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#### **President's Message**



Here it is March already and the end of the first quarter of 2023. Where does the time go? The board is winding up the business of 2022 and getting ready for the annual

audit. We are looking at our board complement and taking a head count for which directors have completed their terms of office and those who are mid-term. We will have a number of vacancies and will be looking to ECA members to step up. Serving on the board need not be an onerous task and there are benefits. Directors help shape the community, interact with City representatives and other local decision makers. You meet your neighbours and form new friendships. Our board elections will take place at our Annual General Meeting in May. Watch for additional details. If you have an interest in joining the board, please reach out to Scott Thompson, Rick Wierzbecki, or me, and we can send along the nomination forms or simply have a chat about board duties and responsibilities. Consider renewing or taking out an ECA membership so you can fully participate in the association. Membership can be paid online at the ECA website.

If you have been by the Edgemont Community Centre lately you will see that Phase 1 of the renovation project is complete and we're on to Phase 2. This means new funding applications, updated scope of work descriptions, and meetings and more meetings. The Building Administration Committee under the chairmanship of Elaine Scobie has done outstanding work in guiding this project. We are also grateful to Jason Moros from the Three Peaks Group who has been our project manager. It's hard to imagine volunteers taking on a project of this magnitude without some professional support.

As I write this article, Calgary has just come through a winter's blast. Thanks to Councillor Chu's office for sending along a reminder of residents' obligations for snow removal. Residents and businesses have 24 hours to clear ice and snow from their properties' adjacent sidewalks or risk a \$250 fine for a first offence. Uncleared sidewalks can be reported to 311. It is helpful to include the specific location of the problem as well as a photo. If you are a resident for whom clearing the snow poses

a problem, take advantage of the Snow Angel program by contacting Jeff Edwards. If you are handy with a shovel, let Jeff know and your name will be added to his roster of angels. Jeff can be reached at volunteers@ edgemont.ab.ca.

Upcoming activities include the Lego Competition on April 22, Spring Handicraft Market on May 6, and the Mothers' Day Tea on May 13. We also have a Casino Night fundraiser taking place April 25 and 26. While we have day shifts full, we are in need of the night owls to help with shifts between 6:30 pm and 3:30 am. Check our website, www.Edgemont.ab.ca, for details. Information will be posted about how to get involved with Lego and Casino Night, how to become a vendor at the market, and ticket purchases for the tea.

Pamela Wilson

President





#### A Message from Your **Volunteer Coordinator**

Hello Edgemont,

Here's the latest on volunteering...

Casino Volunteers - A large fundraiser for the ECA happens on April 25 and 26. Forty volunteers are needed for shifts at the Elbow River Casino. All kinds of shifts and jobs are available. The team especially needs people who can do the late shift. Let me know if you are available.

**Edgemont Rinks** – Thanks to you all for another great season. Great cleaning, fixing, and flooding!

**Snow Angels** – Shovelers, your neighbours thank you again for keeping sidewalks clear for another winter!

Wednesday Breakfast Club - We continue to help children out in our neighbourhood Wednesday mornings before they head off to school. Email me if you want information.

**Good Food Boxes** – Distribution and delivery volunteers keep fruits and veggies flowing out of our ECA kitchen. Would you like to help? Let me know.

**ECA Board** – Are you interested in helping direct all the great things that happen in our community? This is a great team to join.

Other – There's ongoing volunteering with social events, Koala-Tea Conversations, the Edgemont Networking Group, Youth Press, ELM team, and other ECA programs. Email with inquiries.

If you want to be on the volunteer email list, please contact me.

Loving our neighbourhood,

Jeff Edwards

volunteers@edgemont.ab.ca

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#### **The Edgemont Community Association Needs You**

by Rick Wierzbicki, Nominatina Committee

The ECA board has had an eventful, and busy last few years. The building is undergoing a major refurbishment, as exterior stucco and insulation was replaced last year, and metal roofing and the skylight will be replaced this year. On the operations side, the building staff and board have worked through the COVID-19 pandemic and restructured to be more efficient.

