ERLTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2023



President's Message

I hope you are all enjoying our early summer this year. Our final general meeting before the summer break will be on Tuesday, June 13th at 7pm in the Riverview Room of the MNP Centre. Additionally, your Social and Parks Committee Chairs have been working on a Neighbour Day event on June 17th in Erlton Park (corner of Erlton St SW and 25th Ave SW (see poster below). It has been ten years (!) since the infamous flood of 2013 swept through our neighbourhood and we intend to celebrate the spirit of community that grew from that horrible event. I still remember the incredible scenes of strangers showing up with work gloves to help other strangers dig out the mud from their basements. So please join us for an afternoon of fun on June 17th! Please also be aware that we have received a block party permit so there will be a temporary road closure on Erlton St SW during the event.

There has been a lot of talk lately both at our meetings and in the media about the City's plan to begin charging for residential parking permits. If you have questions or concerns about this policy please reach out to our Traffic Committee Chair, Dave Greszczyszyn, at erltontraffic@gmail.com. I also expect the topic will come up at our June meeting where we will likely consider our options to make the views of our residents known to City Council and Administration.

Looking forward to seeing you this summer!

Dylan Rayburn, President, Erlton Community Association

DID YOU KNOW? Calgary was founded in 1875 with a population of 34 people and we're expected to have 1,640,000 friends and neighbours by the end of 2023? **YUP!** And according to the Economist Intelligence Unit (2022) Calgary tied with with Zurich, Switzerland for 3rd most livable city in the world!

Fun, Fun and More Fun:

Sunday, June 4th: The 4thStreet Lilac Festival: 10:00 – 6 PM: Family event featuring Entertainment, Food, Music.

Saturday, June 17th: Neighbour Day / 2013 Flood Anniversary: Erlton Park (2499 Erlton Street SW) 5:00 – 9:00 pm. Come on over, meet your neighbors and have some fun! If you would like to help us, please email <u>ErltonSocial@qmail.com</u> or <u>ErltonSecretary@qmail.com</u>.

Readers Garden Café: Your ECA membership entitles you to 10% discount on drinks at the Café. We are working on an email confirmation for our members to present at the Cafe.

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.

We are considering using the Parking Lot at the Erlton School for Stampede Parking. This would be a great fundraiser for our Community, would you be interested in volunteering to help us out? Please send us an email at ecaplanningchair@gmail.com if you are interested.







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@amail.com; <a href="mailto:Erltonsecretary@amailtonsecretary@amailtonsecretary@amailtonsecretary@amailtonsecretary@amailtonsecretary@amailtonsecretar



ERLTON NEIGHBOUR DAY

Saturday, June 17 5-9pm



Food Trucks
Farm Stand
Buskers
Yard Games

Campfire S'mores Fire Truck Sidewalk Chalk



Erlton Park (25th Ave & Erlton St SW)





City of Calgary - Flood Preparedness - 2023 (submitted by City of Calgary)

Be flood ready. High river flow season is May 15 - July 15

Did you know **heavy rainfall upstream of Calgary can make up to 80% of the river flow** during a flood?

During the spring, we're monitoring conditions all the time, but the mountains can change our weather quickly and we may have less than 24 hours to really confirm what's coming. That's why it's so important we're **all prepared**.

Starting in mid-May, visit **calgary.ca/floodinfo** for a daily quick snapshot of the river conditions along with details on the days' forecast. We'll let you know how we're responding to the current conditions, and what actions you may need to take to be prepared based on the current and forecast conditions. Be sure to check it out and sign up for our e-newsletter to get information every week!

How you can be ready

Understand. Use our online interactive flood map to see if you live or work in an area at risk.

Be prepared.

- ✓ Review your insurance. Learn about the different coverages available for overland flooding and your eligibility.
- ✓ Move valuables and documents out of your basement.
- ✓ Clean out your eavestroughs, downspouts and drainage gutters.
- ✓ Check your sump pump and backflow preventer valve if you have one.
- ✓ Be ready with a 72-hr kit and an emergency plan if you need to leave quickly.
- ✓ Know how to quickly turn off your water, gas and electricity mains.
- ✓ Park vehicles on higher ground.

Stay informed. Follow local media and sign up for emergency alerts.

If flooding is forecast, The City will utilize local media channels to provide Calgarians with the most up-to-date information available. Because forecasts can change quickly during an event, early communication and preparation is critical to ensure there is always enough time to protect Calgarians if needed.

For details, visit calgary.ca/floodinfo.



Weekly Farm Stands



Support local calgary.ca/localfood

The City of Calgary Farm Stand Program supports various local and regional farmers and vendors to being more fresh Alberta fruits, veggies and artisanal products to more Calgary Communities. Improving access to healthy food options is an important part of The <u>City of Calgary Food Action Plan - CalgaryEats!</u> This is a great initiative to support our farmers, connect with neighbors and enjoy fresh great food!

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



2013 Flood - 25th Avenue and Erlton Street,SW

Photo Shirine Lund

June 2013 Flood In Calgary

Heavy rainfall and melting snowpack in the Rocky Mountains caused rapid and intense flooding in Southern Alberta in June 2013. The Elbow River inflow rate peaked at 1240.0 cubic meters per second, 12x regular flow rate. This was the largest flood in Calgary since 1932.

The City of Calgary responded by issuing a Flood warning, activating the Municipal Emergency Plan, declared a State of Local Emergency and issued an evacuation notice for communities at risk.

Residents were quickly evacuated and utilities were shut off. Homes and businesses were heavily damaged as well as parks, bridges, LRT stations and bus routes as a result of overland flooding.

Calgarians immediately stepped up to help with clean-up, food, clothing and cash donations. Businesses donated clean-up materials, generators, building supplies and allowed their employees to come down to help us. Canadian Armed Forces, Canadian Red Cross, Samaritan's Purse and other organizations were here to support us as we started the long recovery process.



2013 Flood, Erlton Street and 25 Avenue SW.

Photo: Shirine Lund



Average High Temperature: 19°C - 22°C
Average Low Temperature: 7°C - 10°C
Sunrise on June 1st at 5:27 AM and Sunrise on June 30th at 5:25 AM
Sunset on June 1st at 9:41 PM and Sunset on June 30th at 9:54 PM

ECA General Meeting on June 13th at 7:00 PM at MNP Riverview Room