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### **Another Successful Pump Track Season**

This was the fourth season for our popular Fairview Pump Track and with quite a few more tracks opening up all over the city it seems that the crowds have thinned out at ours, which is great! The track still saw lots of use this summer and is holding up very well, with the exception of the mulch areas in the middle of the track. The FCA and the City are exploring solutions for those areas, and we had wanted to get that done for this season, but it will have to wait until next year.

The pump track does not officially close for the season, but please remember that no one is out there clearing snow. Ride the track at your own risk and beware of icy sections. We hope to see you again out there on the track when the warm weather returns!



### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Happy New Year Fairviewers!

Thank you for a wonderful year full of community events, connecting with neighbours, and fun volunteer experiences.

In early December, our amazing team of rink volunteers set up boards, tarps, and the seating for our outdoor rink in Flavelle Park. Thanks to all who came out! Volunteers work hard all season to keep the rink in tip-top shape for everyone to enjoy. Please be mindful of other skaters and respect the space. We've included a few tips in this newsletter so we can make the skating experience positive for everyone.

The community association hosted our Bowl with Santa event at Toppler Bowl on December 10. Thanks to our awesome organizers, Melody Eisenbart and Alicia Davis, for coordinating the event. They organized treats and crafts, in addition to all the usual bowling fun! This is a great community event that brings together our residents as well as some local businesses like Candy Multiverse in Acadia Plaza, Olde Fair Popcorn, and of course, Toppler Bowl.

December was a busy month for the City of Calgary Mobility (Roads) team. The damaged curbs and bollards along Fairmount Drive were fixed and concrete repairs were completed. Yellow and black reflective signs have also been added to the bump-out curbs to improve visibility along the route. Fairmount Drive continues to be a busy thoroughfare, providing access to Fairview residents, schools, NaAC, and various businesses along the way.

Do you have an idea for an event in Fairview? Or a suggestion for a newsletter article? Please reach out to me at president@fairviewcommunity.ca.

All the best in 2024!

Megan

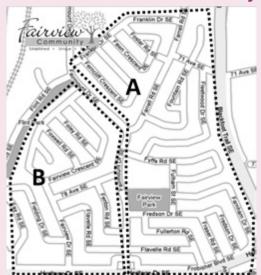


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### That's a Lot of Snow

Scotland has an impressive linguistic flair for describing "skelf," officially documented as part of the Scottish lexicon for capturing the nuanced beauty of snow in its

### **SAFE & SOUND**

### **Sledding Safety**

by Alberta Health Services

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) would like to remind parents and children about a few toboggan/sledding safety tips as the winter season continues. Injuries may result from collisions with stationary objects on the hill, such as trees, poles, rocks, or even collisions with other people. Unprotected falls can also result in more serious injury if you lose control at high speeds. However, everyone can be safe and have fun on the toboggan hill by following these reminders.

### **Equipment**

- Always ensure your toboggan, or sledding device, is in good repair. Inspect it for any damaged or missing parts before each use.
- Be certain the operator is fully capable of staying in control of the sled at all times.
- Wear a ski helmet, designed for use in cold weather and high speeds.

#### Hazards

- Avoid hills that are too steep or too icy.
- Choose hills free of all obstacles such as trees, rocks, utility poles, benches, or fences.
- Beware of loose scarves, or clothing containing drawstrings, which could present a strangulation hazard if they become caught or snagged.
- Look out for others. Move quickly to the side after finishing a run and stay to the side of the sliding path when walking up the hill.
- Children should be supervised by an adult; never toboggan alone.
- Tobogganing at night is not advised.

#### Plan Ahead

- Dress warmly in layers and anticipate weather changes.
- Consider bringing extra sets of gloves and toques to exchange wet garments for dry ones.
- Take breaks out of the cold to warm up.
- Attempt to cover any exposed skin.
- Even when properly protected from the elements, the fingertips, toes, ears, the tip of the nose, and other high points on the face, such as the forehead and cheek bones can be affected by frostbite.
- If frost bite has occurred, treat it by first removing the individual out of the cold environment. Gently warm the affected skin by placing a warm hand over it, or by placing the affected part in warm - not hot - water, until re-warmed.

### **UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS**

### Fairview Community Association Board Meeting Location TBA

- Tuesday, February 6, 2024, 7:00 pm
- Tuesday, March 5, 2024, 7:00 pm

Board meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month (with some exceptions). All members are welcome and encouraged to attend by contacting secretary@ fairviewcommunity.ca.

### **Fairview Community 2024 Events**

2024 promises to be a busy and exciting year in Fairview! The community association has tentatively planned the events calendar below. If there is an event you would like to participate in, either by volunteering the day of or helping to plan, please reach out to us at office@ fairviewcommunity.ca.

\*Exact dates will be confirmed closer to the event. Our social media platforms and website will be updated with finalized dates, and event details will be shared in the newsletter and through our email updates. To sign up for email updates, go to fairviewcommunity.ca/subscribe.

Event	Location	Date	
Winter Festival	Flavelle Park Rink	February 11, 2024	
SeaCan painting	Sparking Lot	April (weather permitting)	
Membership Drive	Fairview Community	April 5 to 14, 2024	
Parade of Garage Sales	Fairview Community	April TBA	
Spring Fling	NaAC Parking Lot	May 5, 2024	
Bottle Drive	Fairview Community	May 11, 2024	
Annual General Meeting	Flavelle Park	June 4, 2024	
Wine & Cheese	TBD	Mid-June	
Movie in the Park	Flavelle Park	September 13, 2024	
Outdoor Rink Set Up	Flavelle Park	November to December	
Fairview Lights Festival	Fairview Community	Mid - December	
Bowling with Santa	Toppler Bowl	December 8, 2024	

Do you have an idea for a community program or event? Contact any board member or email events@ fairviewcommunity.ca.