The ECA 2023 Annual General Meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 11, 2023. The ECA board will have at least ten positions open for the annual election of board members. The ECA board meets monthly and is responsible for providing leadership on the operations of our community association, community centre, other facilities, and the ELM program.

We need new board members to provide leadership and oversight of our many projects. If you are interested in helping out, please contact us at the ECA office at office@edgemont.ab.ca. Members of the board will talk to you about opportunities to serve on the board or on committees.

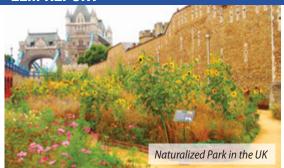
Many hands make the work light. Keep watching for more information on the AGM, volunteer opportunities, and opportunities to serve your community on the ECA board.

### Female Clergy



On March 12, 1994, the Church of England, which is headed by the British monarch, ordained 32 female priests. Prior to this, all clergy in the

Church of England were male. As a result, 700 male clergy and thousands of church members left the church in protest. On a happier note, in 2015, the Church of England welcomed its first female bishop, Libby Lane!



First of all, here is a quick reminder that our first Landscaping Information Session will be on March 22. 2023, at the Edgemont Community Centre from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Please bring your questions with you, or even better, submit them beforehand to askElm@edgemont. ab.ca to give our ELM coordinator time to provide you with the most comprehensive information possible! Remember that gardening in Edgemont is a very different beast!

The ECA ELM program is overseen by a committee of board members and volunteers and managed by our ELM coordinator, Shari Pitka. Everything you need to know about the ELM program is available on the City of Calgary website under 'enhanced landscape maintenance.' Questions can be directed to askElm@ edgemont.ab.ca.

#### Below is a quick recap of what the ELM program entails for Edgemont:

Annually, Edgemont gathers a special tax of \$86.52. This tax is collected from all households in Edgemont and is used to enhance our community beyond what the City of Calgary can do. This tax is collected through our city tax program.

#### These funds are used for:

- Spring and fall cleanup
- Garbage removal
- Park cleanup
- Weeding
- Weekly mowing of park areas and medians
- Fertilizing and aerating
- Weekly watering/fertilizing of flower beds and pots
- Shrub pruning/mulching
- Spring and summer flower plantings
- Winter pot displays
- Spring and summer flowerpot arrangements
- Soil amendment

#### **Benefits:**

- Increased property value: community realtors indicate that it is easier to sell a home in a community with an ELM program because it shows pride of community
- Maintained parks and medians
- Summer flowers and winter displays!
- Garbage pick-up
- More mowing and watering
- Weed and rodent control
- Spring and fall cleanup
- Turf maintenance

In closing, we are looking forward to working in 2023 with our primary landscape contractor, Foothills Landscaping.

Kathleen Stewart, Rick Wierzbicki, Shari Pitka



## **A Perfect Game**



In baseball, a 'perfect game' refers to a complete nine inning game that is pitched without the opposing team making it to base. In Major League Baseball's 147 years, only 23 perfect games have ever occurred! The most recent took place in 2012 when Félix Hernández pitched a perfect game for the Seattle Mariners against the Tampa Bay Rays.



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# ECA EVENTS & PROGRAMMING

#### Note: All programs subject to AHS COVID-19 rules

Edgemont Community Centre, 33 Edgevalley Circle NW or online.

For more information, call the office at 403-239-1211, or check www.edgemont.ab.ca.

#### **Self-Development and Healthy Living**

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#### **Alcoholics Anonymous**

Meets at Edgemont Community Centre every Friday evening. Contact ECA: 403-239-1211.

#### Living the Legacies Al-Anon Meeting

Thursdays at 10:00 am in the Mountain View Room, person to person. Contact livingthelegacies@gmail.com for the Zoom link to join us online at the same time.

#### **Childcare**

#### **Edgemont EduSARC**

Before and after school-age program serving the Edgemont Elementary School. Please call 403-241-0131 or email edusarc@gmail.com.

