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NEWS

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Traffic Safety in Scarborough

BY KRISTEN HALPEN
SUNALTA PARENTS SOCIETY

There have been complaints about speeding and drivers not obeying traffic signage or crosswalks throughout Scarborough. Formal complaints have been made to the city police, who have sporadically monitored, and even more sporadically handed out warnings for violations. More recently, a temporary electronic traffic monitoring device was installed at the roundabout on Scarborough Avenue, resulting in the City's conclusion that no major issues needed immediate attention.

At a Sunalta Parents Society meeting in December, traffic safety was raised once again, and it was unanimous that we needed to test a few ideas ourselves to help the situation. A flag crossing system used in other cities was presented, and the group agreed to test a 'homemade version' of this kit at the corner of Sunderland and Scotland. It was also decided to add a pylon at the marked crosswalk on Scotland and Sunderland, and at the top of Sunderland at Summit, where there is unfortunately no marked

crosswalk. Pylons were placed in an effort to improve awareness of the crossings (marked and unmarked), and to slow drivers down.

The messaging went out via the school, but naturally, not everyone in the community receives the school news. Many were curious about the pylons and flags, and the topic was raised at a recent SCA meeting. While everyone agreed safety is a concern and of upmost importance, the pylons denoting common crossings can prohibit flow of traffic, city trucks, and street parking. Feedback on the flags at crosswalks is positive; however, the flag system is only possible when poles to attach flag buckets to are available.

We, the Sunalta Parents Society, have now started the conversation about traffic safety in Scarborough. At our January meeting, we decided to continue to use the pylons, and add flag systems to two more crossings. The pylons will be monitored to ensure they do not become a nuisance, but we stress that even if they are a minor nuisance, they can help with awareness and limiting speed.

With questions, ideas & support, please call Kristen Halpen (kristen.halpen@gmail.com), Cindy Lang (cindy.lang@shaw.ca), Katrina Edgerton-McGhan (katrina.edgerton-mcgghan@dlapiper.com) or Sharon Nettleton (snettleton@shaw.ca).



OLMSTED 1930s SKATING PARTY

Join us for an old timey family skate
to celebrate Olmsted's 200th year!
Hot cocoa, games, and
community spirit!



March 5, 2022
1:00pm-4:00pm
Triangle Park



A happier and, hopefully, healthier New Year to all!

from the Scarborough Community Association President

SHARON NETTLETON

PRESIDENT, SCARBORO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Days are getting longer, and temperatures for skating, tobogganing, skiing and walking have improved. School is back (in-class at the time of writing) and hopefully Omicron will fly past most without too much devastation. Thank you for taking all the necessary precautions—masking, distancing, reducing contacts, and for getting vaccinated & boosted. Thank you also for looking out and helping others. It all matters.

To those new to Scarborough, a warm welcome. We look forward to meeting you in person soon. To old friends and neighbours, hibernating from the cold and virus, we hope to see you out and about soon.

I'm pleased to report this year's SCA board has made a commitment to the following issues & priorities: street safety; a new community website, brand and signage; continued improvements to our hall and additional marketing; re-establishing annual programs and activities; engaging the City and others in improvements to our parks & green spaces; enhancing our heritage; and establishing new and stronger partnerships with local businesses, other facilities & neighbouring community associations. We hope to continuously recruit and acknowledge you—community volunteers—for all you do for Scarborough. Simply put, we look forward to sharing more 'fun in the hood'.