### **Sparking Lot Update**

The permit for the sea-can container came through just in time before it got snowy! It's not the best-looking container now, but it will be in the spring. We are slated to be the first spring project for local Acadia painter Tough Painting. Fairview artist Billie Rae Busby provided the committee with some gorgeous options to choose from, and the winner is shown below. If the palette looks familiar, it's because we used these colours for the picnic tables when we had our midsummer Paint Night!

If you have question or suggestions for the Sparking Lot, reach out to the Beautification Committee at beauty@ fairviewcommunity.ca.

Alicia Davis

**Beautification Committee Chair** 



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### **Bowling with Santa Recap**

On Sunday December 10, 2023, the FCA hosted Bowling with Santa at Toppler Bowl. The event was well attended with over sixty bowlers and many kids who had a chance to visit with Santa. We were fortunate to have received funding from Ward Community Event Fund, which allowed us to send all the kids home with a snowman ornament craft and treats from local vendors, Olde Fair Popcorn and Candy Multiverse.

The event was well organized by Melody Eisenbart and Alicia Davis. Megan Federow, Les Sorenson, and Ralph Schempp were on hand the day of the event to help out.

Thank you to everyone who came down to Toppler Bowl to take part, and all the organizers, volunteers, and supporters! It is great to see so many people out to enjoy community events, we are looking forward to our next event!







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### Flavelle Park Adopt-A-Rink Reminders

Welcome to the 2024 rink season at Flavelle Park! Everyone is welcome to use the rinks, which are set up and maintained by a dedicated crew of volunteers and funded by the community association and the City of Calgary.

Here are a few reminders so everyone can enjoy the skating experience.

- 1. Follow all posted rules and regulations. Pay attention to any signs or notices posted at the rink and follow them accordingly. These rules are in place to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all skaters.
- **2. Wear appropriate attire.** Dress warmly and wear appropriate clothing for skating, including gloves, hats, and warm socks. It is also recommended to wear a helmet for added safety, especially for children.
- **3. Keep a safe distance from other skaters.** Maintain a safe distance from other skaters to prevent accidents and collisions. Be aware of your surroundings and be considerate of other skaters' space.
- **4. Use the right ice rink.** The smaller rink is for beginner skaters, and the larger for more experienced ones. You are welcome to use both, but please be aware of who is on the ice with you for safety and a fun experience.
- 5. No rough play or excessive speed. Avoid engaging in rough play or skating at excessive speeds that may endanger yourself or others. Skating should be done in a controlled and safe manner.
- 6. No food or drinks on the ice. Do not bring food or drinks onto the ice surface. This helps to keep the ice clean and prevents accidents caused by spills.
- 7. No smoking or alcohol. Outdoor skating rinks are typically smoke-free and alcohol-free zones. Smoking and consuming alcohol are not permitted.
- **8. The fire pit is available for all to use.** Please clean up the space after you are done, or the next day if it gets too late in the evening. Follow the fire pit safety rules.
- **9. Report any hazards or maintenance issues.** If you notice any hazards or maintenance issues, such as uneven ice or broken boards, report them to rink@ fairviewcommunity.ca.

**10. Respect the rink and its surroundings.** Treat the outdoor skating rink with respect. Do not litter, vandalize, or damage any property. Keep the area clean and enjoyable for everyone.

If you have concerns or questions, or see damage or unsafe conditions, please reach out to our Rink Master at rink@ fairviewcommunity.ca.





### **Found in Fairview**

### **Working Dog: Part 3**

Take your mind back to the spring, warm weather, budding flowers, and Dexter! Dexter is the guide dog in training for CNIB we wrote about several months ago. Likely, you saw Melody, Dave or one of the kids walking him around, training him and getting him ready for his next adventure - a move to Ontario! In September, Dexter left for the CNIB Canine Campus in Carleton, Ontario. It was time for the move to the canine campus, since he had learned everything he could here from the Eisenbart family.

When Dexter moved to Carleton, he moved in with a trainer named Mallory. Mallory spent about five weeks with Dexter fine tuning all the commands he had learned here and teaching some new commands: looking left and right, stopping at curbs, and finding little detours around sidewalk obstructions. According to Melody, only five weeks in the second step of the program is quite unheard of. Usually, it takes three months for dogs to master this level of training. Way to go Dexter!

Dexter's final step is learning from a Guide Dog Mobility Instructor. He will be taught to go around obstacles and through mazes. He will also learn to be more confident crossing roads and continue to fine-tune all the other commands he has learned. And, very importantly, he will continue to build his confidence.

Once the Mobility Instructor feels that Dexter is ready, he will be matched with a visually impaired person. This is Dexter's ultimate goal!

Occasionally, dogs, like humans, get overwhelmed with what is being asked of them, and they cannot cope with the pressure. If this is the case, the dogs will be sent on different paths. They can become a buddy dog, working with kids up to 16, getting them used to a guide dog. The other path is becoming a CNIB Ambassador Dog. In this role, the dog will go around to events and promote the guide dog program at CNIB.

It's pretty unlikely that Dexter will ever be back at his first home. I asked Melody how she felt about this. She has mixed feelings. She is thrilled that Dexter is doing so well, but he is missed around the house.

The Eisenbarts are not ready to take on another dog full time yet, but they are boarding dogs for the CNIB when people go on holiday, or just need a break. So, you won't

see Dexter and his yellow vest in the neighbourhood anymore, but you may see some other working dogs!

If you or someone you know would like to be featured in Found in Fairview please email michelle.stensrud@fairviewcommunity.ca.

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