

# WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBOURHOOD: MATTHEW & CAYLEN



Hello neighbours! We are so excited to finally be back in our home and part of this wonderful community. Our names are Matt Calvin and Caylen Patience. We purchased our home at 1633 Shelbourne Street, across from Triangle Park, in December 2021. While we very much love the historic personality and houses in this neighbourhood, our home was in need of some major TLC. We undertook a full rebuild. Fast forward two years later and we are so relieved to now be in our home.

We've had the pleasure of meeting many great folks in the neighbourhood, especially with their dogs at Triangle Park, and we

look forward to meeting many more. As well, we enjoy participating in community events and are excited to join the dinner club and book clubs.

We moved to Calgary from Toronto back in November 2021. Matt works in Insurance & Risk Management and Caylen is a Project Manager & Interior Designer. If you see us, please feel free to stop and introduce yourself - we look forward to meeting you!





Please email all newsletter submissions to ScarboroNewsletter@gmail.com by May 10th. This is an earlier deadline this month due to volunteer scheduling.

# A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT



Spring is in the air this April morning as I write my column for the May edition of Scarboro News. We opened our backyard pond and water feature last week (always the happiest day of the year!) so summer must be close at hand! I look forward to seeing many of you in your gardens or out walking your children, grandchildren and dogs over the course of the next few months!

In last month's newsletter, I provided you with an outline of your community association's active participation in the West Elbow Local Area Plan initiative. As this edition of Scarboro News goes to press, we are finalizing our submission to the City relative to the heritage guidelines that we are asking to be implemented in our community. I want to thank Tarra Drevet and Karin Gashus, the community representatives on the West Elbow LAP working groups, for their hard work in preparing this comprehensive submission. I also want to acknowledge the important contribution of the members of the Community Advisory Group that we struck late last year to provide advice and guidance to our community's representatives on these two working groups. The Community Advisory Group is chaired by Andrew Azmudeh and consists of Norval Horner, Harvey Bernbaum, Lora Wyman, Jessie Sloan, Parth Somani, and Jonathan Schofield. Thank you all for your dedicated service to our community.

Continuing with our series of information pieces related to the West Elbow LAP, I urge you to read Karin Gashus' excellent article in this edition of Scarboro News on the subject of heritage guidelines. I believe that you will find Karin's overview to be of tremendous assistance in understanding this complex issue.

Looking forward, I would remind you of the special Town Hall event that will take place on Monday June 24, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Hall. This important meeting will focus on the draft Heritage Guidelines applicable to Scarboro that we expect to be released by the City sometime in late May. We want to discuss with you the proposed guidelines and seek your comments and feedback. I also expect that we will use this Town Hall event to brief you on the legal opinion that we have recently sought relating to the scope and enforceability of the Anderson Caveat. I look forward to a big turnout to this important community discussion.

In my column in the April newsletter, I told you about the letter that the Scarboro Community Association, along with 51 other community associations, sent to Mayor Gondek and the members of city council expressing our community's opposition to the blanket rezoning initiative. This matter is before city council commencing on April 22, 2024. The city has received over 5,000 written submissions and 800 speakers have registered to make oral representations.

On April 20, 2024, I was invited, along with the presidents of the 51 other community association signatories to this letter, to meet with the Mayor. I am pleased to report that the meeting was polite and cordial and the Mayor appeared engaged and interested in our input. The Mayor stated at the outset of the meeting that she was there to listen to the concerns of the various represented communities. After receiving these representations, she assured the group that the city is committed, amongst other things, to preserving the existing parks and green spaces in the city, and that she understood the concern that unchecked densification risked replacing trees with air conditioners attached to multi-unit residential buildings. She maintained that City Council is aware of the parking challenges already confronting Calgary. She stated that she accepted a point that I raised during the meeting regarding the importance of protecting our heritage assets while we take action to deal with densification and the current housing shortage. Finally, she expressed the view that community concerns could well result in significant amendments to the motion currently before Council to adopt blanket rezoning.

#### **Up-Coming Community Events**

As you know, our community association has three primary sources of funding: memberships, hall rental revenue, and casino funds. Every 18 months or so, we are given the opportunity to participate in one of the city's casinos. Our next event is scheduled for June 7 and 8, 2024, at the Elbow River Casino. We expect to raise about \$80,000 over the course of these two days. Needless to say, casino revenue is an important source of funding for our events and activities!

