

The Dalhousie Digest

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Mother's
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Dalhousie Community Association

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The next DCA Board Meeting will be
Tuesday, May 11, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.
All Dalhousie residents are welcome to attend.



Spring Community Office Hours

DCC Is Open By Appt. Only At This Time

Monday-Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday: Dependent on Rentals

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

Community Office Staff

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In Our Community

A Message From The Board Of Directors

Dear Neighbours,

I personally have always loved spring due to its message of renewal. If my sad, brown, winter-hardened yard can come alive with grass, flowers, and full green leafy trees, then why can't I change some aspects of my life that I'm not happy about? I can clean out and organize the garage; I can commit to exercising more; reading more; flossing more, etc.! Things are never set in stone and some years I need spring to remind me of that.

Your Board of Directors is eagerly awaiting the "all clear" message from the government so we can open up fully again, or in small increments, to reinstate our programs and activities for the community. We are feeling that sense of renewal and are excited to try new things. If you are having those same sensations, I encourage you to consider joining the board so you can also be involved in your community. Start by attending one of our board meetings to get a sense of what we do and learn about what activities/committees we have and decide if you would be interested in working in any of them. The Board is 100% volunteer run and our members decide how much they would like to take on.

Here's hoping that May is warm and sunny and we can all spend more time outside gardening/landscaping, walking or running, reading, and visiting with neighbours, friends and family.

Marilyn Lambert

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Getting to Know Your DCA Board Members

This month: Jonathan Maynard

How long have you lived in Dalhousie? Just over 11 years in three properties, including The Dells that was recently demolished. We will always hold a special place in our heart for that low-rise stacked apartment complex. Hearing kids play basketball at 2am and the hustle and bustle of the c-train station.



When did you join the board? January 2019.

Why did you initially join? I saw a posting on the sandwich board. My interest was piqued and I attended a meeting and got voted in the same evening. My goal continues to be building a great sense of community in Dalhousie via events such as Oktoberfest.

What committees/jobs have you held over the years? Secretary and Vice President.

How much time would you say you spend doing DCA work? As a director? As an executive? I had planned on being a director at large but quickly took on the secretary role in 2019. Compiling the minutes and staying organized was challenging with my other commitments. At present I am Vice President and enjoying less active role on the Board/Exec. Time commitment varies, typically 5 to 10 hours a month depending on what's happening.

What is the most rewarding part? Being on Boards for me is about generating relationships and learning more about others. We have a wonderful Board at the moment and we have been tackling custom content for the Digest as well as moving other agendas forward, such as a potential daycare in Dalhousie. Learning about Dalhousie Out of School Care, and all the other

programs the DCA runs was eye opening and tiring! That said, the most rewarding part is coming after we host our first successful community building event once COVID is behind us. I'm hoping that by October we can have a gathering.

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!

Dalhousie Community Bingo!

Did you miss our last Community Bingo that was held over spring break? Not to worry, we are doing it again in June! Keep an eye on our website and in the next Digest and E-newsletter for more information about when and what this event is about! It will involve various fun activities and tasks around the community, as well as engaging with local businesses in Dalhousie! Keep an eye on www.dalhousiecalgary.ca or email admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca for more information before the June Digest!

*Please note that this event is not a real Bingo like you would have at a Bingo hall, although we hope this can happen soon when it is safe to do so!

Dalhousie Preschool News

We hope all of our families had a wonderful spring break and got to spend some time together outdoors as we are now well into Spring! The days are getting longer and warmer, so we have been taking advantage of our playground for some outdoor play, exercise and fresh air! Inside the classroom we finished learning about space and made a sandwich in zero gravity, and then lucky enough to have a visit from Mad Science who showed us some bubbling potion experiments! We also had a crazy hair day, and it was so fun to see all the crazy hairstyles from both the children and teachers!

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!

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:

- May. 21 No School – PD day
- May. 24 No School – Victoria Day

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.

DOSC Public Registration Dalhousie Out of School Care

We are already looking forward to the next school year as we start to look into winding up the current school year with our children in the Dalhousie Out of School Care program (DOSC)! We will start public registration for new families starting June 1st, 2021 and will continue until spaces are filled in both schools. In order to receive more information about what you need to register and when you can make an appointment to do so, please email Sharon at doscdirector@dalhousiecalgary.ca or give her a call at 587-437-8218!

