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NEWS

The Changing Manse

BY LINDA & RALPH GARRETT

Some of you may be wondering about the recent For Sale sign in front of the Manse located next door to Scarborough United Church.

The manse was built in 1944 as the living space for the United Church ministers. In 2007, the Church changed accommodation practices for ministers because it found that ministers preferred buying their own home rather than living in the manse. So the church became a landlord and has rented the manse ever since.

During this time, Scarborough United Church applied for and received a Municipal Heritage Resource designation in 2014 for the church and manse. This means that although occupancy can change, protected elements of the buildings must remain with the exception of paint colour. These elements include the south façade features of the mock gable timbers, the leaded windows beside the front door and living-room window, the brick work around the front door and the door itself, along with the cedarshake roof. The house can be renovated with an expansion to the north.

As time progressed, the rental of the manse required a lot of volunteer work scheduling repairs, finding tenants and setting up leases, among other tasks—many thanks to Glori-Jeanne Stephenson, Art Sanden, Mary Axworthy and Ralph Garrett as the principal volunteers who oversaw this work. However, the congregation decided that rather than continuing on as a landlord, they would prefer to sell off the manse and invest the proceeds to replace the rental revenue and lessen the volunteer commitment.

Starting in 2014, a committee undertaking this task found it to be a bit more complicated than a simple house sale. First, while



THE MANSE BESIDE THE SCARBORO UNITED CHURCH

the property could be divided, the manse shared a water and sewer line with the church, thus putting in separate lines to the street would be very costly. There followed many meetings with the City, condo lawyers, the community and close neighbours, finally arriving at the solution of making the property a bare-land condominium with only the water and sewer as a shared service. A watermeter was put in and bylaws drawn up to satisfy the condo regulations before the manse went on the market.

Happily, there was buyer's interest from the beginning, and a conditional sale occurred almost at once. The manse has now been sold, and Scarborough has another family who will enjoy and care for their heritage dwelling. And the streetscape with Scarborough United Church will not change, remaining a cherished part of the neighbourhood.



A Holiday Message

from your Scarborough Community Association

SHARON NETTLETON

PRESIDENT, SCARBORO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Thanks to more than 40 neighbours who joined the SCA's Annual General Meeting (by Zoom) on Monday, November 22. Some highlights of the AGM are:

Outgoing SCA President Vita Leung reported on many things, including activities that continued during Covid and some new ones. She noted how much neighbours enjoy walking, running and cycling on our beautiful streetscapes, pathways and parks. She recalled our winter fun last year in Triangle Park and the new skating rink and firepit, and the many all-season occasions that took place in front yards, backyards and parks—opportunities to eat and play safely together, visits from food trucks, our annual Movie in the Park, Coffee Klatsch in the 'Triangle', Scarborough Wildcats soccer games, kid's scavenger hunts, window bingo, a new cardio class, and welcome baskets shared with new neighbour.

We heard how the hall was refurbished and a new security system installed. Thanks to Brad Sinex and Pat Maguire for leading the charge on the hall. Staying on top SCA programs and watching over the SCA finances were doubly noted with thanks to our Treasurer, Nicole—we're still in the black because of you! Many planning and heritage initiatives occurred this year, including reviews and engagement on the City's proposed guidebook thanks to the SCA Planning Committee. Developing a Historical Context Paper, led by Tarra Drevet, helped in the SCA's effort to gain greater recognition and protection of the historical features of Scarborough.

Picking up on this start, Karin Gashus spoke of a new community initiative that will launch a series of historical celebrations to begin in 2022. 'Olmstead 2022' will be another reason to get engaged and celebrate as we commemorate our connection to one of North America's great landscape architects, Frederick Olmstead. Long-time resident and horticulturist Glynn Wright, offered to lead a new Landscape Committee this year; the committee is aimed at increasing communication, engagement and planning between the City and Scarborough residents as we work together to beautify our parks and retain the historic nature of our gardens.

