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President's Message



National Volunteer Week in 2025 was April 27 to May 3. This year's theme was "Volunteers Make Waves" and we certainly know that's the case in Edgemont. Each individual volunteer contribution creates momentum and has the power to influence and inspire, joining in a wave of positive change (reference: [Volunteer.ca/national-volunteer-week/](https://www.volunteer.ca/national-volunteer-week/)). ECA celebrated our volunteers with a Volunteer Recognition Supper on May 2 to thank those who selflessly give hours of their time to help ECA achieve its mission to foster a sense of community; to provide a leadership forum; and to enhance social, cultural, and recreational opportunities for the residents of our neighbourhood in a fiscally responsible manner.

We are hoping some residents are following our Community Asset Mapping Project. Join us for a Jane's Walk on Saturday, May 3 from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm, starting at the Edgemont Community Centre entrance! As part of our Community Asset Mapping project, we'll explore hidden gems in Edgemont and connect with neighbours. Sign-up isn't required but helps us plan—watch the ECA website and socials for the link. Questions? Contact Joey at joanne@edgemont.ab.ca.

The City of Calgary hosted a pathway cleanup from May 2 to 4. Thanks to those who volunteered to help with these cleanup efforts.

Mother's Day Tea will be held on Saturday, May 10. Tickets are available from the website or by calling the ECA office at 403-239-1211. This year's theme is "Tea at the Sea." I wonder if we'll have any mermaids or mermen sipping tea with us? Thanks to a sponsorship from Dabs Fashola of One Percent Realty we will feature a photobooth with a themed backdrop. Attendees will go home with a strip of photos as a memento of the event. Thanks to Friends Café for working with us on the catering. There will be fresh scones with cream and jam to complement other savoury and sweet treats. We expect to hear music courtesy of Musicworks Canada – Edgemont. Volunteers will act as servers for the afternoon. Special thanks to Esther and the ECA office team for their help organizing this event!

I'm hoping members are planning to attend the AGM on May 15. Doors open at 7:00 pm with the meeting called to order at 7:30 pm. I know that AGMs aren't at the top of the list when it comes to exciting social events, but we need the input of members to continue with programming that is community relevant and to monitor the use of community resources. If you are interested in serving on the Board, contact Rick at rick@edgemont.ab.ca. The agenda and other supporting documents will be circulated prior to the meeting and also posted on the website.

Looking forward, mark your calendars for June 28 (to be confirmed) for the ECA Stampede Breakfast. We are still looking for some pancake flippers/cooks. Contact Tina at volunteers@edgemont.ab.ca if you can help out that morning.

That's the news for May!

Pamela Wilson

President



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2025 Summer Camps at Edgemont!

Mr. D's Awesome Summer Teen Drama Camp

Grade 6 to 12 | July 7 to 11 | 9:00 am to 3:00 pm daily

Back with over 20 years of amazing summer memories behind us this drama camp is active, exciting, and awesome. Our high-tech play will take us on an amazing adventure to Jurassic Park.

We will play "Jurassic Park Survivor" with awesome new drama games, dino challenges, and prizes for everyone. Camp t-shirts, T-Rex talent show with Gigantosaurus Donuts, summer comic book day, and Mr. D's awesome cooking show and more surprises are all on the menu. Lights, camera, action! Let's make a summer camp movie too. All of our families and friends are invited to our big show Friday afternoon. Your favourite camp counsellors are back too.

Registration starts May 1 online. Register early as this camp sells out fast.

Mr. D's Awesome Summer Drama Camp from a Galaxy Far, Far Away

Ages 8 to 15 | July 14 to 18 | 9:00 am to 3:00 pm daily

Calling all Jedi to the Edgemont community centre. Light sabres and pod racers will ignite the summer full of fun and energy. We bring back the best of the past and all new games, prop building, magic and fun you do not want to miss out. It's a week of awesome Jedi Challenges, amazing races, Bounty Hunter games with special guests, comics, and dramatic good times. Our stage play will be off the charts with lights, sound, and you, the star! We'll have our own Sci-Fi Convention. Don't miss the movie day, death star donuts, awesome camp t-shirts, and Amp - your friendly neighbourhood Stormtrooper.

Registration starts May 1 online. Register early as this camp sells out fast.

Registration Fee is \$265.

