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## Glendale Toy Drive and Santa Visit

Despite the freezing temperatures, you may have seen Santa making his way through Glendale on December 17, complete with a police escort and carolers! Thank you to everyone who came out to see the big guy himself, and donated toys and books for children in need. If you missed Santa's recent Glendale visit, put a note in your calendar for December—this event has become an annual tradition in our community. Thank you to Carolers for Charity, who entertained throughout the parade, and to Calgary Police Service Constable, Misha Lariviere, who led the parade.



## Lights of Glendale Contest Winners

Congratulations to Jane and Al Belyk, of Kelwood Crescent, who won the annual Lights of Glendale contest! Jane and Al have lived in this house for nearly 50 years and have been awarded a free one-year community association membership for their festive holiday efforts.



## Shinny Hockey is Back

Come on down to the rink and join a game! If you're interested in volunteering to join the Glendale rink crew, please contact Kevin at [kceike@gmail.com](mailto:kceike@gmail.com).



## Coming Soon – Glendale's Community Winter Fun Day

It's almost here! On Saturday, January 21, 2023, we will celebrate Glendale's Community Winter Fun Day! Skating, tobogganing, and 3-on-3 ringette and hockey will be happening at our community hall grounds from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. And of course, connecting with your fellow neighbours. So, grab your skates, sled, and join us! If you're able to volunteer, please contact Myles Trawick at [mylestrawick@gmail.com](mailto:mylestrawick@gmail.com) and stay tuned to our social media channels or visit <https://myglendale.ca/> for updates.





## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Residents Encouraged to Join Debate on Westbrook LAP at Council on January 17

The Westbrook Communities Local Area Plan (LAP) was passed at the Infrastructure and Planning Committee in December and will be debated at Calgary City Council on January 17 before final approval is given to the new policy. The Glendale Community Association still has concerns with the plan's vision of Glendale as a neighbourhood developed with semi-detached homes, row housing, and four-storey apartment blocks.

The Glendale Community Association agrees that more density is needed in our community and has offered a plan that triples the number of homes in our community by focusing density on the perimeter streets of the community. We believe the community's ideas have not been given proper consideration and the plan should be revisited before final approval is given. Glendale's full plan can be viewed at [www.myglendale.ca](http://www.myglendale.ca).

While we do not claim to speak for every resident, our association continues to advocate to protect the R-C1 character of properties in the community's interior.

January 17 is the final time that Glendale residents will have an opportunity to voice their opinion on the plan and we are encouraging residents to sign up to speak at council, either in person or online at [Calgary.ca](http://Calgary.ca).

*Chris Welner, President, Glendale Community Association*



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## NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Neighbours,

Happy New Year! I hope 2023 has been treating you well so far.

As a new piece in the Thumper for our new year, I'd like to introduce the Community Art section. You can find the first submission on page 11 of this edition. This first piece was done by my five-year-old daughter, but we will be featuring art from community members of all ages.

So, if you have a piece you would like to share, please email a photo to my address below and see your artwork displayed in the next Thumper!

Until next time,

*Kendra Horosko, Editor*

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## Call for Glendale Stories

### STORIES ENRICH OUR LIVES

The Glendale/Glendale Meadows community is full of stories waiting to come alive on the pages of this newsletter to be shared with our neighbours. We are always looking for content submitted by our local community members.

Even if you don't have a specific story to share in the Thumper, you can still contribute by:

- Submitting a recipe (and perhaps photo) for "Recipe Corner"
- Sending in a photo and write-up on your pet for "Pets of Glendale"
- Submitting a picture of artwork that you, or a child in your life, has created.

Please e-mail submissions and questions to Thumper Editor, Kendra Horosko at [thumpereditor@yahoo.ca](mailto:thumpereditor@yahoo.ca).



