



The Benefits of Mid-May Gardening

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Optimists plant in early May; pessimists wait until June. Both practices have advantages, so spread your bets!



Review your goals. Select some plants that bloom either in spring, summer or fall to provide pollinators with food throughout the growing season. Decide if you want to retain last year's colour palette, and vary plant textures and heights. Restrict digging to preserve soil structure, and spread slow-release fertilizer granules around your plants. Decide where to plant edibles—they should not grow in the same place each year and can be mixed with decorative plants, too. Raised beds are not essential for veggies, but do have advantages. Check local nurseries for hardy perennial plants and hardy annuals, such as pansies, before the May long weekend; bring them into a protected place if night-time hard frost threatens.

Be wary of impulse shopping; daphne shrubs, for instance, smell wonderful in the enclosed space of a moist greenhouse, but they have little tolerance for our harsh climate and the perfume is lost in our dry atmosphere. Sow veggie seeds over a few weeks for a variety of harvest times, and check that the time from germination to maturity does not exceed our growing season.

Some specific notes:



- Remove dead or damaged twigs from roses and other shrubs, and plan to prune spring-flowering shrubs like early lilacs immediately after blooming.
- For a supply of brighter dogwood twigs, prune off the older greyish stems at the soil level.
- Break off the candles of mugho pines to slow down their growth.
- Cut back lavender stems to 50% of their height, and ornamental grasses to about 20%.
- Eliminate suckers arising from the base of shrubs and trees that are not true to the parent plant.
- Pruning times for clematis vines depends on whether they belong to group 1, 2, or 3; check the 'net to determine your clematis' group.
- Some perennials with weak or dying central masses can be divided to stimulate their growth—note that hostas emerge late, so don't dig too near them.



Don't sow wildflower seed mixes unless they have been selected for our extreme prairie climate. It is better to create your own blend that will survive here. Rejoice in spring dandelion blooms because they provide sustenance for pollinators—just don't forget to remove the seed heads!



Above, top to bottom: APRIL POLLINATOR—HONEY BEE WITH BULBS; AUGUST POLLINATOR—PAINTED LADY ON LIATRIS; CARROTS FROM SCARBORO; POTATOES FROM SCARBORO

Scarboro Community Association Update



SHARON NETTLETON

PRESIDENT, SCARBORO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Plans for New Playground. The SCA board learned more about the unique design and plans for the new playground in Royal Sunalta Park. The Olmsted Elm Playground in Royal Sunalta Park will replace the very old and small one on the side of the park hill that has come to the end of its lifecycle. The new park will be a huge asset to our neighbourhood, and will continue to draw young families to our schools and community. Thanks to an amazing group of volunteers who have worked tirelessly with the City, park designers and the Parks Foundation thus far.

Fundraising will be a key focus. The City and Parks Foundation have committed to a starting amount. Applications are being made for grants and other sources of funds. The committee reminds us that we can all help out by making a personal, family or corporate donation today. Contact the Calgary Parks Foundation at www.parksfdn.com Click 'Donate', then 'Park Projects' and select 'Scarboro Royal Sunalta Playground' under the dropdown project list. Every bit helps. Tax receipts are available. For more information on the plans and donor recognition, or to link directly to the Calgary Parks Foundation website, go to <https://olmstedelmpground.wixsite.com/scarboro>.

Triangle Park. The park will be experiencing a much needed refresh in several of its beds. Volunteers will be out on Saturday, May 28th at 10am to do the planting. More volunteers are needed! The design of each bed is in keeping with plants that were traditional of the Olmsted era. Thanks to the Landscape Committee for leading this initiative. Contact Nicole Donatti at donattinicole@gmail.com to help out!

Park Signs. Over the coming months, you'll notice new name signs being placed in each of our eight more significant Scarboro parks and parkettes. The signs will describe aspects of the history of the community and our parks. This has been another incredible initiative of the Olmsted 200 Planning Committee in collaboration with the Landscape Committee. The committee obtained funding for the signs and continues to plan with the City on this. Stay tuned for more details.

Cardio Klatsch returns April 25. Older community members (and especially Scarboro Coffee Klatchers), this program is for you! Seniors' exercise class runs Mondays from 2:40 to 3:30pm and is free for all SCA members. Preregistration is required, including proof of full vaccination. Please contact Erika at doeringseis@outlook.com or 403-831-6372. Wear comfortable clothes, and bring indoor shoes, a water bottle, a matt and an optional mask.

Community Hall Bookings. Please consider our SCA community hall for your next party, meeting or social function. Discounts of 50% are available to SCA members. We are pleased to announce that the audio and video systems have been improved. Bluetooth audio, improved video connection, and a new wireless microphone are available. Rental info is available at scarborocommunity.com.