We hope to see your family in September!

Dalhousie's Tennis and Pickleball Courts

Did you know that Dalhousie had their Tennis/Pickleball court surface replaced 3 years ago? The playing ground have really improved and you will be able to formally book courts through the City of Calgary! If you don't book, it is first come first serve and you may not be guaranteed a court. You can check the City of Calgary website to see if a court is available or not – if it is not available, it is booked by someone else. The DCA does not book/reserve courts for participants, nor are we mediators for anyone using the courts. If you have questions or concerns about the usage of the courts or participants, please call the City of Calgary at 311 or in case of an emergency call 911.

The DCA has had Introduction to Pickleball workshops that are free for those that have a current DCA membership! Keep an eye on our website and social media for information on if and when this workshop will be offered this year. We are hoping to offer as many opportunities and we safely can once COVID measures have been eased and it is safe to move forward for everyone involved.

Dalhousie Spring Soccer

There is still time to register for Spring Soccer in Dalhousie! We have partnered with SoccerTech to provide online registration and certified coaches to train and play with your children this year! The season is set to start early May and run until the end of June, with additional dates booked in case of weather or COVID interruptions.

Please visit www.soccertech.ca to register today!

It is important to know that you must have a 2020-2021 DCA Membership card to register for soccer. Good news – they are free this year! Sign up for yours at <https://www.dalhousiecalgary.ca/community-info/memberships/> and we will email you your membership number and you will receive your card in the mail!



DCA Summer Day Camps

Dalhousie will be host of many fun and exciting Day Camp opportunities for children! We will have our own awesome Dalhousie Day Camps which are operated through the DCA, as well as the highly anticipated musically theatre camp with Miss K with this year's theme being "Jambo To The Jungle". We also have Mad Science, Engineering For Kids, and more coming to the Dalhousie Community Centre this summer!

For more information about camps, please look below for contact information on how to register:

- DCA Day Camps and Musical Theatre Camp: admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca
- Mad Science – madscsab@telusplanet.net
- Engineering For Kids - calgary@engineeringforkids.net
- Stagecoach Theatre Arts – calgary@stagecoachschools.ca

Keep watch on at dalhousiecalgary.ca for updates on our camps, themes, dates and more!

DCA Summer Day Camp Dates and Pricing

- July 5th to 9th, 2021 – Cowboys and Aliens
- July 12th to 16th, 2021 – Princesses and Pirates
- July 19th to 23rd, 2021 – Science, Science, Science
- July 26th to 30th, 2021 – All Around the World
- August 3rd to 6th, 2021 – The Great Outdoors (short week due to August Long Weekend)
- August 9th to 13th, 2021 – Under the Sea
- August 16th to 20th, 2021 – Animals and Insects

Families must register for the entire week OR month! NO DAILY RATES AVAILABLE!

- Basic Option (9am-5pm): \$200
- AM Option (7am-5pm): \$215
- PM Option (9am-6pm): \$210
- Full Option (7am-6pm): \$225

Prices are lower for the week of August 3rd-6th, 2021. Please see below!

- Basic Option (9am-4pm): \$160
- AM Option (7am-4pm): \$175
- PM Option (9am-6pm): \$170
- Full Option (7am-6pm): \$185

Parade of Garage Sales and Parking Lot Sale

The Parade Of Garage Sales and Parking Lot Sales are coming up! Unless COVID measures restrict this event from happening, registration will open May 10th @ 9am and end on May 26th @ 12pm.

Cost: \$10 (non-refundable)

Optional Yard Sign Deposit: \$10 (refundable)

The registration cost covers marketing and staff costs. If you choose to have a yard sign and stake from the DCA, you will sign it out and place a deposit. If it comes back in good condition and no writing on it, you will receive your deposit back.

Parade Of Garage Sale:

- You choose your day(s) of the week and hours
- Sale must be at a Dalhousie address
- Your address will be added to our community Parade of Garage Sale and Parking Lot map that will be available online, at the centre, and circulation through

our members mailing list.

Parking Lot Sale:

- Sale is Saturday only from 10am-2pm
- You are designated a stall and must have all your sale items within the painted parking stall perimeter
- Tables are not provided. You can bring your own tables, blankets, tubs or whatever you will use to display your items
- The sale will be displayed on the community Parade of Garage Sale and Parking Lot map that will be available online, at the centre, and circulation through our members mailing list.