# Baking Soda Biscuits

*Submitted by Kendra Horosko*

I've held on to this biscuit recipe for many years. It's fast and easy to put together, and these biscuits are excellent paired with a hot bowl of soup on a winter's day. For a delicious variation, add ½ cup of shredded cheddar cheese and 2 tablespoons of chopped fresh chives before adding the milk.

## Ingredients

- 2 cups all-purpose flour, spooned and leveled
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/3 cup butter (or dairy-free alternative)
- 1 to 1 ¼ cups milk (cow, almond, oat, or otherwise)

## Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 425°F (220°C). Line a cookie sheet with parchment paper and set aside.
2. Whisk together flour, baking powder, and salt in a bowl. Cut in butter with a knife or pastry blender until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Gradually add in milk, ½ cup at a time, until you have a batter that is too wet to knead.
3. Using two spoons, grab batter in golf ball-sized clumps and place in rows on parchment paper-lined cookie sheet.
4. Bake in the preheated oven until golden brown for about 15 minutes.



This handsome boy is Lou Dog (Lou). He is a seven-year-old Dalmatian who lives with his family on Glenwood Drive. You may see him around the neighbourhood; he loves going for runs and walks in our community.



*To have your pet featured in an upcoming edition of the Thumper, please send a photo and short write-up to [thumpereditor@yahoo.ca](mailto:thumpereditor@yahoo.ca).*



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The next meeting will be held on Wednesday,  
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All residents are welcome to attend. Please email [president@myglendale.ca](mailto:president@myglendale.ca) for the meeting link.

# Multigenerational Glendale Members

by Kendra Horosko

In 1954, Rob Dyer's grandmother bought a brand-new house on Glenwood Drive. Her daughter, Ann, who was raised in that house, has many fond memories of growing up in Glendale.

Ann recalls that when her mother bought the house, Glendale was at the edge of the city. There were no houses west of theirs. As young teenagers, Ann and her friends would spend many Sunday afternoons at her Glendale home, playing crib together and drinking pots of tea. To this day, over 60 years later, these same friends still meet up monthly for a visit.

Ann's mother lived in that same house until she passed away in 2003. At that point, the house was rented to her nephew for two years and is now owned by Ann's son Rob and his wife Andrea, who completed a beautiful renovation in 2009.

As part of the renovation process, they excavated the hill in the back, built retaining walls and a garage, and lifted the house.

Rob remembers spending a lot of time at his grandmother's house as a kid and is grateful to be living in that same house now. Together, Rob and Andrea are glad to be living in Glendale, a community that they both love.



*Rob and Andrea's Glenwood Drive home prior to their 2009 renovation.*



*Andrea, Rob, and their dog Roxie in front of their renovated 1954 bungalow.*





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Dear Neighbours,

Your government is working hard to support you. In fact, in 2022 the government's commitment to fiscal discipline and economic growth allowed for unprecedented economic development and recovery. However, some of Alberta's most vulnerable communities are still struggling. To help these Albertans, the government is working on Bill 2. Upon successful passage, Bill 2 will increase supports for individuals on Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH), Persons with Developmental Disabilities (PDD), and Income Support monthly benefits. As an example, AISH recipients will see their benefits indexed to inflation, and will receive six monthly payments of \$100, for a total of \$600 in additional support.

I've also heard from many seniors and families that the rising cost of living has had an impact on your day-to-day life. Government is focused on finding solutions that will make a real difference. That's why we're raising the Alberta Senior's Benefit and the Alberta Child and Family Benefit. Families and seniors with household incomes below \$180,000 per year will receive six monthly payments of \$100, for a total of \$600 in additional financial support for seniors and \$100 per dependant child under 18 years of age.

Your government understands the far-reaching impact that this inflation-driven affordability crisis is having on all Albertans. As a result, we have extended the Fuel Tax Relief Program, pausing the 13-cent provincial fuel tax so you can save at the pumps. Also, we expanded the Electricity Rebate Program, putting up to \$500 back into the pockets of Albertans, and we're reindexing personal income tax, meaning most people will receive a higher refund or owe less tax for 2022. But we're not stopping there. Government is also helping low-income Albertans with the cost of transit and providing millions of dollars to Food Banks supporting those most in need.

