

**SCHOOL ENDS & SUMMER BEGINS!**

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# NEWS

## Reconnecting ...with land and space

**CHRISTINE MCCRORY**  
PRINCIPAL, SUNALTA SCHOOL

Sunny Sunalta School students have been enjoying spending time outside with the wonderful weather of spring by reconnecting with land and place. Our Grades 5 and 6 students spent a week at YMCA Camp Riveredge as part of an outdoor education experience, including stewardship of the land and team-building leadership skills. Other classes have participated in offsite learning activities at Telus Spark, swimming at Killarney pool, tennis lessons at the Calgary Tennis Club, and visiting the Calgary Zoo and Heritage Park. Our Grade 4 students are looking forward to an overnight trip to Drumheller as part of the Royal Tyrrell Museum Edutour. It has been a long time since our students were able to take part in field trips and we are making the most of it!

Sunalta School recently spent time recognizing Earth Day, learning about how children can support preserving species and habitats through land stewardship. Our youngest students prepared pots for seeding Indigenous herbs, bee friendly plants, and tomato seeds. These seeds are part of a Let's Talk Science *Tomatosphere*™ scientific inquiry project comparing two sets of tomato seeds (one exposed to space and the other untreated). This seed investigation allows students to examine the effects of the space environment on the germination of tomato seeds. Other areas of natural science activities included environmental conservation through worm-bin observations, crafting birdseed pinecones, and using our outdoor sit spots to slow down and engage & reflect on the natural world around us and its changes over time.

Sunalta School is also committed to supporting Education Matters 'Loonies for Literacy' campaign to raise money for our Calgary schools in greatest need for literacy resources. To support our school, text 'Literacysunalt to 30333' to donate \$5 to benefit Sunalta School.

Lastly, we will be meeting with our new kindergarten students for an orientation evening, in person, on May 26th at 6:30pm.

If you have any questions or comments, always feel free to reach out to our community school at [sunalta@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:sunalta@cbe.ab.ca)!



*Above: FIRST CAMPERS OF THE YEAR,  
Below: GRADE 6 MATH CASTLES*

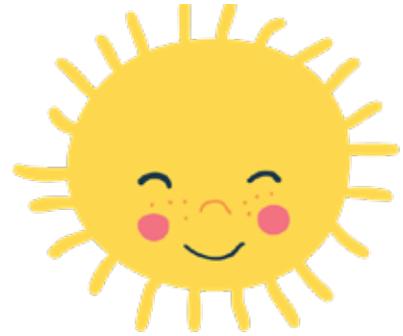


## Endings & Beginnings

### SHARON NETTLETON

PRESIDENT, SCARBORO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

June is a unique time of year, replete with many special school activities—graduations, end-of-year concerts & celebrations—outdoor sports and reasons to recreate, backyard gatherings, gardening and planning for summer excursions & holidays. Here in Scarborough, your community association looks forward to helping us all return back to what we consider ‘normal’ by reintroducing many of our usual community activities.



**Coffee Klatsch**—Calling all seniors new and old! Come out and join us on Thursday, June 2nd at 10am at the community hall for an informal, in-person gathering. Seniors, get to know your neighbours!

**Dinner Club**—Tamarra Fleet is collecting names of community members who wish to sign up and join Scarborough’s dinner club when it returns this fall. It is a great way to meet neighbours, enjoy good food and entertain in our own homes. For more information, contact Tamarra before July 30th at [tamara.fleet@gmail.com](mailto:tamara.fleet@gmail.com)

**Bookclub**—For women’s bookclub chapters, contact Denyse Fair at [denysefair@gmail.com](mailto:denysefair@gmail.com); for the men’s bookclub, contact Peter Strickland at [particle@shaw.ca](mailto:particle@shaw.ca).

**Dudes Club**—A gathering of men—we don’t really know what they do, but they have fun and build ‘community’—contact Peter Strickland at [particle@shaw.ca](mailto:particle@shaw.ca).

