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MEET THE BOARD

September, 9

5:30 - 7:00

KGCA Hall

A chance to voice your concerns, interests, and provide feedback – meet with the board on September 9! Refreshments will be provided.



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What's happening

KGCA News

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Wheely great time!

The KGCA saw a great turn out at the Parking Lot Bike party on July 27! We're proud to have created a biking haven for all the kiddos learning to pedal. Thank you to our sponsors Cabin Brewing, Life 'n Balance Wellness Centre, and Glamorgan Bakery for making the complimentary barbecue possible!



Enhancing Greenspace

Thanks to ActivateYYC's grant, our greenspace has been transformed with new picnic tables and Adirondack chairs, enhancing our community park. Special thanks to local carpenter Tim Hazlett and RONA stores in Signal Hill and Macleod for their generous discounts. Stay tuned for more updates!

Upcoming Events:

September 9: 5:30-7PM
Meet the KGCA Board @ the hall

September 14: 3-10PM
Miracle on 34 St Party

October 27: 1:30-5PM
Haunted Laboratory Kids Halloween Party

For more info on events visit our website.

Email us to volunteer with event set up/take down.

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Development In Killarney and Glengarry

by Colin Knoll, KGCA Director of Development

Killarney Glengarry is experiencing a notable shift with the rise of infill developments. These changes aim to address urban housing needs in Calgary and reflect evolving trends in community planning. I am writing this article in order to educate the community on development, the latest high-profile projects, and how the KGCA will be engaging residents in the future.

This is the first article of subsequent articles where I plan to update the community on development and gauge feedback from residents in a two-way dialogue.

What Is Infill Development?

Infill development involves constructing new buildings on vacant or underused parcels within already developed urban areas. In Killarney Glengarry, this often means replacing older single-family homes with new multifamily dwellings, duplexes, and townhouses. The goal is to make more efficient use of land and accommodate a growing population within the existing urban framework.

It's important to note that development in Killarney Glengarry has been consistent over the past number of decades, due to the region's proximity to downtown and LRT, the amount of adequate land and space available for development, and a strong appetite from developers to drive more growth and invest in development projects.

Update on Current High-Profile Projects

Richmond Green: The Richmond Green area, historically a popular recreational space, is currently undergoing a review process for potential redevelopment. The City of Calgary has sold five acres to a developer for new housing. Community consultations are ongoing to ensure that any changes align with residents' needs and preferences. Link to a recent article: <https://www.cbc.ca/lite/story/1.7249354>.

City Westbrook Land: The City Westbrook land, located in a strategic area of Calgary, has been sold back to the City, with the City looking to sell the land to another developer. Updates on the progress of these plans are anticipated in the coming months, as the City continues

to engage with stakeholders and the community to shape the future of this significant site. Link to a recent article: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/city-calgary-westbrook-lrt-land-1.7178035>.

Minto Communities and the Viscount Bennett Project: The Viscount Bennett project is one of Minto's most ambitious developments to date. Located on the historic Viscount Bennett school site, this project aims to transform the area into a vibrant residential community with the construction of townhomes and condos. Link to more information about this project: <https://2501richmond.com/>.

Other Projects in the Area: There are a number of projects currently ongoing in the community. We will provide a more comprehensive view these projects in subsequent articles.

Development and Impacts on the Community

It's important to understand that infill developments bring positive change to the community of Killarney Glengarry.

- **Housing Variety:** The new developments introduce different housing styles and price points, potentially making the neighbourhood accessible to a wider range of residents.
- **Property Revitalization:** Replacing older homes with new constructions can rejuvenate the neighbourhood and potentially affect property values.
- **Community Dynamics:** An increase in population density can lead to changes in local businesses and services, as well as infrastructure demands.

From talking to residents over the past number of months, residents have voiced various concerns, including:

- **Traffic and Parking:** Increased density is leading to more traffic and demand for parking, which are common concerns in residential areas.
- **Neighbourhood Character:** Some residents are worrying that new developments might alter the traditional character of Killarney.

Concerns From the Community

We want to make sure your voices are heard! If you have any concerns, the following measures are being considered for the next six to twelve months:

- **Community Engagement:** We plan to have a designated quarterly evening where our community

hall is available for public consultation on development projects. We are in the midst of finalizing what dates we will host the quarterly events and will provide an update on this in the next article.

- **Sustainable Planning:** We consistently work with developers to ensure new developments include green spaces, pedestrian pathways, and community-friendly designs and include feedback from residents.
- **Traffic Management:** We often engage with city planners to provide feedback about how to develop strategies that manage traffic flow and maintain safe streets.

Future Outlook

As Killarney continues to evolve, infill development will play a role in shaping its future. Ongoing dialogue between developers, city planners, and residents is crucial to balance growth with the preservation of the neighbourhood's character. Staying informed and involved in the development process will help ensure that Killarney remains a vibrant and desirable place to live.

For Residents: If you have any questions about development in Killarney Glengarry - please contact development@KGCA.ca.

Everyone has the opportunity to share their feedback on proposed developments and land use changes. You can submit comments on proposed developments using the Development Map at dmap.calgary.ca. Your input is shared directly with the File Manager overseeing the application and will help inform whether it's approved and any conditions that are put in place.

For Developers: We are suggesting that you directly engage residents within the near proximity of the proposed development to gather feedback. Please also reach out to me at development@KGCA.ca if you have any questions.

Thank you and I look forward to engaging you in the future through this medium.



VOLUNTEER WITH US!

If you are interested in volunteering for the Killarney-Glengarry Community Association, please email vp@kgca.ca.



KGCA Membership Perks Program



We are working on revamping our Perks Program for members. As of now, members receive discounts on the following:

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- Event tickets (e.g. Beer and Wine Tasting events)

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A Walk in the Wetlands

by Alisha Sharma



Wetlands are a very important part of our community. They serve as a habitat for birds and other animals, especially when things such as city development force the animals out of their homes. Well, I'm here to support the idea of going to the wetlands more often. Let me share my experiences in the wetlands with you.

I enjoy going to a trail in the Silverado community which runs along a lively wetland. My favourite thing to do there is birdwatching. There's a good range of birds in the wetland, so I recommend doing a bit of birdwatching in your free time. Common birds found there include yellow-headed blackbirds, red-winged blackbirds, Grackles, American Robins and if you're lucky, you'll find

some ducks there as well. And the occasional run-in with the dreaded Canadian Geese!

The wetlands are also a great place to just walk, enjoy the view, and find a bit of time for yourself, which I know some people really struggle with. It's calming, especially with all the sights and sounds; it definitely helps get rid of any stress. So, if you're looking for your next "you-time" destination, check out the wetlands and see what you think.

I've recently noticed that each time I've walked or cycled in the wetlands, I've felt more active. My guess is it's all the Vitamin D from the sun (but still, don't forget sunscreen!). I feel I've improved my physical activity and I feel really good after a peaceful walk. I'm a kid and so far, being in the wetlands has piqued my curiosity because of the variety of creatures and plants. I just can't help but explore it.

I hope you will begin exploring your local wetlands. Maybe next time you need somewhere to walk, to have a bit of "you-time", or even to meet new people, make sure to try the wetlands.

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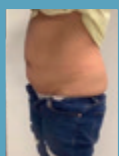
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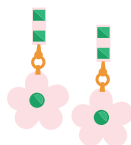
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