ERLTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER – JULY 2023



Pathways Lindsay Park

Presidents Message

Neighbors,

First of all, thank you to everyone who attended our Neighbor Day event on June 17. The music, face painting, food truck, fire pit, and fire truck created a really fun atmosphere and I hope everyone enjoyed it. I certainly enjoyed being able to connect with neighbors and members. It was also nice to have Mayor Gondek and Councilor Walcott drop by to say hello as well. I'd like to thank our primary organizers for the event, Jessica Wiseman (Parks Committee) and Susan Armstrong (Social Committee) as well as all of the other volunteers who helped make the event a success. One piece of feedback we received was that we could have done a better job communicating that Erlton St. was going to be closed during the event and we will ensure to improve that in the future.

We are now on our summer meeting hiatus and our next general meeting will be on September 12. In the meantime, check out the Farm Stand in Erlton Park on Saturdays (and possibly Fridays and Sundays too), the community garden, and consider volunteering at our Stampede Parking Fundraiser. Happy Summer, Erlton!

Dylan Rayburn

President, Erlton Community Association

<u>Forrest Park</u> — Photos by Heesung Kim

Ann and James Forrest were long term residents of our community. After Ann and James passed away, their children generously donated their property to the Calgary Parks Foundation for the development of a park and pathway for our community.





City of Calgary – 4 Categories of Common Pests in Calgary. (www.calgary.ca)

Weeds:

The **Alberta Weed Control Act** stipulates that invasive plants and noxious weeds must be destroyed to prevent them from spreading.

Common types of noxious plants and common weeds in Calgary are Giant hogwood, creeping bellflower, dames' rocket and toad flax. Calgary.ca weeds and plants is an excellent source of information.

Noxious black henbane has been discovered in Calgary (and Erlton), this weed must be destroyed as it is harmful to humans and pets and spreads rapidly. Please refer to (www.alberta.ca/ provincially-regulated-weeds.aspx) for more information regarding noxious plants and invasive weeds.

Yard Insects:

Beneficial insects will occur naturally in a diverse and healthy garden. Accessibility to nectar, pollen and water is necessary. This can be achieved by growing different types of flowering trees and plants, herbs and adding objects for the insect to perch at water sources.

Unbeneficial insects (Aphids) will damage gardens and green spaces.

The **Red Lily beetle** will cause a lot of damage to gardens if not destroyed. Please refer to (<u>www.calgary.ca</u> – pest management) for information on this insect and other unbeneficial insects.

Wildlife:

Our parks and rivers allow for many different types of wildlife to exist in Calgary. Squirrels, mice and geese are very visible in our community however larger types of wildlife have been reported. Calgary.ca provides helpful information from discouraging rodents in your home to sharing our community with other types of wildlife.

Tree Diseases:

Urban trees are exposed to poor soil conditions, extreme weather, diseases, lack of nutrients. The City of Calgary is committed to ensuring our trees are properly cared for to prevent tree diseases.

DID YOU KNOW? That there are 280 difference species of Squirrels in the world? **YUP**, Calgary has 3 different species of tree squirrels. Eastern Grey

Squirrels are the most common. The Calgary Human Wildlife Control website is a really great resource for managing squirrels, skunks, raccoons, bats and pigeons.

Fun, Fun and More Fun:

Readers Garden Café: Your ECA membership entitles you to 10% discount on drinks at the Café.

Saturdays 1:00 PM until 6:00 PM – We are so excited to host a weekly Farm Stand at Erlton Park (2599 Erlton Street) until Thanksgiving. Come on over and meet our vendors.

MNP Community and Sports Centre: Free Stampede breakfast on Thursday, July 13^{th} 08:00 - 11:00 at the North patio entrance.

Erlton School Stampede Parking Community Fundraiser: July 7th - **July 16**th: Volunteers needed to fill one or more shifts: 08:00 - 1:00 pm, 1:00 - 6:00 pm and 6:00 - 10:00 pm. Email <u>Erltonplanningchair@gmail.com</u> or <u>Erltonsecretary@gmail.com</u> if you can help us out.







We have several open Positions on our Board of Directors, if this doesn't appeal to you, maybe volunteering with one of our committees or helping plan social events for our community would be a better fit? Volunteering with the ECA is a great opportunity to meet some new friends, have some fun and make a positive impact in our community. Please email Erltonsecretary@qmail.com; <a href="mailto:Erltonsecretary@qmailto:Erltonsecretary@qmailtons





CALGARY IN JULY



Average High Temperature: 24 °C Average Low Temperature: 11°C

Sunrise on July 1st at 5:23 AM and Sunrise on July 31st at 6:00 AM Sunset on July 1st at 9:54 PM and Sunset on July 31h at 9:24 PM



Do you know when your ECA membership expires? Have you taken advantage of the discounts at local businesses that your membership provides?







Photos by Jessica Wiseman and Dylan Rayburn









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3 SHIFTS
DAILY

STAMPEDE PARKING FUNDRAISER

The ECA is working to raise funds for a new permanent community garden. We have organized a chai parking lot at the location of the old Erlton School. Please email to find out more and to volunteer your time.

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