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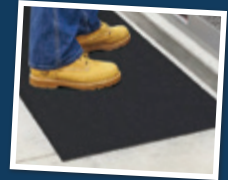
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About Us

The Eau Claire Community Association (ECCA) was founded in 1992 as a non-profit organization dedicated to maintaining and enhancing the quality of living in Eau Claire. It is recognized by the City of Calgary as the official voice of the Eau Claire community. The ECCA bylaws define the purpose and direction of the ECCA and are registered under the Societies Act of Alberta. The bylaws are available at www.eauclaireca.com/about.

The community of Eau Claire is located adjacent to the downtown commercial core, bounded by Prince's Island and the Bow River on the north and centre of 4 Avenue on the south, extending from the centre of 2 Street SW to the centre of 9 Street SW.

Mission

The Eau Claire Community Association strives to create a vibrant connected community. Our approach to planning and development is to enhance the quality of life for our residents.

Vision

Eau Claire is a safe, clean and liveable residential community proud of its natural environment. We are supportive of social and recreational gathering places and relevant businesses that support the community.



Membership

Membership in the ECCA is open to all residents. The annual fee is \$6 per household. The majority of Eau Claire condominium complexes (and therefore their residents) hold a membership, paid for by the condo corporation. Business memberships are also available. Strong membership empowers the ECCA to protect the interests of our community. Issues of key interest are planning, transportation and safety. The ECCA's role is to provide a voice for Eau Claire residents, to help ensure that community interests are being considered and that development is in keeping with the Area Redevelopment Plan.



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2023 was a busy year for your ECCA.

ARP Amendments

An Area Redevelopment Plan (ARP) is an overview document that helps guide all development in the neighbourhood and should only rarely be changed for significant purposes, it's not meant to be amended by individual developers who want to make passage of their future Land Use application easier.

Our ARP was hard-fought and hard-won long before any of the current board members were in place, but we were aware of the work that had gone into determining how our residential neighbourhood should look, particularly along the edges where it interfaces with the commercial towers of downtown, and we weren't willing to give up on a gradation which included mixed use.

Fortunately, our Councillor, Terry Wong got everyone around one table, and we were able to express our deep concerns around how each major project (Green Line LRT, redevelopment of the Eau Claire Market site, and redevelopment of the former YMCA site) was asking for fundamental changes to our ARP without any consultation with ECCA or each other.

Once the right people were in the room, we found the city to be very responsive to our concerns. Everyone agreed that certain changes were required, such as allowing an LRT station, and we managed to more clearly define what "mixed use" and "transit-oriented development" mean and how the use of those terms would impact the outer edges of our neighbourhood. The vision for our neighbourhood has not substantially changed while the terms have been updated to recognize changes that had to be made now that our furthest eastern edge has transit being developed.

Land Use Application Reviews

- Greenline Lands DC – they have created a DC that complies with the Commercial Residential District (CR20-C20/R20) and adds everything they need for transit. Our only concern was that they are allowed a maximum of 124 short-term parking spots. Their vision is a surface lot after the underground construction is done but before the surface construction begins. We requested they explicitly exclude Park and Ride at this location.

- Eau Claire Market Lands – this DC is in line with the formerly approved project and the currently imagined project. We also requested they explicitly exclude Park and Ride at this location.
- YMCA Lands – the DC is quite different because it's based on the Centre City East Village Mixed Use District (CC-EMU). They chose that format because this site is more in the residential part of Eau Claire than the other two developments.

While we attended the City Council hearing to express our concerns, mostly about parking and a clause in the CC-EMU that would allow an increase in office use under certain circumstances, all three DCs were approved as presented.

This experience confirmed that our impact is greater earlier in the process, so we'll continue to pro-actively represent Eau Claire's residents.

Office to Residential Conversions – Updates from the Downtown Strategy Group

- There are five approved projects in or very near to our neighbourhood.
- The agreements with each developer are confidential and the process is fast tracked which eliminates the usual consultation process.
- Not every project is low-cost housing.
- None of these five projects were expected to have a social-services component like the Inn From the Cold conversion has.
- In order to keep these conversions affordable, new construction mandates, such as street-front interfaces with the community are not required.
- They look at these developments in concert with one another and with the neighbourhood they are in.
- They will ask the developers to speak to us as plans are finalized.

Our directors attended many meetings to improve communications and express our concerns and our visions for our neighbourhood. This includes the following:

- Quarterly meetings with all Ward 7 Community Associations, with various city departments represented including transit, CPS, Downtown Strategy, and many others.

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD continued

- Addressing wicked problems: Digging at the roots of crime and disorder.
- Downtown programming and activation meetings.
- Downtown Safety Leadership Table (presented on Social Disorder with recommendations for future actions).
- Green Line quarterly business insights panel.
- Safety and security meetings.
- Follow-up meetings with active developers to get updates.
- Project Manager of the Eau Claire Public Realm.

Mural

Eau Claire's first mural was completed on the SE corner of the Helipad by Calgary Artist Sarah Slaughter.