As we head into a new year, know that I will continue working hard to support you and our entire community here in Calgary-Currie. I hope you had the opportunity to spend time with loved ones over the holidays and I wish you and your family all the best for a healthy and prosperous new year.

*Nicholas Milliken MLA*

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## The Secret Life of Calgary Critters

Article by Monika Smith

City ecologists Vanessa Carney and Jacob Weiller talked about the work that is being done by the City to activate open spaces for Calgarians and enhance biodiversity through monitoring, restoration, and conservation. The City is working to restore Calgary's ecological network for the benefit of all citizens (humans and wildlife alike). Natural environments provide many social, economic, and environmental benefits and are important for biodiversity conservation and climate adaptation. The day of just green lawn grass, a few shrubs, some fast-growing trees, and ignoring insects, birds, mammals, and other critters in city parks and public spaces is in the rear-view mirror. Critters that call Calgary home have been and continue to be monitored to find out what's in our parks, road allowances, and yards.

A lively discussion with participants about the recent sightings of bobcats in Glendale offered a warning to stay further back and even make noise to have them back off and become wary of humans. Older cats confidently stroll our streets, sit on fences, and lounge in backyards. However, as Vanessa stated, a momma bobcat with young kittens will attack and fight to the death to protect her babies. What mom wouldn't? Be careful.

One of the key messages of Vanessa's talk: if something moves, call 311! The City loves to hear from Calgarians when they see wild species in and around the city, as it helps the City design a better parks system for citizens, wildlife, and the environment.

Habit loss and fragmentation impact species, so, how can the City conserve biodiversity and plan a bit better in new developments? Calgary is expected to grow between 40,000 and 80,000 people per year and has grown from 40 km<sup>2</sup> in 1951 to 400 km<sup>2</sup> in 2010. The City has been learning about wildlife through various resources, such as 311 (tens of thousands of calls), Fish and Wildlife Management Information System (FWMIS), Calgary Captured/Connect, and research (pollinators, amphibians).

311 reports range from the unbelievable—alligators—to the dangerous and large with the calls often providing a 'trail' on a sighting, such as moose. Then there are peacocks from the zoo that do walkabouts or escaped lamas. Calgary Captured (cameras were set up for three years and are now completed, across 19 parks, and positioned off the beaten track), which collected 100,000s of images that were submitted to Zooniverse. Some 90,000 events were classified, and half came from Calgarians.

The study answered: who is using the parks and what parks are supporting a variety of wildlife. Learnings? 76% of sightings were of humans and dogs, which were often off-leash and on their own, 18% were deer, 5% were coyotes, and 1% were 'other,' for example moose, red fox, bobcat, black bear, raccoon, and porcupine. There was a substantial loss of cameras—most were removed by humans and a few beavers took away a whole tree with a camera attached. It was also noted that wildlife was shifting their activities to avoid humans and pets.

These ongoing surveys and reports are helping the City understand the various local ecologies, enhance biodiversity, and create comfortable spaces for critters that call Calgary home.

Until next time,

Monika's Grove

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*Calgary's iconic moose, which occasionally wander into residential areas, photographed in July 2020.*



*People and off-leash dogs were captured regularly on cameras in areas not permitting dogs and/or requiring them to be leashed. Based on the results of the study, it was discovered that several species of wildlife would shift their park use patterns to avoid people and pets.*

## Community Art

This happy picture was drawn by 5-year-old Ophelia. She wanted to remind everyone that spring will be here before we know it!



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## One Odd Animal



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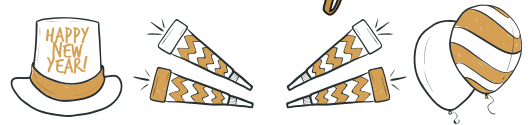
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