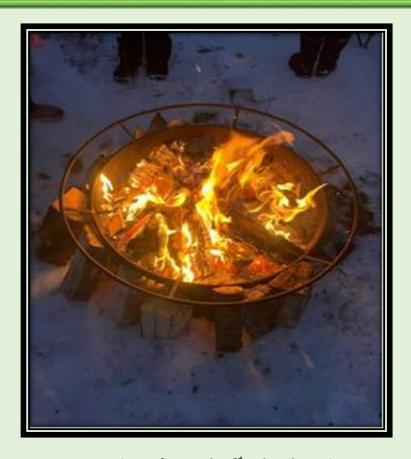
Erlton Community Association Newsletter – April 2024 ErltonCommunity.com



Community Bonfire March 22nd – Photo by Jessica

Presidents Report

Neighbours,

Today I will simply highlight a few items to be discussed at our General Meeting tomorrow night.

Blanket Upzoning Letter: A group of CA's has drafted a letter in opposition to the proposed blanket rezoning to allow higher density housing across the city. We will be considering signing on to it so please come make your voice heard.

MNP Community and Sport Centre Expansion Project: MNP C+SC is proposing an expansion on the West side of the facility and CEO Jeff Booke will be in attendance to answer questions about the project. This is a great chance to learn first hand what MNP C+SC has planned for the site.

We will also be discussing our upcoming Electronics Recycling fundraiser, our plans for Neighbour Day, and the impending opening of the Community Garden. See you tomorrow night!

Dylan Rayburn, President, Erlton Community Association



24 Avenue and Erlton Road SW

ELECTRONICS ROUNDUP

HELP DIVERT E-WASTE FROM LANDFILLS AND RAISE \$\$\$ for Our Community



LARGE TVS COMPUTERS

SMALL TVS + COMPUTERS



SMALL OFFICE EQUIPMENT



LAPTOPS + TABLET COMPUTERS

PLUS GENERATE FUNDS PER TON ON ELIGIBLE E-PILOT MATERIAL COLLECTED





REDUCING OUR FOOTPRINT, BIT BY BIT. SHANKED COMPUTER RECYCLING IS AN AUDITED AND APPROVED RECYCLER WITH THE ALBERTA RECYCLING MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY. WE RECEIVE FINANCIAL INCENTIVES FROM THE ALBERTA GOVERNMENT-RUN PROGRAM THAT SSIST US IN RECOVERING AND RECYCLING THESE ELECTRONICS.







This program has been successful in Alberta because these items are diverted from landfills and reconditioned or made into different products. The Erlton Community Association will receive \$\$/ton of items collected that we will use in the Erlton Community. Please contact ErltonCommunications@gmail.com if you have questions or items that you would like to donate. We can make arrangements for pick-up if needed.

See you on the April 27th at the Erlton Garden between 10:00 – 2:00pm

City Nature Challenge Calgary - April 26 - 29th



Take part in the City Nature Challenge from April 26th to 28th! This global initiative encourages people to connect with nature by documenting wild plants and animals in their yards, neighborhoods and favorite parks.

Simply snap photos of the biodiversity you encounter from April 26^{th} to 29^{th} and upload them to the iNaturalist app or iNaturalist.ca before May 5^{th} . Over 500 cities worldwide will compete to see which can make the most observations, document the most species and engage the most people. The global and national results will be shared on May 6^{th} .

This marks Calgary's sixth annual event, and whether you're a seasoned naturalist or just starting out, your contributions are crucial for supporting research on the urban ecology of our communities while showcasing our local biodiversity to the world. For more information, please visit www.citynatureyyc.ca.



Calgary in April

Average Low Temperature: -2°C Average High Temperature: 12°C



Sunrise on Apr.1st at 7:10 AM and Sunrise on Apr.30st at 6:100 AM Sunset on Apr.1stst at 8:10 PM and Sunset on Apr.30st at 8:57 PM



Spring and Summer Fun

April 5-16: Hockey Marathon for Kids – Chestermere Rec Centre.

(Https://hockeymarathon.com).

April 19 -21: Alley Oop Basketball Tournament – Calgary Olympic Oval.

(Https://alleyoopbasketball.com).

April 27: Electronic Round-up – Erlton Garden 10:00 – 2:00 pm

April 26-29: Calgary and Area City Nature Challenge 2024.

(<u>www.citynatureyyc.ca</u>).

May 3-4-5: Janes Walk 2024 – Free Walking Tours in YYC

(<u>janeswalk.calgarycommunities.com</u>) – walk or volunteer.

May 4: Calgary Bike Swap – MaxBell Arena (albertabikeswap.ca).