We require approximately 60 volunteers to take on various roles. A great many volunteers are still required, particularly on Saturday, June 8th. I have already signed up to contribute to this event. I know that I can count on you to join me in supporting our community through a small investment of your time as a volunteer. Please go to <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A44AEAC28A7F49-48834982-scarboro</u> to sign up online. For further information, you can contact Peter Strickland at particle@shaw.ca.

Finally, I want to cordially invite all Scarboro residents to attend our annual barbeque on Saturday, June 15, 2024, at the Community Hall. Details on ticket purchase can be found elsewhere in this edition of Scarboro News.



Do you have children 9 – 18? Let them experience the power of hands-on learning with our "Learn to Do By Doing" program and get a "Taste of 4-H"! Join us for one of two upcoming programs - a 6-Week Explore 4-H Intro Club starting in May or a 3 Week Touring Club in June.

In the 6-Week Club, members will explore a variety of different 4-H projects including Health & Fitness, Foods, Arts, Cookie Decorating, Science, and more starting May 1st, 2024! https://www.4hab.com/member/4-h-intro-club-explore-4-h-south-calgary/

In June, members can join us for three unforgettable weeks where they will have the chance to explore a wide range of 4-H projects at different locations. From gardening to gelato, baby horses to games, there's something for everyone to enjoy and remember. https://www.4hab.com/member/4-h-alberta-intro-club-explore-4-h-touring/

In addition to discovering new interests, participants will learn how to conduct business meetings, enhance communication & record-keeping skills, and build new friendships. Through engaging projects and activities, essential skills like problem-solving, critical thinking, teamwork, and communication will be developed in a supportive environment.

This is your final opportunity to participate in the pilot program of the Intro Club. Don't let this chance slip away! If anyone has questions, please email introclubs@4hab.com HERITAGE GUIDELINES: A BRIEF OVERVIEW



Karin Gashus, Scarboro Community Association Heritage Committee

It has been a busy time for the SCA Heritage Committee as we move forward with the city to develop Heritage Guidelines as part of the West Elbow Local Area Plan (WELAP). We have had two workshops with the city to date, with a third to be held in May. We expect that the city's draft Heritage Guidelines will be released prior to the May meeting. Scarboro's written submissions to the city on the heritage guidelines that we propose for our community will be filed by the end of April.

There are sixteen communities that are included within the WELAP. Of those sixteen, eight communities, including Scarboro, have been identified by the city as having heritage assets. The city recognizes the historical significance of our Olmsted designed community and the existence of intact heritage assets within Scarboro. Of this group of eight communities, the city has determined three levels of heritage density. Scarboro and Mount Royal are recognized as having the most heritage buildings which is why the WELAP Heritage Working Group is focused on a set of heritage guidelines specific to Scarboro.

The Scarboro WELAP team are working to promote the community as part of a heritage area where we have concentrated groupings of heritage assets. The local area plan will include specific design guidelines to ensure that new development is compatible and fits with the historic character of the area.

### What are heritage assets?

The city recognizes heritage assets as privately-owned buildings (in our case, residences) typically constructed before 1945, that retain most of their original style, design, details, and building materials that are integral to the original construction, specifically the part of the house facing the street. In Scarboro we have over 200 homes that are built before 1945, that have, over the years, retained a great deal of their original integrity. We are very fortunate to be able to walk through Scarboro and experience a streetscape that looks very much the same as it looked 100 years ago. This is a unique, defining feature of our community.

The city also supports the designation of post-world war houses based on architectural merit. In the case of Scarboro, we have 57 homes that were built between 1946 and 1975. In the result, most buildings in the community are considered either heritage assets, or architecturally significant. Indeed, we have whole city blocks in Scarboro with all intact heritage homes. Maintaining roof lines, windows, natural material and greenspace consistent with these existing homes is important to maintaining the integrity of the original Olmsted design.

## What are Heritage Guideline areas?

Heritage Guidelines areas will be identified through the LAP process. Their boundaries consider the vision and polices of the LAP and the 2019-2020 Heritage Asset Windshield Survey completed in our community. Heritage Guideline areas are areas that have concentrated groupings of heritage assets. Typically, they are areas where these assets make up greater than 25% of the block face. The LAP will include specific design guidelines to ensure that new development within these areas is compatible with the historic character of the area.

