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# Fairview Information

## Our Mission

To promote and enhance a healthy, safe and productive environment for the residents of Fairview by providing access to programs, services and information, all while establishing a sense of community identity and belonging.

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## GAMES & PUZZLES

### Guess That Animal!

1. Male \_\_\_\_\_ are the only creatures in the animal kingdom to undergo pregnancy and give birth.
2. This tree-hugging marsupial's fingerprints are almost indistinguishable from humans; which has confused some forensic crime scene investigators.
3. This monogamous species mates for life and courts one another by gifting each other pebbles.
4. This large rodent is one of the friendliest in the animal kingdom and has been known to befriend crocodiles, monkeys, dogs, and even humans!
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the only mammal that can truly fly and not simply glide.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ are the only venomous primates; their armpits secrete venom that they lick to coat their teeth before attacking and biting.





# Fairview Pump Track Fall 2023 Update

by Sam Koots

The pump track has now been open for four seasons, and as we wrap up this summer, we thought it would be a good time to share some news on how things are going at one of our community's favourite hang out spots!

Did you find the pump track to be a little too busy for your taste back in 2020 or 2021? After a crazy first couple of seasons, the crowds have definitely lessened. Now that the COVID lockdown is behind us, and a few other pump tracks have opened around town, you can return to a much quieter track. This is especially true if you have young children on strider bikes and you had concerns about them colliding with faster/older riders. In addition, the construction of six parking spots has made for a more organized, easy, and safe way to access the track (and dog park) if you live a little farther away and need to drive.

The track has handled our extreme weather quite well over the last four seasons, but the grass is showing some wear. The "islands" of mulch on the inside of the track are going to require replacement very soon. The community association is in talks with the City on replacing the mulch with grass or astroturf. Stay tuned for volunteer opportunities in 2024 when this project begins to take shape!

Although the pump track was built by the community association, ownership now rests with the City. However, we are still the track's primary stewards. Please help keep the park in good condition by reporting any graffiti or damage to 311 right away.

There have been a few instances over the last few years of people riding dirt bikes on the track. This is obviously illegal, very dangerous, disruptive, and definitely not what the track was designed for. This includes electric dirt bikes without pedals - yes, even kids' ones. If you see such behaviour, please report it to the police right away.

As the weather gets colder, please know that the track does not receive any winter maintenance. Ride with caution, avoid using it when it's covered in ice or snow, and please refrain from getting creative with snow removal equipment. Over the years we have seen



people using blow torches, ice melt compound, snow blowers, pickaxes, and other creative but incredibly damaging tools in an effort to remove snow and ice. A plastic snow shovel and some sunshine are usually the best way to get the track back into riding shape without destroying the asphalt.

Lastly, a tip of the helmet to the local kids who have progressed massively with their riding since 2020 when the track opened! Many of our Fairview kids and teens started out small but can now put together impressive runs with massive airtime that wouldn't look out of place at Crankworx in Whistler. If you want to see what I'm talking about, go for an evening walk on a school night and check it out for yourself. Well done guys and girls!

# Fairview Youth Services Directory



## Why Hire Fairview Youth?

Supporting local youth helps them develop a sense of responsibility, purpose, and connection to the community. Young people are energetic, flexible, and open-minded, and are looking to develop their skills and talents.

## We're Looking for Young Fairview Lawn Mowing Entrepreneurs!

Are you interested in providing lawn mowing services in the upcoming months? Contact us at [news@fairviewcommunity.ca](mailto:news@fairviewcommunity.ca) to be added to the directory! We are also always looking for young people in Fairview who are interested in providing babysitting or pet-sitting services year-round. A parent or guardian must sign off on your listing.

## Lawn Mowing

• Ayden, 587-891-7477 B

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- Ashlyn, 403-473-2829 B
- Mia, 587-998-9868 B
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- Abigail, 403-554-9034 A
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to September! Even though it isn't the beginning of the year, September often feels like the start of something fresh. Students are back at school, pencils sharpened, laptops charged, and ready for a new year. One of the great things about our community are the large, established trees which means that many Fairviewers are welcoming fall with a handy garden rake or leaf blower.

Traffic will start to increase and become more congested as students return to school. This is especially true along Fairmount Drive and the streets neighbouring Fairview School and Le Roi Daniels School. Take a minute to check where the parking, no parking, and no stopping zones are located. These zones are used by parents and students, school buses, and city buses, and can be very busy as everyone is eager to get a start (or end) to their day!

