ERLTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2023



Stampede Parking Community Fundraiser

Presidents Message

It's hard to believe its August already but here we are. I hope you have all been having a wonderful summer so far. While our meetings are on pause for the summer there has still been a lot going on with the ECA. The garden is in full bloom and we had our friends at Alpha House bring down some of their clients to paint the planters in the garden (photos in next month's newsletter). We also had an extremely successful Stampede Parking fundraiser at the former Erlton School site. Thanks to the hard work and long hours put in by our volunteers we were able to raise over \$10,000 for our association! This is likely the last year we will be able to run this fundraiser so it was great to go out with bang. Thank you again to all of the volunteers who put in the time to make this work.

There is a lot of <u>foxtail barley</u> growing in our neighborhood and the seeds can be quite dangerous to pets, especially dogs, when they get stuck in their fur or skin. Foxtail barley is a native plant in Calgary so the City doesn't treat them as a weed but <u>bylaws do require</u> <u>people to keep them shorter than 8cm in order to prevent seeding and spread</u>. Please remove these plants from your property when you see them and consider pulling them when you see them in parks and boulevards. The pets of Erlton appreciate your help!

Dylan Rayburn

President, Erlton Community Association



Federal, Provincial and Municipal Government Waste Management Responsibilities

In Canada, the responsibility for managing and reducing waste is shared between the Federal, Provincial, Territorial and Municipal governments.

The Government of Canada controls interprovincial and international movements of hazardous waste, hazardous recyclable materials and releases of toxic substances from waste.

The Provinces and Territories approve and monitor waste management facilities and operations. The goal of Alberta's waste management strategy is to reduce waste by reusing and recycling materials and recovering organic products resulting in less products sent for disposal at a landfill site.

The City of Calgary is responsible for collection, recycling, composting and disposal of residential and business waste. Reducing waste is the most effective and efficient method to achieve a sustainable waste management program; waste disposal is the most expensive and least effective method.

The City's Waste and Recycling Services provide a range of residential waste programs and services including blue, green and black cart collection services. The cart system is an effective method to keep communities clean, protect public health and manage waste in a responsible and affordable way.

<u>Calgary.ca/waste/residential.html</u> website contains an A-Z listing called "What Goes Where" for correct disposal method of hundreds of items, including hazardous, construction and oversized items that aren't appropriate for the carts.

Blue Cart – Recycling: These items can be converted into another product or material.

Green Cart – Compost: Food, yard and pet waste are used for fertilizing and conditioning land.

Black Cart – Waste: Items that are at the end of their useful life and can't be recycled, composted or donated.

Cart contamination happens when the wrong item is put into the wrong cart. Each cart is sent to a facility that has been specifically designed to handle the proper cart contents. Receiving a contaminated cart presents an increased risk to the health and safety of workers, can damage the facility equipment, affects the quality of the final product and increases the cost of the program for everyone.

Grasscycling: Leave grass clippings on the lawn, they break down quickly, return nutrients to the soil which will improve soil health by preserving moisture. It's great for the environment and less work for you.

Please refer to the following websites for more information regarding waste management programs and services.

Calgary.ca/waste/residential.html

alberta.ca/waste-reduction-and recycling.aspx

Canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/managing-reducing-waste.html

DID YOU KNOW? That fleece clothing and carpet is made from recycled plastic containers? **YUP**, fleece is a synthetic fabric made from plastic products, it takes 20- 25 plastic bottles to make one fleece jacket.

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 the Erlton Park.







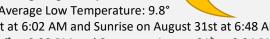
We have several open Positions on our Board of Directors, if this doesn't appeal to you, maybe volunteering with one of our committees or helping plan social events for our community would be a better fit? Volunteering with the ECA is a great opportunity to meet some new friends, have some fun and make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

Erltonsecretary@gmail.com; Erltonpresident@gmail.com; Erltoncommunications@gmail.com if you could help us out.



Calgary in August

Average High Temperature: 23° Average Low Temperature: 9.8°



Sunrise on August 1st at 6:02 AM and Sunrise on August 31st at 6:48 AM Sunset on August 1stst at 9:23 PM and Sunset on August 31h at 8:24 PM

ECA General Meeting on September 12, at 7:00 Pm at MNP River Room



The City of Calgary Farm Stand Program supports various local and regional farmers and vendors to bring more fresh fruits, veggies and products to more Calgary Communities. This is a great initiative to connect with neighbours and enjoy great fresh food.



The ECA Board of Directors would like acknowledge
everyone who volunteered to help us
with our stampede parking project. We could not have
done this without you! THANK-YOU!

Yvonne, Jack, Mona, Peggy, Insook, Gloria, Barb, Judy, Bev, Gordon, Greg, Richard, Wib, Sallene, Lori, Layla, Barry, Ruth, Bruce, May Nicole, Jessica, Dave, Hessung, Fred, Debra, Wallace, Susan, Dylan and Jack, Lorraine

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

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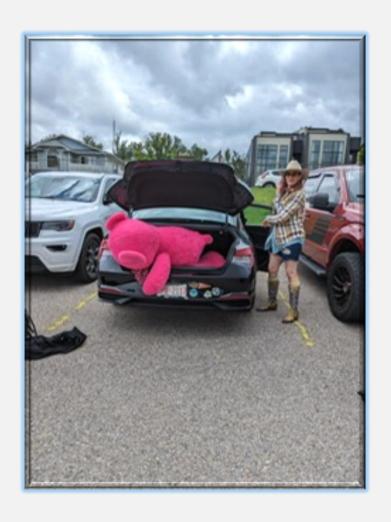


































Thanks so much everyone!

FOXTAIL BARLEY



Please remove Foxtail barley from your property to prevent it from spreading seeds which can be dangerous to pets.

Link to City of Calgary Foxtail Barley information.

Link to City of Calgary Bylaw information.