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RESIDENT PERSPECTIVES



Carolyn's Corner: Plan Your Front Yard Edible Garden

Get ready to move your vegetable garden beyond the back yard this year. In many cases, the front yard may be the only place with the full sun needed for tomatoes. strawberries, squash, peppers, and other delicious edible plants.

Concerns about what the neighbours might think prevents some homeowners from planting in their front yard. Consider telling them your plans in advance with a pledge to keep the garden neat and attractive. Another concern in planting front yard edibles is that passersby might take the produce. You may lose the odd tomato, strawberry or handful of raspberries, but will be surprised at how respectful of your plantings people are.

From self-watering heirloom cedar planters to in-ground galvanized in all shapes and sizes, to small space layered garden boxes, you can grow above or in the ground. Squeeze something in between driveways. Create interesting patterns in the middle of the yard with geometric shapes. You might choose circles or a series of rectangles and squares to create a formal pattern like those found on old European estates. Utilize paths made out of brick, stump rounds, flagstone, or just mulch, to ensure safe and clean movement through the area.

When well-designed and well-tended, a vegetable garden can be attractive enough to serve as a focal point of the landscape. The key is providing structure for the layout. Remember that fruit trees, bushes, and herbs all combine to create 'stories' in the garden. Plant colourful vegetable varieties, flowering shrubs, striking perennials, spring bulbs, and ornamental grasses for year-round interest. Consider leaving a strip of grass along the sidewalk to blend into adjoining yards.... and to keep the veggie snatchers at bay!



This attractive front yard in SW Calgary proves that with purposeful planning, you can create a functional and beautiful vegetable garden right in the middle of your street. Photo compliments of Kathy Cameron.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

Knitting Lessons

Knitting Lessons on Saturday afternoons in May and June. All classes are from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Dates are June 3 and June 10

The cost is \$50 and community membership is required.

Drop-in is now available, if you want to come for partial attendance, the charge is then \$14 per drop-in.

If you don't have a membership, one can be readily purchased from the office. The cost is \$25.

To register, email the hall at parklandca@telus.net.

We need four registrants to make this class a go.

If you have any questions regarding suitable projects, or any questions at all, feel free to email the hall at parklandca@telus.net or phone 403-278-5330.

New! Farm Stand Coming to Parkland

Parkland will be host to Shirley's Greenhouse! Shirley's greenhouse grows and sells cucumbers, tomatoes, hot peppers, bell peppers, butter lettuce, and kale.

Upcoming dates are June 3, 10, and 17, and 24

Time: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm Location: Parkland Hall

Volunteer Tea

Saturday, June 10 from noon to 2:00 pm

As mentioned before, we could not put on our programs and events without the help of volunteers. Therefore, we are having our first annual volunteer tea at the hall. The intent is to recognize the efforts of our volunteers whilst enjoying a light luncheon and cake! So that we can compile a complete list, please contact the hall at parklandca@telus.net to add your name to the list. RSVPs will be emailed in late May.

Parage of Garage Sales June 17

Parkland Community Association is thrilled to announce this year's Parade of Garage Sales on June 17 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, sponsored by Jamie Newton and Associates. To register for the garage sale, go to www.jamienewton.ca/map and give your address, name, and telephone number.

What's included in the registration:

- Garage sale sign
- Advertisement on a neighbourhood bold sign
- Advertisement on the online map
- Advertisement on the "Yard Sale Treasure Map" application in the Apple or Google app stores
- Advertisement on the printed map available for pick up at the hall

Canada Day Save The Date!

Parkland Annual Canada Celebration. Car parade and new this year, rodeo!

Car Parade starts at 10:30 am

Food: 11:30 am to 2:00 pm

Where: Parkland Hall

When: July 1

Food and rodeo fun for all ages!

This event is free, and donations are welcome.

Embrace the Outdoors

A huge thank you to Parks Foundation Calgary and the City of Calgary for helping our community Embrace the Outdoors and be able to spend time outdoors this upcoming summer. We now have a new picnic table facing the community garden which is also wheelchair accessible. Being able to sit outside and connect with community members and neighbours alike is so important. Thank you, Parks Foundation.

The Role of Community Associations – Did You Know?

In Calgary, there are 152 community associations that stand for almost 200 neighbourhoods. More than 20,000 community association volunteers contribute approximately 2.4 million hours (about 274 years) of public service every year to organize and host social, recreational, and educational programs. They manage important neighbourhood facilities and are also often points of contact for local land use changes—providing engagement with the community beyond what is required by the city. Perhaps most importantly, they give a sense of community.

Parkland Babysitting Co-op

A long-standing community group known fondly as the Babysitting Co-op has been dormant for over four years. The final members recently met for coffee to discuss the questions: What was and what happened to the Babysitting Co-op? For those of you not familiar, the "Co-op" started in the mid-1970s with women swapping free daytime babysitting. Additionally, families made great community connections and food and peer support was generously shared during times of stress or emergency. Fast forward 40 years and the Co-op was still going strong, operating much the same as it had when it began. The purpose, clearly stated in the 2014 Bylaws was "to assist members in the care of their children while exemplifying the true spirit of cooperation." Women who were involved with the Co-op worked hard to create a meaningful group; procedures and policies were carefully drafted and updated as time went on.