We are very grateful to the City of Calgary for funding this project through their Downtown Strategy Programming Funding. This heritage project includes a second part which will be available on our webpage within a few months. This project will commemorate many more points in our history, from the initial use by local First Nations communities onwards.

AGM

Over 50 residents attended our AGM in June and had the opportunity to talk to Councillor Wong and representatives from Green Line, Eau Claire Public Realm, and active developers in the area.

LobbyFest

2023 saw the first of what we hope will be many annual LobbyFest events.

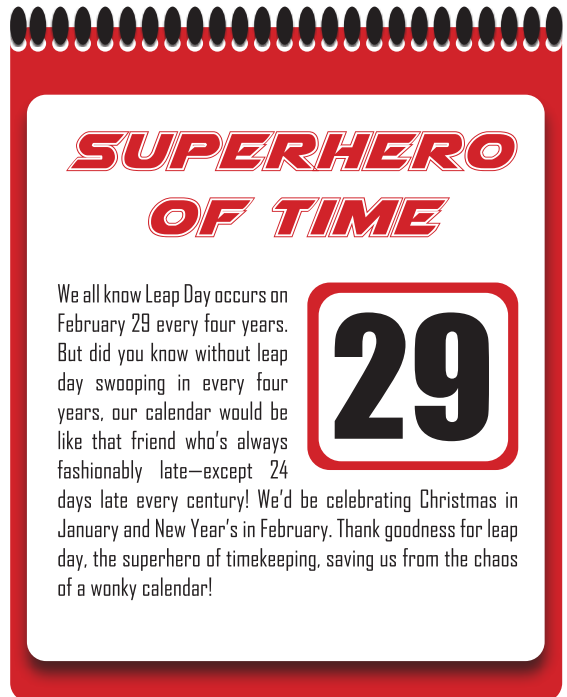
Community members had a chance to meet each other and various ECCA board members while enjoying appetizers and beverages.

Communication

This newsletter remains our primary communications tool, but we've been working on others too.

- We improved our building contacts and are getting posters into more buildings.
- We've begun posting more on Instagram and are working to reactivate our Facebook, Threads, and Twitter profiles.
- We've resolved our issues with email, and you can once again reach us reliably on Info@EauClaireCA.com.

Overall, this has been an active year, and we are looking forward to 2024. We expect to interact with the City over the Western Gateway projects and hope to expand our social engagements with residents as well. Please feel free to let us know your concerns and interests.



Don't Get Stung by the Bee!

The shortest month of the year is one of the most misspelled words in the English language. February is like that mischievous word that trips up even the most seasoned spellers! It's the spelling bee's sneaky little riddle, playing hide-and-seek with that elusive "r" and making a twisty-turny challenge out of a seemingly simple month!



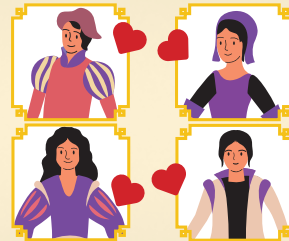
Council meetings are usually held on Mondays starting at 9:30 am. You are welcome to attend any public Council meeting in person or watch remotely online through our webcast page on Calgary.ca. Members of the public can attend and speak to items during a Public Hearing which are usually held once a month.

You may also attend any public Committee meeting. Key Committee meetings are also available to be viewed remotely.

- Public are strongly encouraged to follow Council and Committee meetings using the live stream at www.calgary.ca/watchlive.
- Public wishing to make a written submission may do so using the public submission form at the following link: <https://forms.calgary.ca/content/forms/af/public/public-submission-to-city-clerks.html?redirect=/publicsubmission>.
- Public wishing to speak are encouraged to participate remotely. Contact the City Clerk's Office by email at publicsubmissions@calgary.ca to register, and to receive further information on how to call in.

Medieval Tinder

Wearing your heart on your sleeve is more than just a phrase. Did you know that in the Middle Ages, love was a fashion statement? Back then, singles played a name-tag game, pinning their Valentine's name on their sleeves for a week! Talk about wearing your heart on your sleeve - literally!



Word of the Month

Besotted: adjective (be-sot-ted)

To be blindly or completely infatuated.

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GAMES & PUZZLES

Guess The Duo!

1. This love-hate duo is on a quest to save a princess while fighting a fire-breathing dragon.
2. These stepbrothers create zany projects to make the most of their summer vacation.
3. This pop duo from the 60s are well known for their song "I Got You Babe".
4. These frenemies, created by William Hanna and Joseph Barbera, have been playing cat and mouse since 1940.
5. This fantasy duo set out on a journey through the misty mountains to save Middle Earth.
6. This superhero duo attempts to thwart the evil plans of villains in Gotham.



