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## RPCA BOARD

Visit our website for the latest information: http://www.rutlandparkcommunity.com

Board meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm; everyone is welcome.

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2024** President Craig Marceau president@rutlandparkcommunity.com Vice President and Leanne Ellis **Development and Traffic** development@rutlandparkcommunity.com Website Director Nisha Sridhar communications@rutlandparkcommunity.com Sarcee Meadows Liaison Jeremy Hart sarceemeadows@rutlandparkcommunity.com Membership **Benedikt** membership@rutlandparkcommunity.com Ice Rink Steve Dubois rink@rutlandparkcommunity.com Secretary Karen Wesley secretary@rutlandparkcommunity.com West View Parc Liaison Vacant westviewparcliaison@rutlandparkcommunity.com Newsletter Vacant newsletter@rutlandparkcommunity.com Infrastructure Projects Mark Yobb markyrobb@rutlandparkcommunity.com Lincoln Park Liaison Gary Axelson lincolnparkliaison@rutlandparkcommunity.com Treasurer Gary Axelson treasurer@rutlandparkcommunity.com Currie Barracks Liaison Garry Moves curriebarracks@rutlandparkcommunity.com Community Events socialevents@rutlandparkcommunity.com Website communications@rutlandparkcommunity.com Directors at Large Husayn Lalji Chantal Ogrodnick **COMMITTEES**

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City Recreation Coordinator

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## **GAMES & PUZZLES**

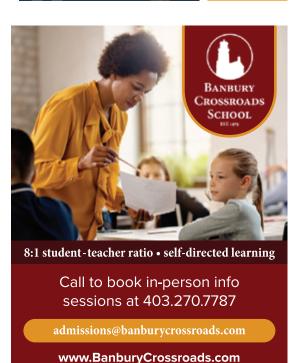
## **Guess the Country!**

- 1. Over 80% of this Asian country is mountainous.
- This European country is also known as The Emerald Isle.
- 3. Asmara is the capital of this African country.
- 4. It is mandatory in this South American country to play the national anthem twice on television and radio every day.
- 5. This Central American country's capital has a rain forest within its city limits, making it the only known one in the world.

6. This Oceanic country, known for its 7s rugby team, is composed of over 300 islands.







## **Save Our Community**

by Louise C from The Rutland Park Restrictive Covenant Committee

On April 22, Calgary's Council will focus on City wide rezoning to support much higher base lot density. What this means is that eight or more housing units will be permitted on every 50-foot lot (more on larger lots), with minimal on-site parking requirements. This R-CG land use will also allow for 60% lot coverage and threestorey buildings. Right now, our lots have a maximum 45% coverage and a two-storey height limit. This will severely impact our mature trees.

The City is arguing that allowing this kind of development will increase affordability—only 28% of our housing is restricted to low density (unlike 61% in the rest of the City), and developers are not required to put affordable housing in any of these R-CG developments. This rezoning will not create affordable housing.

The only thing that will prevent this change from happening in Rutland Park are the Restrictive Covenants on our lots. These are registered on our low density lots and can be upheld in court. Other Calgary communities are currently paying legal fees to add these covenants to their lots to protect their communities—we are fortunate to already have them in place.

A developer here plans on challenging our RCs, and we want to defend against this. Some residents have contributed funds for a legal retainer and a warning letter has been sent. The lawyer we are using has won a number of almost identical cases in other communities. Once we have a ruling in our favor, we can go after court costs for other developers who wish to challenge our RCs.



## **COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Mail or drop off your completed application to: Rutland Park Community Association, 3130 - 40 Avenue SW, Calgary, AB, T3E 6W9 or membership@rutlandparkcommunity.com

Select Membership Type:

☐ Family: 1 year - \$15: 3 year - \$36 ☐ Single: 1 year - \$5: 3 year - \$12

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Be sure to include your email address so we can keep you up to date with community news and events of interest to you.