Members were part of committees to address various aspects of the Co-op. Friendships became cemented for life. Kids played. Families felt a sense of belonging. As the final members of the Co-op, we worked hard, as many had before us, to recruit new families to join but there were no families, and no swapping of childcare. Over two years, we tried to spread the word to friends, neighbours, and strangers. Unfortunately, at the time we were not able to gather enough commitment to operate as an official group. We swapped childcare for the last time as a group of four or five families in the spring of 2018.

If this sounds like something you'd be interested in being part of, gather a few friends together (maybe even some dads or other caregivers!). If you'd like to peruse the old Policies and Procedures, Jenn Stone, at the Park 96 office, would be more than happy to make a copy for you.



Parkland Cares

Parkland Cares is a community-based organization of families and neighbours committed to helping others.

Come and help us build Care Kits! Until June 9, Parkland Cares will be partnering with our friends at Bonavista Cares for a new initiative. During Pride month, we will be collecting items and filling toiletry bags for The Skipping Stone Foundation. We are thrilled to be supporting this organization which provides a judgement-free safe environment for all.

Here are the items we would love to have you donate: soap, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner, combs/ brushes, toothpaste/brushes, coffee gift cards, transit pass booklets, and small toiletry bags. Contact the community hall for drop off information.

As always, we invite community members to join our planning team, don't be shy - we welcome your collaboration and shared ideas for other great community building initiatives.

We look forward to having you join any of our upcoming events.





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The Calgary Parkland Community Association is looking for volunteers for our Casino on June 4 & 5th, 2023 at the Deerfoot Inn and Casino.

This casino is a primary fund raising effort for the CPCA community association and helps us continue many of our programs and events.

If you can volunteer for a 8 or 4 hour shift please email parklandca@telus.net or call 403-278-5330

No experience necessary

PARKLAND HALL WEEKLY CALENDAR

MAIN ROOM:			
MONDAYS	9:00 am to noon	Parkland Preschool	403-225-0083
	11:30 am to 12:30 pm	My Tai Chi	403-271-9658
	8:00 am to 9:30 pm	Karate (private booking)	
TUESDAYS	9:00 am to noon	Parkland Preschool	403-225-0083
	1:15 to 3:00 pm	Bliss Yoga	rosemary@blissyogacalgary.ca
	5:30 to 7:45 pm	Sparks and Brownies	403-283-8348
	8:00 to 9:00 pm	Available for booking	403-278-5330
WEDNESDAYS	9:00 am to noon	Parkland Preschool	403-225-0083
	11:30 am to 12:30 pm	My Tai Chi	403-271-9658
	1:00 to 5:00 pm	Available for booking	403-278-5330
	5:15 to 6:15 pm	Vanshaw Dance Academy	vanshawacademy@gmail.com
	6:15 to 7:30 pm	Harvest International Baptist Church	403-616-7597
THURSDAYS	9:00 am to noon	Parkland Preschool	403-225-0083
	1:00 to 5:30 pm	Available for booking	403-278-5330
	6:00 to 7:30 pm	ZenShinDoDo - Youth Karate	403-860-1253
	7:30 to 9:00 pm	ZenShinDoDo - Women's Karate	403-860-1253
FRIDAYS	9:00 am to noon	Parkland Preschool	403-225-0083
	11:30 am to 12:30 pm	My Tai Chi	403-271-9658
	1:00 to 7:00 pm	Available for booking	403-278-5330
	7:00 to 9:30 pm	Baha'i Community of Calgary	403-278-7307
		(Two Fridays a month)	
SATURDAYS	10:00 to 11:00 am	Shakthi Shethralaya Indian Classical Dance	403-667-7689
	11:00 to close	Available for booking	403-278-5330
SUNDAYS	8:30 am to 3:00 pm	Harvest International Baptist Church	403-616-7597
MEETING ROOM:			
MONDAYS	9:00 am to 6:00 pm	Available for booking	403-278-5330
	7:00 to 8:00 pm	Al Anon	403-266-5850
TUESDAYS	5:30 to 7:45 pm	Sparks and Brownies	403-283-8348
	8:00 to 9:00 pm	Available for booking	403-278-5330
WEDNESDAYS	9:00 am to 6:00 pm	Available for booking	403-278-5330
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	7:00 to 9:00 pm	Parkland Board meeting (Last Thursday of each month)	403-278-5330
	7:00 to 9:30 pm	Bow View Ringette (Second Thursday of each month)	www.bowviewringette.com
FRIDAYS	11:00 am to 1:00 pm	Art Journaling/Scrapbooking (Third Friday of each month)	403-803-5336
	1:00 to 3:00 pm	Parkland Book Club (Third Friday of each month)	403-278-5462
	6:00 to 8:00 pm	Art journaling/scrap booking (One Friday a month)	403-803-5336
	7:00 to 9:30 pm	Baha'i Community of Calgary (Two Fridays a month)	403-278-7307
SATURDAYS	11:00 am to 1:00 pm	Knitting Classes	403-278-5330

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