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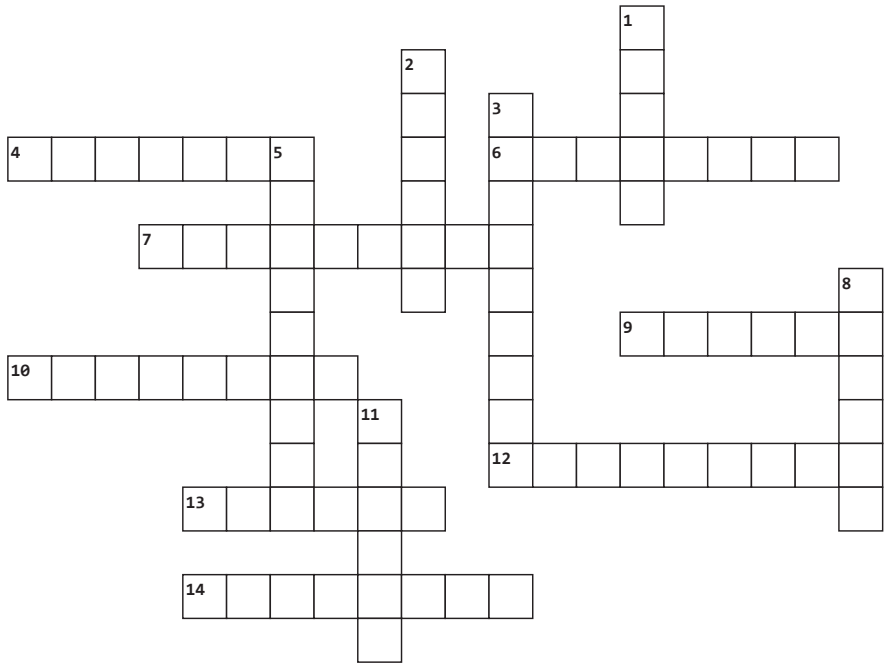
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February Crossword



Across

4. This historical fiction novel was released on February 10, 2009, and made into a major motion picture starring Viola Davis, Octavia Spencer, and Emma Stone.
6. A ring made with this birthstone had a carved image of Cupid and is said to be worn by St. Valentine.
7. This American painter, well-known for his artwork "American Gothic" was born on February 13, 1891.
9. On February 15, 1965, this country officially received its flag, 100 years after becoming a country.
10. Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir won gold in this category in February 2010 at the Vancouver Winter Olympics.
12. This well-known annual league championship takes place every year on the second Sunday in February. It will be played on February 11 at Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas this year.
13. The official flower that represents birthdays in February.
14. The popular heart-shaped candies with cute messages were originally used as _____.

Down

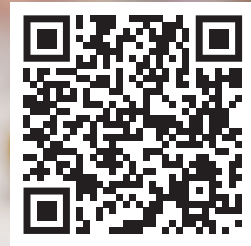
1. This dwarf planet was discovered on February 18, 1930, and was named by 11-year-old, Venetia Burney.
2. February 10, 2024, marks the beginning of the Year of the _____.
3. This festival, which takes place on the same day as Shrove Tuesday, celebrates the end of the pre-Lenten season with colourful masks and parades.
5. Released in February 1940, this Disney motion picture featuring the beloved character Figaro, was the first animated feature to win a competitive Academy Award.
8. In 1990, the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, Helen Hunley, introduced this day to celebrate and honour loved ones.
11. Abel Makkonen Tesfaye, better known as The _____, was born on February 16, 1990, in Scarborough.

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Love on a Shoestring

by Danielle Robbertze



Valentine's Day can be expensive. We would all like to give our partner the world to show our appreciation, especially on the day dedicated to love. But that is not always possible. Valentine's Day is said to be the fifth largest consumer spending event in the world. It is estimated that \$25.9 billion (USD) was spent on Valentine's Day in 2023!

There are a few ways in which you can show your love without breaking the bank. Firstly, it would probably be wise to ask your partner what they would like for Valentine's Day. This may take away the surprise element of the day, but you could be surprised about what they want and how cost-effective it could be. Often you will see that all they want is some quality time. So set up a movie night at home or a lovely homecooked dinner. It is often the romantic gestures that count more than a diamond necklace or bouquet of roses.

Valentine's Day on a budget is a time to think creatively. Test out those DIY skills. You never know how much a handcrafted gift could mean to a loved one. Check out ideas online on how to make the perfect gift. You could make a special collage or photo album of all your favourite moments together. As cheesy as it might seem,

you can never go wrong with a heartfelt love letter, one that your partner will cherish for years to come.

It is important to set a budget for yourself and your partner. This way you do not create too high of expectations for yourself or your partner. Plan ahead and plan together. The day is dedicated to spending time together so why not put in some money together to do something truly special like a weekend getaway or a romantic dinner at a swanky restaurant.

Consider celebrating the weekend after February 14, that way you and your partner can score some great deals with marked off items. This may seem unconventional, but it could be more special to set out your own Valentine's Day, away from the hustle and the bustle of the actual day.

There are so many ways in which you can save money on Valentine's Day whilst still expressing your love. Take away the pressure and expectations of stereotypical gifts and set your own path to celebrate this day. A path as unique as your relationship and love for your partner. Love is not chocolates, roses, or jewellery. True love is being with one another and cherishing that person for everything they are, flaws and all.

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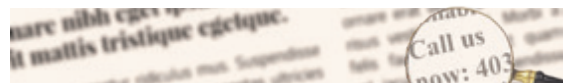
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