

The Dalhousie Digest

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*Happy
Valentine's Day*

**Please watch our website for more
information on spring recreation
soccer registration!**

**Check our website at www.dalhousiecalgary.ca for Community Center programs
and services, general community information and more.**



Dalhousie Community Association

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The next meeting of the
Dalhousie Community Association
Board of Directors is
7:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 13, 2019
at the Dalhousie Community Centre.
All Dalhousie residents are welcome to attend.
Annual General Meeting:
Wednesday, January 30 at 7:00 p.m.

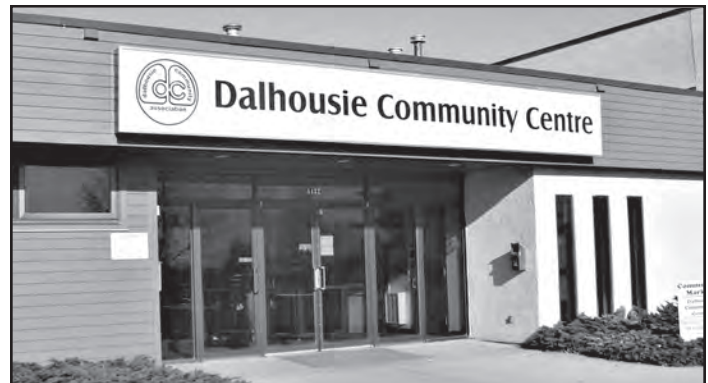
In Our Community

Available Space

The Dalhousie Community Centre is host to many great program (see program guide on page 5), and we are looking to expand the programs that are offered here! We have a variety of rooms to offer, including a Dance Studio. Please email admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca for more information on availability or head over to dalhousiecalgary.ca to view the rooms and their descriptions. A few of the time frames and rooms available now include:

- Tuesdays in the Phoenix Room anytime between 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Thursdays in the Phoenix Room anytime between 7:00 pm. – 9:00 p.m.
- Tuesdays in the Dance Studio from 4pm-5pm

*Other rooms/times may be available!



Winter Community Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Closed on Statutory Holidays

Christmas closure: Between Friday, December 21 and Monday, January 7 the center will only be open when we have bookings or classes. Please call 403-286-2555 #1 for daily openings.

Community Office Staff

General Manager: Marsha, gm@dalhousiecalgary.ca, 587-437-8217

Finance: finance@dalhousiecalgary.ca, 403-286-2555

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Program Space Available

Are you looking to start an adult or children's weekly program or class? We have a variety of rooms to rent that have a capacity of 50 people. Our most updated 50 person capacity room, the Phoenix Room, has availability during the week during the below time slots in 2019:

- Monday & Tuesday anytime between 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Wednesdays between 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- Thursdays 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Fridays 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Phoenix Room Rates:

Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.: \$20/hour
Monday-Friday from 3:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.: \$40/hour

Email admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca if you are interested in hosting a program or class at the Dalhousie Community Centre!

Contest Time!

Looking for a space to host an event? You could possibly WIN your space! Once the Dalhousie Community Association reaches 500 "Likes" on our Facebook page, we will be having a random draw for a 3 hour room rental in either the Sunrise or Phoenix Room. Like our page for one entry, tag a friend in this post for an extra entry in the draw!
Contest Details: Room rental is subject to room availability. The prize cannot be exchanged for money or used towards a different invoice.

DID YOU KNOW??

The croissant was invented in Austria.



DCA Spring Day Camp

When: March 25th—March 29th, 2019

7:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m. (Before Care)

9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. (Camp)

4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. (After Care)

Where: Dalhousie Community Centre— Out of School Care Room

Who: Current Dalhousie Out of School Care attendants

NOTE—A MINIMUM OF 10 CAMPERS ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER BY MARCH 15TH @ 12 P.M. FOR THE CAMP TO OPERATE

Cost: \$185/child

* No subsidy available

Registration Opens February 1st, 2019 at the Dalhousie Community Centre

Dalhousie Kindergarten News

Junior Kindergarten Options

Our kindergarten students spent the month of January mastering a new set of skills – skating! We are excited to be able to showcase all we've learned on the wonderful community rink tucked behind the community centre. Thank you to the volunteers who have been working so hard to make and maintain it! As we move into February, our classroom is taking their new-found confidence and putting our creativity to work – delving into the guiding question, “what makes a good story?” More than that, we will be exploring musical concepts with our favourite music teacher, Wendy Kondrat, and building on our reading and writing skills with our playful approach to a “Writer’s Workshop”.