**September Community BBQ & Kid’s Day**—We’re looking for volunteers to help plan these events in early September. All ideas, resources, hands on deck are welcome. Contact Sharon Nettleton at 403-861-5926 or [snettleton@shaw.ca](mailto:snettleton@shaw.ca)

**SCA Directory**—Thank you, Vita and a team of board volunteers who helped deliver our new directories! Did you receive yours? If you are not currently an SCA member but would like to join and receive a directory, please contact Sharon Nettleton at: 403-861-5926 or [snettleton@shaw.ca](mailto:snettleton@shaw.ca). Membership rates remain ever so affordable at \$40/family, \$20/seniors & singles.

**Sign Up for Casino Dates**—We depend on casino funds for many of SCA’s operations and programs. This year, we have earmarked some of these funds to assist with the building of the new Royal Sunalta Olmsted Playground. Contact Peter Strickland at [particle@shaw.ca](mailto:particle@shaw.ca) if you can volunteer on September 8th and/or 9th .

### THANK YOU!

**Community Cleanup** was a big success. More than 100 vehicles showed up with ‘stuff’ that was either repurposed and will be reused or was conveniently dumped. Thanks to Karen Abernethy for organizing, and to Gord and Ben Chalk, Brad and Oliver Sinex and Pat Maguire for helping out on the day.

**Hall Table Cleaning**—The Girl Guides who rent our community hall cleaned our hall tables on Earth Day using natural cleaning products. Such a welcome and needed service!

**Newsletter Editor, Layout Designer, Delivery Coordinator and Team**—A big shout out to Bevelyn Park, Romi Sebastian, Sarah Duff and the delivery team who collect, creatively design and get our news out to you each month! We couldn’t do this without all of YOU!

**NEIGHBOUR DAY is SATURDAY, JUNE 18<sup>th</sup>**

Please do something kind for your neighbours!



## Comings...

We're the Lewis family—Colton, Hannah & 1-year-old London, and our Berners, Jofa & Lanny.

We moved to 1610 Scotland Street (the one with the yellow door) last June and instantly felt at home. We were initially drawn to this incredible community because of the heritage and character of the homes. But since moving here, we quickly learned it's the people that make this community so special. We were welcomed with open arms and look forward to making many long-lasting friends here, both for ourselves and our kids.

Colton is a born and raised Calgarian and Hannah is originally from Nova Scotia. Colton works in the O&G industry, and Hannah is currently at home with London, and expecting baby #2!

In our spare time we love being outdoors, spending lots of time in the mountains, camping and making frequent trips to visit family on both coasts. If we haven't already bumped into you while walking our dogs, it's just a matter of time—feel free to say hello!



THE LEWIS FAMILY



THE SOMANI FAMILY

## Comings, too...

We—Parth, Shikha and Ayansh Somani—are so happy to have purchased the house at 1601 Summit Street recently and are excited to be a part of this community. Our little one, Ayansh, is nearing 2 years old now, and upsizing and finding the right home for us had been a priority since he started crawling. One day we were driving around looking at homes and Parth, who had seen this community before, said, “I want to show you a beautiful community.” We fell in love with it, and kept an eye on it. Luckily, the home we found is a great space for us to see Ayansh running and playing around in—and to welcome his sibling in September.

We love how our neighbours all around have been so warm and welcoming, and we are looking forward to meeting the rest of you!

## Bookclub



**CHAPTER 1** *The Paris Library*,  
Janet Skeslien Charles

**CHAPTER 2** Potluck

**CHAPTER 3** N/A

**CHAPTER 4** N/A

**CHAPTER 5** Book Selection Night

**CHAPTER 6** Book Selection Night

**CHAPTER 7** *Five Little Indians*, Michelle Good

Interested in joining a bookclub?