The Fairview Community Association (FCA) continues to advocate for traffic and mobility safety in the neighbourhood and is interested in your feedback or suggestions. You can reach out to us at [traffic@fairviewcommunity.ca](mailto:traffic@fairviewcommunity.ca).

Monthly FCA board meetings resume September 12 after the summer break. Board meetings are typically held the first Tuesday of every month and are open to Fairviewers. If you are interested in learning more about the community association and what opportunities are available, please send me an email at [president@fairviewcommunity.ca](mailto:president@fairviewcommunity.ca).

Over the summer the Beautification Committee has worked hard to activate the space behind the NaAC where the arena was located. The committee is building a space with games and activities that all Fairviewers can enjoy. This will also be the home of a new storage space for the FCA, which will be professionally painted with a mural by local company Tough Painting. The design for the mural has been created by our own 'resident' artist, Billie Rae Busby. "Bright Sunny Day" is a minimalist version of Billie Rae's signature hard-edge abstract landscape artwork. It's eye-catching and colourful!

Our hard-working volunteers have also coordinated Fairview's popular Movie in the Park! This fun evening is fast becoming a signature Fairview event and involves many volunteers and support from local businesses.

The FCA board is a volunteer-based working board that is committed to Fairview and our vision: "To promote and enhance a healthy, safe, and productive environment for the residents of Fairview by providing access to programs, services, and information, all while establishing a sense of community identity and belonging." We love to hear from our community members and always appreciate offers to volunteer. You can reach out to me by email or to the CA on social media to connect with us any time!

*Megan Federow*

President

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## Upcoming Community Events

### Fairview Community Association Board Meeting

Location TBA

- Tuesday, September 12, 7:00 pm
- Tuesday, October 3, 7:00 pm

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

### Calgary Culture Days

**September 1 to 30**

Calgary Culture Days is an opportunity for Calgarians to discover and experience arts and culture across the city. Find Calgary Culture Day events on [calgary.ca/culturedays](https://calgary.ca/culturedays).

### Do You Have an Idea for a Community Event?

Contact any board member or email [events@fairviewcommunity.ca](mailto:events@fairviewcommunity.ca).

## Teaching Ikebana

First, I would like to thank all of the Fairview Community Board members who made possible the opportunity for me to perform Ikebana classes as an activity for our local seniors; and in particular Alicia Davis for taking care of the details to make it happen.

I have been teaching Japanese flower arranging, Ikebana, based on the principles of the Koufu school since 2012. I try to impress upon my students that the importance of the flower arrangement is how it makes us feel while we are making our arrangements, and how we feel influences the resulting arrangements. However, particularly in introductory or basic classes, the connection to our feelings gets lost as comprehending technical skills occupy our thoughts:

How shall the way of branching various components of a flower arrangement proceed? In what direction, angle, and rotation do we arrange a flower upon seeing that each component itself can be arranged in various directions? How do we show that a flower is full of life, and it can grow? Sometimes when I am thinking about it, I can concentrate on only a flower and can forget the motley of circumstances I find myself in and time passes in no time.

It takes a lot of practice or maybe discipline to stay in touch with our feelings, but it gets easier once the technical processes become habit and occupy less of our conscious thought. In the end, the flower arrangement doesn't matter but for us to learn and feel what it is teaching us, the flower arrangement is all important. In Japan, we have the term "mu" which means to "come to nothing or nonexistence." Ikebana is a form of meditation where, when our mind is on flowers, it is nowhere else and can be enjoyed for that period.

While my classes are normally attended by adults, and in this case seniors, Ikebana is age independent. Children learn flower arrangements in Japan from primary school age and anyone can use it to acquire or improve aesthetic sense and concentration skills at any point in life.

One of the rewards for hosting these senior classes as a neighbourhood event was meeting and getting to know people who live close by. Beyond the technical, philosophical, and therapeutic aspects of Ikebana, the one constant in my classes is that the students

always teach me something. While a common interest in Ikebana is what gathers us together, it is these gatherings where people's stories emerge, and new inspiration unveils itself.

For instance, during a class this summer it happened that two of the ladies were half-sister's but only found out recently. One of them had known she was adopted but had only recently set out to find her birth parents. When she did, she learned that she and her half-sister lived on the same street for decades without knowing each other. Now they do all sorts of activities together like coming to an Ikebana class.

There are miraculous things within our reach every day, but we have to have faith that they exist and the courage to look for them.