All registrants will have the option to list any key items you would like to mention to be advertised.

For further information, visit www.dalhousiecalgary.ca or email admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca

Dalhousie Community Clean Up!

The City of Calgary has approved the Dalhousie Community Center to be host of one of the annual Community Clean Ups! This is a very highly anticipated and well attended event in the NW – it will be held on June 20th, 2021 from 9am-2pm. More information on what items can be disposed and recycled at the event will be available in coming weeks on our website, Digest and E-newsletters, and social media.

Volunteers Needed!

We will be looking for volunteers for this event. We prefer volunteers to be over the age of 18, with steel toed or close toed shoes, and a good work effort. It is a busy day but a very fun day in the community! If you are interested in volunteering, please email admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca!

For a list of all City of Calgary Community Clean Ups, please visit www.calgary.ca and search “Community Clean Ups”.



Engagement, Engagement, Engagement

It's a busy time at the City for planning projects that benefit Calgary communities. Engagement is always an important part of planning any project and there are several engagements underway right now that may interest you.

North Central BRT Study: <https://engage.calgary.ca/greenline/brtstudy>

As Green Line leaves downtown and crosses the Bow River to 16 Avenue N in the first stage of construction, we know that communities to the north must connect to the transit network and that bus service will need to adapt to the new LRT line. The study will consider improvements from downtown along the existing Centre Street N and Harvest Hills Boulevard route to 160 Avenue N.

North Central Mobility Study: <https://engage.calgary.ca/greenline/mobilitystudy>

With the addition of the Green Line LRT and North Central BRT, Calgarians are going to move differently throughout Calgary. This study is being conducted to understand how travel patterns may change as a result of Green Line operations and BRT services on opening day and into the future. We will share our ideas on how to improve services for all transportation users and how to protect community liveability by reducing cut-through traffic. Your input will help shape the future of mobility in north central Calgary.

Plus 15 Wayfinding Improvements: <https://engage.calgary.ca/plus15wayfinding>

This Plus 15 network is well-used by people who live, work, and visit downtown, but it can be a confusing place to navigate. A clear wayfinding system will make it easier to use the Plus 15 network, attracting more people and creating a better overall experience. We are engaging with Calgarians to help us understand the key issues that a new Plus 15 wayfinding system should address.

Explore Your Street Survey: <https://engage.calgary.ca/exploreyourstreet>

The City of Calgary is collecting your input to help us understand how neighbourhood streets around the city

are used by Calgarians walking, wheeling and taking transit. Share your experiences, observations, drawings and photos of how the streets in your community are used.

Foothills and McMahon Concept Plan: <https://engage.calgary.ca/Foothills-McMahon>

The City of Calgary, in partnership with the University of Calgary, is in the early stages of creating a Concept Plan for the City-owned Foothills Athletic Park and university-owned McMahon Stadium lands. The Concept Plan will provide a roadmap for the future development of the site that reflects the needs of its users and the community.

Balmoral Circus: <https://engage.calgary.ca/BalmoralCircus>

In fall 2020, as part of the Neighbourhood Streets North Hill Area project, a pilot park expansion at Balmoral Circus transformed the intersection at 2 Street and 19 Avenue N.W. We want to hear from you about design considerations for permanent changes to Balmoral Circus to help us create an attractive and meaningful community destination.

Hillhurst-Sunnyside Streetscape and Public Realm Improvements: <https://engage.calgary.ca/kensingtonarea/hillhurstsunnysideimprovements>

This project is part of the Established Areas Growth and Change Strategy, a program that provides funding to support public realm improvement projects in established communities where growth and change are happening. We are looking to make a series of community-level improvements within the communities of Hillhurst and Sunnyside

West Hillhurst Streetscape and Public Realm Improvements: <https://engage.calgary.ca/kensingtonarea/westhillhurstimprovements>

This project is also part of the Established Areas Growth and Change Strategy, a program that provides funding to support public realm improvement projects in established communities where growth and change are happening. Your feedback will help us create a list of potential area improvements that we will ask you to prioritize in our next phase of engagement.

Councillor Report

Greetings Ward 4 Residents, Did you know that part of your yard is made up of rights-of-way, and your property line doesn't begin at the edge of the road or sidewalk closest to your home?