#### Kaleidoscope Kids

Preschool for ages 3 to 4 years. Monday to Friday. Contact 403-547-1020, or visit www. kaleidoscopekidspreschool.com.

#### **Babies, Children and Youth**

#### 193 Scout Group Edgemont

Activities and adventures for youth ages 5 and up. We need new parent leaders to help us open up more spots for youth! No experience necessary, and full training provided. Come and have fun with Scouting! Contact Graham at 193edgemontand4triwoodscouts@gmail.com.

#### **Art Drawing Class, STC Arts**

Thursday, Saturday, Sunday classes for ages 5 and up. Includes cartoon, sketch, and watercolour painting. Visit http://artsstc.com/.

#### Casey O'loughlin Academy of Irish Dance

Saturday mornings for ages 4 and up. For more information or to register, call 403-520-0059, or email caseyoloughlin@academy.com.

#### **Coding Club**

Ages 8 to 13

Discover and develop your passion for coding. Contact ECA at 403-239-1211 or www.edgemont.ab.ca for details.

#### **Junior Philatelists**

Meeting the second Saturday of the month, January to May, and September to November. Each gathering includes discussions on the history, geography, and culture of stamp issuing countries. Ideal age range would be from 8 to 16, and no previous background in the hobby is necessary. For further information, please contact Jim Senecal at 403-547-7681.

#### Mavericks Football (Atom, Peewee, Bantam)

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#### **Northwest Warriors Hockey**

www.northwestwarriorshockey.com

#### **Rhythmic Gymnastics**

We offer rhythmic and acro-gymnastic classes for ages 5 and up. For info, email h.palmer@shaw.ca, or visit www. rgcalgary.ca.

#### Sportball

Indoor parent-and-child sports program. Ages 2 to 3 with a parent; ages 3 to 5 do not require a parent to attend. Call 403-700-7994, or visit www.sportball.ca/calgary/return-to-play.

#### Stars Basketball (Grades 1 to 6)

Our coaches are trained to promote joy, ignite passion, and develop skills. Suspended until January due to lack of gym availability. Email info@starsathletics.ca.

#### Suzuki Baby

Music classes for ages 0 to 2. Visit www.suzukibaby.ca/.

#### Thunder Basketball (Tykes to U18)

Suspended until January due to lack of gym availability. Visit www.thunderbasketball.ca/.

#### **Youth and Adults**

#### **One Step Ahead Dance Studio**

Ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop. Adult and youth. Contact Melinda at 403-247-3607.

#### Taskai Kai Karate

Youth and adults. Contact Doug at 403-560-4508.

#### **Koala-Tea Conversations**

Student-run English Conversation Club designed to help ESL and native speakers with communication skills while having fun. Ages 12+. 7:00 to 8:00 pm weekly, Fridays in the North Rock Room, Contact koalateaconversations@ amail.com.

#### **Adults and Seniors**

#### **Gentle Yoga**

In-person yoga. Thursdays starting January 12. 10 classes. To register, email savannah.nocera@gmail.com, or call 403-852-5415.

#### **CCECA - NW Chinese Senior Support Group**

#### 卡城華人耆英會西北關懷小組

Drop-in for those who are 50+ and speak Chinese (Cantonese/Mandarin). Contact 403-269-6122.

#### Second Sixties Outdoor Club

Open to age 50+. If you enjoy any of hiking, walking, snowshoeing, X-country skiing or beginner golf, check out www.secondsixties.ca for more information.

#### **Spiritual**

#### **Northwest Community Church**

#### **Calgary True Light Gospel Church**

Chinese Service.

#### **Gospel Church**

Sunday evening services. Visit www.edgemont.ab.ca for details.

#### **ECA Board of Director Meetings**

Third Monday of the month from 7:00 to 10:00 pm. Zoom virtual meeting. Please email secretary@edgemont.ab.ca if you would like to be included in the online meeting.

#### **Upcoming Events and Projects**

Visit to www.edgemont.ab.ca for more information.

#### Landscaping 101

March 22 at 7:00 pm at the Edgemont Community Centre

Learn how to prepare your garden for spring with ELM coordinator Shari Pitka!