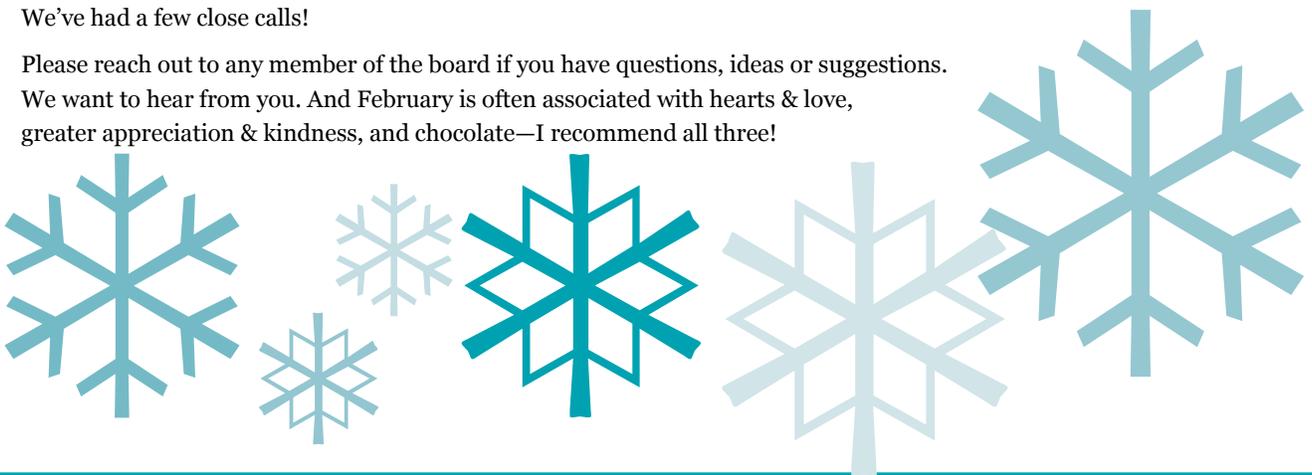
This year marks Scarborough's formal involvement in the National Association for Olmsted Parks. Celebrations are being planned for what would have been Frederick Olmsted's 200th birthday (1822-1903). You'll recall that Frederick Olmsted, the father of John Olmsted (the landscape designer of our neighbourhood), was renowned for his extensive landscape design work in North America's green spaces. A Scarborough committee, led by Karin Gashus, is organizing many Olmsted events to help us remember Scarborough's heritage, our connection to Olmsted, and our beautiful and unique green spaces. The first event is a skating party at Triangle Park on March 5th at 1-4pm (thanks, Kristen Warner, for organizing this; see notice on the front page).

You may have heard that Heritage Calgary recently released its Inventory of Evaluated Historic Resources. The map highlights Calgary's heritage buildings, colour-coded by the time period they were built. More than 800 historically significant buildings are listed, including many in Scarborough. You can access the map at <https://www.heritagecalgary.ca/explore-inventory>.

The SCA will be going to print soon with the 2022 edition of the Community Directory. If you've joined/renewed your membership, you will receive a copy. Contact Vita Leung for more information at vita.w.leung@gmail.com.

Finally, please remind your friends and family—everyone who drives through our neighbourhood—to do so with CAUTION and at REDUCED SPEED. One hurried occasion can change a life and relationships forever. The Sunalta School & Parent's Council along with the SCA will be working together to raise awareness and help reduce speeding. We've had a few close calls!

Please reach out to any member of the board if you have questions, ideas or suggestions. We want to hear from you. And February is often associated with hearts & love, greater appreciation & kindness, and chocolate—I recommend all three!



Comings...

Hello! We are Ben Norris, Kyle Banbury, our daughter Sophie (2) and our Boston terrier Rue (9). We moved into 328 Superior Avenue in mid-November 2021 after spotting the house just as it was listed back in September.



Over the past few years we have been regularly going for walks in Scarboro and fell in love with the neighborhood, hoping to one day make the move. In addition to wanting our daughter to attend the Sunalta School, we both love architecture and truly appreciate the character of the community. Our neighbours have been incredibly kind and welcoming, writing us welcome notes and stopping in to meet us. It reminds us of the small towns we grew up in.

Kyle is a corporate lawyer in oil and gas; Ben works in architecture, although he's been a stay-at-home dad for the past 2 years. We can't wait to check out some of the community events and meet more of our neighbours. Feel free to say hi if you see us out and about walking our dog or chasing after Sophie.