Email Denyse Fair, all-chapter coordinator  
for Scarboro women's bookclub, at

[denysefair@gmail.com](mailto:denysefair@gmail.com)

# Ward 8 Update

## 2022 Free, Fun Summer Activities



If you're looking for something to do with family or friends, check out the free programs and activities coming to communities across Calgary. From Park n' Play and Stay n' Play, Mobile Adventure Playgrounds to Wetland Wonders, families can enjoy Unplug n' Play or drop into a Mobile Skate & Scoot location. Adults can drop into Fit Park exercises guided by a trainer using the park's fitness equipment. Some activities are drop-in, and some require pre-registration; visit [calgary.ca/free](https://calgary.ca/free) to see locations and dates—and they are all free!



### Springtime Yard and Garden Prep

- Check out this page for tips and City programs to help you get your yard and garden ready for the growing season: [Calgary.ca/waste/drop-off/yard-waste](https://calgary.ca/waste/drop-off/yard-waste).
- Free mulch is available at the East Calgary Landfill for pick up.
- Free compost pickup is available from April 25 to June 11, 2022. Make an appointment and get the details from [Calgary.ca/compost](https://calgary.ca/compost).
- Water efficiency helps to create greater resiliency in our communities during times of increased demand or decreased supply. Check out [Calgary.ca/YardSmart](https://calgary.ca/YardSmart) for information to help you create beautiful, waterwise yards that are easy to maintain and suited to Calgary's unique climate.

### Property tax payments due June 30, 2022

Pay all at once or in installments through the City's Tax Instalment Payment Plan (TIPP); to get more information about or request your TIPP agreement, go to [Calgary.ca/TIPP](https://calgary.ca/TIPP) or call 311. Find more about property taxes at [Calgary.ca/PropertyTax](https://calgary.ca/PropertyTax). And find out where our tax dollars go at [Calgary.ca/ca/city-manager/our-finances/taxes/tax-breakdown](https://calgary.ca/ca/city-manager/our-finances/taxes/tax-breakdown).

## Activate YYC—Looking for Ideas

Do you have an idea that can enhance the feeling of safety and community pride in your community? An idea that can transform neglected space in your community into something meaningful? Or, an idea that will help change how people interact with a space in your community? The Federation of Calgary Communities' ActivateYYC grant program can help you with that! ActivateYYC funds small, temporary, low-cost projects that help change how people use and interact with spaces.

You can partner with a Calgary community organization, community association, local business or business revitalization zone, and apply for one of ActivateYYC's two grant options.

If you're interested in doing something that will mobilize people to move differently in your community, re-imagine space into place or create a sense of neighbourliness, you can apply for the \$1000 Walk, Play and Be Neighbourly grant. This grant could fund sidewalk art, buddy benches, garden competitions, beautification of chain link fences, etc. The sky is the limit!

Or if your idea is focused on encouraging traffic calming, accessibility, safety and walkability, you can apply for the \$3000 Bump Outs and Pathways grant. This grant can be used for projects on non-bus route residential streets or neighbourhood pathways; an example is a bump-out activation that will narrow cross-streets so car traffic is slowed and pedestrians, bikes and scooters can reclaim the streets.

This year, there is no application deadline. Application intake is ongoing until all funding is granted. So, if you have an idea for a small, temporary, low-cost project, apply fast! To get inspired by past projects, learn more about the application process and fill out an application form, visit <https://activateyyc.calgarycommunities.com/>.

Be part of it!



ART ALONG THE WAY



PAINT THE PAVEMENT

# Olmsted in Bridgeland-Riverside & Scarboro

**GLYNN WRIGHT AND BRIDGELAND-RIVERSIDE'S DEB LEE**

Calgary's Bridgeland-Riverside and Scarboro communities have different histories, but are linked by having been partly or completely designed by the Olmsted brothers' firm, specifically by John Charles Olmsted. He was an early follower of the picturesque philosophy of landscape architecture, believing strongly that his design would promote community wellbeing and personal health. The similarities shared by the communities are the steep and curved escarpment slopes, and boundaries that changed significantly and reduced their arial extent. One difference is that the south-facing Bridgeland soils are more likely to suffer drought than Scarboro's; in spite of that, Bridgeland and the adjacent Renfrew have huge trees.