SCA Website. Several board members have initiated work on revamping our SCA website. More details coming soon.

Scarboro Wildcats (Soccer) Jerseys Honouring Olmsted 200. Look for new jerseys on the backs of our young local soccer players this year to honour our connection with and celebrations of Olmsted. Come out and see the jerseys and support our Wildcats!

Repairs to Short Street Stairs. Many thanks to City workers who completed repairs on the Short Street Park stairs that connect Scarboro to Sunalta.

And now that we are hopefully past the snow days of April, get out your gum boots, running shoes, shorts, gardening gloves, racquets, balls and bikes and enjoy warmer May temperatures, some much needed rain, and our beautiful spring blossoms! Thanks for all you do to make Scarboro the 'little inner city gem' that it continues to be.



Comings...

Hi! We are Blair and Michelle Kessler. We moved into 1602 Scotland Street SW in January 2022. Our children, Emily and Braden, are now living in Ontario. Emily is graduating this year from Sheridan College with a degree in animation she has a job working on Paw Patrol. Braden is studying engineering and training to be in the Air Force at the Royal Military College. They come home to visit now and then, though not as often as we'd like. A more frequent visitor is Michelle's niece Madeline, aged 2, soon to be joined by a baby sister.



We are very happy to be part of this community and have found people to be so welcoming! We look forward to meeting more of our neighbours as the weather warms up.



BLAIR AND MICHELLE KESSLER

... & Goings

We moved to Scarborough in 2002 in search of shorter commutes and higher ceilings. At the time our three children were in their early teens and right at the start in high demand for babysitting. They were a one-stop shop: If the first one couldn't make the date, the other two most likely could. Our son was particularly popular with young boys for his construction and computer games skills.

In the past 20 years, we enjoyed the many activities that the neighbourhood offers: badminton, dinner club, soccer, garden tour, newsletter distribution, garage sales and the occasional BBQ. We enjoyed meeting our neighbours and have made many life-long friends.

But time moves on, bringing changes to our lifestyle. Both Frans and I retired, and our children finished their education, left home and two got married. We now have a brand-new grandchild and a second one on the way. During the last two years of Covid, it became clear that we do not have to be in the city anymore. And so, we are moving to Meridian Beach, a developing cottage community on Gull Lake, west of Red Deer. It's a year-round holiday destination where we will welcome family and friends and enjoy the lake, explore our new surroundings, continue outdoor pursuits in a new stretch of the Rockies, and focus on our creative outlets of sewing (Blanka) and photography (Frans).



HARPER ANNE VAN DER HOORN AT 6 WEEKS OLD

Mark Your Calendars for the Heritage Walk & Tea!

July 23rd, 2022

Tickets include:

- Heritage self-guided walk with a map explaining the Olmsted landscape and heritage homes
- Seven open gardens on Scarboro Avenue
- Tea and sandwiches at the Scarboro Hall

\$35.00/person—Bring your friends!



Shoutout for Volunteers

We need a communications strategist(s) who would be able to assist with promoting Olmsted celebratory events this year. Duties include creating and posting event information to content platforms such as Twitter & Facebook, as well as writing and sending press releases to TV and radio to provide exposure for our Heritage Walk & Tea, Antique Car Show, and Lecture Series. It will be a fun and creative time! If you know of anyone—doesn't have to be someone in Scarboro—send an email to kgashus@yahoo.ca.

Thank you!

Scarboro Residents! Wanna come to a car show?

You're invited to Scarboro's Antique Car Show at Triangle Park on Saturday August 6 from 1-4pm.

Pre-1980 cars will be on display surrounding the park. Fun for all ages with live music and food trucks!



If you have a pre-1980 car and would like to participate, please reach out to Michael McCafferty at 403-708-3868.



Heritage Profile

Catherine Hughes

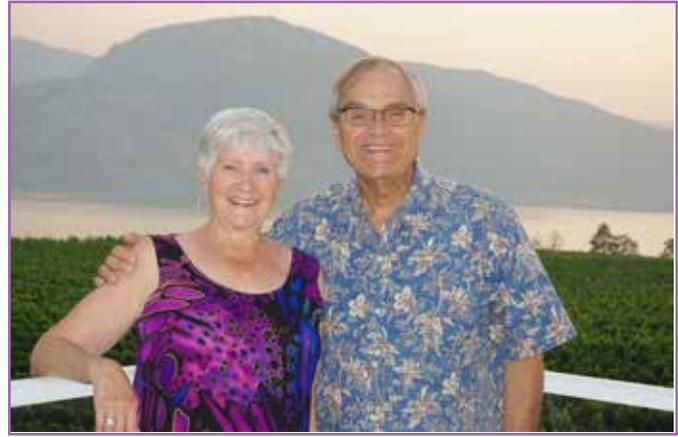


The SCA has been gathering oral histories of the neighbourhood with the able assistance of historian, David Mittelstadt, and a generous grant from the Province of Alberta. As a way of sharing some of Scarborough's past, we thought you might be interested in hearing directly from some of the participants. For Catherine's full story, see the Scarborough website.