All of our enriched activities and experiences are essential to our learning and development, and one of the reasons why our program is one of Calgary’s top offerings! We limit our class size to 18 students each year, and with January registration underway, we anticipate having a full class once again for the 2019 – 20 year.

Our program offers spaces for both Kindergarten and

Junior Kindergarten (JK). Kindergarten is funded by the Government of Alberta for children who will be 5 years old by March 1, 2020. While not mandated nor funded by Alberta Education, our tuition based JK program offers an option for children who are ready for an enriched program, but are not yet ready for a full Kindergarten program. JK students can include both those who may be kindergarten aged, but not quite ready for a kindergarten year. Sometimes this appeals to those who are old enough but aren't ready in terms of maturity or an underdeveloped interest in letters and numbers. For others, they may be too young for kindergarten but are advanced in literacy and numeracy and looking for an added challenge to maintain interest, enthusiasm and curiosity. Junior Kindergarten is also beneficial where parents have decided that a child's 'official' (funded) kindergarten year will be spent in a language immersion program, such as Spanish or French, or where children are developing their English language skills.

Kindergarten registration opens on Jan 29th from 6:30 – 7:30 PM and JK registrations will be accepted starting at 9 AM on Feb 4th, depending upon available space. Please call (403) 288-1050 to check on available spaces or visit our website at www.dcakids.com for more information. If you have questions, our teacher Mrs. Fricker may be able to help you sort through your options. We are always happy to meet you!

Spring Craft Sale!

It is Mother's Day weekend – time to treat your mom, wife and grandma to a fun day at the Dalhousie Spring Craft Fair!

There will be complimentary coffee, tea, and hot chocolate throughout the day, and refreshments from 11am-1pm in the Conference Room. We have vendors that will be selling a variety of unique handmade crafts in the Auditorium. This is a great opportunity to treat mom (or yourself) to a fun gift!

Event Details:

When – Saturday May 11th, 2019 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Where – Dalhousie Community Centre (5432 Dalhart Rd. NW)

Cost – FREE admission and parking

If you are interested in participating in the Spring Craft Fair as a vendor, please email admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca

Arrr!- it's a Pirate Musical!

We're pirates, nasty pirates
We're as mean as dirt, you see,
And if you'd like to join us
We're as happy as can be!
Belay your fear, come sing and dance
We'd love to have ye matey!
Just mark the time you see below
And don't forget the date-y!

Great for kids 7 and up!
Dalhousie Community Centre
July 15-19 9:30 am – 2:30 pm
Wendy Kondrat and Anne Gatha



Drop In Programs at H.D. Cartwright

Our youth and adult drop in programs will be returning in the 2019 year to the H.D. Cartwright gymnasium. We will very likely be going back to our Wednesday evenings in the new year, we will confirm on our Facebook and Twitter accounts, as well in the Digest, website and on posters around the community.

Family Games Night Is Coming To Dalhousie!

When: Tuesdays starting February 5th from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Where: Dalhousie Community Centre – Conference Room

Cost: \$2/Drop In per family (must have DCA membership to attend)

The DCA has a variety of games to lend, however feel free to bring your own family-friendly game to play if you wish!

Please watch our website for more information on spring recreation soccer registration!

Board Member Profile

Introducing Sean French, currently serving in the role of Past President on the Dalhousie Board of Directors. He has served as President for 3+ years and has been involved in so many community events and initiatives over the years, too numerous to mention.



It's impossible to adequately recognize Sean for the significance of his contributions and service to this fine community over so many years. Still we thank Sean for his tremendous efforts and years of service on behalf of Dalhousie. He has been, and still is a pillar in the foundation of this Board and his knowledge is immense. You can see Sean at many of the annual community events. Please take the time to introduce yourself, wish him well, and thank him. As the longest standing member of the Board, he can answer any questions you may have.

Dalhousie Community Playschool News

Why send your children to Pre-school?