Your support through membership is critical to Rutland Park Community Association's success in negotiations with the various governments (municipal, provincial and federal) and business entities that your board interacts with on a regular basis.

Thank you for your participation.

## Rutland Park Mission and Values:

The results of several brainstorming sessions by the Rutland Park community board were presented at the May 23 Town Hall Meeting. These important statements will be used to guide our work and decisions. Your feedback is welcome!

#### **Our Mission and Values:**

Our mission is to engage community residents, advocate on their behalf, foster community spirit, and practice meaningful stewardship while honouring our past.

#### What your Board Commits to Do:

- I. Engaging and including residents of our community
- II. Addressing community concerns in a transparent
- III. Conducting board business in an ethical and fiscally responsible manner
- IV. Making decisions based on the needs of the community as a whole

- V. Communicating board decisions with one voice
- VI. Following through on the commitments and action plans we undertake

### Community Values we will uphold:

- honouring our heritage
- · connectedness: bringing people together
- · knowing neighbours, cultural hub, social activities
- everybody is given a voice
- · slow inner city living
- pride in our community: volunteerism, participation
- safe community where people can have fun
- pleasant surroundings/maintaining green space and excellent community facilities
- pedestrian friendly: easy walking, cars secondary to people
- self contained: close to amenities, community garden, sustainable
- · accessible, age friendly
- · desirable quality of life: all season activities
- promote accessible recreational activities

## Rutland Park Community Hall Rentals

3130 - 40 Avenue SW, Calgary, AB, T3E 6W9

Current Rental Rates Hourly Rate: \$50/hour Friday, Saturday, Sunday – full day rate: \$400. Non-refundable admin fee: \$50. A four-hour minimum rental is required on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. If you are interested in renting the hall or would like more information on any of the classes running at the hall, please contact Lola at 403-474-3845 or email hallrentals@rutlandparkcommunity.com. Visit the Community Association website to see what our beautiful hall looks like: www.rutlandparkcommunity.com/hall-rentals/.

### **DEVELOPMENT AND TRAFFIC REPORT**

I would just like to highlight what has been happening/ going on behind the scenes this past month, in no particular order.

I would like to thank Karen W. for all of her hard work as our volunteer secretary. While Karen has stepped down as a board member, she will continue to act as a Committee Chair to provide outreach for our community. Thank-you for staying involved!

Chantal O. has graciously stepped up to take on the position of Acting Secretary until a permanent replacement has been found. Please consider joining our board either as Secretary or VP Infrastructure. We could use your help!

Thank you to those who provided feedback with regards to the proposed land use redesignation for the carwash land on Sarcee Road. Please keep in mind that whenever you are providing feedback, your best bet is to make sure it is submitted twice—once for the posted application, and once for when it goes before Council. You are welcome to save and resubmit the same response—Council only receives a summary of the responses, unless you also submit it to the City Clerk in preparation for the Council meeting itself.

City wide rezoning to R-CG as the base land use for low density residential development goes before Council on April 22. If you haven't already done so, you can sign up here for updates and to provide feedback: https:// engage.calgary.ca/rezoningforhousing.

We will continue to raise concerns with regards to this proposal. Redesignating the land to R-CG does not create affordable housing. There is no requirement for affordable housing on any privately owned land. Removing older more affordable bungalows from the rental market may further reduce affordability. Increasing lot coverage to 60% will have a significant impact on our urban canopy—there is no private tree bylaw to protect mature trees on private land. Minimal on-site parking puts pressure on existing residents. Not all new residents will take public transit, so traffic will also increase. Secondary suites can double the number of units but are not calculated into density figures. The density is being focused on established communities, but no new amenities are being provided there.

In addition, families are less likely to live in the smaller units, and local schools are at risk of closure and redevelopment.

We are still awaiting a final decision from the insurance company with regards to our hall floor collapse and have reached out to the Canadian Council of Insurance Regulators and Chris Merriman in the Provincial office.

