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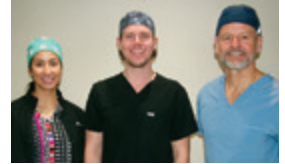
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Donate to this GoFundMe by scanning the QR code to help ease the inconceivable financial hardship the Fortuna family is facing. The family is deeply grateful for the kindness, prayers, and support they have already received. Your generosity, through a donation or by sharing this GoFundMe, will allow them to focus on supporting their beloved Victoria through her long recovery journey. It takes a village and every donation counts.

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WE NEED A COMMUNITY LEADER!

Parkdale Community Association
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It could be you!



We're Looking for a New Community Association President

The Parkdale Community Association is seeking a Board President—a rewarding volunteer role helping guide and support our community.

As President, you'll work with the board to set priorities, chair meetings, support committees, and help ensure the Association runs smoothly. This role is about leadership and coordination, not doing everything on your own—you'll have a strong team alongside you.

We're looking for someone who cares about the community, enjoys working with others, and wants to make a positive impact. No prior board experience is required.

If you're interested or would like to learn more, we'd love to hear from you!

Communications Director

Do you enjoy social media, storytelling, or keeping people informed about what's happening in the community? The Parkdale Community Association (PCA) is looking for a volunteer Communications Director to help share news, events, and opportunities with our neighbours.

In this role, you'll help manage the PCA's communications channels — from social media posts to newsletters — making sure the community knows what's happening and how to get involved.

If you like being creative, staying connected, and helping build a strong community voice, this is a great way to contribute.

Volunteering with the PCA is a fun way to meet neighbours, support local initiatives, and help bring our community together.

Reach out to vice.president@parkdaleyc.com to learn more.

Behind the Scenes at PCA

Community Areas: We're working through several building and grounds improvements—including a makeover of the herb garden. Check it out if you haven't already!

Programming: Planning for fall and winter events is underway. If there's anything you'd love to see happening in the community, please email events@parkdaleyc.com.

Grants: We're pursuing funding to help bring more programming and improvements to the community.

Community Partnerships: We're meeting with neighbourhood organizations to explore shared programming and spaces and community initiatives.



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- Tubes like lotion tubes, deodorant, and toothpaste
- Food and body aerosols like cooking spray, hair spray, and sunscreen.

Visit calgary.ca/recyclemore to see the full list of materials.



THE PARKDALE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Whether you want to join a committee or volunteer once, we would love to have you! We are looking for volunteers to join the community garden, rink, planning and development, and events committees. There are also opportunities to get involved with soccer, help out at a specific event, or if you have other skills or talents that you would like to share with your community, please reach out!

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More Than a Block Party



36B Street held its 16th Block Party on July 18. Each summer, with city approval, we block each end of 36B, allowing the safe movement of everyone on the street. Tables are set up on one of our neighbours' driveways for the different potluck

offerings from each household — always a great mix of foods. People bring chairs. Adults mingle or chase kids around. Usually, hoses are out and water fights. Kids draw with chalk and ride their bikes up and down the street. Older kids often eat and disappear together into each other's homes to play. On wetter days, the group has hung an enormous tarp between trees and posts, and our neighbours open their garage for setting the food out. A fire cauldron is often brought out and lit as the evening gets cooler. Chairs are drawn closer together, and the visiting continues. Such a wonderful way to spend time together and catch up.

Other gatherings include a Halloween Potluck and bonfire, where bowls of candies from each household are lined up in a row for 'one stop' dispersal and everyone can visit and warm up on cold nights. In early December, interested neighbours gather and make seasonal wreaths and containers. When not face-to-face, neighbours communicate using our chat group "36B St Friends." Posts range from invitations for drinks on a sunny deck, requests for food ingredients, to broader neighbourhood information.

How did this all get started? I'll admit to being a primary

instigator. Having grown up on a homestead ranch, I was used to knowing and helping out my neighbours. Newcomers were warmly welcomed and often invited over for supper. As such, I replicated this behaviour when I moved to the city, doing things such as exchanging child minding for date nights, visiting with neighbours (having children and a dog were great ice-breakers), making a community garden with a neighbour, exchanging a vacation house, cat or dog sitting, and even putting out everyone's bins (it only takes a few minutes longer to put them out when you're doing your own).

Throughout these years, we've seen young couples have children, watched the young grow, move away, and start their own lives. We've had new people and families join the group. Those of us who've been here a while have matured, going through our own life transitions, facing end-of-life concerns and losses—all of which we get to share, giving and receiving support to each other in our little corner of Parkdale.

It's easy to hold a Block Party. The application is now free, and process simple. <https://www.calgary.ca/roads/permits/block-parties.html> We also borrow the two blockades from Parkdale Community Association to block off the end of the street.

Joyce Buzath, with input from 36B neighbours



Hooting Season

Whoo's That Calling?

Did you know that autumn is a great time to hear owls? Known as hooting season, owls hoot more frequently to claim and defend territory and find mating partners. The cooler, quieter nights of fall also helps the sound of their hoots carry farther!



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Join the Parkdale Community Association – Your Voice Matters

Becoming a member of the Parkdale Community Association (PCA) is one of the easiest and most meaningful ways to support our community and have a say in its future.

Whether you sign up as a single, family, or senior member, PCA membership gives you the right to vote at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Special General Meetings. This means you can directly share your opinions on how the PCA is run and help shape the programs, events, and initiatives offered in Parkdale.

Your membership also strengthens the PCA's voice on issues that matter locally, including community safety, traffic concerns, and planning and development. A strong membership shows decision-makers that Parkdale residents are engaged, informed, and united.