#### Spring Handmade Market and Perennial Exchange May 6

Email office@edgemont.ab.ca about vendor tables and to donate perennials for the exchange.

#### AGM

May 11

Email office@edgemont.ab.ca for more information.

#### Mother's Day Tea

May 13

Email office@edgemont.ab.ca.



#### **Soccer Program Registration**

The Edgemont Community Association (ECA) in partnership with Calgary Northside Soccer (CNS), is pleased to announce that registration for the 2023 Outdoor Grassroots Soccer League is now open!

CNS has designed a new and innovative format that provides players with the opportunity to participate in the Calgary Minor Soccer Association (CMSA) league without sacrificing lifestyle while providing a flexible schedule for each family. The program is run by PASS staff. This program is structured towards lifestyle flexibility for those families who have other commitments and need a flexible schedule. The players are taught skills for the first portion then are broken into teams to play a game. The teams may be adjusted at any given day based on player participation; thereby, allowing lifestyle flexibility for the players and families.

The spring program in Edgemont runs the week of April 24 to the end of June. Registration is open at northsidesoccer.ca. If there are sufficient registrants, the community program will be added and posted on the website.

#### A Collaborative Approach to Enhancing Traffic Safety in Residential Communities



The Residential Traffic Safety Unit (RTSU) is a unit created to specifically address residential traffic issues by using feedback from local community

members to develop their response. Their focus is on areas where there is lots of foot traffic, playground zones, and other high-risk locations.

The RTSU welcomes members of the local community to attend community association board meetings to chat about the Traffic Service Request System (TSR). The TSR tool helps Calgary police to monitor and track traffic safety issues. Follow the link to learn more and submit a TSR: www.calgary.ca/cps/traffic/traffic-service-requests.html.

#### **EDGEMONT YOUTH PRESS**

#### **How to be a Good Neighbour!**

Have you ever seen your neighbour struggle with taking in groceries and offered to help? This small deed may just make a person's day and contribute to a better community. There are so many small acts like this that can make someone's day so much better, contribute to a better community, and make yourself feel a little bit better.

We live in Calgary, a snowy, cold city where shoveling takes up just about 20% of your lifespan. If you have senior/elderly neighbours, offer to give a helping hand to clear their driveway/walkway. Be a snow angel!

Pick up your pet's waste. Leaving pet waste lying around not only doesn't look so pretty, but it can also cause parasites, bacteria, and other diseases in other people's pets, especially young animals like puppies. If you have a pet in your home, you should be especially mindful of others, not only for their safety, but for your pet's safety too. If your pet is outside in the backyard, keep your gates locked to avoid your pet escaping.

Another easy way to be a good neighbour is to keep your yard maintained. Everyone wants our community to look beautiful and you can help play a part in that by mowing your lawn and keeping your yard maintenance up to date.

Get to know your neighbour. Introduce yourself! Get to know your neighbours and who lives there. Let your neighbours know if you're going to be away for extended periods so that they can keep an eye out to make sure the house looks all good and safe.

Recognize noise levels. Whether you like hosting large gatherings or renovating your house, be aware of the noise levels during certain hours of the day, late at night, or early in the morning. Keep your noise levels down during the early morning hours and after dinnertime. If you're throwing an evening party at your home, it's courteous to let your neighbours know in case it runs late into the night.

An easy way to be a good neighbour is to help clean up the community whenever you can. Shovel snow off the sidewalks, remove leaves off yards, or collect unwanted litter.











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According to Statistics Canada's latest labour force survey, our province created 20,600 new jobs in January. That means Alberta has created a total of 129,900 jobs since 2021.

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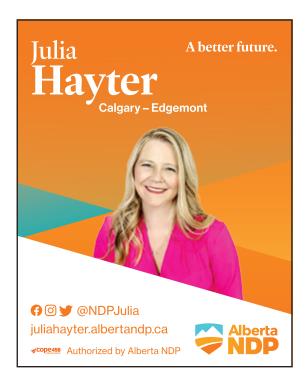
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