Little Medical School

July 21 to 25 | 9:00 am to 4:00 pm | Little Veterinarian School Summer Camp: Future Dog and Cat Veterinarians | Ages 6 to 11

July 28 to August 1 | 9:00 am to 4:00 pm | Future Medics Summer Camp: Wilderness Medicine and Sports Medicine | Ages 6 to 11

August 11 to 15 | 9:00 am to 4:00 pm | Little Doctor School Summer Camp: Calling All Future Doctors | Ages 6 to 11

Register at www.littlemedicalschool.com/calgary | calgary@littlemedicalschool.com | 403-755-2151 | Check our FB page: www.facebook.com/littlemedicalschoolcalgary

Polyglots Summer Camps

Join us for a fulfilling learning experience this summer with our imaginary adventures and learn French or Spanish. No previous language experience required. Full of fun activities, games, arts and crafts, and language learning.

July 21 to 25 | Kids vs The Wild | 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday | Weekly Tuition: \$320

July 28 to August 1 | Natural Wonders and Curiosities | Half Day | Weekly Tuition: \$165

Kids vs The Wild

What if you were lost in the jungle or stranded on a deserted island? Discover the incredible true story of teens shipwrecked on a remote island and four brave children who survived the Colombian rainforest alone. This engaging week combines outdoor adventures with hands-on learning. Campers will create art using natural materials, identify plants, practice knot-tying, build shelters, and navigate marked paths.

The language focus will be on expressing needs and mastering essential survival vocabulary—all while having fun outdoors!

Natural Wonders and Curiosities

Half Day | 9:00 am to 12:00 pm or 1:00 to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday | Weekly Tuition: \$165

Embark on an exciting journey to explore the natural wonders and curiosities of our world! This week, children will discover the incredible wildlife from lemurs and chameleons in Madagascar to pudu and Patagonian mara in South America. They will learn the importance of protecting endangered species and environmental conservation. We'll explore ancient cave art and create our own cave paintings. Through exciting games, creative art projects, and outdoor activities, this week is packed with curiosity and adventure!

Email: contact@polyglots.ca. Telephone: 587-287-8979.

Sewing Camp

July 7 to 11 | 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Contact Karolina: goldynstudio@gmail.com.

Mad Science Camps

Robots, Gizmos, and Gadgets | July 7 to 11 | 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Mad Science Mayhem | July 28 to August 1 | 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

ABAITC Coding Summer Camps

Minecraft Game Development Course | 9:00 am to 3:00 pm | Daily, July 7 to 11 and July 14 to 18

Python Programming Class | 9:00 am to 3:00 pm | Daily, August 11 to 15 and July 18 to 22

Contact June: 587-926-9005. Email: aitech201905@gmail.com.

Calgary Stars Basketball Camps

July 7 to 11 | 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

August 8 to 22 | 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

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ECA EVENTS & PROGRAMMING

Location of events and programs are at the Edgemont Community Association unless otherwise specified.

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.

Please note that some programs are only offered during the school year while others are year round.

Self-Development and Healthy Living

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

AL-Anon Family Group Meeting

Support for friends and family of alcoholics. Thursdays at 10:00 am in the Boardroom. For more information, email livingthelegacies@gmail.com or call 403-266-5850.

Good Food Box

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Email GFB@edgemont.ab.ca for information.

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.

Fencing Calgary

Learn to play the fencing way! Programs for children and youth aged 7 to 14. Equipment included. Visit www.fencingcalgary.com.

Art Drawing Class, STC Arts

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

ABAITC

AI Junior Coding Class | For more information or to register call 587-926-9005 or email aitech201905@gmail.com | abaitc.org.

Calgary Minor Basketball Association (CMBA)

CMBA provides basketball opportunities for youth in and around Calgary that is fair and safe. Visit www.cmba.ab.ca/ for more information.

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.

Junior Philatelists (Stamp Club for Youth)

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)

<https://www.mavericksfootballclub.com>

Rhythmic Gymnastics

We offer rhythmic and acro gymnastic classes for ages 5 and up. For information, 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. Email info@starsathletics.ca.

Suzuki Baby

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Thunder Basketball

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Youth and Adults

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Seiwa Kai Karate

Seiwa Kai Karate was established in Calgary in 1979. Presently, the club has five branches located in northwest and southwest Calgary. The club offers classes for beginners, children, and adults. All students of Seiwa Kai Karate are members of the National Karate Association and Karate Alberta Association. Email info@seiwakai.ca or call 403-560-4508. Visit www.seiwakai.ca for more information.

Alan Colter Karate

Koryu Uchinadi karate club based in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.
Call 403-926-3535 or email sensei.alan@bunbukankarate.com.

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@gmail.com.

Adults and Seniors

Gentle Yoga

In-person yoga on Thursdays. To register, email savannah.nocera@gmail.com, or call 403-852-5415.

Second Sixties Outdoor Club

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

Speakers' Edge Toastmasters

Meets Saturdays.
Contact speakersedgetoastmasters@gmail.com.