The City of Calgary is responsible for managing access to municipal rights-of-way in Calgary. A right-of-way is an area that gives The City space to install infrastructure (e.g. street light poles and trees), while also giving shallow utilities (i.e. power, gas and telecommunications providers) a place to install and maintain their critical infrastructure.

When utility work is required in your community, crews can apply for the permits required to access the right-of-way to install infrastructure, both above and below ground. All properties contain a road right-of-way, but only some properties have a utility right-of-way on them. In most cases, the utility right-of-way starts at your property line and extends inward, toward your home.

The space the right-of-way takes up in a yard will vary and it can also be located along the side of your home or at the back. As a homeowner, you are responsible for mowing and general maintenance, but it is technically the road right-of-way and is considered public land. To learn where the right-of-way is located on your property, visit calgary.ca/row.

The City is working hard to ensure Calgarians receive outstanding value for their property tax dollars. We're committed to delivering services that meet Calgarians' needs in the most efficient way possible while continuing to focus on reducing costs and supporting the local economy.

For 2021, your City Council approved an overall property tax rate decrease after \$90 million in savings were found. Approximately 77 per cent of all residential properties will see a reduction or 0 per cent increase in their 2021 property tax. Visit calgary.ca/taxcalculator.

Your property tax bill includes both a municipal and a provincial portion. For residential taxpayers, approximately 63 per cent goes to fund City services such as police, fire, streets and parks, while 37 per cent is remitted to the province of Alberta.

Property taxes are the primary revenue source used to fund municipal programs and services that Calgarians value and use every day. We remain committed to ensuring that Calgarians receive value for their

property tax dollars. We're continuously improving and modernizing our services to reduce costs and are seeking innovative new ways to encourage and support Calgary's success. Visit calgary.ca/OurFinances to learn more.

Thank you for your attention,

Ward 4 Councillor Sean Chu

Dalhousie Development Guidebook for Great Communities

On March 22nd, 2021, City Council held a public hearing and then debated the Guidebook for Great Communities. During the public hearing portion, many Calgarians spoke to concerns and to opportunities with respect to the Guidebook. At the conclusion of their deliberation, Council opted to give further consideration to the Guidebook, by directing Administration to report back on May 5th, 2021 to Council's Standing Policy Committee on Planning and Urban Development with a "What We Heard" report, as well as proposed recommended amendments to the Guidebook for Council to consider.

The Guidebook for Great Communities is proposed as a statutory document that will direct how Calgary communities evolve and change within the context of the Municipal Development Plan. The Guidebook defines how citizens, stakeholders and the City create a Local Area Plan and outlines the tools used to plan for growth in communities through the application of Urban Form Categories, i.e. type of development, scale, etc. Dalhousie is not currently part of the Local Area Planning Process however, if the Guidebook is adopted, it would be at some point in the future.

We encourage residents to learn more about the Guidebook at www.calgary.ca/guidebook and <https://engage.calgary.ca/guidebook> and the local area planning process at www.calgary.ca/lap.

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

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

Window & Balcony Safety

With the return of warmer weather, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) would like to remind parents and caregivers of an often overlooked hazard in the home – access to open windows. Every year, paramedics respond to emergencies where a child has fallen from an open window, often from the second floor. These can be avoided by following safety measures. Take the time to assess potential hazards in your home before a preventable fall occurs.

Windows and screens

- Prevent access to windows by moving furniture such as cribs, beds, stools, and change tables out from under them;
- Keep drapery cords out of childrens' reach. Wrap excess cord around cleats, or tie-downs to avoid a choking hazard;
- Remember, screens are not safety devices. They are designed to keep bugs out, not children in.

Balconies

- Do not underestimate a child's ability to climb. Furniture and other items stored on balconies and decks can be used to climb resulting in falls over the railing;
- Ensure that your balcony railings are not more than 10 cm (4 inch) apart. This will eliminate access between the vertical bars of a balcony, or deck.

Further prevention tips

- Toddlers & preschoolers are at highest risk of falling from a window, or balcony, but it may happen at any age;
- Direct supervision of children is the single most effective way to prevent falls from windows and balconies;
- Install safety devices which limit the distance in which a window be can open to a maximum of 10cm (4 inches);
- Ensure the safety device can be released quickly, so the window can be used for escape in case of emergency.
- Consider purchasing a portable air conditioner, which will enable windows to stay closed & secure.

