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How do you purchase a membership? It's simple; just pick one of these convenient ways to get a current membership:

1. Fill out this paper form and mail along with payment to: Box 78053, RPO Heritage, Calgary, AB T2H 2Y1.
2. Complete the whole process online at fairviewcommunity.ca/membership in less than a minute via PayPal. A physical membership card will be dropped off for you shortly after your purchase.
3. Email membership@fairviewcommunity.ca and one of our volunteers can drop off a membership and pick up your payment (contactless).
4. Phone 403-252-5424 and leave a message with your name and phone number, stating that you'd like to buy a membership. A board member will return your call and set up a time for a contactless drop off of your membership card and pick up of your payment.

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Membership fee: \$20 per family (up to two registered adults and any number of children under the age of 18 living at the same residence)

Yes, we are interested in volunteering

Yes, I am interested in receiving updates by email



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.

Your Fairview Community Association Board

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The FCA board would like to thank Sam Koots, outgoing director, for his years of service. Sam was the driving force behind installing our pump track in Fairview. This was a significant, multi-year project that Sam led from the initial planning stages for the park, through to the installation and maintenance of the current, well-used pump track. He also took on the role of treasurer on the executive and committed countless hours to Fairview events. Thank you for everything, Sam!

Community Services Contacts

• **Police Non-Emergency Services:**
403-266-1234

• **Community Liaison Officer:**
Cst. Michael Colbert, mcolbert@calgarypolice.ca

• **Community and Neighbourhood Services, South Area:** 311

• **www.calgaryyouthjustice.com:** 403-261-9861

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VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Fairview!

2024 is about over and the holidays are coming fast.

In November, we set up the boards for the Flavelle Adopt-a-Rink and want to thank all the volunteers who helped. Weather permitting, we hope to have the rinks flooded in time for the holidays. The art of flooding requires the right conditions for quality, lasting ice, so we appreciate your patience. Look for signage to know when the rink is safe to skate. You can also join the "Flavelle Rink Crew" Facebook group for updates and ways to get involved.

Our Bowling with Santa event is happening on December 8 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. It's great family fun and hope to see you there. Thank you to our friends at Toppler Bowling for having us again.

In January, after the holiday madness, the Community Association will be gearing up for our annual spring clean-up events. Kicking off with our Parade of Garage Sales, then Spring Fling, the Bottle Drive, and more.

If you'd like to help plan, attend, or promote any of these events—or if you simply want to stay informed—we invite you to join us at our monthly meeting. We meet on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm. Our meetings are open to everyone and include our volunteer Board, as well as occasional guest speakers such as local police officers discussing crime and traffic in the area, and updates from our local and provincial representatives on issues that impact us all.

If any of this sounds interesting or exciting, I encourage you to reach out to someone on our Association Board for more information. There's absolutely no obligation to join the board or take on a leadership role. We're simply eager to hear your thoughts, ideas, and feedback on community matters.

Currently, our board consists of 8 dedicated members who represent the community— they're incredible, but we need your voice, too. We want to hear your perspective on topics like the future of the old arena space, ways we can improve our events each year, the Midtown project, and other developments that will shape the future of our community. Your input is invaluable to us!

So, don't be shy, we look forward to seeing you!

Vice-President

Wayne McNeely

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It's Christmastime in Calgary

by Garth Paul Ukrainetz

It's Christmastime in Calgary

In foothills west a silent night

The constellations fill the sky

Forever sharing starry light

The whitetail deer in Nose Hill Park

Prancing over city's glow

Sweet homes of dancing candlelight

Gentle as the falling snow

And high on top of every tree

The stars and angels overlook

For bleak and icy winter hearts

The melting grace of warm chinook

It's Christmastime in Calgary

Though heights of mountains cold in snow

Our gifts stay warm beneath the trees

Wrapped with love by River Bow

60+ Collective Winter Watercolours

Starting in the new year the Fairview 60+ Collective will have an opportunity to flex their artistic muscles!