... & Goings



Marlene and Blair Mason have lived together in Scarboro for 55 years. Having recently sold their house at 1601 Summit Street, they are now residing at The Edward in Marda Loop. Blair's Scarboro legacy goes back to when he was 12 years old and his family moved to Calgary from Montreal. His first home was at 314 Scarboro Ave. He attended Sunalta School in Grade 6 with Mrs. Fraser and recalls being a bit of an outsider at first. Remembers Blair, "The Sunalta boys wondered if when they

punched me, I would bleed pea soup." Oh my. He completed grades 6, 7, 8 and 9 (yes, Sunalta was also a junior high school at the time) and went on to Central High School and the University of Alberta. In 1964, six years after marrying Marlene Hughes, the couple moved into their first Scarboro home at 314 Sharon Ave. Marlene recalls how cold that house was. "When I brought our third born, Paul, home from the hospital, he had to sleep in the kitchen where it was warm enough." A year later Blair had spoken to Scarboro neighbour, Harry Thompson, and bought the Thompson house at 1601 Summit.

Marlene and Blair raised their three children in this house—Cameron, Cori and Paul. Their children all attended Sunalta School and the whole family was very active in the Scarboro community. Marlene was on the Parent Council at Sunalta School and Western Canada High School. Blair and Marlene are still active members of Scarboro United Church and the Coffee Klatsch, and over the years they have attended so many community events and functions. Marlene is still a member of what was then known as the Scarboro Dress Club, a social group started more than 50 years ago by some of the neighbourhood Moms. They met monthly; each chipped in \$10 per meeting and by a draw, one of the Moms would leave with enough to buy a new dress. "You had to come to the next meeting and show it to the others," laughs Marlene. "Even though some of us are in our 80s and 90s, we still meet to this day."

When asked what the best part of living in Scarboro has been, both Marlene and Blair agree. "It has always been the neighbours!"

Building Community at Scarboro United Church

LAURA MALONEY

MANAGER, SCARBORO UNITED CHURCH

We are now in the season of Epiphany, which stretches from early January to the end of February. This year, we are spending this time building community “Piece by Peace” by exploring the stories and themes of our faith while we build with...Lego! So dust off the bin from the attic or borrow some bricks from the playroom and log on Sunday mornings at 10:30am to worship and build together. We continue to hold in-person worship services available to folks with proof of vaccination. Masks and distancing are required. Travel Tuesdays continue online on February 8th & 22nd, and the Promise of Aging meets on February 23rd. Our Annual General Meeting will be on Sunday, February 27th as part of our worship service.

Next month Rev. Erin will be leading a study on the devotions in Kate Bowler’s new book Good Enough. Visit our website scarborounited.org for links for all of our online programming and pre-order your copy. Join the book study online on Monday evenings or Tuesday mornings.



Were you married at Scarboro United Church? Do you have family members who were married here? We are collecting wedding photos to display inside our building where our Bride’s Door used to be, and we would love to include as many families as possible. Send digital images to Laura in the office or reach her for more information at office@scarborounited.org or 403-244-1161.

Check us out on Facebook and Instagram: [@scarborounited](https://www.instagram.com/scarborounited)

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Volunteer Corner

Kate Morisset and John Reynolds are Scarboro volunteers extraordinaire. Over the years, they have organized and/or participated in the Sunalta Parent’s Council, Kid’s Day, Community BBQs, hall maintenance & Royal Sunalta skating rink, newsletter editor, SCA Membership, Coffee Klatsch, Garden Tours, SCA Board of Directors ... and the list goes on. They are members of the Dinner Club, Bookclub & Dude’s Club, and they have facilitated planning & relationships with Scarboro 17.

Amazing contributions! Thank you, Kate and John!



Bookclub

- CHAPTER 1** *White Fragility*, Robin DiAngelo
- CHAPTER 2** *The Beekeeper of Aleppo*, Christy Lefteri
- CHAPTER 3** *In the Woods*, Tara French
- CHAPTER 4** *The Heart’s Invisible Furies*, John Boyle
- CHAPTER 5** *10 Minutes and 38 Seconds in This Strange World*, Elif Shafak
- CHAPTER 6** *Shuggie Bain*, Douglas Stuart
- CHAPTER 7** *The Girls of Atomic City: The Untold Story of the Women Who Helped Win World War II*, Denise Kiernan

Interested in joining a bookclub?

