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Have you ever eaten a carrot that was pulled straight from the ground and compared that to the taste of a store-bought carrot? To figure out which one tastes better is a no-brainer. The same can be said about a lot of different fruits and vegetables, which is why the Dalhousie Community Association is starting up a Farmers Market. It has the additional benefit of supporting local farms and businesses.

It is on Thursday evenings! Look for street signs and updates on the website regarding a list of vendors, dates, and times.

John Piera



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Calling All 2021 Brides and 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 am. We also have microphones, speakers, a projector and screen, a portable bar, and more available to you as well.

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

- July 10, 17, 31
- August 14, 28
- September 4

A refundable damage deposit of \$550 is required 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 questions, please email admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca.



Spring Community Office Hours

DCC Is Open By Appt. Only At This Time

Monday-Friday: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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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**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!

Rental Space Available for 2021/2022

Are you looking for a space to host your program, course, or regular meetings? The Dalhousie Community Centre could be the perfect place for you! We have a variety of sized rooms, including three 50 person rooms on our main level of the community centre with a variety of rates available. Visit www.dalhousiecalgary.ca or email admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca for more information about room inquiries!

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Your Cowboy Heritage

by John Piera

As you take out your cowboy hat, boots, jeans, and belt buckle for Stampede celebrations, you might think that you don't have much connection to the ranching industry, but it is closer than you know!

Have you ever wondered why almost every road in Dalhousie starts with the prefix "Dal" and the two exceptions are Buckboard Road and Baroc Road located in the S.W. corner of Dalhousie? Both of these roads were built in the late 1950s as part of a development of about 40 one-acre lots. Buckboard is simply a word that describes an open, four-wheel, horse drawn wagon with a plank seat near the front axle and most used to haul goods. The more elaborate version is the covered wagon immigrants used to travel west to homestead, often seen in movies.

The name of Baroc Road has a much more interesting origin. The Ezra Riley family owned the Cochrane Ranch, which was 146,000 hectares, homesteaded in 1888, and spread N.W. from Calgary to the Foothills. You may recognize the Riley name from Riley Park and the

Louise Riley Library. When the Cochrane Ranch ran into financial problems due to successive harsh winters and massive cattle loss, it was divided into smaller ranches and sold off. The Bar O C Ranch was part of that process and included the land under what is currently Dalhousie. Thus, the name "Bar O C" which was both the name of the ranch, and the brand, became the origin of the name Baroc Road. As late as the 1970s, the property on the N.W. corner of 53 St. and Crowchild Trail was owned by the Riley family and there was a barrack style building on which may have been the quarters for the ranch hands, and the site of the original ranch.

So, start practicing your "yahoo" and "yeehaw", your line dancing, and your pancake flipping because the stampede is right around the corner and you live on what was once the Bar O C Ranch.



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Three significant planning processes are now behind us, and we are well positioned to go forward with a clear mission, vision, and mandate.

First, the final report created by Travis Dickie and Melody Ma, students at the University of Calgary, Urban Planning Department entitled "Future Layers of Dalhousie" is available. It can be found at <https://cc.nextcalgary.ca/dalhousie-ds21w-vision>. It includes some excellent insights and recommendations and is worth a look. The board is going to seriously consider their recommendations.

Secondly, the board completed an in-depth strategic planning process which reviewed the mission, vision, and planning goals. Elements that were reviewed include the community, people (stakeholders), communication, programs and services, facilities, and finances. This is done every three to five years and was capably led by Heather Gibbons, City of Calgary.

Finally, we completed a draft of the budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year which begins September 1, 2021. This budget preparation was led by our Treasurer, Marilyn Lambert, with assistance from our bookkeeper, Maria Marcon, and our General Manager, Doug MacDonald. This was a difficult process because the past year was an anomaly due to the COVID-19 crisis, and the upcoming year is difficult to predict because of potential government restrictions.

Thank you to everyone who contributed their time, expertise, ideas, and enthusiasm so we could come up with the best possible outcomes to these planning processes.

John Piera

Looking to Volunteer? We Want to Hear from You!

The DCA is looking to continue to build our list of volunteers, and even expand into some new volunteer positions, year-round! We want to hear from you about what your interests and skills are, and how you would be interested in potentially volunteering around the community centre!

We have a variety of categories to choose from including:

- Gardening
- Community Clean Up Event

New Speed Limits!

Starting May 31,
we're putting a limit
on injuries

Driving at 40 km/h
reduces collisions, injuries
and deaths.