EMS is proud to be a member of the Partners Promoting Window and Balcony Safety. Take time to assess your home for window and balcony hazards and eliminate the risks before a preventable fall occurs.
www.windowssafety.ca

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John Laurie Update

Construction is set to start in mid-May 2021 and is anticipated to be substantially completed in October 2021. We have created a public information presentation video in order to help the public better understand the scope, the schedule and the impacts of the project. This video is posted on the project web page. Please note, there will be various lane closures and speed reductions throughout the construction limits for the duration of construction. The project team has worked hard to minimize the impacts to the commuters and travellers in the area as much as possible, however, delays will be expected. We are asking commuters to follow all posted signage in the construction area including speed reductions.

We plan to continue to provide you with updates as we reach closer to the start of construction.

As mentioned previously, regular project updates will be available at [www.calgary.ca/johnlaurieblvd]www.calgary.ca/johnlaurieblvd. You can also sign up for the email newsletter via the link on the webpage. Please feel free to share this web page and the above information via your channels.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the project team at JohnLaurieBlvdProject@calgary.ca.

**"Joy is the simplest form
of gratitude."**

– Karl Barth

The Origins of Victoria Day

Victoria Day is celebrated every year in Canada on the Monday before May 25th to mark the birth of Queen Victoria. The holiday is Canada's oldest non-religious holiday. It began in 1845 and was celebrated with picnics, parades, sport tournaments and fireworks. It wasn't observed on the 2nd last Monday of May until the government changed the holiday in 1952.

Here are some interesting facts about the legendary monarch you might not know:

- Queen Victoria was born on May 24, 1819 and ruled the United Kingdom and the British Empire for 63 years, starting in 1837.
- Her reign began when she was 18 years old.
- She was originally named Alexandrina Victoria, after her godfather, Tsar Alexander I, but preferred her second name.
- She was fifth in the line of succession for the British crown, behind the four eldest sons of George III, including her three uncles and her father.
- She was barely five feet tall – four inches shorter than Queen Elizabeth II.
- She survived multiple assassination attempts.
- She started the trend of brides wearing white and wedding guest not allowed to wear white.
- She and her husband, Prince Albert, started the custom bring trees into the home at Christmas and decorating them.

The May long weekend usually signals the unofficial beginning of summer in Calgary: patio sets come out, barbecues are heated up, and some families head out for their first camping trip. It is usually a good weekend to start planting the garden... if you don't fear the annual May long weekend snowfall!

Dalhousie Community Planning (U of C Student Project)

The Future Layers of Dalhousie Project, conducted by Travis and Melody as the capstone project for their studies at the University of Calgary School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape, wraps up mid-April and they plan to post their final report to the website <https://cc.nextcalgary.ca/dalhousie-ds21w-vision> sometime in late April. Through community participation they have gained a better understanding of Dalhousie, which has allowed them to identify opportunities that can be used by all of us to help the community to remain vibrant and attractive to residents, community groups and visitors, now and into the future.

Sincere thanks to the many Dalhousie residents who took time to participate in the project and provide their valuable input!

Cinco de Mayo

Cinco de Mayo falls on May 5th and is a holiday that celebrates the date of the Mexican army's May 5, 1862 victory over France at the Battle of Puebla during the Franco-Mexican War. Cinco de Mayo is not Mexican Independence Day. Instead, it commemorates a single battle.

Within Mexico, Cinco de Mayo is primarily observed in the state of Puebla, where the army victory occurred, although other parts of the country also take part in the celebration.

Traditions include military parades, recreations of the Battle of Puebla and other festive events. For many Mexicans, however, May 5 is a day like any other: It is not a federal holiday, so offices, banks and stores remain open.

Here are Yelp's "10 Best Mexican Restaurants in Calgary"

1. Native Tongues Taqueria (SW)
2. La Casa Latina Mexican and Latin Grill (SW)
3. Taqueria El Charrito (NE)
4. Tacos Mexico (SE)
5. Moose and Poncho (SE)
6. Anejo Restaurant (SW)
7. La Bodega (NW)
8. Salsita (NW)
9. Molcajete (SE)
10. Fiesta Market and Restaurant (SE)

"Love cures people – both the ones who give it and the ones who receive it."