We have partnered with the very talented artist, Brittney Tough, to offer an in-person Winter Watercolour Class hosted at Fairview local business, Neon Milkshake (#3, 7640 Fairmount Dr SE).

Each two-hour group session will include all supplies needed to create beautiful works of art. No experience is necessary, beginners and all abilities are welcome. Brittney will guide you through the process of exploring how to use colour to create vibrant watercolour paintings using a variety of techniques.

Save your spot and sign up today to visit with your neighbours, express yourself, learn new things or hone your skills.

When: Tuesdays at 10:00 am, January 7 to February 25

Where: Neon Milkshake

Sign up today to get your spot! Visit fairviewcommunity.ca.



Fairview Community Bowling with Santa

Ho Ho Ho!

Bowling with Santa is back for the fourth fabulous year. Formerly a long-time Skate with Santa event, in 2018 we were able to pivot and continue this well-attended community visit with the big guy, at the local bowling facility. Toppler Bowl, a long-established community partner whose primary owner also resides within Fairview is now our Bowling with Santa location.

The bowling alley is able to accommodate 80 bowlers, although full capacity (~120) for the event is actually higher as some participants, typically parents, choose not to bowl. No bowling experience is necessary to attend. This event is held within Fairview by the Fairview Community Association, but we do not restrict the event to Fairview families only - individuals and families from other communities are welcome to also attend.

This year's event is Sunday, December 8, 2024, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm at Toppler Bowl (7640 Fairmount Dr SE). Planning is already underway, but we know there will be bowling, fun, a few prizes, and a special visitor! More information will be upcoming on our website and social media pages (Instagram @fairviewyyc, and Facebook @Fairview Community). If you have questions, suggestions or are interested in contributing and volunteering, please message us at events@fairviewcommunity.ca.



UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Fairview Community Association Board Meeting

• Tuesday, December 3, 2024, 7:00 pm

• Tuesday, January 7, 2025, 7:00 pm

Location TBA

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

Flavelle Park Outdoor Rink

Early December (weather permitting)

Flavelle Park

Volunteers are needed for the upcoming Outdoor Rink season. Weather permitting and with volunteer power, the rink is built and flooded in December so we can have it ready for the Christmas break. Ongoing maintenance is also required throughout the season for general clean up, patching, and flooding. No experience is required, we will show you everything you need to know. Contact rink@fairviewcommunity.ca or join our Flavelle Rink Crew Facebook page to get involved.

Fairview Community Bowling with Santa

Sunday, December 8, 2024, 3:00 to 5:00 pm

Toppler Bowl (7640 Fairmount Dr SE)

Santa's back at Toppler Bowl in December for our fourth annual Bowl with Santa event. Bring out the whole family and friends for some five-pin fun with the big guy in the red suit! Planning is already underway, but we know there will be bowling, fun, a few prizes, and a special visitor!

Fairview Community Lights Festival

December 2024

Help make our community festive by adding a little outdoor holiday cheer to your home. Our 'elves' will be out in December to count each house with just about any type of outdoor holiday decoration. Last year's winning street was Fawn Crescent with 63% of homes displaying some type of holiday spirit. Will your street be the winner this year? Visit fairviewcommunity.ca for more information and timing for the elves' count.

Fairview 60+ Collective Winter Watercolours

Tuesdays, January 7 to February 25, 2025, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Neon Milkshake (7640 Fairmount Dr SE)

Flex your artistic muscles, socialize with neighbours, and learn new things, in this two-hour group session

taught by Brittney Tough. All supplies are included, no experience needed, all abilities are welcome. Save your spot and sign up today at <https://fairviewcommunity.ca/watercolour>.

Watch for more information on these events and more by visiting our website and social media pages (Instagram @fairviewyc, and Facebook @Fairview Community). If you have questions, suggestions or are interested in contributing and volunteering for any event, please message us at events@fairviewcommunity.ca or call 403-252-5424. Let's have fun together!

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

The first edition of the Christmas classic A Christmas Carol, written by Charles Dickens, was originally published in London on December 19, 1843. This story was published as a novella by Chapman & Hall and the first edition sold out by Christmas Eve that first year!