May 5: 2024 River and Pathway Clean-up – (Event information to

be provided).

June 2: 4th Street Lilac Festival.

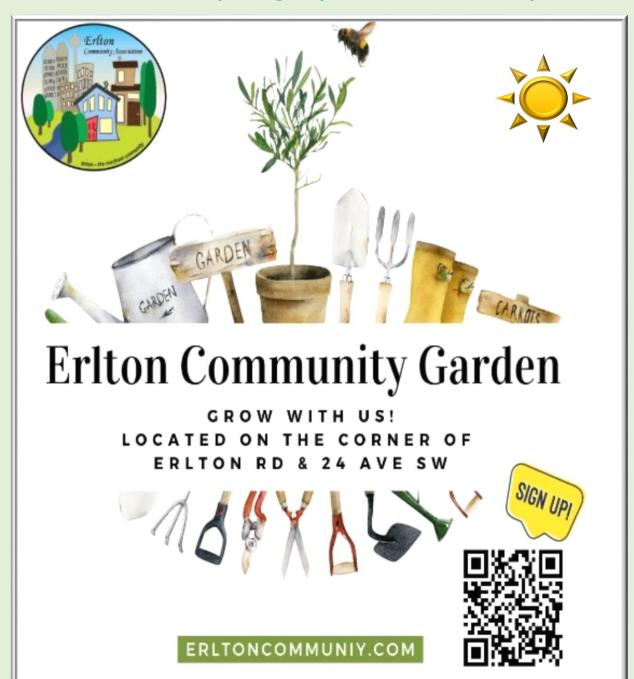
June 15th: Erlton Community Association Neighbour Day party.

We need your help to host a super fun Neighbour Day on Saturday, June 15th. The event was so successful last year and we sure want to do it again but we need volunteers to help with us with planning, setting up and /or cleaning up. Please email erltonsocialcommittee@gmail.com





Erlton Garden Opening Day is - SATURDAY, May 4th



Please contact <u>ErltonParks@gmail.com</u>, <u>Erltoncommunicatons@gmail.com</u> or <u>erltonmembership@gmail.com</u> if you would like to join us!



Disk Golf in Calgary – Have you tried it yet?

Have you seen these baskets in Lindsay Park? There were recently installed as part of 19 hole temporary Disc Golf Course in Lindsay Park. When complete, everyone will be able to use this course year-round, regardless of their skill level.



There are 19 courses in Calgary, three are operated by the City of Calgary.

The game is played similar to regular golf, the courses are 9 or 18 holes, everyone starts from a tee-off point and the goal is to toss a disk into the basket at the end of the hole with the fewest number of attempts.

This game can be played by everyone and is great opportunity to spend some time outside in the park. It sounds like fun.

The City of Calgary website (<u>www.calgary.ca ></u> <u>parks > activities > Disk Golf - Calgary</u>) is a good place to start to learn about the sport in Calgary.

DID YOU KNOW? Alberta is ranked as the 1st best Disc Golf destination in Canada? **YUP!** – Its's true and Calgary is ranked as #1 in Alberta

CALGARY BIKE SWAP – May 4 2024



This program was started by two people to provide a safe place to buy, sell and donate bicycles. The bikes are inspected for safety and serial numbers are checked through software to verify ownership. This program is supported by the Calgary Police Service and RCMP.

BikeSwap also works with over 30 groups to rebuild <u>donated</u> bikes and has built strong relationships with 80 partners.

If you have an unused or have outgrown a bike, we have a partner that would recondition that bike for re-use. We have added Children's bikes to our swap to assist local families.

Bikeswap funds cycling information through <u>CAN-BIKE</u>, which is the only recognized cycling education program in Canada. To learn how to bike safely, check our site <u>Alberta Bike Swap CAN-BIKE</u>.

If you would like to learn more about us, we have facebook pages for <u>Alberta Bike</u>
<u>Swap and Calgary Bike Swap</u>, <u>Instagram and Linked-In.</u>

Spring Time in Calgary





We want to hear from you! Help MNP Community & Sport Centre make key decisions surrounding the future children's programs & services that are offered at the centre.

Click Here for the Link to the Survey

Readers Garden Café: Your ECA membership entitles you to a 10% discount on drinks at the Café. Present your membership email confirmation at Readers Garden to receive the discount.

2024 Erlton General Meetings at the MNP Riverview Room at 7pm.

April 2024: April 9th.

May 2024: May 14th June 2024: June 11th. July 2024: No meeting August 2024: No meeting

September 2024: September.10th.

October 2024: October 8th

November 2024: November 12th December 2024: December.10th.