## What will Heritage Guidelines achieve?

The adoption and application of Heritage Guidelines will help ensure new development respects the historic character of existing homes within the neighbourhood and preserve the heritage attributes that are central to our community. When the Heritage Guidelines are in place, any plans to build or renovate homes within the boundaries will be required to meet these Heritage Guidelines. Heritage Guidelines address general characteristics of buildings rather than enforcing strict architectural rules. Although the design of new development needs to be sensitive to and respect existing heritage assets, the intent of the Guidelines is not to require new development to have an historic appearance. Rather, the Guidelines encourage modern development that is highly contextual and echoes the past context established by existing heritage assets.

The Heritage Guidelines now in place in the community of North Hill are instructive in terms of understanding how the city is likely to address the establishment of similar guidelines in our community. In North Hill, the Guidelines address four overarching building elements: site and landscape design; roofs and building massing; front facades; and windows, building materials and details.

The Scarboro WELAP team has developed a set of guidelines that support the different architectural styles that are common to Scarboro. Our forthcoming submission to the city's Heritage Planning team will seek to enhance the North Hill Guidelines to add rigour to the existing setback requirements of the Anderson Caveat, protect parks and landscapes, and ensure new designs do not overshadow existing homes.

## **ORIGINS OF A SCARBORO TRADITION: SCARBORO SENIORS' KOFFEE KLATSCH**

#### Kate Morriset



Photo: (left to right) Sharon Nettleton, Kate Morisset & Cathy Smith

One late August afternoon Kate Morisset and Cathy Smith stood chatting on Scarboro Avenue. They were discussing the various activities offered to residents by the Scarboro Community Association. From preschool for the little ones, soccer and hockey for older children and dinner club and BBQ for the adults, all the bases seemed to be covered with one exception. There was nothing to appeal to the seniors of Scarboro. "Lets' try a coffee party; it'll be a chance to visit with old friends and meet new neighbours", suggested Cathy.

Thought led to action and soon Kate (who was on the SCA Board at the time), Cathy and Sharon Nettleton gathered to go through the directory to see who might be interested and was "old enough". The first Koffee Klatsch - a name suggested by Cathy - was held October 23, 2014 at the home of Dave and Cathy Smith. The organizers had delivered invitations into mailboxes and did not know what to expect. More than 20 seniors attended sharing coffee, cookies and conversation. At first, the men of that generation were unsure about attending a "coffee party" but now they are amoung our strongest supporters.

Other things have evolved from the Scarboro Koffee Klatsch. There is a seniors' exercise group at the hall every Monday afternoon. Yearly, there is a list of trades provided to members so that they can more easily "age in place". It is a wonderful way to connect and catch up on the Who and the What of our little village. Anyone who self identifies as a senior is welcome and four or five times per year since 2014, 20 to 40 people have met in private homes or the Community Hall or in the park. If you have questions, reach out to Kate (403) 680-0592

MAY BOOK CLUB Chapter One Chapter Two Chapter Three Chapter Four Chapter Five Chapter Six Chapter Seven

"Compass" - Murray Lee General discussion on books recently read "Fayne" - Ann Marie MacDonald "Two Old Women" - Velma Wallis "Tresspasses" - Louise Kennedy "East Grand Lake" - Tim Ryan "The Once & Future Witches" - Alix Harrow



## Renovating or Developing Your Property?

If you are planning a development or aware of one being proposed in the neighbourhood, we encourage you to reach out to the SCA Planning Committee for guidance & assistance PlanningeScarboroCommunity.com

## COMMUNITY GARDEN DAY: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

May 25th @ 10am Outside the Community Hall (or May 26th if the 25th is rained out)

We are partnering with the City on cleaning up around our Scarboro Community Hall. Pruning, weeding beds and planting some heritage plants is on the agenda. Some tools and gloves will be available, but bring some extra!

Snacks and drinks will be available. Contact: <u>ergomboseoutlook.com</u> with questions.