In designing Central Park in New York City with Calvert Vaux and the Illinois suburb of Riverside, Olmsted's father had established a new way of looking at public spaces. His spaces would incorporate landscape features and make parks accessible to people of all classes and incomes, providing places for active and passive recreation. The Canadian government had offered the Canadian Pacific Railway title to sections of land in return for the construction of the transcontinental railway. These included the former Bridgeland, the Sunalta/Scarboro areas and Mount Royal, all of which provide examples of the Olmsted brothers' style.

The designs for the former communities had 40-foot (12-metre) setbacks from the streets and were finalized in February 1910 (Bridgeland) and March 1910 (Scarboro). Some features were modified by the CPR, which had targeted specific buyers so the lot size and street widths varied with the areas, as well as the percentage of land devoted to parks. Most streets in Bridgeland-Riverside and early Sunalta show the typical 1900s' grid pattern of Calgary, whereas the Olmsted streetscape design reflects the topography and connects parks by pathways and curving streets.

Bridgeland still retains some of the early street names, but others changed with time. For instance, 5 Avenue was known as Jamieson Avenue, and contains two of Bridgeland's biggest trees, a Poplar and an American Elm with replacement values of \$ 63,000 and \$ 67,000, respectively: Scarboro's biggest boulevard tree is also an American Elm, but it is probably younger and I see our trees are slower to leaf out this spring than Bridgeland's—maybe Bridgeland has a more favourable microclimate?



*Above, top to bottom:*  
AMERICAN ELM, POPLAR

## FARM STAND PROGRAM

The Farm Stand Program is officially underway! Farm Stands are being held in the following nearby communities:

Sunalta  
CTrain Station  
1600 - 10 Avenue SW

Tuesday, year-round  
3:00-5:00pm

Fresh Routes



Wildwood  
Community Association  
4411 Spruce Drive SW

Tuesday, now open  
3:00-6:00pm

Broxburn Farm

Hillhurst Sunnyside  
Community Association  
1320 - 5 Avenue NW

Wednesday, June 1-Oct. 5  
3:00-7:00pm

YYC Growers, Shirley's  
Greenhouse, Walker's Own  
Produce, Michelle's Market

Westbrook  
CTrain Station  
1413 - 33 Street SW

Thursday, year-round  
4:00-6:30pm

YYC Growers



The Farm Stand program site, including a map of the locations and a schedule table, can be found at <https://www.calgary.ca/pda/pd/office-of-sustainability/transit-pop-up-food-markets>. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Alina Dulaney, at [Alina.Dulaney@calgary.ca](mailto:Alina.Dulaney@calgary.ca).

## Come visit the Olmsted Legacy in Calgary!

The Scarborough Community Association welcomes you to an Olmsted Heritage Walk & Tea on Saturday, July 23, 2022, starting at 11am at the hall, 1737 - 14 Avenue SW.

Directions and self-guided maps will be provided directly to ticket holders at the hall. First tour will start at 11:15am, and tours will follow every hour thereafter—come rain or shine! Tickets are \$35.00 each and include tea, a tour of seven historic gardens, and a self-guided map of homes and landscapes.



Fellow Scarborites, we're looking for high school students and adult volunteers to fill the following roles:

- Parking attendants
- Ticket takers
- Greeters
- Hall tea volunteers

Volunteer credits for high school students will be available. Contact Karin Gashus at [kgashus@yahoo.ca](mailto:kgashus@yahoo.ca) to volunteer.

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## Historic Inventory Update

### **SHEENA TROTTER-DENNISE**

A big thank you to Jeanie Gartly and Cathy Smith for sharing their time, knowledge and experience with us at the Inventory of Evaluated Historic Resources session on April 27th. And a big thank you to all who were able to join us for the zoom event. If you missed the presentation and would like a link to the recorded session, email [sheenabhmc@gmail.com](mailto:sheenabhmc@gmail.com).

