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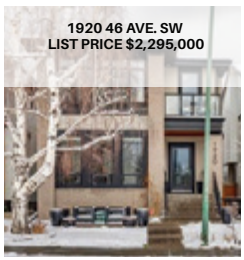

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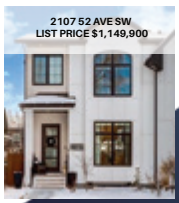

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer is almost upon us, tennis and pickle ball are in full swing, and soccer fields are a beehive of activity.

The MLCA Community Hall Revitalization Project has kicked off and is scheduled to be completed by the end of September. The result will be a modernized façade, and an improved experience for renters. If you're planning an event, give us a try.

The Indulge event with a denim and diamonds theme is being held on June 6, with tickets available on the MLCA website. Always a lot of fun, and I hear there will be a fantastic silent auction. I'll be there looking to meet as many of you as possible.

We still have available spots for our wonderful preschool program with a September start, particularly for afternoon slots. If you want your child to be as prepared as possible for kindergarten and grade one, this is the place to go.

As always, we are looking for volunteers for a number of roles, just use the MLCA website to express your interest. The MLCA Board has openings for Vice President and Facilities Director. Sustainability and Development Planning and Mobility subcommittees are also looking for members. Being a community volunteer is fulfilling and a great way to contribute back to your community.

If you aren't already a MLCA member, I recommend you sign up. For a reasonable cost, you get access to a number of activities and programs, as well as a long list of vendor discount programs.

The MLCA website is a great place to get more information on all events and programs.

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Planning and Mobility Update

As Marda Loop continues to grow and evolve, mobility and community safety remain important priorities for residents, businesses, and visitors alike. From safer pedestrian crossings to traffic calming and accessible pathways, thoughtful planning helps create a neighbourhood that is welcoming and safe for everyone. The Mobility and Safety Committee works to identify local concerns, collaborate with the City of Calgary, and advocate for improvements that support a vibrant and connected community.

We are currently looking for volunteers from each of the various areas of Marda Loop Communities: Altadore, Garrison Woods, Riverpark, and South Calgary to join the committee and help shape the future of mobility and safety in our community. Whether you are passionate about walkability, traffic safety, accessibility, transit, cycling, or simply want to contribute to the community, your ideas and involvement are welcome. Volunteers can participate in discussions, community engagement, and local initiatives that make a meaningful difference for our neighbourhood. If you are interested in getting involved, we would love to hear from you. Email us at mobility@mardaloop.com.

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Hall Revitalization

Dear Residents,

We would like to inform you of the upcoming renovation at the Marda Loop Communities Association Hall (3130 16 St SW) taking place this spring and summer season. This work will include repairs to the building exterior, improvements to lighting, updates to gutters and drainage, and upgrades to the entrance canopies.

Prompted by the City of Calgary's lifecycle planning process, this project will enhance both the safety and visual aspects of the hall. Improvements will include new canopy structures at the upper and lower hall entrances, stucco remediation, updated lighting, replacement of metal sheathing, new sealants, upgrade of gutters, downspouts, and soffit panels.

Construction is scheduled from May to September 2026, working with The City of Calgary and approved contractors. During this time, you may experience increased noise and minor traffic disruptions. Project updates and schedules will be shared on our website www.mardaloop.com.

For those with hall bookings and participating in MLCA programs and events, our team will work with you to minimize disruptions and arrange alternatives where needed. We appreciate your patience and support while these improvements are completed. Our goal is to ensure that Marda Loop Communities Association Hall continues to serve as a welcoming and functional space for gatherings for years to come. We look forward to sharing our new look and feel with you this fall!

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Tami Cormack, Director of Sustainability at sustainability@mardaloop.com.

Thank you for your continued support of our community.

Sincerely,

Marda Loop Communities Association

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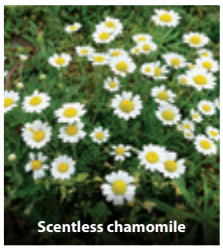
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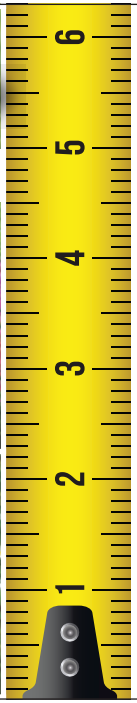

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Busy Month for Seniors in the Loop

First there was birdwatching in Carburn Park led by one of our members, Dr. Stephen Boucher, who is an avid birdwatcher and active member of the Fish Creek Birdwatchers. We spotted American wigeons, buffleheads, cinnamon teals, bald eagles, gadwalls, double crested cormorants, grackle, and a host of pelicans among many others.