Email hello@scarborocommunity.com



Planning Update

2021 Review

BRENT FRASER

CHAIR, SCARBORO PLANNING COMMITTEE



2021 was an eventful year for the Scarborough Planning Committee. It included:

- Engaging with the City and other communities on planning policy
- Collecting feedback from residents on various development permits
- Supporting Scarborough's restrictive covenant, the Anderson Caveat
- Applying for Scarborough to become an area of heritage significance

During the winter and spring of 2021, the Guidebook for Great Communities was considered by Calgary City Council and the planning and urban development committee (PUD) for approval as a statutory document (bylaw) via a public hearing process. There were a record number of interventions by the public with most looking for significant changes. This was noteworthy given that the hearings were held virtually due to Covid-19.

In the end, Council did not approve the document becoming statutory and instead approved it as a document of best practices while renaming it the Guidebook for Local Area Planning (Guide). This document will be used to support groups working on local area plans (LAP) over the coming years.

The City describes local area planning as “citizens and communities coming together to work with us (the City of Calgary) and guide how their community should grow and change over time.”

Representatives from communities that contribute to a LAP will have to interpret the Guide's best practices and

work with city planners to create a document that guides future redevelopment. Once completed, LAPs will be important for communities like Scarborough because they will be statutory documents and will be referred to when making decisions on applications for land-use redesignations, development permits and appeals. Scarborough will be part of the West Elbow LAP, along with 15 other communities, which was originally scheduled for early 2022. It is no longer on the LAP schedule for 2022, and the City advises that two additional LAPs are planned to be launched later in 2022 but only to be named and finalized in February.

In 2021 the planning committee continued to support the Anderson Caveat, including sending letters to real estate agents of newly listed properties reminding them of Scarborough's restrictive covenant and asking them to inform interested purchasers. The committee also established the Anderson Caveat Enforcement Fund encouraging SCA members to make donations to assist Scarborough property owners enforce the restrictive covenant when necessary. Questions and donations can be made by emailing caveat@scarborocommunity.com or by visiting Planning and Development tab on the SCA website. Members of the committee are also in regular contact with residents from other communities with restrictive covenants (RC) to share best practices and get updates on current RC activities in other communities.

In early 2021 the SCA submitted a request to Heritage Calgary and to Alberta's Heritage Resources Management Branch requesting that Scarborough be evaluated for municipal and provincial heritage significance. For Heritage Calgary this means being added to the Inventory of Evaluated Historic Resources. To be considered, both a Heritage Context Paper and Statement of Significance for Scarborough were submitted as supporting documents.

The planning committee is looking at another busy year in 2022, and we welcome volunteers to help support these activities.

Thank you to local merchants

Scarboro Community Association would like to thank the following local businesses for their donations to our first 20 'Welcome to Scarborough' baskets. Your donations and this initiative have been extremely well received.



Alberta Beer Exchange
COOP Grocery Midtown Market
Community Natural Foods
Fishman's Drycleaning
Guardian Protective Clothing
PAWS on 17th Avenue
Peaseblossoms
Rubaiyat



Experiencing the Winter Season at Sunalta School

CHRISTINE MCCRORY

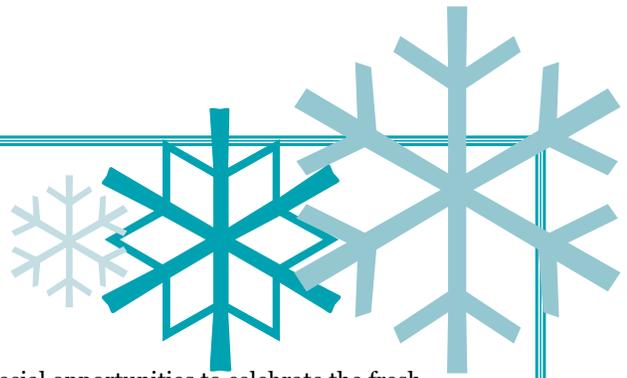
PRINCIPAL, SUNALTA SCHOOL

The students of Sunalta School have been spending time outdoors enjoying special opportunities to celebrate the fresh and bright winter season. This has become a regular part of our day as students take time to listen to the stillness and experience our interconnectedness with nature. Children can often be seen marching over the bridge to Shagannapi Park and carefully looking for changes throughout the season. They observe and discover an urban city park through the five senses, and later create pictures and poems in their visual journals to describe their feelings and new understandings.