If you have not already signed up for our email updates, please do so at our website, www. rutlandparkcommunity.com. The City often gives us very short notice for upcoming events, and this is the quickest way for us to reach you. Please also join us on Facebook by searching Rutland Park Community Association. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Leanne Ellis

Executive VP and Development and Traffic

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## **RESIDENT PERSPECTIVES**

## March Gardening Magic: Nurturing Your Calgary Garden



by Carolyn, Calgary's Home Gardener Helper

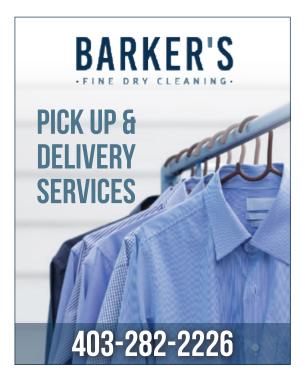
March in Calgary signals the slow but steady awakening of the garden from its winter slumber. As the city experiences a transition from winter to spring, gardeners can leverage the changing weather to kickstart their gardening endeavours. Here's a guide on what Calgary gardeners should focus on in March.

- 1. Soil Assessment and Preparation: Snow farming in Southern Alberta involves strategically managing snow accumulation in the winter to serve as a water resource during dry periods. With Agriculture Canada predicting drought-like conditions in 2024, snow farming becomes crucial for sustaining moisture in your soil. Stored snow provides essential moisture for plants, mitigating the impact of water scarcity.
- **2. Indoor Seed Starting:** March is a prime time for indoor seed starting in Calgary. Start seeds for vegetables, annuals, and herbs indoors, taking advantage of the longer days. While outdoor conditions may still be unpredictable, nurturing seeds indoors ensures they're ready for transplanting when the frosty days subside.
- 3. Pruning and Grooming: Before the growing season gains full momentum, Calgary gardeners should engage in pruning and grooming tasks. Trim dormant trees and shrubs to encourage healthy growth, removing any dead or damaged branches. Groom perennial plants by cutting back dead foliage and inspecting for signs of winter stress.
- 4. Plan and Design: The fluctuating weather in March makes it an ideal month for garden planning. Calgary gardeners can use this time to finalize garden layouts, considering factors like sunlight exposure, wind patterns, and plant placement. A well-thought-out plan ensures a harmonious and visually appealing garden.

**5. Weather Watch for Frost:** Calgary's March can bring occasional frosty nights. Keep a vigilant eye on weather forecasts and be prepared to protect tender plants if temperatures dip unexpectedly. Covering plants with frost blankets or using other protective measures can safeguard them from late-season frost.

In conclusion, Calgary gardeners can make the most of March by aligning their activities with the unique cycle of weather conditions found in this transitional month. We must embrace the opportunities that this month present with the optimism of the approaching garden season.





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We're back in Edmonton this month! And since I don't expect most folks are watching the Legislature livestream, I wanted to quickly review some of the debates we had in the Legislature in the fall.

The first month of work was more focused on abstract legal housekeeping instead of on what Albertans are facing right now. The Throne Speech promised actions like an income tax cut, relief from electricity bills and auto insurance, and fixes to our healthcare system. We didn't get any of those.

Bill 2 outlines some Alberta Pension Plan details including a referendum. The NDP suggested amendments that would've made its results legally binding, ensured transparency on the question being asked, and ensured that non-partisan information was provided for voters. They were all voted down by the UCP majority.

Bill 3 updates previous legislation regarding a class action lawsuit against opioid manufacturers and marketers. While it's a necessary amendment and I support it, again it's just housekeeping. We need real action immediately to turn the tide on the record amount of overdose deaths occurring in Alberta.

Bill 8 brought changes to the Conflicts of Interest Act. Most notably, it removes the \$200 value limit on gifts MLAs can receive from an individual, which I found deeply concerning. Also, the Ethics Commissioner can no longer conduct investigations nor release reports during an election period. If you recall, Danielle Smith was found to have breached the Act eleven days before the election. Imagine not getting to see that information before voting for your representatives. I made sure to point this out during the debate.

