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Did you know the Dalhousie Community Centre is home to a large Auditorium that can be used for a variety of events, including but not limited to, weddings, funerals, family reunions, baby showers, birthdays, Christmas parties, trade shows, and more!

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### Summer Community Office Hours

Monday to Friday: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Saturday and Sunday: Dependent on Rentals

The Community Centre is not fully open to the public but is fully open for rentals!

### Community Office Staff

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## The next DCA Board Meeting will be Tuesday, August 10 at 7:00 pm.

**All Dalhousie residents are welcome to attend.**

**Our Board Meetings are always the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm!**

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## Dalhousie Community Preschool

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!

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

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 not-for-profit preschool!

It's super easy:

1. Download the Skip the Depot app <https://app.skipthedepot.com/dcpreschool>.
2. Schedule a pickup 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](mailto:registrar@dcpreschool.ca), or visit [www.dcpreschool.ca](http://www.dcpreschool.ca) for more information.



## Dalhousie Community Kindergarten Activity Ideas to Help Prepare for First Days of School

- Ask your child to help plan school snacks for the first week. You can go to the store together to shop for these items or get them to help pick out their special indoor school shoes, backpack, or water bottle.
- Visit the school playground and play a few times before the first day.
- Ask your child to help choose what they want to wear on the first few days.
- If your child has a history of separation anxiety in other settings, tell their teacher. Most teachers are experts in this area and have years of experience! At Dalhousie Community Kindergarten, our teacher, Mrs. Scherpenisse, will be visiting you and your child in your home prior to the first days of school. This will be an excellent time to talk about any concerns you may have. We want to work with you as a team.
- Most importantly, continue to praise and reward your child for brave behavior. Celebrate and praise their successes! It all helps build confidence and reassure your little ones that they are ready.

## Pickleball In Dalhousie



Did you know that the DCA is neighbours to The City of Calgary's tennis and pickleball courts that are beside our parking lot, behind HD Cartwright? These courts are rentable through the City of Calgary's website.

Please note that there are no public washrooms for users of the City of Calgary courts.

We are aiming to have pickleball workshops in August and September. Please email [admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca](mailto:admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca) for more information!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

August - Summer Camps at DCA

September 11 - Welcome Back Event

September 11 - Show N' Shine

November 27 - Christmas Craft Fair

**More events to be added as restrictions ease!**

## Future Layers of Dalhousie



Recently, as part the fifth and final activity of the Future Layers Project, residents of Dalhousie were invited to think about the future and amenities that they would like to see in our community. The above illustration's word cloud represents the input received. The size of the word reflects the frequency that it appeared in responses. Do any of the words in the illustration resonate with you?

The Future Layers Project involved four months of engagement with residents of our community. The objective of the project was to ask residents to contribute their thoughts, feelings, and experiences about living in Dalhousie, and was recently completed by University of Calgary Master of Planning students, Travis Dickie and Zhuxuan Ma. You can find a copy of their report online at [cc.nextcalgary.ca](http://cc.nextcalgary.ca).

The community association is always looking for volunteers and there are many ways you can get involved. Memberships in our association are currently free. Join up! Get involved! We hope you will get to know our community a little better. As more of us make connections with others and participate in opportunities to provide input, our collective voices will help shape decisions that positively impact our community!

## What do Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Vents Have in Common?

When you've been involved in children's programs as much as I have, you get to know which ones are excellent and which ones are okay. For my entire adult life, I've argued that the programs offered by Scouts Canada are the best available to children and youth.

How would I know? I've been a parent volunteer in several schools, a teacher's aide, a teacher, a soccer/basketball/fastball coach, Scout leader, Sunday School teacher, Children's Chess Club organizer, and many other roles working with youth. I have a Bachelor of Education - Master of Teaching degree from the University of Calgary.

Why do I hold this opinion? In addition to Scouts Canada teaching outdoor skills, they teach skills that helps children become successful later in life, more so than any other program.

Beavers, for ages 5 to 7, includes a weekly meeting and approximately once a month; a short hike or visit to a place of interest. Social skills taught include sharing.

Cubs, for ages 8 to 10, includes a weekly meeting, medium hikes and three or four overnight camping experiences per year. Individual skills taught include doing your best.

Scouts, for ages 11 to 14, includes a weekly meeting, longer hikes, camping away from vehicles and buildings three or four times per year, and a weeklong summer trip. Youth learn about being prepared, honour, loyalty, helping others, making friends, and being courteous.