Calgary Silver Thimbles Quilters Guild

Quilting guild meets at 7:00 pm on the first and third Wednesday of the month from September to June. Zoom meetings are held for some of the third Wednesdays during the winter months. Quilters of all levels are welcome. For more information contact cstqg1@gmail.com.

Cricket Friends XI Adult Cricket Team

Contact anadeemus@yahoo.com for more information.

Calgary Chinese Seniors Recreation Society-Ping Pong

We provide a variety of recreational programs, giving our members the opportunity to build their social network, showcase their talent and improve the seniors' quality of life. Contact Frank at 403-870-8878 or franky8y@hotmail.com.

Calgary Chinese Elderly Citizen's Association CCECA

The Calgary Chinese Elderly Citizens' Association (CCECA) is a non-profit social service organization. It has been serving Chinese older adults citywide since 1985. It provides a great variety of services and programs including social services, community support, health service, etc.

Visit <https://www.cceca.ca/> for more information.

Spiritual

Mountain Creek Community Church (formerly Northwest Community Church)

10:30 am Sundays. See nwcchurch.ca.
Contact Pastor Jeff Edwards at 403-616-6480 or pastor@nwcchurch.ca.

Calgary True Light Gospel Church 真光教会

10:30 am Sundays. See calgarytruelight.com.
Chinese Service.
Ke Wang 587-717-5826.

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Please call
organizers for
more information

Gospel Church

Sunday evening services

Visit www.edgemont.ab.ca for details.

ECA Board of Director Meetings

ECA board meetings are generally held on the third Tuesday of the month starting at 7:00 pm. If you have an item that you would like added to the agenda, email secretary@edgemont.ab.ca. ECA members are welcome to attend meetings in-person. Let the secretary know so we can be assured that we have sufficient meeting space.

Upcoming Events and Projects

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

Mother's Day Tea

May 10, 2025

A Message from Your Volunteer Coordinators

Happy May! The planting season is here, let's get growing!

Here's the latest update...

Mother's Day Tea

A huge thank you to all the wonderful volunteers for organizing, setting up, serving, and performing beautiful music at the Mother's Day Tea! Your efforts made everything run smoothly and created a memorable experience for everyone. We appreciate you!

Pathway and River Cleanup

Grateful for The City of Calgary and the volunteers who participated in the annual Pathway and River Cleanup on May 2 to 4. Your efforts help keep our community beautiful!

Wednesday Breakfast Club

A big shout-out to our amazing volunteers for continuing to support children in our neighbourhood every Wednesday morning before they head off to school. If you're interested in helping with distribution or making donations, please reach out to us!

Good Food Boxes

Our distribution and delivery volunteers play a key role in ensuring fresh fruits and veggies flow from our ECA kitchen to those who need them. Your dedication is greatly appreciated!

Be Part of Our Volunteer Team

Volunteering is a great way to support our community. We offer year-round opportunities through ECA programs and events. Now is the perfect time to get involved! Email us to stay informed about upcoming volunteer opportunities.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:

- June – Stampede Breakfast
- June – Food Truck Night

Loving our neighbourhood,

Tina Chen and Jeff Edwards

volunteers@edgemont.ab.ca



Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2025 Notice

Date: Thursday May 15, 2025

Time: Registration 7:00 PM MDT

Meeting 7:30 PM MDT

Location: Edgemont Community Centre
33 Edgevalley Circle NW

In order to vote at the AGM, our bylaws require that you hold a current membership prior to the start of the meeting. A membership can be purchased or renewed in advance on our website www.edgemont.ab.ca or by phoning or visiting our office between 9AM - 4:30PM Monday - Friday.

If you don't have an ECA membership, or are no longer a resident of Edgemont, you are welcome to attend the meeting, but are not eligible to vote.

April 15 is also the deadline for submitting a special resolution.

Please go to www.edgemont.ab.ca for more information including the agenda, bylaws and reports. AGM details will be updated regularly over the next few weeks. The audit has not been completed at this time, but the Audited Financial Statements will be posted when finalized.

On behalf of the ECA board of directors, we look forward to seeing you at the AGM!

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by Anne Burke

We were contacted about restoration work at Nose Hill. Alberta Native Plant Rescue has some native grasses they've rescued from development sites around Calgary and can plant them out. Past stewardship projects were in Fish Creek Park and Cochrane area. Native species are popular but are at increasing risk from invasive species (weeds) and land development. This Volunteer Group gathers a variety of native grasses and rare plants, then safely relocates them. Some are rough fescue grass, the Prairie sage, blanket flower, blazing star, yarrow, and more. When the native grassland restoration project involves sharing seedlings with the public, participants should bring clean tools and be dressed appropriately.