In addition, members can take part in popular community programs such as the Community Garden and Parkdale soccer programs and may opt in to receive weekly PCA email newsletters featuring upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, and important updates, including information about the AGM.

Support your community. Stay informed. Make your voice heard.

Join the PCA today and help shape Parkdale's future.



News from the Friends of Nose Hill

In 1973, Calgary City Council voted to reserve 4,100 acres as parkland on the top and escarpments of the east end of Nose Hill. The result was a combination of vigorous and sustained political pressure due to the activities of citizen groups who promoted the creation of the park. The decision to acquire it was influenced by public and private lobbying, including civic servants. A citizens' task force was appointed by the City Parks and Recreation Board; their report identified Nose Hill as of the highest priority and should be immediately purchased outright. There was strong support for large natural areas when the Calgary Field Naturalists' Society completed their year-long study. Although the land had been a subject of speculation since World War I, the City was freed by provincial policy to plan for a major park on Nose Hill. The Calgary Municipal Airport, in the late 1950s, decided that Nose Hill was on a flight path, so that the Federal Department of Transport imposed a development ban. Some farmers had to relocate and during the 1960s' suburban sprawl, people believed the open space would remain, unless or until the jet soon replaced the propellor. The Calgary Planning Commission requested a sector plan for the Nose Hill Highlands from the City Planning Department. The North Hill Community Associations asked for a delay to help prepare the plan. Calgary Field Naturalists' Society, Society for Pollution and Environment Control, The Junior League, and Local Council of Women asked to speak at a Public Hearing, before City Council voted 11 to 2 to put a freeze on Nose Hill development. Read more of "Fish Creek and Nose Hill Parks: A case study in contrasting forms of public participation" by Harvey A. Buckmaster (1929 to 2018) and his wife Margaret who advocated for Alberta's special places. www.fonhs.org/xdocuments.html.

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A Summer of Growing, Giving, and Getting Our Hands Dirty

The PCA Community Garden once again had a successful season.

As always, we were amazed and impressed by our volunteers and by the wonderful little garden community that continues to grow each year. As we move into autumn, it's a good time to pause and reflect on what we accomplished together this summer.

The biggest project the garden community took on this year was the renewal of the herb garden. The old herb circle had become overgrown and full of weeds, so it was time for a fresh start. A massive thank you goes to Paul M. for building the fantastic new herb beds, and to the many volunteers who helped fill and plant them. Over the summer, we planted herbs and edible flowers in five beautiful new raised beds in the herb circle.

We also completed major work around the food forest. Volunteers pruned, cleared overgrowth, laid mulch and improved the pathways to make it easier for people to access and pick the berries. Keeping these areas open and accessible is always a bit of a battle, but the results are worth it.

And of course, there was plenty of pruning, weeding and transplanting along the way, all while enjoying sunshine, snacks and each other's company.

A huge thank you to the enthusiastic young volunteers from Youth Central, who brought so much energy to our workdays. They certainly showed us that many

hands really do make light work. This was our first year, partnering with Youth Central, and we hope it won't be our last.

Looking ahead, next year we plan to relocate and rebuild the compost area. In future years, we'll also need to look at rebuilding some of the garden beds and possibly the garden shed.

To everyone who joined us in the garden this summer, thank you for bringing your energy, enthusiasm and hard work. Your efforts truly benefit the whole community.

Interested in getting involved next season? Anyone who would like a raised garden bed next summer is encouraged to email garden@parkdaleyc.com. We also love welcoming volunteers who may not want their own bed but still want to garden, lend a hand and be part of the community spirit.



Winged Creatures

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- short reflections on life in Parkdale

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Halloween Safety

by Alberta Health Services



As a supporter of Calgary's Child Magazine's Partners for Safety initiative, Emergency Health Services (EHS) Alberta would like to remind parents and trick-or-treaters of important Halloween safety tips as October 31 approaches.

Partners for Safety vehicles will be out patrolling communities on Halloween night to provide a visible safety resource for parents and trick-or-treaters.

Trick-or-Treaters

- Remember: all regular pedestrian rules still apply. Be sure to cross the road at marked crosswalks or at well-lit corners. It is safest to work your way up one side of the street and then cross once to the other side.
- You may choose to avoid houses that are not well lit. Do not accept rides from strangers or enter any home where you feel unsafe.
- Let your parents know where you are going and what route you plan to take. Let them know if you will be late returning home.

Parents

- Be certain that an adult accompanies young trick-or-treaters. Older children should stay in groups.
- Predetermine the boundaries for trick-or-treating and

establish a time for children to return home.

- Advise children not to eat anything until they return home. Dispose of any items that have been tampered with or are not properly wrapped.

Costumes

- Choose brightly coloured costumes that are highly visible. Adding reflective tape to costumes can further increase visibility.
- Consider sending your children with a flashlight for additional safety and visibility.
- When purchasing or making costumes, look for materials and accessories labelled flame-resistant.
- All costume accessories, such as sticks, rods, or wands, should be soft and flexible, with no sharp edges.
- Consider using hypoallergenic makeup instead of masks that may impair breathing or vision.
- Be sure costumes are loose enough to be worn over warm clothing, but not so long that they become a tripping hazard. Costumes should not extend below your child's ankles.
- Ensure your child is wearing adequate footwear that takes the weather conditions and walking into consideration.

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Proposed Updates to Your Local Area Plan

City Council directed City Administration to update six of the approved local area plans (LAPs) to limit where rowhouses and townhouses can be developed

The proposed updates would apply the same location-based Limited Scale Policies in the Westbrook Communities and Heritage Communities LAPs to the rest of the approved LAPs.

What are the proposed changes?

The proposed updates would limit where rowhouses and townhouses are supported to parcels that have a rear lane and meet one of the following location criteria:

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