Catherine Hughes moved into the neighbourhood in 1960 with her parents and two younger brothers when she was 14 years old. After living on the North Hill for three years, the Hughes family bought the home at 1639 Shelbourne Street near Triangle Park. "My parents fell in love with the structure of the neighbourhood—the parks, the trees, the wide streets. It was a very welcoming community because of these physical characteristics."

Although Catherine attended Sunalta School for only Grade 9, she established life-long friendships. Students from surrounding communities—Sunalta, Bankview, Knob Hill, Killarney and Upper Scarborough—on both sides of the ravine that is now Crowchild Trail attended the Grades 1 to 9 school. In the daytime, tobogganing and inner tubing down the west side of the ravine provided lots of fun; up on the east side were the school and skating rink. At night, the ravine was dark, scary, and off-limits for many kids.

Outdoor recreation was the norm for Scarborough's young people in the 1960s. Triangle Park was the gathering place with tag football, soccer and baseball games played every day after school and on weekends, long into the evenings. In winter, families gathered at the huge lighted skating rink, relocated in the late 1950s from the ravine to the top of the escarpment, on the north side of Sunalta School.

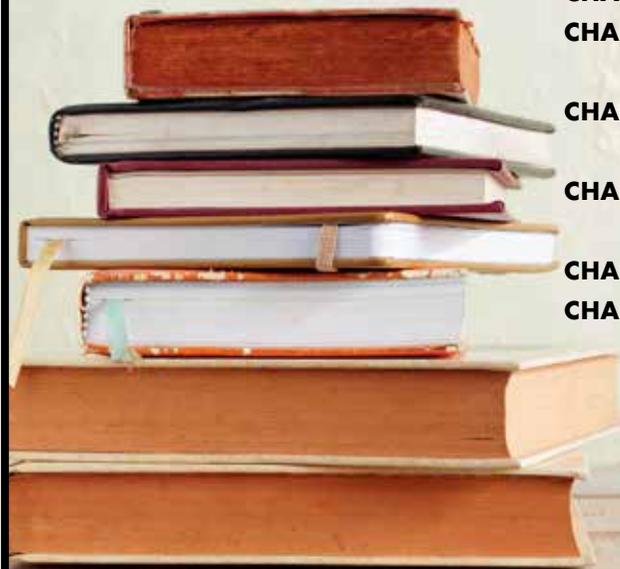


Scarboro United Church played a significant role in the lives of many Scarborough families, and has continued to be a major part of the Hughes-Sanden family's life. In the 1960s, Sunday morning pews were packed, and the young people's Hi-C group was 100+ strong. Weekends drew young people from other communities for volleyball, dances, and hootenannies filled with folk music.

Some people wonder why Catherine and Art, her husband, haven't 'upgraded' to a newer community after living for 40 years in the same bungalow on Scotland Street. In answer, they list a few of the endless reasons for Scarborough's appeal: its physical layout creates a beautiful, safe and serene place to call home; most residents take pride in maintaining their homes and landscapes; the parks and winding streets lead to chance encounters, providing opportunities to share family news and concerns for others.

"The Scarborough Community Association continues to be the glue that holds the community together," claims Catherine. She is grateful to leaders in the community who have opened the doors to meaningful involvement and volunteer opportunities, and is gratified to see new residents carrying on the tradition of service.

Bookclub



- CHAPTER 1** *Klara and the Sun*, Kazuo Ishiguro
- CHAPTER 2** *Fifty Words for Rain*, Asha Lemmies
- CHAPTER 3** *The Book Women of Troublesome Creek*, Kim Michele Richardson
- CHAPTER 4** *The Company We Keep*, Frances Itani
- CHAPTER 5** *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo*, Taylor Jenkins Reid
- CHAPTER 6** *Bush Runner*, Mark Bourrie
- CHAPTER 7** *Anxious People*, Fredrik Backman

Interested in joining a bookclub?
Email Denyse Fair, all-chapter coordinator
for Scarborough women's bookclub, at
denysefair@gmail.com

Traffic Safety

KRISTEN HALPEN

Our community traffic safety initiatives continue, and direct feedback from members of the community has been both positive and grateful. We've also heard from another inner-city Calgary neighbourhood, seeking advice on implementing a similar program.