1. **It's an opportunity for growth;** adjusting to group structure, following instructions and learning to share.
2. **It's great preparation for Kindergarten;** the children are learning pre-literacy and pre-math skills through the medium of play.
3. **It's an opportunity to develop social and emotional development;** the children learn to spend time away from their parents, adjust to being within groups and develop skills to help with body regulation and conflict/problem resolution.
4. **It's great to learn about choices;** children are coached through how and where to play and how to join groups while making good behavioural choices.
5. **It's an opportunity to increase independence;** the children learn to take care of themselves and others, learn to focus while others are talking and take turns within conversation.
6. **It promotes language and cognitive skills;** the children take part in thought provoking situations, exposed to language rich activities and surrounded by hands-on materials which encourage them to observe and look for answers to their questions.
7. **It nurtures curiosity and wonder;** the classrooms are full of simple events, materials, centres and situations which encourage the children to look and learn.
8. **It is an opportunity to gain strength in motor skills;** the children are within a safe space to challenge themselves in new ways- on fitness equipment, with scissors or running with friends.

Broom Ball, Anyone?

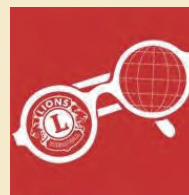
The Dalhousie Community Centre has an outdoor rink out back, why not use it?

We are looking to see if there is enough interest from people in the community and surrounding areas to reserve the outdoor rink for drop in broom ball. If you are interested, please email admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca your full name and phone number!

Why send your children to Dalhousie Community Pre-school?

We offer morning and afternoon programs, small class sizes and 2.5 hours daily programming. The pre-school strives to provide the opportunity for every child to grow and learn at their own pace, in an environment where it is safe to explore and discover, where adventure awaits and activities are designed to fuel creativity! We are competitively priced, accept Childcare Subsidy and are also an inclusive classroom for children with additional needs. Our certified teachers or child care providers and are passionate about early year's education. We have access to the large auditorium/gym as well as a great playground where we provide daily fitness opportunities.

We have begun registration for our three programs which will begin in September. Places are on a first come first served basis, and spots are filling fast! However, we do currently still have places available in each of our classes. Children registering for our younger classes must be 3 years old on or before 31st December 2019, and for our older classes the children must be 4 years old on or before 28th February 2020. Please contact registrar@dalhousiecommunityplaychool.com, call 403-286-2339 or visit www.dalhousieplayschool.blogspot.com. We would love to answer your questions or give you a tour of our classroom and we are currently accepting registrations for the 2019/2020 school year.



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Donate your used Eyeglasses

The Canadian Lions Club, through its Eyeglass Recycling Program, collects, repairs and distributes used eyeglasses free of charge to individuals in developing countries

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Please
let your friends and family know and bring their donations too!

Drive Safely This Winter

Getting safely to your destination is easier with a bit of preparation, whether you are taking shorter trips around the neighborhood or longer excursions on the highway.

Have your antifreeze levels, battery and ignition system, brakes, heater and defroster checked on your vehicle. Install good winter tires for the best traction in slick conditions. Also, driving with your gas tank nearly full ensures that even if you are stranded that you will be able to keep warm until help arrives.

You will also want to have a vehicle emergency kit, with:

- Jumper cables
- Flares or reflective triangle
- Ice scraper
- Car cell phone charger
- Cat litter or sand for better tire traction
- Non-perishable food and water
- Blankets, extra warm clothes and winter gloves
- Small shovel

Should you need these items, you will be glad you took a few moments to plan ahead.

Safe driving, Calgary! For more information on winter emergency safety, and to learn more about how to prepare your family and your home for an emergency, visit calgary.ca/getready. Learn what the risks are in Calgary, how to build a 72 hour emergency kit and take the Calgary Emergency Management Agency's Ready Calgary course.

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Did You Know?

Did you know the Dalhousie Community Centre has various rooms for rent? We have rooms that can hold up to 50 people, and a large Auditorium that can hold up to 300 people! Our smaller rooms are a perfect size for a family event, birthday, baby shower, meeting and more! For more information about the rooms we have available to rent, visit www.dalhousiecalgary.ca for more information!



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Employment Opportunity at the Community Center

Casual part time week-end position working in the office, with program renters, event set-up and take down. Please send resume to gm@dalhousiecalgary.ca

Zumba

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays
9:15 a.m.—10:15 a.m. **Where:** Dance Studio (downstairs)
@ The Dalhousie Community Centre

Who/Cost: Adult (18-59) \$7/drop in
Senior (60+) \$5/drop in

***A seniors “AAA” membership or DCA adult membership is required to participate!**

This is a great opportunity to try a new physical activity with Kim! Kim is a certified Zumba Gold-Toning instructor and encourages people of all experience levels to come out and try Zumba!

Out of School Care Staff Needed!

The Dalhousie Out of School Care program is growing again and is re-cruiting for a Program Director, Assistant Director, and Site Supervisors.