Calgary Police Service Residential Traffic Safety Unit Presentation – March 12, 2024



- ➤ Have you seen the Erlton Community Website? It's a great place for:
 - ✓ Board of Directors Roles and Contact
 - ✓ Membership Information
 - ✓ Planning and Development
 - ✓ Important Community and City of Calgary Contact Information
 - ✓ Upcoming Events

How to Help and Who to call?

Overnight servicesDaytime servicesWarming locations	CCEWR Resource List - Calgary Homeless Foundation [calgaryhomeless.com]
Human-Centered Engagement Liaison and Partnership (HELP) *Formally known as the DOAP Team	If you see someone who needs help, you can call (403) 998-7388
• 911	If someone is unresponsive, call 911 and not HELP

Alpha House is in need of Seasonal Clothing and Personal Care items. Please take a peek at the "How You Can Help" page for a complete list of needed items.

www.Alphahousecalgary.com

Community Bonfire March 22, 2024



Kindness does exist.

When Dan heard that our firewood was stolen, not only did he supply us with 3 free pallets of wood for our bonfire on March 22nd, but he also chopped them up AND off-loaded a pick-up truck worth of free chopped logs which ought to be dried and cured enough for another bonfire later in the summer and fall

What a great guy!







City of Calgary Initiatives, Community Projects.

Home is Here: the City of Calgary's Housing Strategy – "Calgary needs more homes. Will citywide rezoning help? Provide your input online and at the Public Hearing of Council on April 22, 2024. (Calgary.ca/rezoningforhousing).

Calgary River Valleys Project – Engagement Information:

The City of Calgary is planning for the future of our river valleys, including our flood hazard areas, through the **Calgary River Valleys Project.** The Calgary River Valley Project has launched Stage 2 engagement, we will look at floodplain policy and land use decisions, with a focus on location-specific regulations and flood mapping.

Calgary's draft updated Flood Hazard Area map will be an important tool to help guide engagement conversations, the map reflects the latest understanding of a 1:100 (1 per cent chance) flood risk and includes a new approach to flood hazard area mapping. Visit floodhazard.alberta.ca [alberta.ca] to learn more about draft updated Flood Hazard Area maps for Alberta. Visit calgary.ca/rivervalleys [calgary.ca] to learn more about the Calgary River Valleys Project and our upcoming engagement.

Engage – Meaningful Dialogue. Information Decisions

"Join the conversation – You see the results of City decisions every day: in your roads, drinking water, parks and more. Provide your input – together we can build a better city. Check out Home | Engage (Calgary.ca) for the most up to date City projects looking for citizen feedback."



Mission Bridge Rehabilitation Project <u>Calgary.ca/MissionBridgeRehab</u> [calgary.ca].

(This information was provided to the ECA by a representative of the Public Space Delivery, Bridges and Structures, City of Calgary.)

"The Mission Bridge rehabilitation project will begin in Spring 2024. The work involved will be repairing various bridge components (railing, approach slabs, piers, and abutments). The anticipated repairs will mainly address the concrete deterioration across the structure and will also give us an opportunity to redesign the bridge cross-section and improve mobility for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists."

"The main objectives of the project are to extend the bridge service life by 35 years, and to improve the overall mobility for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists. Please visit engage.calgary.ca/missionbridge engage.calgary.ca to view the cross-section design concept, key themes, and detailed engagement results in the What We Heard Report. "

"The project webpage at <u>Calgary.ca/MissionBridgeRehab [calgary.ca]</u> is now live and should serve as a great resource for the most up to date information about the project, traffic impacts and a link to subscribe to receive e-newsletter updates."



311 Calgary Introduces new call back feature to reduce on-hold wait time (<u>Calgary.ca/311</u>).

The City of Calgary has introduced a new feature for its 24/7 services and information line. When you call 311, you'll be notified of wait time and you can choose to receive a callback if it's longer than one minute. The callback feature is available on the 403.268.CITY and 311 lines between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 pm seven days a week. These hours experience the highest volume of call demand, often resulting in longer wait times. Find out more information Calgary.ca/311.

Explore the City of Calgary Roadway Activity Map.

Curious about ongoing road projects in your area? Wondering when the last time your neighborhood roads were paved? Plan your routes with ease by checking out the City of Calgary Roadway Activities Map. This interactive map complies information on construction projects, repair work and special events across Calgary. Visit https://maps.calgary.ca/RoadwayActivities/ to stay informed and navigate the city hassle-free. To view more City of Calgary maps, please visit the Map. Gallery at https://mapgallery.calgary.ca/.

Go and check your Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors now to make sure they are working properly.