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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.

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- Charlie, 403-819-6785 A
- Olivia, 403-998-8933 A
- Blair, 825-882-5557 A
- Etta, 825-994-4127A
- Adam, 403-629-5672 B
- Reese, 403-389-8795 B
- Ashlyn, 403-473-2829 B
- Layla, 403-471-9004 B
- Mia, 587-998-9868 B
- Julia, 587-573-0375 B
- Catie, 403-230-7662 B
- Ayden, 587-891-7477 B
- Ryleigh, 825-561-6083 A
- Eric, 403-554-5890 B

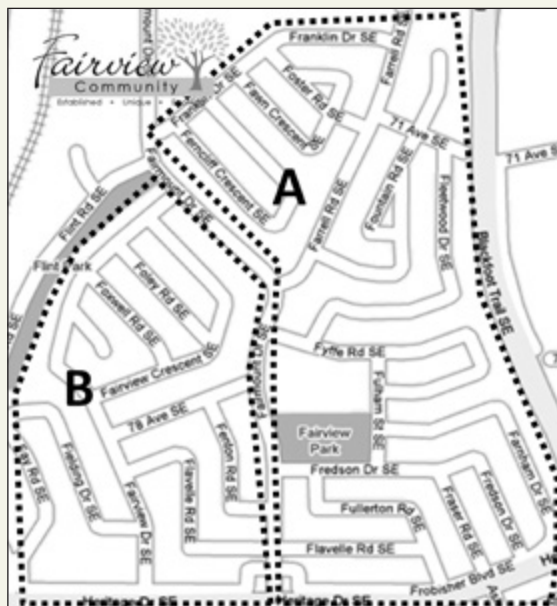
Pet Sitters

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- Jade, 403-808-9413 A
- Abigail, 403-554-9034 A
- Danica, 403-408-6610 B
- Layla, 403-471-9004 B
- Ayden, 587-891-7477 B
- Bryn, 403-808-4428 B
- Danica, 403-312-2125 B
- Tatum, 403-312-2125 B

Snow Shoveling

- Charlie, 403-819-6785 A
- Jade, 403-808-9413 A
- Blair, 825-882-5557 A
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- Danica, 403-408-6610 B
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9PM Routine

The Calgary Police Service is encouraging Calgarians to establish a 9pm Routine to help them secure their property before heading to bed. Offenders will often go down a street checking vehicles and houses for doors left open. By simply locking your door you could avoid waking up to an intruder in your home or your property missing.

The Routine Recommends:

- Removing valuables from vehicles.
- Ensuring vehicles are locked, windows are closed and if possible, parked in a garage.
- Closing garage doors and windows.
- Locking any person-doors in the garage, including those leading into a house.
- Checking that all house doors – front, back, side, and garage – are locked.
- Ensuring all windows are shut.
- Turning on an exterior light.

Adapt the routine to make sense for your home and habits.

Good Food Box in Fairview

The Community Kitchen Program of Calgary offers a monthly Good Food Box program in Calgary communities. Fairview is fortunate to have Blair Fasan as our Good Food Box volunteer program coordinator.

Each Good Food box contains a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables and there is local pickup right in Fairview! The content varies weekly due to seasonal availability.

Box options include

Small Box: \$30 – approx. 15-20lbs of fruits and vegetables

Medium Box: \$35 – approx. 25-30lbs of fruits and vegetables

Large Box: \$40 – approx. 35-40lbs of fruits and vegetables

Orders and deliveries for Fairview are currently scheduled for:

Order Date	Delivery Date (Wednesday)
December 3	December 11
2025 dates to be announced	
*Schedule may change depending on depot and box numbers. Visit www.ckpcalgary.ca/goodfoodbox for up-to-date information.	

To order your Good Food Box, text Blair at 587-578-5683 your name, email, number of adults and children and box size before the monthly order date. A confirmation text will be sent with instructions for payment, pick up date, time and location in the community of Fairview. Payment must be made to secure your box. Pickup must take place on the date and during the specific time.