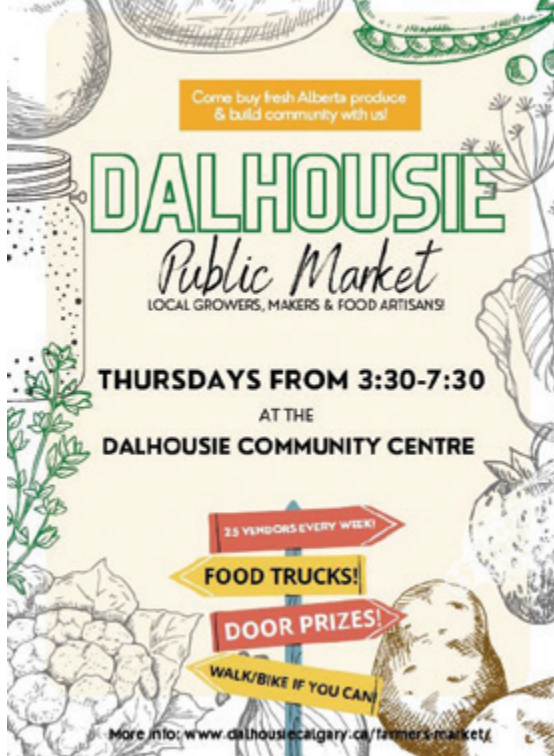
Vents, for ages 14 to 17, includes a weekly meeting, challenging hikes, self sustaining, lightweight camping, and summer trips to different parts of Canada or other countries. Programs are designed around interests of the youth like first aid, or search and rescue, or culinary, or canoeing, etc.

There are badges at every level reflecting the accomplishments of the children and youth. The Chief Scout, the Queen's Venturer, and the Duke of Edinburgh awards are worthy of including on a resume for a young person.

For Scouts and Vents, there are summer "jamborees" which are gatherings of Scouts from all over Alberta or Canada or the world. It's quite incredible to see youth from all the countries of the world, representing different religions and ideologies, camping beside each other focusing on their common interests.

So, as September approaches, and you weigh your options on what program(s) to enroll your children in, consider the Scouting program. The volunteer leadership team in Dalhousie/Varsity is among the best in Calgary. The volunteer screening is the most stringent of any youth organization. To find out about costs, meeting times, and registration, contact Maurice at [Maurice\\_shevalier@shaw.ca](mailto:Maurice_shevalier@shaw.ca).

*John Piera*



## Dalhousie “Farmers” Market

Every Thursday 3:30 to 7:30 pm



*Photo Caption: Left to Right: Anna Kjellqvist, Alexandra Campbell, Sonja Devauld, Rochelle Lamoureux, Jen Wadleigh, Iris Hau, Christina Erikson (Vacation)*

It's official! Dalhousie has its own “Farmers” Market! A group of residents decided to organize a market at the Community Centre to build community, while providing fresh produce and a variety of local food items. We have over 25 vendors signed up for the weekly market, which runs every Thursday from 3:30 to 7:30 pm until September 2. We thank you all for your support. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact us at Dalhousie. [farmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:farmersmarket@gmail.com).

*Sonja Devauld*  
Market Manager

## International Beer Day



August 7, 2021 is International Beer Day – held the first Friday of every August! The traditional beer that we often refer to is an ancient alcoholic drink brewed mainly from malted barley, hops, yeast, and water, although there can be other ways of making it. Beer dates back all the way to 4000 BC, making it one of the oldest alcoholic beverages in the world! While beer is not something for everyone, there are many different kinds and types of “beer” you can enjoy – beer, non-alcoholic beer, and root beer (right kids?!).

International Beer Day was started in 2007 by the Association of California Brewers and is recognized in over 50 countries around the world! The three stated goals of International Beer Day are:

1. Appreciate brewers and servers
2. Enjoy the taste of all beers from around the world
3. Unite the world under the banner of beer

Visit your favourite local breweries!

## *Kneeling Trees*

The Crooked Forest in Poland is a spot where about 400 pine trees were planted in 1930. This is not unusual, the angle and shape of these trees however, is. All of the pines located in this grove are curved at an angle of 90 degrees, making them look almost as if they are kneeling! How unusual!





## She's Real Fine, My 409!



If you have no idea what the Beach Boys were describing when they wrote that song, don't feel bad because you are not alone.

The quick answer is that back in the mid-1900s, engine displacement was described in cubic inches, and a 409 cubic inch engine was a big, 8-cylinder engine equivalent to a 6.7 litre engine in today's terms! It was manufactured for Chevrolet and used in vehicles built between 1961 and 1965.

But you don't have to be a car buff to enjoy a Show and Shine, where you will see some of the top cars manufactured in each of the past 10 decades! If you have a car, truck, or motorcycle you are particularly proud of and would like to enter, you can register by contacting Barry at [Neslo@shaw.ca](mailto:Neslo@shaw.ca).

Other features include vendors promoting their products, food trucks, and a silent auction. All profits raised will go towards a charity selected by the organizers.

We need a few volunteers to help set up, help viewers and participants, and clean up. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Barry at [neslo@shaw.ca](mailto:neslo@shaw.ca).