In another class, I sadly learned that my student had lost her daughter. She yearned to keep a connection with her by way of artistic creations. The aesthetics of Ikebana arrangements was one of the forms of art she knew her daughter loved and had a knack for. Hence, she came to my class to learn about creating flower arrangements. Unfortunately, my class was preplanned with materials to demonstrate introductory techniques and it did not match my student's vision for the arrangement she wanted to create. I was however able to provide her with some materials and guidance to help her along in addition to the preplanned class. With her determination beget by love, I am certain she will create many beautiful arrangements and have little concern whether they conform to the principles of The Koufu School of Ikebana that I am trained to teach.

A lesson that came up for me is that, while I try to inspire others to see the beauty, feel the peace of mind and the satisfaction that can come from practicing Ikebana; I am reminded that the inspiration must come from within. A spark cannot create a fire if there is no fuel to burn.

For these lessons and simply spending time with me. I thank my students.

*Rika*

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## Meet The Responsible Pet Owner Family

Fairview is full of all kinds of pets, and Fairviewers can often be found chatting about the right approach to responsible pet care that also respects their neighbours. Fortunately, the City of Calgary Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw helps to ensure that cats, dogs, their owners, and neighbours can all live together safely and harmoniously. Let's consider how the Responsible family cares for their cat and dog.

When the Responsibles' dog Houndsley turned three months old, Mr. Responsible made sure to get a pet license, available on the City of Calgary website. Houndsley wears it everywhere. The Responsibles also got a pet license for their furry feline Catina, but a cat only has to wear their license everywhere if it doesn't have a microchip or visible tattoo, and Catina has a rad ear tattoo. They know that if their pets should ever go missing, an up-to-date pet license can help reunite them with their owners.

Mr. and Mrs. Responsible want to keep their pets safe and under their control at all times, even on their own property. They know that vehicles, coyotes, and bobcats can all pose serious threats to small pets, and that they are required to properly dispose of their pets' poop immediately. For these reasons, Catina is an indoor cat who is not allowed to roam freely off the Responsibles' property, so she doesn't use the neighbours' garden as a litter box or become a bobcat meal (even if she does look vaguely like a meatloaf).

Houndsley goes on walks with the family in public spaces such as streets, alleys, sidewalks, and pathways, as long as he has a leash on, and Mr. or Mrs. Responsible is in control (Junior Responsible isn't old enough or strong enough to manage the dog yet). Houndsley is never allowed on school grounds, playgrounds, tot lots, or sports fields around the neighbourhood.

Mr. Responsible often takes Houndsley to a designated off-leash area like Flint Park or along the Blackfoot Trail sound wall to have some fun without the leash, but he must be in control of his dog at all times. Houndsley must remain within his sight and respond to his commands even if he's having a great time smelling absolutely everything. Afterwards, Mr. Responsible puts the leash back on and walks Houndsley home for a long, cold drink of water.

Want more information on responsible pet ownership? Call 311 or visit [calgary.ca/our-services/animal-services](http://calgary.ca/our-services/animal-services) to learn more!



## Back-to-School Safety Tips

*A message from the Federation of Calgary Communities*

The school year should be safe and educational for everyone – kids and parents should be aware of the following safety tips before the start of the semester.

### **Safety Tips for Your Child:**

Make sure that your child knows the following:

- Their full name, age, address, area code, home phone number, and parents' work/cellphone number(s).
- How to contact police, fire, and EMS in an emergency (9-1-1) and in a non-emergency (403-266-1234).
- To use the same route to and from school.
- Where the safe places are to play (front and backyards, playgrounds).
- What places to avoid (vacant lots or dark, wooded, bushy areas).

If your child is being followed by a person or car, make sure that they know to do the following:

- Turn and run in the opposite direction;
- Get a description and licence plate number of the stranger's vehicle if possible;
- Run to the closest safe place; and,
- Stay in open areas that are visible.

Remember to tell them that uniformed police officers are friends who can be trusted.

### **The Stranger Rules**

Familiarize your child with "the stranger rules." These rules will help keep them safe.

- Never talk to strangers.
- Never take anything from strangers.
- Never go anywhere with a stranger.
- Do not be fooled by tricks or phoney conversation.
- If a stranger tries to grab you, yell, scream, and kick.
- Never tell a stranger that you are by yourself or that your parents or guardian are not home.
- It's a good idea to implement a difficult to guess, but easy to remember, "code word" that an adult must share with your child before your child trusts/goes anywhere with them (e.g., the colour of their shirt, what they had for breakfast that morning, etc.).



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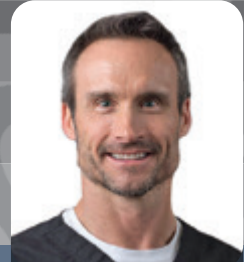


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