A presentation was also made by former board member and Scarborough neighbour, Desirae Robertson, who is leading a new Playground Committee that is engaging with the City, and will continue to involve families, children and neighbours in the City's plan to refresh and redesign the playground at Royal Sunalta Park. New board member Katrina Ekgerton-McGhan helped us review, revise and develop new governance documents. Karen Abernethy (also new to the board this year) assisted in grant writing and preparing a special Caveat Protection Fund (should it be needed). Brent Fraser worked on the Planning Committee and will be the Planning Chair for 2022. Board member Peter Strickland is once again leading our Casino-funding effort and the new signage for the community and hall.

As Vita steps back from all that she did this year as SCA President, I am gobsmacked at how busy I know she will continue to be in SCA activities. This year Vita led the board through a strategic planning initiative that enabled us to prepare a 5-year business plan (2021-2026) as well as a clear vision statement, mission, values, actions and eight priorities that will guide us into 2022 and beyond. I'm hopeful that Vita's creative energies and design talents will continue in several key areas: revamping our website, creating a brand for Scarborough, building bridges between the downtown communities, and furthering community engagement.

The AGM is always a time to acknowledge those leaving the board, namely former President & Vice President Allen Selley and Director and Planning Committee Chair, Tarra Drevet. Thank you both for your extraordinary community service.

Joining the board this year are Kristen Clarke and Faisal Alimohd. Remaining on the board are Karen Abernethy, Nicole Donatti, Brent Fraser, Karin Gashus, Vita Leung, Pat Maguire, Katrina Edgerton-McGhan, Brad Sinex, Peter Strickland and me, Sharon Nettleton.

As we enter December many of us will be partaking in special religious, spiritual and cultural events and traditions that are ever so important to us—Christmas and Hanukah—and many others where there is a sharing of food and prayers, remembrances, song, laughter, light and hope.

I wish you all peace, joy and a restful holiday. May we continue to spread our hope, our love, our blessing, and our laughter in the new year. A special thanks to everyone in the community for all that you do to make this such a special neighbourhood—and a very special 'thank you' to Bevelyn Park, our newsletter editor.

We'll be back in February 2022.



Comings...

We are Fergal and Sarah Duff and our two daughters, Madeline (8) and Rachel (5). We moved into 413 Scarboro Avenue in July 2020, purchasing the home from the Twyman family (who lived in Scarboro for over 60 years). Last year we completed an extensive interior remodeling, and this summer we've been working on the outside.

Fergal, who is Irish, has a degree in architecture and works in real estate development. Sarah, who is from the US and is an HR professional, moved to Calgary in 2012 after meeting Fergal in Doha, Qatar, in 2009. After initially renting in the Beltline, we bought a historical home in Bankview and lived there for five years.

Our first visit to Scarboro was in 2015 as dinner guests of Scarboro residents Colin Ross and his wife, Cindy Urednicek, after we met at a charity event. That first visit led to Scarboro becoming our "aspirational neighborhood", and we'd take our kids for walks through the neighbourhood as we casually looked at



homes on the market. Then Madeline scored a place in Ms. Beeksmas kindergarten class at Sunalta School—this solidified our plan to become part of this close community.

Although Covid has hampered social activities, we have come to know many neighbours on our street. Our kids, now both at Sunalta School, love to host friends on the swing set in the front yard. As our landscaping begins, we look forward to tending to our new garden—and welcome advice from more experienced gardeners in the neighbourhood.

Comings, too...



Hello! We are Chris, Kari, Penn and Daphne Salamon, and we recently moved to 502 Scarboro Avenue. While not originally from Calgary, we have lived here for some 12 years, first living across from the tennis courts in Sunalta before moving across the river to Parkdale.

We are very excited to have found our (hopefully) forever home and have really enjoyed the neighbourhood and the school. Penn is in Grade 1 at Sunalta and Daphne will start kindergarten there next year.

Since moving in we have met lots of terrific neighbours and have already taken advantage of some of the community events, like the Movie in the Park in September. You can often find us walking our dog, Lacey, around the neighborhood or playing basketball in the driveway.