– Karl A. Menninger

Mother's Day

My mother held John's hand, holding it for the moment she was able, feeling the feeble squeeze of his fingers. Her instinct, I know, would have been to stay there at his side, providing the emotional care he needed in his last hours. Other patients though, needed medication, dressings changed, and hands held, if only for the smallest moment.

She would come home, exhausted, shed her nurse uniform and move to the kitchen to nourish her family. Dad would be on the road, doing his part, calling home every few days from a hotel phone when he could. Tummies full, my brother and sister and I would make our way to bed. Mom would distribute hugs, stories and "tuck-ins" liberally until every fear was resolved and we were sleeping soundly. For us she was more than mom, she was synonymous with "home".

Older now, I see my wife leading others as an expert in her work. I see her rise early, address the most urgent items of her day, and then turn her full focus to our bright-eyed son whose world is only full of amazing possibilities. I see her turn off the computer when he returns from school. Playing, laughing and teaching until it's her turn to give hugs, stories and "tuck-ins". Then back again to her computer to work into the evening, tired but dedicated to see the job done. For our son she is also "home".

Mother's Day started in May 1908 when after her mother's passing, Anna Jarvis wanted to find a way to honor the sacrifices made by mothers for their children. With the support of a department store owner, the event caught on. Eventually, through lobbying and mass letter writing campaigns, Mother's Day became a nationally recognized day in the US; soon followed by other countries across the world.

The sacrifices are endless. Mothers who cannot be home when they want to be, to make sure their family is sheltered and fed. Mothers who release their personal dreams for a new dream of who their children can be. Mothers who give their time, their sleep, their health, and sometimes even their lives for their children.

So, take time this year, to honor the sacrifices of your own mother. Regardless of how big or small. Tell her something specific that you remember, or something you still see now, that makes you thankful for her and all that she has done. And make her Mother's Day a happy one.

Upcoming Events

- **Parade of Garage Sales & Parking Lot Sale:** May 29 & 30
- **Out of School Care Registration:** Late Spring/ Early Summer
- **Community Clean Up:** June 20
- **DCA Summer Day Camps & Third Party Camps:** July & August
- **Show N' Shine:** September 12
- **Christmas Craft Fair:** November 27

Calling All 2021 Brides & Grooms!

Did you know the DCA has meeting rooms that can accommodate your wedding ceremony in compliance with COVID restrictions? 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 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



Dispose of Pet Waste the Right Way

With the warmer weather finally upon us, you may be cleaning up your yard or outside enjoying the sunshine with your pets. Help keep our city clean by disposing of pet waste properly.



- You can put pet waste and kitty litter (all varieties) in your green cart for composting. For the safety of your collector, put pet waste in a certified compostable bag or paper bag and securely tie/roll closed.
- Never put plastic bags or bags labelled biodegradable in your green cart. These bags do not break down and end image002.jpg up as small pieces of plastic that contaminate the finished compost.
- If using conventional plastic bags to clean up pet waste, please double bag and securely tie closed before disposing of in the black cart.
- Only dispose of pet waste in your own carts. If you want to use someone else's bins, you need to have permission from the homeowner or occupant.

Beginner's Gardening Tips!

- Pick the right spot – it is helpful to know where your yard/area you have your garden drains, how much sun/shade it gets, and what the soil is like are factors to consider
- Is water nearby – not only the environmental elements should you think of, but also consider where your source of water is so it isn't too far away
- Start with great soil and fertilizer – read the instructions on potting soil, mix, and fertilizer
- Consider using potting containers depending on what you are trying to grow!
- Read the backs of the seed packets – it is important you have a suitable “home” and won't be set up for potential disappointment
- Discover your zone – Yes! Alberta has gardening zones, you can find out more online through a quick Google search
- Learn your frost dates and what to do if unexpected frost comes
- Add some mulch/compost to your dirt

- If you live in a multi-family complex like a condo or townhouse, check with your building owner or manager to see if your compost collection company accepts pet waste.

To see a list of acceptable compostable bags, visit calgary.ca/greencart.

City of Calgary

Plan Now: Neighbour Day – June 19

Neighbour Day (Saturday June 19) is a yearly celebration of community spirit in Calgary. It started in 2014 in honour of the incredible support and generosity Calgarians showed after the 2013 floods. Since then, the City has promoted grassroots events or activities that to foster and recognize the value of connecting with neighbours, showing how we care for each other and celebrating how we all can make Calgary a great city. And while the uncertainty of COVID public health restrictions may seem like a reason not to make a fuss over this day in 2021, one could also view it as even more of a reason to start thinking “outside the box” about how you can safely and positively mark this day!

