

Erlton Community Association Newsletter – March 2024



[Presidents Message](#)

Neighbours,

Happy 45th Birthday ECA! We recently received the certificate pictured above from the Federation of Calgary Communities to commemorate our associations 45 years of service to our community. And I'd say we look pretty good at 45! We have a full board of Directors who, along with our active volunteers, are hosting fun events, successful fundraisers, and are effectively advocating on issues that are important to our members. So thank you to everyone who has been involved with the ECA over the last 45 years and we eagerly look forward to the next 45.

I'd like to thank our outgoing Parks Director, Jessica Wiseman, who will be stepping down as the Parks Committee Chair. Jessica was instrumental in driving our community garden as well as our Neighbor Day and other events. She also played a huge role in providing leadership and continuity when our Board struggled with retention several years ago. So thank you to Jessica! Jessica will be staying on with the ECA, but in more of a support role for our new Parks Director, Judy Borsato, who after filling the role on an interim basis will now be stepping in to the role permanently and will continue her excellent work on the future community garden and mural project in particular.

We have now Sprung Ahead and that means our Spring Equinox bonfire on March 22 is approaching and we hope to see you there!

Dylan Rayburn, President, Erlton Community Association

2024 is the Erlton Community Association's 45th Anniversary



The Erlton Community Association was registered with the Province of Alberta on November 14 1979, our first set of bylaws were written and approved by the Board of Directors at that time. Our bylaws were updated in 2014 and we are planning to review them again in 2024.

Our Vision and Mission Statements are available on our website. These statements reflect our Association's commitment to our present goals and future direction of our community.

Vision Statement: *Erlton is Calgary's best kept secret and an inner-city gem. As one of the City's founding neighborhoods, Erlton Strives to be a life-style friendly and safe community where quality development is balanced with respect for our neighbors, historic character and the natural environment.*

Mission Statement: *The ECA strives to represent the interests of our residents with the aim of developing a strong and vibrant community.*

Our 2024 Board of Directors are volunteers who fill the roles of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Planning and Development, Parks, Traffic, Membership, Communications and Social Events. We are also very fortunate to have a Cemetary sub-committee volunteer. We work really hard to stay connected with our members and look for opportunites to welcome new residents to our communty.

As we don't have a community facility to get together, we have been using our outdoor spaces for events. The Erlton Garden has been a great place for neighbors to meet neighbors and learn new gardening tips. There is a fire pit in the garden that we have been using for community bonfire events and these are becoming more popular each time. Unfortunately we keep losing our firewood

supply and would appreciate any wood that could be donated to us. The next bonfire is set for March 22nd.

The 2024 Neighbor Day party will be held at Erlton Park again. One of our goals is to continue to make improvements to our community parks to create more outdoor gathering spaces for everyone to enjoy.

We received a grant to hire local artist Schux of Schux Design to paint a mural in Lindsay Park, we'll be asking for feedback from our members for potential design options.

Our membership sales are our primary source of revenue to meet our commitments and fund our events. So far, our 2024 membership sales are lower than previous years and this is concerning to our board. Fees are \$10.00 per household, Seniors are exempt from the fee. If you are receiving this newsletter, please ensure that you have paid your 2024 fees. Please contact Erltonmembership@gmail.com or Erltonpresident@gmail.com for payment options.

Not having a community facility creates fundraising challenges as well. We are looking at different options to raise needed funds our improvement projects and events. If you have any ideas, please contact myself Erltoncommunications@gmail.com or any board member.

We are planning an Electronic Recycling Round-up in the next few months We'll accept all types of electronics, small appliances, vacuum cleaners, microwaves. Please save these items for us. This is a fundraising opportunity for us and will keep these items out of the landfill. Details will be provided when we've received approval to proceed from Alberta Recycling Management Authority.



LINDSAY'S ESTATE – A HISTORY OF PARKVIEW AND ERLTON

The ECA received a grant from the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation in 2001. These funds were used to hire historian David Mittelstadt to research our community history dating back to early 1900's and publish a book of his findings for all of us to enjoy.

Mr. Mittelstadt dug into the Glenbow, City of Calgary and Canadian archives, interviewed residents and consulted with the Board of Directors to ensure his informaton was accurate. The result of his research is:

[Lindsay's Estate: A History of Parkview and Erlton](#)

This book contains a very interesting and detailed history of our community from the early 1900's to the 1980's. It includes descriptions of significant events, businesses, photos, maps, drawings, and biographies of people and families who played significant roles in the history and development of our community from the early 1900's to 1980's.

The copyright for this book is owned by the Erlton Community Association and can be downloaded for personal use only. The book can be located through the Erlton Community Website (erltoncommunity.com) under the [Community and History Tab](#). Please contact us if you need assistance to locate the book online.

DID YOU KNOW? *Erlton Community was originally split into 2 separate communities called Earlton and Parkview?*

YUP! *–The property was owned by Dr. Lindsay, he subdivided some of the property in 1906 and called the area Parkview, and subdivided again in 1910 as Earlton, eventually Erlton .The names were kept separate until the 1970's but formed one district, now known as Erlton South and Erlton North .*

“Parkview became part of Calgary in 1907, lots were sold for \$100.00 - \$300.00. Erlton became part of Calgary in 1910 and lots were initially starting sale for \$350.00” (Lindsay’s Estate: A History of Parkview and Erlton).