Did you know the new default unposted speed limit for neighborhoods has been changed to 40 km/h? These changes were voted into effect by City Council on February 1, 2021, and they came into effect on May 31, 2021. This was done to reduce the number of collisions in neighborhoods. These changes only apply to residential and collector roads.

You can go online, type in your address, and it will take you to a map of where you live in Dalhousie to see what roads have been affected, and to learn more about these changes. Visit <https://maps.calgary.ca/NeighbourhoodSpeedLimits/>.

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Please visit our website at www.dalhousiecalgary.ca and go to 'Community Info', or email admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca, to retrieve the form that we have created to help track our volunteers, along with their skills and interests. We hope to see you around!

UPCOMING EVENTS

July and 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.

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!



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, for more information or contact our registrar at 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!

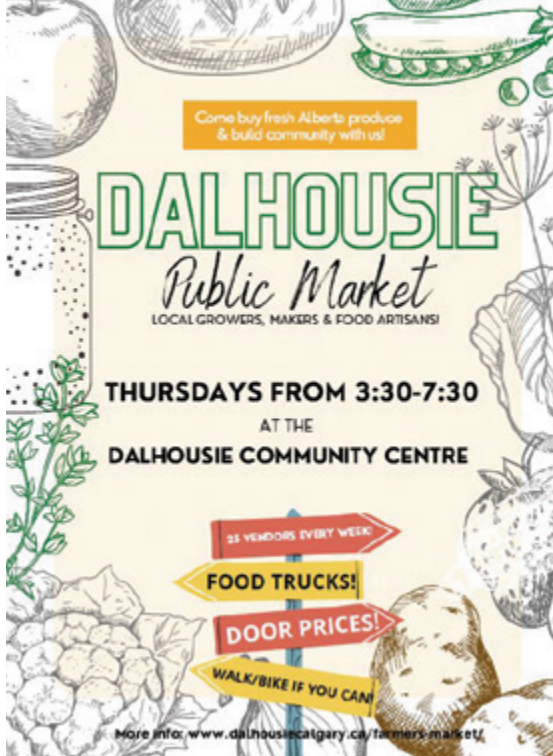
It's super easy:

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, or visit www.dcpreschool.ca for more information.





New Waste Diversion Resources for Multi-Family Buildings

Are you a resident of a multi-family building or do you know someone who is?

If your building does not have a recycling and/or food and yard waste program, ask your building owner or manager to set one up. If you have already done so and a program is still not in place, contact 311.

Or are you a property owner or manager for a multi-family building?

New resources are available at calgary.ca/multifamily to help you educate residents about proper waste diversion in your building. These free resources include a letter template, flyer, checklist, and variety of signage.

Purple Loosestrife A Pretty Weed



There are a number of weeds that are actually quite attractive, and Purple Loosestrife, also known as *Lythrum Salicaria*, is one of them. The problem is that it is an invasive species and left unattended, will choke out other plants and flowers. A single plant can produce a whopping 2.7 million seeds which makes it one of the most difficult weeds to control. With that high of a multiplication rate, seeds are bound to

land in your lawn, garden, or even in cracks up against your house, garage, driveway, and sidewalk.

The good thing is that they are easy to pull out. The root is straight and thin, and with an upward tug, they will pop right out. Herbicide also works. So, unless you want all the green spaces in Dalhousie to become purple spaces, take care of the purple loosestrife weeds on your property.

John Piera

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!

Learning Through Play for Little Ones

In our community Kindergarten classroom, we have the unique privilege of seeing children learn and discover nearly every day. Ours is a busy environment of “purposeful play” where each day, Mrs. Scherpenisse leads our class through learning experiences via thoughtful questions, fun activities, and creative experiences. Discovery and learning will continue through the summer months at home. Here are a few activity ideas for both our alumni students who are moving on to grade one, and those children who will be starting with us in September.

1) Read together and investigate new interests through books. The Calgary Public Library runs a fun summer reading program for children of all ages, as well as ongoing story times and other unique activities. They offer “grab and go” bags of children’s books, an extensive DVD library, and an excellent selection books on CD for summer road trips. Library cards are free! Visit www.calgarypubliclibrary.com for more information.

2) Keep little hands busy! Fine motor skills strengthen and develop with activities like gardening, digging in the sand, and rolling out cookie, pizza, or play dough. Make pictures that require picking up small objects like small rocks, shells, beads, or macaroni, and then gluing them in place. Stickers are also great to peel off of a sheet and place on a picture. Cut out pictures and shapes from magazines, travel brochures, or summer photos, and glue them into a scrapbook. Collect colors, shapes, or items of interest all through the summer!