The monthly gathering was extremely well attended – 52 attendees! The guest presentation was on Wills and Estates by Chartered Accountant and Retired Tax Lawyer. Esmail has received a number of awards over four decades of teaching experience and five decades of professional experience. We learned a lot about what is often omitted in wills and estate planning. Esmail shared with us factors we all need to consider to avoid unpleasant surprises and aggravation for our loved ones after we die. We learned more about estate planning in simple and understandable language and were provided a checklist to take home and follow in order to avoid pitfalls and reconsider reviewing our estate plans from different perspectives.

This was followed by an hour of Restorative Rhythm Drum Circle led by Kaura Grant, whose mantra is "if you have a heartbeat, you can drum." So, with a bunch of rented drums and rhythm instruments of various sizes and shapes, we connected through expressive drumbeats, mindful movement, and concluded with a nurturing rhythm cradle.

With the construction in progress at the MLCA Hall, we have found alternative spaces for Canasta every Monday evening at the Hudson Social room at the corner of 16 St and 33 Ave and Mahjong every Friday afternoon at Bell's café on 34 Ave.

Its outdoor pickleball time so we are happy to return to our home courts on Tuesday and Friday mornings. We also held a beginners course to a few more enthusiastic members who we hope will be joining us on the courts for the outdoor season which usually continues until Thanksgiving.

We launched an informal "Fitness Fun in the Park" session behind the MLCA building every Thursday afternoon to make up for the absence of fitness programs during construction.

Some of us are off to Rosebud Theater to see the play entitled "Hurry Hard" while there are some others off to see yet another National Theater Live play "The Playboy of The Western World" at a local cinema.

If you or any one in our community would like to know more about our activities and join us, please reach out to me and I will be pleased to welcome you.

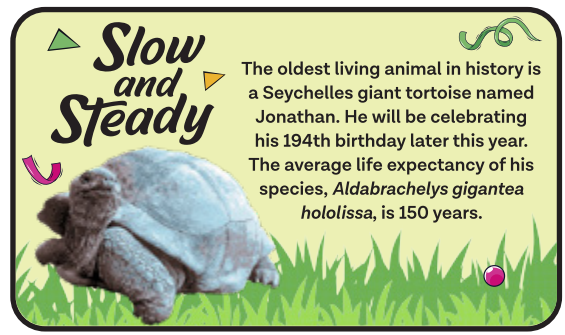
Heather Bhatty

Director, Seniors in the Loop

Email: seniors@mardaloop.com

Join the MLCA Membership Committee

The MLCA Membership Committee is looking for volunteers to help support our membership enrollment initiatives. If you're interested in getting involved as a committee member to contribute your time & ideas, please email Jenna at membership@mardaloop.com



MARDA LOOP COMMUNITIES ASSOCIATION PRESCHOOL

Why I Love Preschool

by Kinsey

Tell me about preschool.
K: *On 4-year-old days I like to play castle rangers with Emma and on 3-year-old days I play whatever Matilda plays.*

What is castle rangers?
K: *It's like a game where we go and explore the castle. I don't know that much about it.*

[Emma is beside Kinsey] Emma, can you tell me about castle rangers?
E: *No.*
E: *FIGURE SKATING!*

Is there figure skating in castle rangers? What else happens?
K: *Teddy is the ice cat and he's in the ice realm.*

Ok. How do you play?
E: *One person has to tell who's the leader of the day.*

And then you fight the bad guys?
K: *Sometimes.*
E: *And sometimes, we pretend we're dead. Then when you're dead, you're out of the game.*
K: *Yeah, so I never pretend that I'm dead.*

What's your favorite thing you learned at school?
K: *Doing crafts.*

What's your favorite craft?
K: *The flower one, where you make the flowers. You take a piece of green paper and you stick it on a piece of paper. And a couple [other] ones, you get to choose.*

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by The City of Calgary

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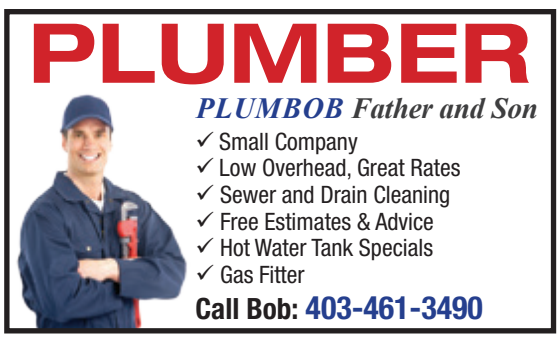

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