If you want to catch me in action, I'm uploading clips from the Legislature to my very own YouTube page. I hope you'll check it out!

The link is youtube.com/@JanetCgyCurrie.

Take care for now.



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Dear Neighbours,

On January 16, Rachel Notley announced her resignation as leader of the Alberta NDP. She will remain leader until a successor is chosen. It's the end of an era.

I remember the first time I saw Rachel Notley. It was on TV, the debate stage in 2015.

And as I watched the debate, I realized the best person on that stage to represent me and my values was Rachel Notley. I voted NDP for the first time in my life in 2015. I didn't regret that decision even once.

Rachel Notley cut child poverty in half. She made protecting our environment a priority. She shepherded a booming renewable energy sector. She somehow managed to keep healthcare and schools working despite a collapse in oil prices the likes of which we had never seen before.

She worked with the federal government to get the first pipeline to tidewater built in 50 years. She was instrumental in enhancing Canada Pension Plan benefits to make our retirements more secure. She phased out heavy polluting coal-fired plants. She raised the minimum wage to \$15 per hour. She started construction on the Calgary Cancer Centre. She even made our beer better by supporting a nascent craft brewing industry.

I never thought that I would be a politician and never believed that I could be elected to serve you, the people of Calgary-Elbow. It was Rachel who showed me, at length, that I had something to offer the people of Alberta. I wouldn't be here if it weren't for her, and I owe her everything.

Just as we, as Albertans, owe her so much.

I will miss her.

Should you have any other questions or concerns, my office is located at 205, 5005 Elbow Drive SW. You can also reach me at calgary.elbow@assembly.ab.ca or by phone at 403-252-0346. My door is always open.



## Real Estate Update

## Last 12 Months RUTLAND PARK MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
January 2024	\$ 0	\$ 0
December 2023	\$ 710,000	\$ 682,500
November 2023	\$ 1,287,450	\$ 1,277,500
October 2023	\$ 995,000	\$ 988,000
September 2023	\$ 549,900	\$ 555,000
August 2023	\$ 339,900	\$ 325,000
July 2023	\$ 679,000	\$ 670,000
June 2023	\$ 630,000	\$ 631,750
May 2023	\$ 899,900	\$ 871,500
April 2023	\$ 304,900	\$ 304,625
March 2023	\$ 469,950	\$ 452,500
February 2023	\$ 602,450	\$ 598,500

## Last 12 Months LINCOLN PARK MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
January 2024	\$ 330,000	\$ 340,000
December 2023	\$ 339,950	\$ 330,000
November 2023	\$ 299,900	\$ 302,500
October 2023	\$ 264,900	\$ 262,500
September 2023	\$ 349,900	\$ 350,000
August 2023	\$ 300,950	\$ 296,500
July 2023	\$ 244,500	\$ 241,500
June 2023	\$ 291,500	\$ 289,000
May 2023	\$ 259,900	\$ 253,000
April 2023	\$ 239,900	\$ 230,000
March 2023	\$ 222,500	\$ 217,500
February 2023	\$ 259,450	\$ 256,000

To view more detailed information that comprise the above MLS averages please visit **rutl.mycalgary.com**, **linc.mycalgary.com** or **curr.mycalgary.com** 

## Last 12 Months CURRIE BARRACKS MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
January 2024	\$ 351,950	\$ 349,500
December 2023	\$ 1,450,000	\$ 1,350,000
November 2023	\$ 360,000	\$ 355,000
October 2023	\$ 1,022,400	\$ 991,125
September 2023	\$ 1,332,450	\$ 1,302,500
August 2023	\$ 456,000	\$ 452,000
July 2023	\$ 455,000	\$ 435,000
June 2023	\$ 839,000	\$ 814,500
May 2023	\$ 320,000	\$ 314,900
April 2023	\$ 420,763	\$ 426,328
March 2023	\$ 470,000	\$ 466,000
February 2023	\$ 1,150,000	\$ 1,062,500

