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Last Minute Market

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us at the Last Minute Market in December! We can't wait to welcome you all back next year. Thank you to Servus Credit Union and Safeway in Glamorgan for sponsoring the event. Thank you to our volunteers for organizing, our vendors for attending, and the community for your continued support!



Embrace the Outdoors!

A huge thank you to Parks Foundation Calgary and the City of Calgary for helping our community Embrace the Outdoors and spend time outside this winter. The Embrace the Outdoors grant helped make some much needed improvements to our ice rink, so be sure to swing by and check it out!

Upcoming Events:

- Feb. 23, 3:00PM:
Family Movie Screening
- March 29, 7:00PM:
Beer and Liquor Tasting
- April 26:
Safety Day
- May 25:
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KGCA Development Committee: 2024 Year in Review

Vision 2030: One Community, Growing Together with Purpose

As we close the chapter on 2024, the Killarney-Glengarry Development Committee (KGDC) reflects on a year of achievements, collaboration, and progress with the community. From a development committee perspective, we are now standing at 8 committed volunteers, all of which have diverse opinions and thoughts about development that they bring to the table.

We continue to work together and advocate to stakeholders on behalf of the community. It's been exceptional to get to know each one of the members of the committee and I want to thank everyone who has been involved so far, for all the hard work and enthusiasm to managing the complexities of development and making great progress so far. If you know of anyone on the committee, please give them a pat on the back and a thank you for a job well done this year.

This year, we proudly launched Killarney-Glengarry Vision 2030, a bold, aspirational roadmap for our community's future. It's more than a plan - it's a story about what we can become. Vision 2030 captures the hopes, values, and priorities of our residents, inspiring us to build a shared future about a neighbourhood that balances growth with liveability, with data taken from resident feedback through survey feedback and through conversations to inform Vision 2030.

Aligned with the Westbrook Local Area Plan (LAP), Vision 2030 reflects our collective desire for thoughtful development, sustainable living, and strong community connections. By aligning with the City's framework while articulating our unique needs, Vision 2030 ensures we're all working toward a shared future.

For a copy of Vision 2030, please visit www.kgca.ca and click on "Vision 2030" which is under the development tab.

What Were the Key Achievements in 2024 for KGDC?

1. Established a Strong Foundation for Development Advocacy and Education

In 2024, we introduced the SMART Development Framework, which is a tool that addresses the challenge of unchecked or misaligned development by providing a clear set of principles to guide projects. It helps by ensuring that new developments prioritize sustainability,

meet the diverse needs of residents, respect the community's unique character, and deliver tangible benefits like enhanced green spaces, age-friendly housing, and improved walkability, fostering a more balanced and liveable neighbourhood. SMART means:

- Sustainable Growth
- Meaningful Design
- Age-Friendly Solutions
- Resilient Communities
- Tangible Results

This practical tool ensures new projects respect Killarney's character, prioritize community needs, and promote green spaces.

2. Strengthened Relationships with Stakeholders

We built partnerships with residents, the City, and developers, fostering dialogue through surveys, various meetings, and feedback. Highlights include:

- 81 residents participated in our survey, which shaped the advocacy priorities for KGDC
- Feedback from the survey and residents needs/wants regarding development was shared with the City to influence the Westbrook LAP.

3. Reviewed Land Use Changes and Development Permits

Once KGDC was fully formed in late Q3 2024, the KGDC responded to every development permit and land use application, offering thoughtful feedback on major projects like the Viscount Bennett (Minto) development and multiple multi-unit and middle housing proposals. We also provided feedback to developers, in some cases steering them away from overdevelopment which can be an issue, and in some cases, encouraging "development done right" that fits within the City framework, but is beneficial within the community.

4. Educated the Community

- Hosted an open house attended by 40+ residents, gathering input on key areas like Westbrook LRT and 26 Ave.
- Published five articles reaching over 6,000 community members.
- Redesigned our website to make development information accessible.
- Collaborated with other communities and provided thought leadership on how to engage residents in development.

Looking Ahead: 2025 Priorities for KGDC

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Drive Vision 2030 and SMART Framework

Host workshops and open forums to engage developers, residents, and other stakeholders to promote SMART development, “development done right”, and the Vision 2030.

Focus on Key Development Areas of Opportunity/ Challenge

Prioritize influencing any development projects on 37 Street, 26 Ave, 17 Ave, and Westbrook LRT, ensuring large-scale developments meet community standards. We also aim to find an interim solution for Westbrook LRT station.

Expand Education and Advocacy

Grow newsletter readership by 10% and launch a Resource Hub to simplify development feedback. We also plan to provide more resources on specific topics such as (condo board obligations for resident owners living in multi-units, the development process and how to submit feedback, and more!)

Enhance Green Spaces

Advocate for better parks, tree canopy preservation, and walkable and liveable spaces to enhance community interaction with developers and the City.

Engage Local Businesses and Build Partnerships

Support mixed-use developments (this does not mean we will always encourage this, but we do want to encourage vibrancy) and include businesses in project discussions to ensure their voices are heard.

As part of our vision for enhancing public spaces, we’re also exploring a project to transform underutilized spaces into vibrant displays of Killarney-Glengarry’s history and character, fostering community connections and creating lasting benefits for all residents.

We don’t know exactly what that will look like, but we are open to ideas! If you want to participate in the brainstorming process, please e-mail me at development@kgca.ca

Here’s to continuing all our vital work in the years ahead!

Get Involved!