As part of our learning of Indigenous ways of knowing, we have been listening and learning from Blackfoot Elder Shirley Hill (Pretty Sound Bird Woman) from Siksika Nation. Students quickly connected with her messages of 'you are loveable' and the importance of the animals such as the bison, wolf and horse. Elder Shirley shared stories of the Buffalo days, the bison jump and the need for us to be caretakers of the land (Mother Earth) and respect it and everything connected to Na'a.

Our students described their time with Elder Shirley as heartfelt and thought-provoking as she shared cultural protocols to set daily intentions and the meaning of the medicine wheel, Niitsitapi, and the dog days. Elder Shirley also shared historical information about residential schools, truth and reconciliation, and the impact on her own family. As Elder Shirley is a fancy dancer, students took part in a dance opportunity to experience the feeling of dancing to Indigenous cultural music. Sunalta students look forward to spending more time with Elder Shirley and Lemon the Bear later this year. Elder Shirley noted that Sunalta students are exceptionally kind, ask incredible questions, and are very respectful of her culture.

Kindergarten registration opened on January 17, 2022, and we are excited to welcome a new group of students for Fall 2022. If you have any questions about Sunalta School, please call or email us at 403-777-8590 or sunalta@cbe.ab.ca.



Tobogganing & Sledding Safety

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS)

EMS would like to remind parents and children about a few toboggan/sledding safety tips as the winter season continues. Injuries may result from collisions with stationary objects on the hill, such as trees, poles, rocks, or even collisions with other people. Unprotected falls can also result in more serious injury if you lose control at high speeds. However, everyone can be safe and have fun on the toboggan hill by following these reminders.

Plan ahead

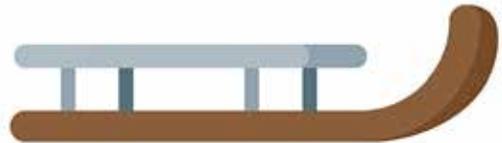
- Dress warmly in layers and anticipate weather changes.
- Consider bringing extra sets of gloves and toques to exchange wet garments for dry ones.
- Take breaks, out of the cold, to warm up,
- Attempt to cover any exposed skin.
- Even when properly protected from the elements, the finger tips, toes, ears, the tip of the nose, and other high points on the face such as the forehead and cheekbones can be affected by frostbite.
- If frost bite has occurred, treat it by first removing the individual out of the cold environment.



Gently warm the affected skin by placing a warm hand over it, or by placing the affected part in warm—not hot—water until re-warmed.

Equipment

- Always ensure your toboggan, or sledding device, is in good repair. Inspect for any damaged or missing parts before each use.
- Be certain the operator is fully capable of staying in control of the sled at all times.
- Wear a ski helmet, designed for use in cold weather and high speeds.





ASH FLOWER GALLS



BUR OAK GALLS

Trees & Shrubs Discovering problems & their treatments

GLYNN WRIGHT

My curiosity is piqued when I find strange growths (anywhere!) that remind me how much I need to discover. Various insects' eggs or larva overwinter by protecting themselves from predators by causing twigs or bark to surround the invading 'bug'; this may also stop the nuisance from doing further damage.

Walking around Scarborough, we often see green to red, wispy wasp galls on the red-leaf rose; I have only seen them on this species rose—further evidence that insects are often very choosy about their hosts. Some pests choose one specific species, while others have a broader range and favour trees or shrubs from a one family. For example, oystershell scale loves hawthorn and apples trees as well as cotoneaster, i.e., any plant from the rose family is susceptible.

In the case of the wasp galls, you may find them unsightly, but they do no harm to the plant and harbour one wasp larva. With cotoneaster in mind, do not be alarmed if you find coral-spot nectria canker (a fungus) on some stems. Normally, they

are doing little damage and live on dead wood, but they may provide sites for other problems so should be pruned off.

