

*Erlton Community Association Newsletter – Dec.2024*

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***Erlton Mural***

***Photo by Judy B.***

*Our AGM will be held at 7:00 on **Dec.10** in the MNP Center River View Room – Plan to attend!  
We are seeking Volunteers for the President and Traffic Director roles on the Board of Directors.*



*Join us on Dec.21<sup>st</sup> for a Solstice Bonfire from 5:30 – 9:30pm.  
Location TBD – Everyone Welcome!*

## Calgary Fun in December

<i>Dec. – Jan.5<sup>th</sup>:</i>	<i>Lions Festival of Lights – 14 Street NW</i>
<i>Dec.6-8, 13-15, 20-22, 27-29<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Christmas Lights at Spruce Meadows</i>
<i>Dec.6-8, 13-15, 20-22:</i>	<i>Plaza Palooza - Olympic Plaza Final Bash</i>
<i>Dec. 3, 10, 17:</i>	<i>Virtual Family Storytime – Calgary Public Library.</i>
<i>Dec.14:</i>	<i>CPKC Holiday Train – 18:30 – 19:15. Anderson C-Train Station. Food banks donations requested.</i>
<i>Dec.21</i>	<i>Solstice Bonfire – 5:30 – 9:30 PM- Location TBD.</i>

***DID YOU KNOW: The Calgary Foodbank is currently providing almost 700 food hampers a day?***

***YES, unfortunately it's true! 10,000 people per week receive food support through Food Bank programs and services for Emergency Food Hampers, Breakfast Club of Canada, Food Link Program, Mobile Hampers, Food Share, Satellite Locations and Food Grants.***

***In Partnership with the food industry and donors, every \$1.00 donated means the Food Bank can distribute \$3.50 of food. Visit [www.Calgaryfoodbank.com](http://www.Calgaryfoodbank.com) for donation options.***

***Please consider a financial and / or healthy food donation to this amazing organization that is so important to so many people.***

***Sign up for The Foodbank's Quarterly Comfort Food Newsletter.***

Alpha House has published their Seasonal Wish list. Visit <https://alphahousecalgary.com/how-you-can-help/> for their Shelter program, Detox/Transitional, Outreach and Housing needs. If you can spare any of these items, please drop them off at the main building 203- 15 Street S.E.



**West Elbow Communities Local Area Planning:  
Planning Together for 30 yrs.**

- ✓ Phase 0: Discover - Complete
- ✓ Phase 1: Envision – Complete.
- ✓ Phase 2: Explore – Complete.
- ✓ Phase 3: Refine – Refining the plan and confirming community improvements.

**Phase 4: Realize – Committee and Council review and decision – Winter 2025.**

*Learn More and Stay Connected. To find opportunities to get involved, subscribe for updates and learn more about what is happening in the West Elbow Communities, visit [Calgary.ca/WestElbowPla](http://Calgary.ca/WestElbowPla)*

**Mission Bridge Rehabilitation Project Update available at:**



**[Calgary.ca/planning/projects/mission-bridge.html](http://Calgary.ca/planning/projects/mission-bridge.html)**

Check out [Home | Engage \(Calgary.ca\)](#) for the most up to date City projects looking for citizen feedback. The following are current activities in our community:

- [Calgary's Pathway and Bikeway Network](#) – SW Neighbourhood Bikeway.
- [Civic Arts Policy](#)

**Chinook Blast 2025: Calling all Creators and Cultural Curators!**

Chinook Blast 2025 is Calgary's winter festival celebration. As we gear up for another exciting event in 2025, we're on the lookout for creative talent and dynamic partners to help bring the festival to life!.

Visit [chinookblast.ca](http://chinookblast.ca) for information.

## Winter cart placement tips

Follow these winter tips to keep your cart collection safe and on schedule:

- Clear snow and ice to put your carts on even ground. Don't place carts behind or on top of snowbanks.
- Leave enough space around your carts to easily walk between and around them.
- Store carts in a sheltered spot and move them out on collection day, so they don't freeze to the ground. Move carts back by 7 p.m. on collection day.



**Clear snow off your carts and keep lids closed.** Snow in your blue cart ruins recyclables and makes them difficult to sort at the facility, meaning they can't be turned into new products.

**Prevent food and yard waste from freezing inside your green cart.** Use compostable bags or place crumpled newspaper or a pizza box at the bottom of the cart. Learn more at [calgary.ca/cartplacement](http://calgary.ca/cartplacement) [[calgary.ca](http://calgary.ca)].

### **9PM Routine**

*The Calgary Police Service is encouraging Calgarian's to establish a 9 PM Routine to help them secure their property before heading to bed. Offenders will often go down a street checking vehicles and houses for doors left open. By simply locking your door you could avoid waking up to an intruder in your home or your property missing. Adapt the routine to make sense for your home and habits. The routine recommends:*

- *Removing valuables from vehicles.*
- *Ensuring vehicles are locked, windows are closed and if possible, parked in a garage,*
- *Closing garage doors and windows.*
- *Locking any person-doors in the garage, including those leading into a house.*
- *Checking that all house doors – front, back, side and garage – are locked.*
- *Ensuring all windows are shut.*
- *Turning on an exterior light.*

### **MNP Sport and Community Centre Expansion Updates:**

#### **Public Engagement Report for the MNP Access Strategy:**

*MNP Phase 2 engagement is completed and the results report is available.  
The results report can be viewed at: <https://engage.calgary.ca/mnpaccess>.*

#### **MNP Community and Sport Centre – Expansion Project:**

*<https://mnpcentre.com/unveiling-of-our-expansion-project>.*

- *In order to reduce impact to parking during construction, Member hours are Monday – Friday 4:00 – 8:00 pm. Member hours grant exclusive access to Monthly / Annual Memberships, 10 Day Pass and 30 Day Card Holders, Member Guests, Sports Partners and Courtesy Pass Holders. Drop-in's will only be permitted outside of these days and times onl*

***2025 Erlton General Meetings at the MNP Riverview Room at 7pm.***

***Jan.2025: January 14<sup>th</sup>.***

***Feb.2025: February 11<sup>th</sup>.***

***March 2025: March 11<sup>th</sup>.***

***April 2025: April 8<sup>th</sup>.***

***May 2025: May 13<sup>th</sup>.***

***June 2025: June 10<sup>th</sup>.***

***July 2025: No meeting***

***August 2025: No meeting***

***September 2025: September 9<sup>th</sup>.***

***October 2025: October 14<sup>th</sup>.***

***November 2025: November 11<sup>th</sup>.***

***December 2025: December 9<sup>th</sup>.***

***2025 ECA Membership Renewals are starting.***

***Your current membership expired on Nov 30<sup>th</sup> 2024. Cost of renewal is \$10.00 per member and Seniors over 65 yrs. are free. Active members are eligible for various perks in the community as well as receiving our newsletters and voting at meetings. The ECA relies on the sale of memberships to pay our fixed operating costs.***

***Visit our website for payment options.***



*Winter – 2024 Photos by Judy and Lorraine*





*The Erlton Community Association Board of Directors would like to wish everyone a Safe and Happy Holiday Season.*