I'll be there looking for "my little deuce coupe" and a "pink Cadillac" having "fun, fun, fun" but avoiding "Mustang Sally" on September 11 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, come and enjoy the Dalhousie Community Association Show and Shine, located behind the DCA building. The best part is that it's free to viewers!

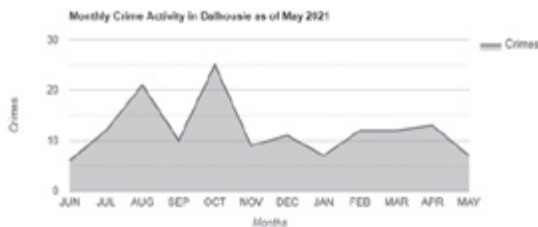
## Dalhousie Photo Submission

We in Dalhousie are surrounded by so many beautiful parks, trails, and so much more in our neighbourhood. We are looking for anyone that would be interested in submitting photos for consideration that would appear in the Dalhousie Digest! We are looking for any clear photos of the neighbourhood, along with activities and programs that are happening throughout the year!

If you have a photo you would like to submit, please email [admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca](mailto:admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca).

## Dalhousie Crime is Down in May 2021


The Dalhousie community experienced 7 crimes in May 2021, in comparison to 13 crimes the previous month, and 10 crimes in May one year ago. Dalhousie experiences an average of 12.1 crimes per month. On an annual basis, Dalhousie experienced a total of 145 crimes as of May 2021, which is down 12% in comparison to 164 crimes as of May 2020. Total Dalhousie crimes is calculated as the sum of break and enters (dwelling, commercial, and other premises), theft from vehicles, theft of vehicles, assaults (nondomestic), commercial robberies, street robberies, and non-domestic 'other' violence.



Here is where we compare to surrounding communities:

Total Crime Activity in Nearby Communities as of May 2021

	June 2020	July 2020	Aug 2020	Sept 2020	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Mar 2021	Apr 2021	May 2021	11 month Total
Varsity Acres	17	19	23	21	21	13	19	28	22	28	17	25	239
Enochwood	21	18	15	19	16	14	30	26	17	38	10	11	225
Edgewood	7	13	12	12	7	11	9	25	16	31	12	6	145
Silver Springs	4	8	12	8	7	10	4	8	18	6	9	4	98
Edgemont	9	4	7	4	5	5	12	13	8	10	8	9	103
Reverend	3	5	4	1	7	2	6	7	2	12	10	8	67
Woodmont	4	3	3	3	3	3	5	6	6	3	3	3	40
<b>Total</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>121</b>



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## Noxious Weeds You Probably Know!

There are many noxious weeds identified in Alberta, and several common ones that you have likely seen around Dalhousie. Some may look pretty but should not be allowed to grow and spread. They have the ability to spread rapidly and cause economic and ecological hardship. Under the province's Weed Control Act, the control of noxious weeds is the responsibility of everyone, including individual homeowners.



### **Yellow Clematis (*Clematis Tangutica*)**

Yellow Clematis is a perennial vine that likes to climb on fences. It has flowers that are lemon yellow, and "nodding". Seed pods are distinctive with silky-hairy clusters that eventually become "puffballs."



### **Creeping Bellflower (*Campanula Rapunculoides*)**

This is a rhizomatous perennial that can grow to one metre. It has bell-shaped blue/purple flowers. They are very persistent, spreading widely by tubers and seeds.



### **Ox-eye Daisy (*Leucanthemum Vulgare*)**

This is a very common perennial that spreads by root and seeds. It can grow to one metre tall. Flowers are white, daisy-like flowers with a yellow centre.



### **Scentless Chamomile (*Tripleurospermum Indorum*)**

Scentless chamomile is an annual to perennial plant with fine, thread-like leaves. Plants produce numerous white, "mini daisy-like" flower heads with yellow centers.

Search online for "Alberta Noxious Weeds" to find numerous sites that include photos of these and other noxious weeds.

If you see these plants on the pathways around your house or in your yard, please dispose of them safely. Many people may not know these are noxious weeds and may admire these plants, so please be sensitive to this issue. Small quantities of noxious and invasive weeds should be bagged and disposed of directly into your black cart as garbage. They cannot be composted! These plants, and their seeds and roots, can aggressively spread during transportation and processing at the composting facility. Sending them to the landfill helps control spread and ensures the city is able to maintain high compost quality.

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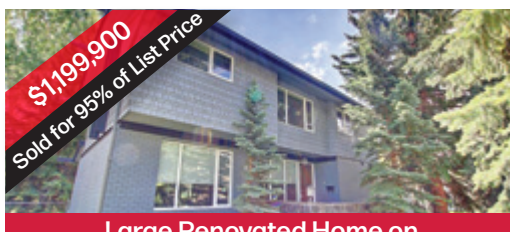
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