# SUNALTA SCHOOL UPDATE



Christine McCrory, Principal, Sunalta School

Sunalta School loves spring! As we work to heal the earth, the earth heals us...from the book Braiding Sweetgrass. Our school has many projects and experiments on the go to connect with nature inside and outside the classroom. Grade 4s are participating in the Fish In Schools (FINS) program with Bow Habitat Station. They are raising rainbow trout in the learning commons and will release them in June. Learning concepts about the importance of lakes and ponds, invasive species, and how to be stewards of water have had an impact on our future generation of conservations. Students are also looking forward to utilizing our outdoor planters to study edible plants, herbs, and learn how to plant and maintain a food garden. Our leadership club has been exploring what native pollinator plants, safe habitats, and water sources we can create for bees and other small crawling and flying animals. Our school has purchased a vertical, aeroponic garden system to learn and experiment with sustainable, soil-free systems (thanks to our grade 6 alumni legacy gift). Learning about the many careers as a horticulturalist has also been a focus of these activities.



Photo: DNACRISPR by Ophelia & Tara

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**Calgary Science Fair:** Sunalta was proud to have 5 science fair projects entered in the Calgary Science Fair which occurred in April. The creativity and complex problemsolving skills of our students were apparent in their topics and research. Congratulations to Ophelia & Tara for receiving a Silver Medal for the DNACRISPR Cas9 (Design a baby) project inspired by our Eric Walters author visit in September. Janvii & Mihir received a Bronze Medal for their JVC Hydraulics entry. Honourable mentions: Aahna & Mila for Deforestation, Titus & Ian for Which Planet is Most Habitable (Earth or Mars), Video Games and their Affect on Kids by Siddarth, Gautham & Jinde

**Calgary Elementary School Mathematics and Computing Math Test:** Sunalta students have been studying with Ms Gulewicz & Ms Dragatis, as well as at home in preparation for the CESMC Math Test. Students will have 50 minutes to complete up to 20 questions to compete for prizes.

We are looking for reading volunteers for our Sunalta Reads program. If you have spare time and enjoy supporting literacy, please contact us at <u>sunalta@cbe.ab.ca</u> Sunalta has a <u>website</u> that is regularly updated with upcoming events and activities.



REAL ESTATE (CENTRAL)



# Mother's Day Crossword Puzzle





## ACROSS

- 1. Bundle of joy
- 4. Female parent
- 5. Popular flower for Mother's Day
- 9. Official Mother's Day flower in many countries
- 11. Sparkling accessory
- 13. Where the heart is
- 14. Sweet treat loved by many moms
- 17. Morning meal in bed

18. Mom or Dad's mom

## DOWN

- 2. Inflated decoration
- 3. Fragrant gift
- 4. Sentiment shared on a card
- 6. Sweet treats often given on Mother's Day
- 7. Token of appreciation
- 8. Hallmark purchase
- 9. Sweet treat for celebrations
- 10. Frozen sweet treat
- 12. Unconditional feeling
- 15. Morning beverage choice
- 16. Warm embrase



With the return of warmer weather, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) would like to remind parents and caregivers of an often-overlooked hazard in the home – access to open windows. Every year, paramedics respond to emergencies where a child has fallen from an open window, often from the second floor. These can be mitigated by following safety measures. Take the time to assess potential window and balcony hazards in your home before a preventable fall occurs.

#### Windows and screens

- Prevent access to windows by moving furniture such as cribs, beds, stools, and change tables out from under them:
- Keep drapery cords out of childrens' reach. Wrap excess cord around cleats, or tie-downs to avoid a choking hazard;
- Remember, screens are not safety devices. They are designed to keep bugs out, not children in.

#### Balconies

- Do not underestimate a child's ability to climb. Furniture and other items stored on balconies and decks can be used to climb resulting in falls over the railing;
- Ensure that your balcony railings are not more than 10 cm (4 inch) apart. This will eliminate access between the vertical bars of a balcony, or deck.

#### Further prevention tips

- Toddlers & preschoolers are at highest risk of falling from a window, or balcony, but it may happen at any age;
- Direct supervision of children is the single most effective way to prevent falls from windows and balconies;
   Install safety devices which limit
- Install safety devices which limit the distance in which a window be can open to a maximum of 10cm (4 inches);
   Ensure the safety device can be
- Ensure the safety device can be released quickly, so the window can be used for escape in case of emergency.
- Consider purchasing a portable air conditioner, which will enable windows to stay closed & secure

www.albertahealthservices.ca



#### HOUSE FOR RENT

11/2 storey, 1,771 sq. ft. plus lower level. 5 bdr + 3 bath. House is located on Shelbourne Street, open and beautiful views from all windows. Availability May 1st, 2023. Short (min 3 months) and long term rental available. Text 587-892-1470