We provide:

- Competitive wages
- Bonus's
- Benefits

All positions must have a Level III, Supervisors Certificate, Police Security Clearance and First Aid. Positions to start immediately!

If interested, please contact Marsha by email gm@dalhousiecalgary.ca or call 1-587-437-8217

2019 Room Rental Availability

Are you looking for a space to start or continue to host a program or service? We have a variety of different rooms that are designed to fulfill various needs for renters. Below are some of the available weekly time slots that are available in the rooms listed. If you have inquiries about the time slots listed below, or other rooms and a different time slot, please email admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca for more information. Please note, you must rent for a minimum of 1 hour.

Featured Rooms Available For Weekly Bookings:

- **Dance Studio** – Mondays 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Tuesdays 11:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Sundays 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- **Phoenix Room** – Mondays, Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- **Sunrise Room** – Mondays 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Thursdays 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- **Conference Room** - Wednesdays 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Dalhousie Comm. Assoc.

Classifieds *To place your classified ad call the Dalhousie Community Centre at 403-286-2555*

- **Will Do Odd Jobs:** Junk removal, small indoor / outdoor jobs, yard work, tree / hedge trimming, garden work. Need anything done or a helping hand. Call Warren: 403-286-4348

Community Center Room Rentals

The Dance Studio

Our mirrored 1,700 sf studio is available weekdays between 9:00-3:00, for \$24.50 (half price) per hour. Spring and summer week night and week-end availability. Call 403-286-2555 #1 for a tour and availability or check our website for photo's and general information.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Where: Dalhousie Community Centre—Conference Room

When: Tuesdays 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

February 5th—March 26th, 2019

Cost: \$2/Family

*** MUST have DCA membership to attend**

Please bring your card with you!

Details:

- Sign in at the front counter, then take out the game you wish to play!
- Self-directed program
- Hot chocolate, water, and/or juice provided
- Feel free to bring your own family friendly games to play!

Email admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca for more information





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Did You Know? Renovations at Community Libraries

Did you know that during the construction of the new Central Library, the entire Library system received a facelift? Renovations took place at community libraries, including new furniture, fresh paint, enhanced technology, more meeting spaces, and Early Learning Centres. The final two spaces to be freshened up are Village Square and Country Hills libraries. Find many new features at Village Square and an exciting Early Learning Centre at Country Hills.

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Future DCA Events and Activities

- Late Spring/Early May 2019 – DCA Recreational Outdoor Soccer (U4-U12)
- Parade of Garage Sales (Dates TBA)
- Community Clean up (Date TBA)
- May 18, 2019 – Spring Craft Fair
- July 15th- 19th, 2019 – Pirates Musical Theatre Camp
- July 22nd- 26th, 2019 – Summer Fun Camp
- July 22nd- 26th, 2019 – Beginners Guitar Lessons

More events and activities, with details, to be announced soon!

Skating Instructor Needed!

The DCA is in need of an ice skating instructor for the Learn To Skate program that the DCA is offering in the winter months on our outdoor rink (smaller than regulation size). We are looking for someone who is an experienced skater, has previously, and is comfortable working with children. The week day of the weekly program is currently flexible. The shifts would be 3 hours and the hourly wage is \$15/hour. The start date is dependant on weather. Please send gm@dalhousiecalgary.ca your related experience and days of the week you would be available!

Learn To Skate Winter Program

We are starting our Learn To Skate program this winter! For those that are not aware, we do have an area for a boarded, smaller than regulation size, outdoor rink behind the Dalhousie Community Centre. Once the colder weather is consistent and ice is in, we will start the Learn To Skate program!

Learn To Skate Winter Program Information:

- Program cost: \$20.00
- Appropriate helmets (not bicycle helmets) are required.
- Parents must stay onsite at all times.
- Hot chocolate is provided.
- A DCA membership is required for all participants to be covered under insurance.

Outdoor Rink

The DCA has a smaller out door rink behind our community centre that is available for public use! You do not have to be a Dalhousie resident, or hold a DCA membership – our rink is open for everyone to use. It is a boarded area, with benches for you to put on your skates. Washrooms are inside the Dalhousie Community Centre, however you would need to take off your skates to come inside. We highly recommend wearing helmets (not bicycle helmets) and having parents on-site while on the ice surface.

Watch our Facebook and Twitter page for the most up to date rink conditions this winter!

DID YOU KNOW??

Chocolate sales represent 75% or more of Valentine's Day candy purchases.



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