Call or text Blair at 587-578-5683 or email blairfasanyc@gmail.com with any questions.



Fairview Lights Festival

Twinkle, twinkle Fairview lights

Lighting up December nights,

All the colours and festive sights

Make Fairview elves squeal with delight!

So set the lights and call your friends

See if your street can win - maybe again!

Our “elves” will be out and about the neighbourhood again this year, in mid to late December, counting which Fairview Street/Drive/Crescent/Road/Ave is the most festive and bright. We will count each house with just about any type of outdoor holiday decoration. Last year’s winners on Fawn Crescent had 63% of homes displaying some type of Christmas/Hannukah/Holiday decoration.

So, Fairview, the challenge is issued. Can you and your neighbours rise to the occasion and make your street glow this year?

Visit fairviewcommunity.ca for more information and timing for the elves’ count. Let’s make the season bright in our Fairview community!



Flavelle Park Adopt-A-Rink December Work

It's been a super warm start to winter, but Mother Nature is not helping with getting our outdoor rink going. We are still looking to get the rink setup and going (with the weather cooperating). Thanks to all the volunteers from last season and to those looking to get going for this season.

If you're interested in helping out or would just like to know what's going on at the rinks, feel free to join our Flavelle Rink Crew Facebook page. I'll be updating the page whenever we need volunteers to help out. There are also lots of pictures of everyone using the rink and updates on condition and use. If you're interested in getting involved, this is a great way to join in. I'm hoping the weather cooperates a bit better and we can have the rink up and running for the holidays.

Thanks again and we'll see you on the ice!

Jason

rink@fairviewcommunity.ca



Photos submitted by Kevin S.

Outdoor Rink Volunteer Opportunities for Everyone

We are so excited for another great year of skating at the Flavelle Park! Here is a list of the different tasks required throughout the season. If any of them are something that you would be able to help with, then please contact rink@fairviewcommunity.ca or visit our Facebook page Flavelle Rink Crew. All ages are welcome to help out.

- **Rink Build and Set Up** - Early December (or whenever the snow and ice stops melting on the roads). This requires as many people as we can get. No experience required, just hands to move things around and put the boards together.
- **Flooding** - We have a water truck to come pour usually early evenings and sometimes daytime. Assist the truck where needed and monitor the boards and tarp to make sure things are in order.
- **Maintaining** - Throughout the season we monitor holes and other issues with the ice. While the rink isn't being used you can use hot water and snow to make slush and fill in the holes. We also do some general cleanup which makes for a better experience for all.
- **Take Down** - At season-end, we take the rink apart. A larger group makes disassembly, loading, and moving to storage at the Fairview Park, much easier.
- **Other Events** - If you are interested organizing or helping out at other events, then please reach out.

Word of the Month

Absquatulate:
Verb (ab-skwoch-uh-leyt)

To run away or leave abruptly.



The sneaky cat managed to absquatulate any time the door was open.

Cold Weather Safety

by Alberta Health Services

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) paramedics respond to a number of cold weather-related emergencies every winter. However, by taking appropriate measures to dress properly, anticipate sudden weather changes and preparing to be out in the cold, may reduce your risk of sustaining a cold weather illness/injury. It's also advised you store an emergency kit in your vehicle at all times containing extra clothing, blankets and other road-side supplies.

Frostnip

- Frost-nipped skin is extremely cold, but not yet frozen skin;
- It commonly affects the ears, nose, cheeks, fingers and toes;
- The skin may look red and possibly feel numb to the touch;
- When treated promptly, frostnip usually heals without complication;
- Move to a warm environment and immediately, but gently, re-warm the affected area through skin to skin contact (i.e. hand covering tips of ears).

Frostbite

- Frostbite occurs when skin becomes so cold, the skin and underlying tissues freeze;
- Affected skin may look white and waxy and will feel hard to the touch;
- Move to a warm environment immediately and place the affected area in warm, *not hot*, water until fully re-warmed;
- Call 9-1-1 or seek further medical attention as required.