Belonging & Connection at Sunalta School

CHRISTINE MCCRORY
PRINCIPAL, SUNALTA SCHOOL

Students at Sunalta have had many opportunities to grow and show their leadership this fall. With Covid protocols in place, we have had to look for creative ways to continue to develop a sense of belonging and connection.

Our Grade 5 and 6 students have embraced the challenge to build community by hosting virtual assemblies with interactive components. Using multimedia technology, our Grade 5 students learned photography techniques known as forced perspective photography to create optical illusions. These stunning pictures were shared at the end of October. In November, our Grade 6 students hosted a virtual assembly to recognize Remembrance Day with a special ceremony to remember all Canadians who served and

sacrificed for our country. The Grade 2 and 5 students shared the song *Light a Candle for Peace* and *These Hands* with ukulele accompaniment in respect and gratitude for our soldiers. As always, each student was given a poppy and donations were given from our generous community to the Royal Canadian Legion poppy fund. Our kindergarten students reflected on the moment with special mindfulness moments of peace such as “when my mom sings me a lullaby” and “smelling flowers outside” and “at my Grandma’s house where it is nice and quiet”. Our Sunalta windows share some of our reflections with poppies and messages of gratitude.

December will bring opportunities for generosity and support as students support our partnership with Inn from the Cold and Warm Feet for the street.

We love to connect with our community members and are delighted to receive comments and suggestions. If you are interested in contacting the school, please email us at sunalta@cbe.ab.ca.



Bookclub



- CHAPTER 1** *Season of Fury and Wonder*, Sharon Butala
The Beekeeper of Aleppo, Christy Lefteri
- CHAPTER 2** *Bird's Eye View*, Elinor Florence
Girl, Woman, Other, Bernardine Evaristo
- CHAPTER 3** *Recipe for a Perfect Wife*, Karma Brown
In Search of April Raintree, Beatrice Mosioner
- CHAPTER 4** *Klara and the Sun*, Kazuo Ishiguro
A Monster Calls, Patrick Ness
- CHAPTER 5** *Black Water*, David A. Robertson
The Glass Hotel, Emily St. John Mandel
- CHAPTER 6** *The Wake*, Lindon MacIntyre
The Outlander, Gil Adamson
- CHAPTER 7** *Let Me Tell You What I Mean*, Joan Didion

Interested in joining a bookclub? Email hello@scarborocommunity.com

Advent & Christmas at Scarboro United Church

LAURA MALONEY

MANAGER, SCARBORO UNITED CHURCH

This year our Advent theme centres on ‘the inn’ as we make room and explore the familiar story from new perspectives. Worship is online and in-person at 10:30am on Sundays. Masks are required at all times inside the church building.

If the joy and sparkle of the Christmas season is hard for you, or if you just need a reprieve from the hustle and bustle of the season, come to Scarboro United Church on December 21st at 7pm for the Longest Night, a quiet service of reflection and firelight. Dress warmly as we will be gathering outside.

This year we will have one Christmas Eve service at 7pm on December 24th. There will be online registration at [scarborounited.com](https://www.scarborounited.com) for a limited number of in-person seats. Alternatively, you can join the service online on our website, using the Sunday Worship link at 7pm.



After a thorough and faithful discussion last month, the board of Scarboro United Church has decided that as of December 1st, proof of vaccination is required to attend worship in the sanctuary. See the full announcement here: <https://www.scarborounited.org/scarboro-news/5ilqppplupfq1wgqu1iix79ggky39q-bfa7w-p2e3l-dfg8r-hcgpr-csekj-gpmzr-y3mwh-mp3gx>

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Kids Helping Kids

Sunalta students Hannah (Grade 3) and Poppy (Grade 1) raised \$409 for the Kids Helping Kids program at Alberta Children’s Hospital with a pop-up stand on Scotland Street. Many thanks to Scarboro residents, Sunalta school friends and neighbours who enjoyed a spooky Halloween hot chocolate on Oct. 30th. So great to see so many (and especially wee ones) making it fun and easy to help others! Thank you, Hannah and Poppy!