#### **A quick recap:**

##### **Inventory of Evaluated Historic Resources:**

- Many homes in Scarborough would qualify for the inventory.
- Placement on the inventory does not protect a property nor regulate the property.
- Placement on the inventory acknowledges the property has significant heritage value.
- The more properties listed on the inventory within Scarborough, the more likely it is for the City to acknowledge Scarborough as a historic area because listings on the inventory show a neighborhood's interest and commitment to heritage.

##### **Municipal Heritage Designation:**

- This designation prevents demolition of a property.
- The designation must be initiated by the homeowner.
- Together, the homeowner and the City decide what on the property will be protected.
- Grants are available for designated properties, and there are other incentives.

This week, City Council proposed a pilot program for tax incentives for designated heritage assets. Now is the time to get your house evaluated if you are interested in these proposed incentives. This will be discussed further by Council in the fall. A big thank you to Councillor Courtney Walcott for supporting this incentive.

For details of the inventory and designation initiatives, please visit the Heritage Calgary website: <https://www.heritagecalgary.ca/explore-inventory>.

# Remembering a Remarkable Friend and Neighbour

**LORI FERRIES**

John Licktenbelt was born in Holland in 1918, and he lived in Indonesia before settling in Calgary. He immigrated to Canada in 1956, married and had two children, John Jr. and Karen. In 1957, John made his home at 128 Scarboro Avenue. An extraordinary man, he won the hearts of both children and adults, becoming known as the “Birdman of Scarboro”. He rescued many birds and was a proud member of the Calgary Parrot Club. When I met John, he had 27 parrots!

Given the chance, John would educate anyone who wanted to learn about parrots. On warm days John would take some of his parrots outside and line them up on the fence for children and adults to come visit. John’s knowledge of the birds was known all over Calgary. Many people, including myself, would bring John their birds when they were sick, and he would nurse them back to health.

Over the years John made interesting renovations to his home. One thing for sure is that you never told John something could not be done because he would prove you wrong. Case in point: In refutation of other people’s opinions, John successfully added an indoor garden, which is now over 60 years old. He also added a large granite deck to entertain family, friends and neighbours.

John had an unfortunate accident bringing in a 50-lb bag of birdseed. He slipped and fell, injuring his hip and leg. Sadly, he had to leave his beloved home in Scarboro and move to Edmonton to live with his daughter.

John left this world in 2009. He was like a father to me, and I moved into the house with my parrot to take care of it for the family. For many years people would come to the house looking for John. I have a beautiful picture of him in the garden and feel his spirit in the house. He left quite a legacy, and his Scarboro neighbours still speak of him fondly. I invite everyone to drop by the house, see the garden and to share a “John memory”.



## VOLUNTEER CORNER

In Snowtember 2014, Vita Leung, husband Chris, son William and streetcat Kitty moved from Toronto to Calgary and into our Scarboro community. Their Sharon Avenue home, built in 1929, was likely built, according to Chris, an architect, in the style of Storybook architecture.

Not long after arriving, Vita met Kate Morisset (another amazing volunteer) at the 2014 Scarboro AGM, and her volunteer career began. She has now been a volunteer with the board for 5 years and, like so many neighbours, helps out with many community events. In 2018 and 2019, Vita planned the garden tours and created a tour map as part of the event materials. In 2019, she was involved in our Community Cleanup event and continues to help out with Movie Nights, a joint venture with Sunalta.

Vita and neighbour Olga Courtnage stepped up and became co-editors of Scarboro News for many years. The two shifted the look of the newsletter with a new design based on early 1900s typefaces, press techniques and font hierarchy. Since 2017, Vita has been in charge of the SCA membership and community directory. She started our Facebook group, is an administrator of our Instagram account, and is one of our volunteers who looks after e-blasts and web updates.