## HOUSE WANTED TO BUY

My child attends Sunalta Elementary and we would love to be a part of this community. Looking for a 3 bedroom house, preferably with the bedrooms all on one floor. Please contact Jane at (403) 923-9263, or at jane7parkegmail.com

#### HOUSE WANTED TO BUY

Looking to buy a house within Scarboro. Our son currently attends Sunalta School and we would like to live in this great community. Please contact Asin on (403) 464-0463 or asin\_nurani@hotmail.com

#### HOUSE WANTED TO BUY

In search of a house to purchase in the lovely community of Scarboro! Looking for a 3 or more bedroom, 2 or more bathroom (or similar). Please call or text Stephanie at (403) 540-6326

#### **RENTAL WANTED**

Seeking Rental Accommodation in the community. We are current Scarboro residents and responsible tenants. Please contact Michael at svms673@gmail.com

#### MONDAY NIGHT WORKOUT

Interested in community outdoor workouts Monday nights? Email <u>doeringseis@outlook.com</u> for more information

#### **KARDIO KLATCH**

Seniors are welcome to join the FREE community fitness class on Mondays at 2:40 pm. Seated, standing and floor exercises are used to build strength, mobility and endurance.

Email <u>doeringseis@outlook.com</u> for more information

# **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

## FULL TIME NANNY: Available now

Need an extra set of hands with the children? Margie was a full time Nanny for a Scarboro Family for over 10 years and is now looking for a new family to help. She comes highly recommended and is an amazing cleaner to boot! Call Margie at (403) 616-4648

#### **NEIL'S HANDYMAN WORK**

Have some projects around the house? Lots of experience, especially with old houses. No job too small. References from people within Scarboro that I have done work for can be provided. Call Neil King at (403) 863-8590

#### FREE ITEMS

+ IKEA painted solid wood shelving with 2 integral drawer units. Very good condition can be put together to suit available space. In 30" increments between legs x 16" dp x 26" ht. Approx 8 segments. Easy assembly and very functional.
+ 5 wicker basket chairs, very comfortable and in good shape.
+ IKEA solid wood chest of 3 drawers for bedroom unit x 30" wide chest perfect shape
+ 3 Area Carpets each approx 6'x8'

good condition. Text if interested (403) 998-0680

#### **KOFFEE KLASCH**

The Next Koffee Klatsch is June 12 at the home of Todd and Mary Alice Saunders. Watch for invitations in your mailbox. If you would like to join our seniors' group, please call or text Kate (403) 680-0592

#### **BABYSITTERS & DOG WALKING**

Riley is in Grade 12 and willing to help with house and pet care, French tutoring or babysitting. First Aid, CPR & Sports Med trained. Text 403-816-7824

Babysitting, house-sitting, pet care, shoveling and more...Carley is in grade 9, has babysitter and first aid training and is eager to help. Text (403) 975-6001

Looking for a babysitter? Sofiia is a 14 year old Ukrainian girl that attends Mount Royal High School. She has completed the Canadian Red Cross babysitting course and Red Cross First Aid. Email <u>epikhina83.negmail.com</u> or Call (403) 808-0526

Gabby, is a responsible student in Grade 9 at Mt Royal Junior High. She has her Red Cross Babysitters course certification, and is available for babysitting, on weekday evenings, and weekends. Text: (587) 664-3163

Calliah is a Grade 10 student, is experienced with dogs, has her Red Cross Babysitting certificate, and is available to walk your pup or babysit. She is available weekdays mid-afternoon to evenings, and all day on weekends. Text: (587) 889-4485

Rowan Davis, is a grade seven boy who attends Mt Royal School. He has completed the Home Alone, Babysitter and First Aid certificates. Is an AMA patroller. Plays basketball, builds lego and makes fun forts! 12 years old and ready to babysit children who are 4 years and older.

Call or text: (587) 580-8243

## **CLEANING SERVICES**

I am currently cleaning houses and apartments. I am writing to you in case anyone is interested. You can call or write to me if you have any questions or concerns. Please contact Ruth Hernandez at (368) 887-8234



## **RENT Scarboro Community Hall for Your Next Event!**

Our hall, kitchen and boardroom are available for all your special event needs: Birthday Parties, Anniversary Celebrations, Business Meetings, Christmas Parties, Clubs & more! For more information visit www.scarborocommunity.com/hallrental For bookings please email scahallrentals@gmail.com