Real Estate Advertisement: “Erlton. This beautiful sub-division on the market for the first time. These lots command a splendid view of the city and adjoin the Lindsay Estate, being one mile from the Post Office and on the proposed car line...Positively your last opportunity to buy view lots within this radius for even double the price” 100 lots were available at starting price of \$350.00. (Lindsay’s Estate: A History of Parkview and Erlton)

The City of Calgary and The Federation of Calgary Communities has proclaimed March to be Community Association Awareness Month, encouraging all Calgarians to consider volunteering and become members of their local association.





Our current Board of Directors would like to gratefully Acknowledge and Thank every person in our Community who has volunteered on our Board of Directors, a sub-committee or a project. Since 1979, thousands of volunteer hours have been spent by these people for the benefit of everyone in our community. Thank-you!

Volunteering with the ECA is a great way to meet some new friends, have some fun and make a positive impact in our community. There are opportunities for everyone to participate in some way through hands-on projects at our parks or joining a sub-committee.

We need your help to host a super fun Neighbor 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

Erlton Community Garden

GROW WITH US!
LOCATED ON THE CORNER OF
ERLTON RD & 24 AVE SW

ERLTONCOMMUNIY.COM

Please contact ErltonParks@gmail.com, Erltoncommunications@gmail.com or erltonmembership@gmail.com if you would like to join us!



Fun and Fun

- Jan. – Mar.17th: Ice Skating at Olympic Plaza
- Mar.20-24th: Boxing Canada Event – 1 pm – 9pm. Genesis Centre, NE.
(<https://boxingcanada.org/announcements/canada-cup-calgary-2024-youthjunior-national-championships-open-site-and-u23-elite>).
- Mar.22nd: Spring Equinox bonfire at the Erlton Garden.
- Mar.23rd: Calgary Unplugged Family Earth Hour event 7:00-9:30 pm
Central Library (800 – 3 Street SE) [Earth Hour party!](#)
- April 5-16th: Hockey Marathon for Kids – Chestermere Rec Centre.
(<https://hockeymarathon.com>)
- April 19 -21st: Alley Oop Basketball Tournament – Calgary Olympic Oval.
(<https://alleyoopbasketball.com>)
- May 3-4-5 Janes Walk 2024 – Free Walking Tours in YYC
(janeswalk.calgarycommunities.com) – walk or volunteer
- June 15th: Erlton Community Association Neighbor Day party

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.

Alpha House is in need of Seasonal Clothing and Personal Care items. Please have a look at the “How You Can Help” Page for a complete list of needed items.
(www.Alphahousecalgary.com)



If anyone has extra firewood, we could sure use it at the bonfire!

**Spring Forward – Daylight saving time starts on March 10th at 2 am –
turn your clock ahead one hour and check your Smoke and CO
detector to make sure they are working properly**

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



March 2024: March 12th

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 in March

Average Low Temperature: -7°C

Average High Temperature: +5°C



Sunrise on Mar.1st at 7:19 AM and Sunrise on Mar.31st at 7:12 AM

Sunset on Mar.1stst at 6:18 PM and Sunset on Mar.31st at 8:08 PM

RESIDENTIAL TRAFFIC SAFETY UNITY (RTSU)

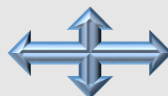
Join us on March 12th

Representatives from the Calgary Police Service Residential Traffic Unity Program will be attending our **March 12th** general meeting to talk about Photo Radar Operation. They will also advise us on the correct information required for a Traffic Service Request (TSR). This is a great opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback to the Calgary Police Service regarding traffic concerns in our community.



How to Help and Who to call?

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overnight services• Daytime services• Warming locations	CCEWR Resource List - Calgary Homeless Foundation [calgaryhomeless.com]
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Human-Centered Engagement Liaison and Partnership (HELP) <p>*Formally known as the DOAP Team</p>	If you see someone who needs help, you can call (403) 998-7388
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 911	If someone is unresponsive, call 911 and not HELP





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](https://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.

The Customer Review Period for 2024 Property Assessment ends on March 11th.

- Inquiries made before March 11 will be considered for 2024.
 - Inquiries made after March 11 will be reviewed with resulting value changes applying to next year's assessment period.
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**Mission Bridge Rehabilitation Project [Calgary.ca/MissionBridgeRehab](https://calgary.ca/MissionBridgeRehab)
[\[calgary.ca\]](https://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 [\[engage.calgary.ca\]](https://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 [Calgary.ca/MissionBridgeRehab](https://calgary.ca/MissionBridgeRehab) [\[calgary.ca\]](https://calgary.ca) 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. “

*Hurry and Sign-up! The Go Paperless Contest ends on Mar.31st.
([Calgary.ca/gopaperless](https://calgary.ca/gopaperless)).*

Make the change to receive a paperless assessment notice (eNotice). Then enter for a change to win one of four Visa cards valued at \$250.00 each.

**Calgary Dream Centre Community Engagement Presentation – MNP Centre,
Tuesday, Feb.13, 2024.**

We are so pleased that the Calgary Dream Centre will be building brand new affordable housing for single women, single women with children, seniors and people with disabilities at the site of the Erlton School.



Epilepsy Awareness Month

Shine a Light on Epilepsy

This March, let's unite in support of the 30,000 individuals living with epilepsy in Southern Alberta. Together, we can make a meaningful impact. Wear purple, light up spaces, and be part of the movement!

MARCH 26
**Purple
Day**



Light up the Night in Violet Vibes! Light up your homes, offices, and public spaces in purple to show your solidarity.



Dress in Grape Glory! Show your support by wearing purple clothing or accessories on March 26th.



Spark a Purple Revolution! Be a part of the change! Donate or start a fundraiser.



epilepsycalgary.com

Share your purple moments using

#postyourpurple





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](#)