Look for:

- City of Calgary safety pylons at key intersections/crossings to improve awareness of children crossing. This program will halt in the summer months. Thank you volunteers who raised their hand to help with this!
- A new traffic flag system has been temporarily installed off of 12th Avenue. We will monitor usage at this crossing, and can move the system if we feel it will be more helpful elsewhere.
- We hope to see neighbourhood crosswalks getting a fresh coat of paint later this spring.
- As leaves bud, remember to trim back branches that may cover traffic signs.

REPORTING TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

FROM THE CALGARY POLICE SERVICE

To report any traffic-related violations

other than parking, loud vehicles and transit issues, complete an online Traffic Service Request (TSR): <https://www.calgary.ca/cps/traffic/traffic-service-requests.html>

Have a licence plate number?

Phone 403-266-1234.

What if people are constantly speeding?

Visit <https://www.calgary.ca/cps/traffic/traffic-reporting.html>
or call 403-567-4029.

Park Cart Smart

When you set out your blue, green and black carts properly, you're helping to ensure safe and efficient operation of the City's waste collection trucks. That includes how you park on the street outside your home, especially in cul-de-sacs. A few simple reminders will help make everyone's day go smoothly:

- Parking in a cul-de-sac: All vehicles must be parallel parked with passenger side wheels to the curb, unless there are signs permitting angle parking. This helps collection trucks reach your carts and turn around in a cul-de-sac.
- Place your carts on flat ground, 1 metre away from your vehicle if parked on the street.
- Improperly parked vehicles block driveways for residents and restrict access for emergency and waste management vehicles.
- Parking in an alley: Do not block the end of a closed alley with parked vehicles. Collection trucks need space to turn around safely.



These simple but important steps help ensure safe and efficient cart collection.

LEARN MORE AT [CALGARY.CA/CARTPLACEMENT](https://www.calgary.ca/cartplacement).

Rink Volunteers

Skaters of all ages and their families would like to thank an incredible team of rink designers, ice builders, and maintainers for keeping our rinks alive this winter. A big shoutout to our two teams!

Triangle Park Team—Scott Taylor, Trevor Mcleod, Gerry Doering, Jay Headrick, Lorenzo Lecce, Cairns Price ... and Bill Mulloy, rink disassemblment

Royal Sunalta Team—John Reynolds, Wayne Critchon, Brad Sinnex, Isabelle Reynolds, Cullen Jennings, Lorenzo Lecce, Gord Chalk, Marina Elliott, Wenjie Wu, Dan Love, Peter Strickland, Tom Clarke



The Season of Easter at Scarborough United Church

LAURA MALONEY

MANAGER, SCARBORO UNITED CHURCH

Throughout Lent, our themes revolved around the book *Good Enough* by Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie. We used lots of garden imagery and delighted in those first shoots and early spring blooms. It was a good thing that we had Rev. Erin's words about "the ever present hope of a gardener" to see us through that always-surprising late April snowfall! As we ruefully pulled on our practical footwear and shoveled walkways, we gave thanks for the much needed moisture and looked forward to May flowers.

We begin May with a Sunday service that is a little bit different. Join us on May 1st as we celebrate camping with a special intergenerational service. This month we welcome a few guest preachers to Scarborough while Rev. Erin takes a well-

deserved rest after Holy Week. Sunday services are available in person and online at 10:30am; come on over or log on at scarborounited.org

If you are visiting the building, be sure to bring your mask, as our Board has elected to continue our mask mandate for now. This decision is reviewed monthly. If you've ever wondered about becoming a full member of the Scarborough United Church, now is a good time to get in touch! We will be running membership classes as we look towards welcoming new members by confirmation or statement of faith at Pentecost on June 5th. Contact the office for more information.

As we move through this season of rebirth and new beginnings, we walk with those seeking justice and inclusion. The work is not done, but we will do it together, building relationships and greeting each new shoot as it emerges and seeks the sun.

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Community Board

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

BOOTCAMP Build strength and cardiovascular fitness in our invigorating community outdoor bootcamp. Modifications will be offered to suit all fitness levels. Get some fresh air, get fit and have some fun with neighbours. Spring session runs April 4th – June 20th. \$40 for 12 classes!! Monday 7–7:45 pm outside the community hall. To register, email Erika: doeringseis@outlook.com.

HOLD THE DATE. Super Scarboro 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.

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.

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



HAVE BUYERS FOR LARGE OR SMALL HOMES in Scarboro. Contact Scarboro resident Larry Pallesen at 403.850.2530, with Re/max Central Ltd.

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.

Calling all seniors!

The Koffee Klatsch is planning to meet—IN-PERSON—Thursday, June 2nd at the hall. Look out for invitations in your mailboxes. If you would like to join neighbourhood seniors for a social, contact Kate 403-680-0592.