Along Scarborough's boulevards the male flowers of ash trees may have galls on, a symptom of the feeding activity of microscopic mites known as ash flower gall mites. The flower galls do not threaten tree health; although green in the growing season, they remain over winter and can hang on into the next spring and exist side by side with new foliage and galls. Ash trees also can be hosts to cotton ash psyllid insects whose immature nymphs cause the leaves to curl up, and that in turn reduces the area for photosynthesis. If you are concerned, call the City's 311 phone line or email them.

Also on our boulevards you will find bur oaks have growths that look a little like deformed acorns. They are in fact galls too, produced by nonstinging wasps, and I do not find them unsightly. Other trees have different problems. For instance, spruce adelgid galls are unsightly and can be removed if they are in easy reach; unfortunately, by the time they are clearly visible, the "bird" has flown (I should say the aphid-like adelgid has gone).

The internet has lots of good information on the treatment of such problems. Start with City of Calgary data or our many arborists, especially if they carry ISA certification.



COOLYE SPRUCE GALLS



CORAL SPOT ON COTONEASTER

Community Board

NEW TO SCARBORO? Want to know how Scarboro works? Want a membership? Directory? Thinking about joining dinner club? Or a book club? Drop us a line: hello@scarborocommunity.com

ALL-CHAPTER COORDINATOR FOR SCARBORO WOMEN'S BOOKCLUB

Denyse Fair, a member of Chapter 5, has agreed to take on this role. Denyse will be the key contact for chapter secretaries, and will help us get back on track for all-chapter events. And Denyse is the one to contact if you are interested in joining one of the seven chapters, at denysefair@gmail.com.

CARDIO KLATSCH RETURNS

FEBRUARY 7TH! Older community members—and especially Scarboro Coffee Klatschers—Cardio Klatsch is for you. Class runs Mondays from 2:40 to 3:30pm and is free for all SCA members. **Pre-registration is required, including proof of full vaccination.** Please contact Erika at doeringseis@outlook.com or 403-831-6372 to register. Remember to wear comfortable clothes, and bring indoor shoes and a water bottle, mat and mask.

STRETCH & TONE EVERY THURSDAY

Also check out what is virtually the best class ever—stretch & tone online every Thursday at 7:15pm. For more details, email doeringseis@outlook.com.

GOOD NEIGHBOUR a pay-what-you-can store, provides dignified access to clothes, books, pantry & cold food items, and hygiene, baby & sanitary products. Proceeds go to the Community Fridge. Isabelle Reynolds volunteers weekly and is happy to transport your donations. Please drop off donations at 114 Scarboro Ave. (box at front door) or directly at Good Neighbour, 149 – 5 Avenue SE.

LOOKING FOR SMALLER HOUSE

To anyone looking to sell a smaller house in Scarboro, we are downsizing and would love to stay in the neighbourhood. Flexible possession. Please call Linda at 403-540-2885.

CANON IMAGECLASS PRINTER FOR SALE Less than one year old. Purchased for \$500, will sell for \$50. Please contact Jocelyne Day at 403-560-9273 or jsdaw501@gmail.com.



NEED HELP?

- Bailey, a lifeguard, in Grade 12 at Western, is available for babysitting, tutoring, swimming assistance, yard work and other neighbourhood jobs. Text 403-620-0844
- Riley, in French Immersion Grade 10 at Western and a Ranger, is available for babysitting, beginner French tutoring, yard work and other neighbourhood jobs. Text 403-816-7824.
- Carley, a Pathfinder, in Grade 7, has her babysitting certificate and is available for babysitting, yard work and other neighbourhood jobs. Text 403-975-6001.

CALL FOR STORIES Do you have stories about raising your family or growing up in the neighbourhood before 1970? If so, we would like to talk to you. The SCA is compiling stories about the neighbourhood and its homes as part of a historical project. Contact Sharon snettleton@shaw.ca | 403-228-1562, or Carolyn carolynworks@shaw.ca | 403-229-0860



SCARBORO COMMUNITY HALL RENTALS AVAILABLE

Our restored and refreshed community hall is open and available for rentals. The rates are very affordable and SCA members receive a discount. For more information, go to the SCA website (www.scarborocommunity.com) and click on the Rental tab.