L: HANNAH & POPPY—DONATION TO ALBERTA CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL
R: POP-UP HOT CHOCOLATE STAND ON SCOTLAND STREET

SUNALTA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

Winter FEST

DECEMBER 11, 2021
12:00 PM - 3:00 PM
FREE EVENT - ALL ARE WELCOME

ROYAL SUNALTA PARK - 1747 14TH AVE SW

- ◆ MAKE A GINGERBREAD HOUSE TO TAKE HOME
- ◆ SLEDDING (WEATHER PERMITTING)
- ◆ HOT CHOCOLATE
- ◆ FIRE PIT
- ◆ S'MORES
- ◆ FACE PAINTING 1PM-2PM
- ◆ MEET YOUR NEIGHBOURS
- ◆ PLAY OUTSIDE

REGISTRATION IS APPRECIATED!
tamara.baldwin@calgary.ca or 403-852-8703

WANT TO VOLUNTEER?
EMAIL OR CALL KELSEY AT:
kelsey@sunalta.net or 403-333-7175

TD Park People Grants



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

OLMSTEAD CELEBRATION 2022

- **Interested in having your garden** included in the celebration's Garden Tour & High Tea in July 2022?
- **Looking for students** interested in being PAID to wear historic dress and give tours of Scarboro as part of the celebration.

Please talk to Kate at vkorriset@gmail.com or 403-680-0592.

SUNALTA SCHOOL CASINO To all Sunalta School families, we need your help to make our Casino happen—December 17th & 18th at Cash Casino Place, 4040 Blackfoot Trail SE. We are short volunteers, and need count-room supervisors, count-room staff, bankers and cashiers; no experience required. Thank you! Please email sunaltacasino@gmail.com or go directly to SignUpGenius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0e4baaad2ea3fd0-sunalta1>.

GOOD NEIGHBOUR COMMUNITY

MARKET accepting donations—any clean clothes, especially diapers. Please drop off your donations in the box at front door of 114 Scarboro Avenue! Thanks!

HOUSE FOR SALE SOON at 416 Scarboro Avenue. Well maintained home on a large lot with modern upgrades while keeping the traditional charm. Over 3100 sq ft aboveground with 3 bedrooms, sunroom and a fabulous master suite on the top floor. A 3.5 bath and multipurpose recently developed basement. City views, wrap around deck, mature trees and a new hot tub. Possession date is flexible; we will be listing in early 2022. If interested, e-mail Blanka at kuhnelb@gmail.com.

SELLING YOUR HOUSE? JUST NEED A REFRESH?

Call your friendly neighborhood Home Stager, Kaylyn, for a free home staging quote! I've lived in Scarboro for 25 years, and I know the demographics, the people and, the houses in this neighborhood. My partner and I love to:

- Turn vacant houses into homes that sell!
- Help homeowners re-do their homes—either for sale or for living, using your own furniture and accessories

We staged the Manse at the Scarboro United Church the first week in October and it sold in one month! You can see our work on [instagram@roomhomestaging](https://www.instagram.com/roomhomestaging) Call Kaylyn at 403-988-0175 for a no-charge, no-pressure quote.

Home Staging Works!!



WELCOME ALINA!

Alina Dulaney, our new City Neighbourhood Coordinator, will work directly with the SCA board in our relationships with the City of Calgary. The board looks forward to working with Alina.

NEED HELP? Babysitters, petsitters, snow shoveling, yard care available, with references, experience and qualifications!

- » 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, a Ranger, in Grade 10 French Immersion at Western, is available for babysitting, 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 prior to 1970? If so, we would like to speak with you. The Community Association 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



100 Days of Dante

"Abandon all hope ye who enter here."

So begins one of the greatest poems ever written, as Dante, the poet, chronicles Dante, the pilgrim, as he progresses through Hell, Purgatory & Paradise. Celebrating the 700th birthday of Dante, born in September 1321, teachers who know and love Dante give brief & wonderful introductions to the 100 cantos of The Divine Comedy. I am so enjoying the experience, and I'm sure some of my neighbours will, too, at <https://100daysofdante.com/canto-videos-listing/>