This year's World Migratory Bird Day theme, Shared Spaces: Creating Bird-friendly Cities and Communities, highlights the urgent need for urban planning and protecting birds. It's time to rally our community and Calgary is certified as bird friendly. Saturday, May 10 marks peak spring migration in Canada. Every action counts to help save bird lives. <https://www.birdday.ca/>.

Nature Alberta is the coordinator of Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas (IBAs) for Habitat Stewardship, enlisting community and government support. National partners include Birds Canada and Nature Canada. The program was initiated in the 1980s by BirdLife International. Nature Alberta is responsible for recruiting volunteer caretakers who collect bird data; they conduct at least one bird count per year (preferably during migration) and submit the results to eBird Canada. Some other duties are conducting site assessments, restoring habitat, raising awareness, and advocacy efforts. There are currently over 600 IBAs across Canada, including 48 in Alberta all viewable on a Google map. An online directory tracks locations, birds, habitats, threats, and conservation issues. You can access the database, interactive maps, desktop tools, and downloadable PDF maps at <https://naturealberta.ca/habitat-stewardship/>.

Thank You Casino Volunteers!

Last year on October 31 and November 1, our community was part of the Casino Volunteer Team at the Elbow River Casino. Almost 40 committed volunteers from our community stepped forward to be a part of this event. This event is the largest fundraiser for our community. It helps pay for necessary maintenance, repairs, enhancements, renovations, and programming that we can all enjoy and benefit from. This year a new flower bed will be created dedicated to Elaine Scobie who led the way for ECA to have the opportunity to participate in these fundraisers. It takes a few months to learn the results of our efforts, and we can now confirm that we have earned \$82,956.03! This amount will go a long way to continue providing for the needs of Edgemont.

We wish to send out a huge thank you to all the Casino Volunteers who set aside their precious time to devote to this cause. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Cari Middleton and Marty Evans

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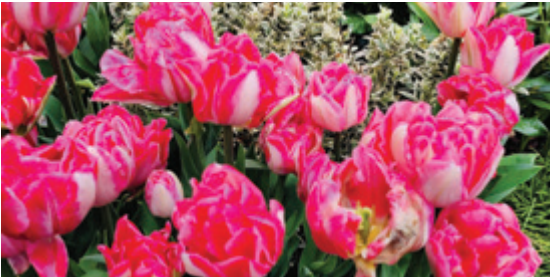
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March definitely did not go out like a lamb this year! As we are preparing the report for the May newsletter, the temperature in Edgemont is still near freezing, well below average for the time of year. Perhaps it is a good thing as it would be a bit early for our trees to start budding out. A consolation is that in another week, the temperatures presumably will be warming up considerably and we will start noticing more birds besides robins and eager northern flickers trying to attract female birds on chimneys and lantern posts. You have probably heard the first red winged blackbirds in the ravine by the time the May newsletter drops into your mailbox.

Edenscapes will have been busy removing the winter displays from the planters and we would like to extend a big thank you to them once again for the wonderful displays with so many variations. This will give Foothills Landscaping a chance to level some planters before they start putting in the summer displays at the end of May/beginning of June. It will be another exciting year. Hopefully, we will not face severe water restrictions, allowing us to catch up on several outstanding projects.

We are expecting to have dates imminently for three weed-pulling sessions between May and October for the Naturalization Pilot Project near the Edgemont Community Centre. The city will once again provide materials and staff to help volunteers with the weed pulling process. Can you spare a few hours? Please contact our volunteer coordinators by sending an email to the following email address volunteers@edgemont.ab.ca.

Whereas there was no news yet on the free green cart compost giveaway in our last newsletter, you can now book appointments online to pick up free compost at our designated landfill location at Spyhill in the NW. You may collect up to 100 litres of free compost per household. You must bring your own containers and equipment. The program runs until the end of May. Please check the website for booking and appointment dates: <https://www.calgary.ca/waste/residential/green-cart-compost-giveaway.html>.

More city news: street cleaning is scheduled to start late April/early May in Edgemont this year! Check the city website to find the specific date for your street: <https://www.calgary.ca/roads/maintenance/spring-street-cleaning.html?redirect=/sweep>.

You can also sign up for e-mail/text notifications for street cleaning alerts on this webpage by selecting "Street sweeping alerts".

Lastly, it is not too late to contact our ELM coordinator, Shari Pitka, if you would like to donate perennials for placement throughout the community! Send an email to askElm@edgemont.ab.ca.

Kathleen Stewart, Rick Wierzbicki, Shari Pitka

SUMMER ART CAMPS

Kids ages 9-12 | Teens ages 12-15

AUArts.ca/summercamp

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