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Membership details: [KGCA Membership and Volunteering](#)

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HUMANS OF KILLARNEY JOEY'S LEGACY OF PASSION AND PURPOSE

BY
TITASH CHOUDHURY

When asked how she would like to be perceived when people meet her for the first time, Joey didn't hesitate. "As someone passionate," she says with a warm smile. That one passionate word captures the essence of who she is: someone deeply invested in her community, her craft, and the beauty of life around her.

In the second story of our Humans of Killarney series, we share the story of one of our community neighbours, Joey. From living in the Killarney-Glengarry neighbourhood in Calgary for 60 years to a fulfilling career in occupational health, Joey's life reflects a quiet but steadfast commitment to making things better wherever she goes. Joey's journey began in Calgary, but life took a turn when her mother and she moved to Swift Current, Saskatchewan, where she grew up. At 17, Joey returned to Calgary, beginning a new chapter that would shape her life and legacy.

Breaking Barriers in Nursing, Occupational Health and Safety

In the '60s, Joey enrolled in Nursing School at Holy Cross Hospital, where she studied nursing and later worked as a nurse before discovering her true calling. Early on, she questioned the traditional approach to medicine, which focused on treating illness after it appeared rather than preventing it.



Joey on her nursing graduation day

Asking herself, "Why not help people before they get sick?" She found her answer in the emerging field of occupational health, a career path that was still developing at the time. She later studied Occupational Health at the Royal College of Nursing in London, England where she graduated with honours

determined that leaving her daughter and husband behind in Canada would be worth the sacrifice. Returning to Calgary, Joey broke new ground by being one of the first to introduce occupational health concepts in workplaces like ATCO, Shell, and Imperial Oil. She made lasting impacts in a male-dominated environment in professionalizing safety practices. Joey was one of the first Canadian Registered Safety Professionals when it was introduced in 1976, a newly designated Canadian Corporation that was formed for the purpose of certifying qualified safety practitioners as Canadian Registered Safety professionals (CRSP). Joey's passion for preventive care wasn't confined to the workplace. She has served as Chair of Calgary's Local Board of Health, leading initiatives that transformed the city's public health system.



ATCO Manager presenting Safety Performance Awards to the Construction Division

She championed Calgary's first no-smoking bylaw in 1981, won a water fluoridation plebiscite in 1987, and opened Calgary's first Birth Control Clinic for teenagers in 1983 when they could see the impact on teenaged girls' life trajectory. Joey's service extended to children's education as she spent 5 years on the Calgary Learning Centre board, helping children with learning challenges. Joey also supported the Salvation Army's efforts to create Calgary's first stand-alone Agape Hospice, ensuring compassionate care for those at life's end.

A Life of Art and Creativity

Joey has always been inspired by art. She served on Calgary's Public Art Board, advocating for art that truly represents the city. Her home in Killarney/Glengarry, a Provincial and Municipal Heritage property, is a piece of Calgary's history. Designed by builder Wolfgang Wenzel and inspired by Frank Lloyd Wright's Usonian style is a mix of function and creativity. Known as "Earth and Garden," the house is filled with art, fossils, and sculptures from around the world.

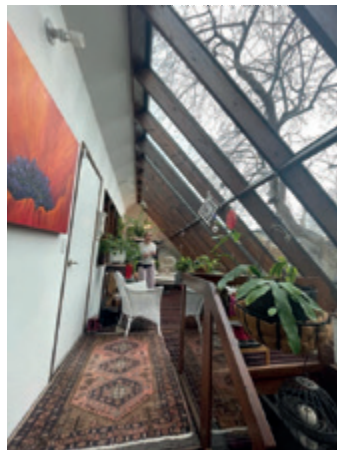
Her Calgary Horticultural Society award winning Garden, even in late fall, reflects her love for the land. It's full of rocks, fossils, and carefully chosen plants that show her respect for nature.

As we walk through, Joey shares the stories behind each item, making the space feel like a living piece of art. As we walk through, Joey shares the stories behind each item, making the space feel like a living piece of art.

The Heart of Killarney

Joey's connection to Killarney is deeply personal. She moved into her property on October 1, 1964, with big dreams. As she moved in, her neighbour, Joanne, welcomed her with flowers and curtains, making her feel instantly at home. Another neighbour, Mr. Leatherbarrow, taught her gardening which left a lasting impact on her life.

"It's knowing and loving my neighbours," she says, recalling the children who always call out, "Hi, Joey!" and the bright "Good Morning" exchanges that define her days, still to this day for Joey, the most meaningful moments are rooted in relationships.



Joey's home designed by Wolfgang Wenzel: Sunroom with steel grate flooring allowing sunlight to reach the basement, creating a unique modern, natural, yet cool design



Joey's Backyard in Fall: Award-winning garden with stones, sculptures, and fossils collected over the years

She treasures the people who have shaped her journey, saying, "Each person is their own work of art, whether they know it or not."

Joey has been an active member of the KGCA board multiple times over the years and has dedicated countless hours to volunteering. Even now, she continues to attend community events and contributes a regular column to the KGCA newsletter.

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Joey and her friend Jane Ebern dressed up for their fun Ladies' Night celebration

Joey's life is a masterpiece of passion and purpose. Whether advocating for public health, supporting the arts, or nurturing her home and garden or travel and adventure, she embodies the belief that beauty and connection can be found everywhere. Through her legacy of service, art, and love for her community, Joey continues to inspire everyone who crosses her path.

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