3) Play literacy games. Play “I spy” by finding objects that start with different sounds or letters. Draw letters in the sand, a pile of flour, or in finger paint. Take turns guessing what letter you trace onto each other’s back. Think of rhyming words and see how long you can keep the list growing. Start with easy word families like “_ig”, or “_at”. Sing songs together!

4) Count and find patterns all around you. How many pieces/blocks/dolls do you have? How many boxes do we have in our shopping cart? How many red flowers can you see? How many trucks can you find? Make and find patterns: one little rock, two big rocks, one little rock, two big rocks.... Find patterns in the house and outside: repeating colors, shapes, sizes, and items.

5) Keep craft supplies handy! Paint, crayons, markers, and chalk, along with a steady supply of paper, scissors, and glue, will keep your little ones busy and learning. You can use almost anything for craft materials and making creations outside is a great summer opportunity for messy projects. You will be able to find excellent ideas online and in activity books, or just let your imagination guide you. Be creative and have fun!

Community Kindergarten classes resume with split entry on September 7 and 8. Families registered for September will be hearing from our teacher in late August to arrange for their home visit. You can also watch our website at www.dcalgkids.com for calendar updates and information about our program or leave a message at 403-288-1050 over the summer. We’re also on twitter: @dalhousiekids and Facebook!

Was The Casino A Success? You Bet!

A heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who stepped forward on short notice. We found out that we were hosting a casino on June 1, and the casino was held June 12 and 13. We will get a cheque from the AGLC later this summer and expect this to be in the \$40,000 to \$50,000 range. The money will be used to maintain and renovate our facilities, and to provide programs to the community.

John Piera

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.



Backyard Play Safety

With summer approaching, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) would like to encourage parents and caregivers to ensure their backyard play areas are made safe for children. Although direct supervision is the best method to reduce the chance of injury, ensure your play equipment in your yard is in good repair and is suitable for the age and skill of the children using it. Check play equipment often; replace or repair any worn or broken parts. Set up play equipment over top a nine-inch layer of shock-absorbing material, which extends six feet out in all directions from the play area.

Water Hazards

- Drowning contributes to unintentional injury-related death among children ages one to four
- Children can drown in just a few centimetres of water if it covers their mouth and nose
- Ensure all backyard swimming pools are fenced. The fence must be at least 1.8 metres (*) high and have a self-latching, self-closing, lockable gate.

(*Alberta Building Code)

Lawn and Garden Tools

- Keep young children away from outdoor power equipment
- Serious burns may result from touching hot engine surfaces
- Ensure that all sharp tools, fuel, chemicals, and other hazardous substances are stored in a secure, locked area. A simple latch may not be sufficient.

Insect Bites and Stings

- Minimize the risk of attracting insects by not wearing strong perfumes or scented lotions
- Avoid wearing brightly coloured clothing outdoors
- Consider destroying or relocating hives and nests situated near your home
- To avoid injury through inadvertently stepping on a stinging insect, always wear footwear outdoors
- If your child has received an 'EpiPen, Junior' prescription from your physician (for anaphylactic reactions only) ensure they understand when and how to use it
- If your child experiences a severe reaction to an insect sting, or other environmental cause, seek medical attention, or call 911.



Greetings Ward 4 Residents,

During the summer, water use in Calgary communities can increase by 20 to 30 percent. This is due in large part to our watering of gardens and grass. Increased demand for water places a strain on our rivers, the source of our drinking water, and water treatment plants. Being mindful of the water we use outdoors can reduce the impact of hot and dry weather on our yards and gardens.

Adopt These Simple Tips to Ensure You're Using Water Wisely:

- Watch your weather forecast and skip watering when it has rained or is forecast to rain.
- Avoid watering in the heat of the day (10:00 am to 3:00 pm). The best time to water is early in the morning.
- Use the right watering tool for the job. A soaker hose, drip irrigation and a watering can, direct water where it is needed most – to the plant roots.
- Capture free rainwater in a rain barrel and use it on your trees, shrubs, and flowers.
- Keep your lawn at least three inches high. Taller grass shades the soil, requiring less water and staying healthier.
- Add bark, wood chips, or stones to reduce water evaporation from your soil.

Visit calgary.ca/waterguide for information on how to create a water efficient yard including Watering 101 for plants, shrubs and trees, lawn care, and irrigation systems.

Elections Calgary Is Hiring!

We are recruiting people to work during the Advance Vote (October 4 to 10, 2021) and on Election Day (October 18, 2021) for the 2021 General Election.

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Election workers are paid positions. The pay will vary depending on the position.

Visit electionscalgary.ca for more information and to sign up for the Elections Calgary e-Newsletter for election job updates.

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Ward 4 Councillor Sean Chu



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