Hypothermia

- Hypothermia is abnormally low body temperature, less than 34°C (as compared to normal body temperature of about 37°C);
- Early hypothermia may manifest as profound shivering; moderate hypothermic patients may act inappropriately: stumbling, mumbling, and fumbling, as their body temperature continues to drop resulting in severe hypothermia (<30°C);
- Left untreated, severe hypothermia may progress to unconsciousness or death;



- Early recognition and prompt medical attention is key. Call 9-1-1. Don't forget to protect yourself from the factors that originally lead to the patient's situation;
- Initiate gentle re-warming as quickly as possible. Remove any wet or constrictive clothing; cover with blankets or sleeping bags. Protect from further heat loss: eliminate contact with cold surfaces, and shield from wind and moisture.

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Hello Calgary-Acadia,

We hope you enjoyed the beautiful fall and the mature trees in Calgary-Acadia as much as we did! There was an incredible show of colours. As the year wraps up and the winter returns, our office has been reflecting on the changes, challenges, and successes of 2024.

We love being in the community and experiencing the dedication and passion of the people in Calgary-Acadia. The Youth Singers of Calgary have created a beautiful, collaborative mural that captures the spirit of their organization and was painted by over 100 volunteers. Community Associations were busy this fall creating fun community gatherings, organizing winter markets, and providing programming for all ages. We participated in local business openings and got to meet folks who embrace the opportunities in Calgary-Acadia. We have many quality pharmacies in the constituency that provide services, including administering flu and COVID-19 vaccines to keep you and your loved ones safe.

Our office was busy this fall responding to many emails and phone calls from constituents. We handled over 400 constituent concerns in the last three months. Close to half of these were about the state of healthcare in our province. Folks are afraid they will not have access to the help they need when they need it and, as they were a year ago, they are still having trouble accessing a family doctor. The housing crisis continues to affect our constituents as they struggle to pay skyrocketing rents. We appreciate hearing from you and will continue providing the best care while amplifying your concerns.

I returned to the Legislature at the end of October. As the Shadow Minister of Children and Family Services, I will bring solutions forward and advocate for just, equitable, and compassionate care for all Albertan children.

Wishing you and your loved ones a happy and healthy new year.



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Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

As 2024 comes to a close, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on some of the work I've done in Calgary in addition to my Parliamentary duties.

To kick off the new year, my office collected nine boxes of food items (thanks to generous Calgary Midnapore residents) and donated them to the Veterans Food Bank of Alberta. In February, I partnered with Don Bosco School in Deer Ridge to deliver handmade valentines to residents of the Canyon Meadows Retirement Home for my fifth annual Valentines for Seniors campaign.

In the spring I participated in Telus' annual Kits for Kids campaign, which provides school supplies to students in need. My team attended the Willow Ridge Community Association's Civic Affairs Night on my behalf. Also in the spring, nominations opened for the King Charles III Coronation Medal, I look forward to celebrating the twenty deserving constituents who were selected for the medal in early 2025.

As the House of Commons rose for the summer break, I jumped straight into events across the riding from Ukrainian Fest in Acadia to the 50th anniversary of the Queensland Diamond Cove Community Association. I spent Canada Day in Parkland and then began the Stampede season with pancake breakfasts in Lake Chaparral, Deer Run, Lake Sundance, Acadia, Silverado, Lake Bonavista, and more! As the summer wrapped up, I spent some time with Calgary's Korean, Filipino, Venezuelan, Francophone, and Hong Kong communities.

Finally in the fall, I visited with volunteers at Deer Run's Annual Cleanup and paid respects to our fallen soldiers at the Field of Crosses.

This is just some of the work I've done over the past year. If you'd like to learn more about my work both here and in Ottawa, please sign up for my monthly e-newsletter at StephanieKusieMP.ca.

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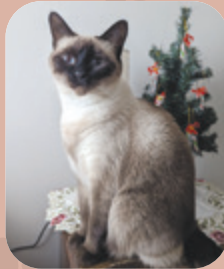
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