Visit varsitygymnastics.ca or call today (587) - 432 - 8846 to register.”

Looking to place a classified ad? Contact admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca!