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MONDAYS	TIME	DETAILS
High Fitness	5:50 to 6:50 pm	kgca.ca/events
Monday Yoga	7:05 to 8:05 pm	kgca.ca/events
TUESDAYS		
Family Yoga	5:45 to 6:30 pm	kgca.ca/events
Core/Pilates	7:15 to 8:15 pm	kgca.ca/events
WEDNESDAYS		
Sportball	5:00 to 7:00 pm	sportball.com
Sound Baths (bi-weekly)	7:15 to 9:15 pm	frequenciesofthesoul.com/events
Wednesday Yoga (bi-weekly)	7:30 to 8:30 pm	kgca.ca/events
THURSDAYS		
Neuro Tai Chi	5:45 to 6:45 pm	kgca.ca/events
FRIDAYS		
New Covenant Assembly	7:00 pm	newcovenantassembly.ca/ ncacalgarysw
SATURDAYS		
Sportball	9:00 am to 12:00 pm	sportball.com
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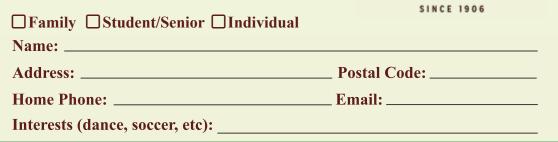
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Upcoming AGM & Available Board Positions

The KGCA has its AGM coming up on Oct. 23 at 6:00PM at the KGCA Hall. All new board members are voted in at the AGM, so if you're interested in joining the team, let us know! Check out all vacant position at kgca.ca/board. Learn more about the board and available positions by emailing pres@kqca.ca.





Multi-Sport Summer Camp

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our first ever Multi-Sport Summer Camp! With 11 kids in attendance, we're excited to expand this camp in the future. Although we faced a few challenges, we had an incredible time throughout the week, enjoying basketball and soccer, as well as engaging in yoga and crafts.

Upcoming Events:

Ward 8 Forum:

Sept. 3 | 6-7:30PM

Mayoral Forum:

Sept. 4 | 6-7:30PM

KGCA 75th Anniversary:

Sept. 21 | 3-7PM

KGCA AGM:

Oct. 23 | 6PM

Halloween Movie: Oct. 26

Last Minute Market: Dec. 6

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Is It Possible...?

Many of us in Killarney are feeling the effects of new construction continuing all around us. How are we managing? Is it possible to live our usual peaceful lives amid the sounds and inconvenience of huge trucks, endless staple guns and mud?

On our alley out of 32 houses only five original homes are still standing. Almost every neighbour has felt the joy and discomfort of new homes coming to fruition. The new neighbours who have come from well-established neighbourhoods may have never had the pleasure of the construction boom and with that, lots of misunderstandings of what it involves.

We were very lucky, within two hours of owning the property next door our new neighbours came to our door announcing: "we want to be your neighbours". From that moment we've had a great relationship with the builders.

It took a short time for the supervisor to get to know us. We lend them our water hose and our electrical outlets. We were glad to do it because it laid the groundwork for a good relationship.

The process of building a new home in a well-established 'hood is not simple. Mountains of earth gets taken out and then piled back in; enormous cement trucks, bulldozers, and a myriad of other gigantic trucks arrived with material that will magically be turned into a new house.

Our first task was to get to know the superintendent on the job. Rob turned out to be a gem. He patiently answered every question; when will the old house come down, when will the utilities be installed, when will it be back filled, when will the garage be built, when will the sidewalk be replaced, and on and on. Rob was incredibly patient, that allowed us to share the information with neighbours so that they knew when the alley would be blocked or the front street was unavailable, or the alley was covered in mud.

Rob helped us when we were having a music recital and needed some semblance of quiet even if it meant that in addition to the piano we had 'construction music' of staple guns—it worked out, or when we needed access to our side yard when we had an "Open Garden" for the Calgary Horticulture Society.

When we had a fundraiser one evening we even borrowed fencing material from the construction site to hang art for the Artful Garden Party. We helped them get done what they needed to do, and they helped us when we needed it. It couldn't have been a better match.

We got to know their workers and they got to know who we were. We helped when they needed their water bottles refilled or to use the bathroom before the port-a-potty arrived.

Of course, we had a few misunderstandings—it's inevitable. It is puzzling why they want to run another fence alongside ours but that's ok we can make it work. I'm sure we'll learn later why it was so important.



Photo by Joey Stewart

The only real sticky wicket of the project was our desire to have solar panels on our roof. The new house takes away a lot of our sun. So, we took out one fir tree at the front of the house and made a sculpture out of it and we had another fir tree, my daughter's grade 3 seedling we planted over 50 years ago, at the back of the house "spiralized." The spiralized tree is so called by

taking out every other branch to allow more sun to shine through. We think this will allow sufficient sun to make solar panels work.

It's not always the case that you have builders that care about the neighbours but establishing a relationship that works towards that goal, is always worth it.

In the end, the real joy is having a new house and new neighbours. And we look forward to that! It is possible!





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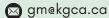
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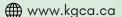
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HUMANS OF KILLARNEY

Healing in Motion: Denis Simons on Movement, Purpose, and Community

by Titash Choudhury

Born in Ontario, Dr. Denis Simons moved to Calgary in 1986 when his parents joined Petro-Canada. He's called the city home ever since. Now in Killarney with his family, he serves as a Clinic Director and has shaped a life centred on health, purpose, and community. His path to chiropractic care wasn't linear. After earning a science degree from the University of Lethbridge, he spent a year working and taking courses in Vancouver and Ontario before moving to Portland, Oregon for four years of chiropractic school. Drawn by a deep fascination with the complexity of the human body and his own experience as an athlete, he found the wellness and functional approach of chiropractic care to be a natural fit. The idea of treating the root cause of an issue rather than just the symptoms felt both intuitive and exciting to him.

After returning to Canada, Denis joined the ski patrol at Lake Louise.

Denis has always led an active life, and the hands-on, wellness-based approach of chiropractic care felt like a natural fit. Early in his career, Denis volunteered for over a decade with the Canadian Ski Patrol Association, served as an emergency first responder and associate patrol leader at the Lake Louise ski area.



While he enjoyed his time there and learned a lot about his career path, seeing athletes lose their confidence, joy, and sense of identity after an injury was heartbreaking. "When someone gets injured,

especially if it's their first time, they suddenly feel vulnerable and mortal," he says. "The effort it takes

to heal mentally, physically, and emotionally can be painful, but it changes their entire outlook on life." Dr. Simons embraces the bio-psycho-social model of pain, which recognizes that injuries affect the whole person, often bringing emotional, social, and psychological losses alongside the physical ones.

While sport and movement remain central to Dr. Simons' life, his deepest strength comes from learning to trust himself. If he could speak to his younger self, he'd say, "Worry less about what others think. Don't chase approval, trust your beliefs, your thoughts, and your feelings. Then act accordingly."



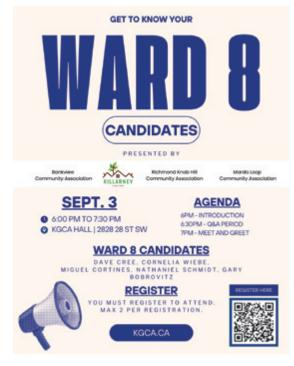
That mindset led him to launch his practice, become his boss, and create a clinic that reflects his values, a place where patients feel safe, supported, and informed. For Denis, travel, surfing, skiing, time with his family, and being in nature are just as essential; they feed his need for freedom and

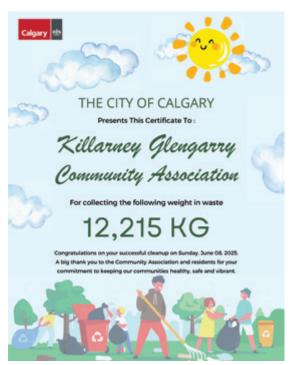
genuine connection. That same desire for balance and belonging drew him to Killarney, where he bought his home in 2006. He was drawn by the neighbourhood's quiet charm and walkable streets. Since then, he's seen the neighbourhood grow denser and busier but also more vibrant. He still grabs slices from Inglewood Pizza, browses the toy-model shop, and meets friends at Bulgogi House or the Newcastle Pub. He loves the neighbourhood because it's a place where neighbours introduce themselves, share referrals, shovel each other's walks, and even pick up stray litter. As a business owner, Denis is excited about the proposed development near Westbrook Station. He hopes the changing neighbourhood brings wider sidewalks, more green space, additional daycare spots, and parks.

At home, life is a constant shuffle between activities, like swim sessions at Southland Leisure Centre with his kids, and planning camping trips. Dr. Simons believes in treating neighbours with compassion as one never knows the burdens they're carrying, whether emotional, physical, or psychological. Chronic pain can change people. So can loneliness. Learning our neighbours' names, exchanging numbers, these are small actions one can take. For Dr. Simons, community engagement is about belonging as it connects us with like-minded people and reminds you that the world can be both humane and kind.

This outlook shapes how one can show up for family and for oneself. He leaves off with a quiet offer: "If anyone wants to live a little healthier or needs a hand, I'm always happy to help whatever that looks like." He carries his struggles and meets others without judgment. In a world that often rushes past pain and connection, Denis Simons slows down. He listens, he shows up, and he reminds us that leadership isn't always loud.













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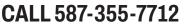


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