More than ever, the past year has shown us how precious our connections to one another are along with the value of vibrant and supportive communities. Our friends, neighbours and family, as well as local businesses, schools and their employees, and our community activities, groups and their volunteers have never been more important in our day to day lives. Like wise the parks, greenspaces, playgrounds, biking and walking paths of our city. So start now to think about how you might want to honor, celebrate or give back.

Can you help people connect in some way? Is there an activity or project you can help promote? Can you decorate to lift people's spirits, or promote a virtual gathering or (hopefully) in-person event? Can you inspire others to help a worthy cause? Your contribution might be as small as saying “thank you” with a handwritten note, or something bigger that inspires a viral movement! Since COVID public health restrictions will be an unknown, your plans may require flexibility and a healthy dose of “wait and see” patience. But start to think about what is important to you, and what you might be able to contribute. Start conversations, share good ideas, and let's all (safely) celebrate Neighbour Day 2021 in our fantastic Dalhousie neighbourhood!

In Our Community

"Jambo To The Jungle" Musical Theatre Camp (Ages 6+)

Jambo To The Jungle! Music Theatre Camp
Dalhousie Community Center

July 12th – July 16th 2021, 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Ages 6 And Up (Max Of 15 Participants)

Performance - Friday July 16th @ 6:30 PM

Join us for a fun week of singing, playing the jungle beat, and helping with set design, props and costumes. This is a musical based on Aesop's Fable *The Lion And The Mouse*. My favorite line in the musical... *And Though They Were Different, One Big And One Small, The Difference Between Them, Didn't Matter After All.*

Campers will be asked to follow protocols set out by the DCA.

Please bring a water bottle and a lunch. Hope You Can Join Me!

Mrs. K, (Wendy Kondrat)



MOTHER

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HUGS

CARING

TEACHER

LISTENER

FLOWERS

CHOCOLATE

SMILE

FRIEND

MAY

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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

Think Safety

We live in a society where we expect to be safe. We have paid professionals in every walk of life from law enforcement, healthcare, etc. whose job it is to ensure our wellbeing. However, we must empower ourselves through knowledge and action and take responsibility for our own personal safety. Awareness and avoidance are important elements of a safe strategy which can be blended seamlessly into your lifestyle.

Have a Personal Safety Strategy:

1. Know that a danger could exist and never forget it.
2. Admit to yourself that you could become a victim.
3. Have a plan. Know what you will do if a dangerous situation comes up. Be determined not to “freeze up.”
4. Be suspicious. Too much “faith in human nature” can make you an easy target for a vicious criminal.
5. Trust your good judgment. Common sense is the best protection.

A message from the Federation of Calgary Communities

Spring Cleaning Tips!

Already overwhelmed with everything to clean and prep now that Spring is here? Who doesn't! Here are some helpful tips to help navigate your spring cleaning this year (and maybe prepare for the DCA Parade of Garage Sales and Parking Lot Sale?!)



1. Do one room at a time. Don't move on until it is done – top to bottom, all drawers declutters, unused items donated/sold/discarded, etc.
2. Always vacuum any room's surfaces before wiping and organizing, and then after. If you don't you are spreading around dirt and making mud that is harder for yourself to clean!
3. Read. The. Instructions. Don't wreck a surface just because the cleaner wasn't made to be used on it. Save yourself time, money and frustration!
4. Look at when your nearest City of Calgary Community Clean Up is. The Dalhousie Community Centre is a host location on June 22, 2021 from 9am-2pm. Visit our website to learn more about what you can bring here – it is a free event!
5. Wash window early in the day so if you take a while to finish, you aren't washing when there isn't natural light coming in the windows!

Classified Ads

- **Pet & Sitting Services** – House sitting/inspection, cat/dog visits \$25. Dog walking \$18. Dog Day Care \$25. First aid pet certified. Call Elena at 403-247-6205
- **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.
- **Will do odd jobs.** Weeding, Raking, Hedges, Junk removal, Small tree trimming. Yard clean up. Need a hand with something? Call Warren 403 286-4348 or 403-988-3276.

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