In 2020, during the pandemic as SCA President, Vita quickly pivoted and delivered two AGMs by Zoom with tremendous ease. During her term, she navigated meetings with the City, community townhalls, and strategic planning sessions. As part of the ‘Welcome to Scarboro’ team, Vita reached out to the Alberta Beer Exchange so that many of our baskets contained a bottle of wine.

Vita continues this year as SCA’s Past President and is an active member of the Royal Sunalta Playground Committee.

**Thank you, Vita, for all you’ve done and continue to do for Scarboro!**

# Community Board

**NEW TO SCARBORO?** Want to know how Scarborough works? Want a membership? Directory? Thinking about joining dinner club? Drop us a line: [hello@scarborocommunity.com](mailto:hello@scarborocommunity.com)  
And if you want to join a bookclub, contact Denyse Fair at [denysefair@gmail.com](mailto:denysefair@gmail.com).

**CASINO NIGHTS FOR SCARBORO.** September 8th and 9th have been reserved for Scarborough for casino fundraising. Casino Nights are extremely important for our community's programs and services. Casino funds will be targeted to support our new Olmsted Royal Sunalta Playground. Sign up today. Contact Peter Strickland at [particle@shaw.ca](mailto:particle@shaw.ca).

**SCARBORO LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE.** needs another member or two. If you're interested, please call Glynn Wright at 403-680-8289 or email him at [glynnwright@telus.net](mailto:glynnwright@telus.net).

**BABYSITTER AVAILABLE.** Gabby is a responsible student in Grade 7 at Mt Royal Junior High. She has her Red Cross babysitters course certification, and is available for babysitting on weekday evenings and weekends. To contact, please text 587-664-3163.

**HOLD THE DATE.** Super Scarborough Summer Camp returns August 2-5. Your local Grade 7 students are running a camp again this year, so mark the days in your calendar for more summer fun activities. More details to come. Email Carley with questions at [carleydoeringseis@gmail.com](mailto:carleydoeringseis@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 certification and is available for babysitting, yard work and other neighbourhood jobs. Text 403-975-6001

**DINNER CLUB RESUMES IN SEPTEMBER.** Interested in meeting Scarborough neighbours over a meal? Scarborough's dinner club will resume in the September. For more information and to become a dinner club member, contact Tamara Fleet before July 30th at [tamara.fleet@gmail.com](mailto:tamara.fleet@gmail.com).

**HOUSE FOR SALE** at 1712 - 13 Avenue SW. Single-family, 4-BR century home. Shaded backyard and double-car garage. Edged by perennial gardens, the interior boasts original fir flooring with thoughtful renovations to match the character of this heritage home. Numerous windows and 9-ft ceilings make it a bright home, located on an exceptional, canopy-tree-lined avenue. For details, contact Rick and Tanya McFerrin at 403-402-1688 or [rick@onavelo.com](mailto:rick@onavelo.com)

**OTHER CALGARY SITES FOR DROPPING OFF WASTE.** Still have junk to dispose of? Check out the City's website and calendar for community cleanups. Drop off at any of these sites. <https://www.calgary.ca/csps/abs/partnership-programs/community-cleanups.html>

**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](mailto:snettleton@shaw.ca) / 403-228-1562 or Carolyn [carolynworks@shaw.ca](mailto:carolynworks@shaw.ca) / 403-229-0860.

## EXPLORE THE OLMSTED LEGACY IN BRIDGELAND

The famous Olmsted firm was hired by CPR to design landscapes in 3 Calgary communities. Join us to walk & explore their legacy in Bridgeland:

**11AM – 12:30PM. SATURDAY, JUNE 4TH**

Meet at 5 Avenue & 6a Street NE. Parking is available on the street.  
Distance is 5 km, hilly.

Then stop afterward for an ice cream, coffee or lunch at one of Bridgeland's amazing food establishments.



This event is hosted by Bridgeland Walks, and is part of the Scarborough community's celebration of the Olmsted legacy in Calgary.