



DALHOUSIE NEWSLETTER



September 2020 Newsletter

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**DALHOUSIE'S DALLYN ST. BUILDING -
DALHOUSIE'S ORIGINAL COMMUNITY CENTRE
CIRCA 1965**

THE NEXT DCA BOARD MEETINGS WILL BE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020 AT 7PM
ALL DALHOUSIE RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO
ATTEND

SHOW N SHINE CANCELLED

Unfortunately due to COVID-19 restrictions, the 2020 Dalhousie Show and Shine is cancelled for this year.
A huge thank you to all of our past sponsors, car owners, and participants that have helped make this such an exciting event to look forward to each year. We cannot wait to see you next year – stay safe!

**Would you like to receive this newsletter
on a regular basis?**

Please email
admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca with your
last name and e-mail address to ensure
future delivery!

**THE DALHOUSIE COMMUNITY CENTER
REMAINS CLOSED UNTIL PHASE 3**



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IT'S OFFICIAL- DALHOUSIE IS ONE OF THE BEST COMMUNITIES IN CALGARY!

We knew it all along, but now everybody knows that Varsity (1), Brentwood (2) and Dalhousie (6) make up three of the top six best communities to live in out of the 185 communities that make up Calgary! Others that ranked in the top ten include Crescent Heights, Sunnyside, Bridgeland, Hillhurst, Bowness, Acadia and Edgemont. Did you notice that 8 of the top 10 are inner city NW communities? Avenue Magazine ranks all communities based on number of parks, pathways, grocery stores, restaurants, transit, connect ability to surrounding communities, recreational facilities, trees and low crime rate.

Now factor in that Calgary is ranked the fifth best city in Canada according to thetop10.com. Need more convincing? According businessinsider.com, Canada is the second best country to live in only behind Australia. So if the corona virus or the economy or government debt or civil unrest or global warming are getting you down, then sit back, put your feet up and have a cool one knowing that you live in one of the best communities in Calgary, that Calgary is one of the best cities in Canada and Canada is one of the best countries in the world. Feels good, doesn't it?



RESIDENTIAL SPEED LIMITS



The City of Calgary has been reviewing residential speed limits with the aim of improving traffic safety for everyone using Calgary streets. Three scenarios for reduced speed limits are under consideration:

1. 30km/h for all residential streets and collector roads
2. 30km/h for residential streets and 50km/h for collector roads,
3. 40km/h for residential streets and collector roads.

The context of our Community streets, the diversity of people using them and the variety of ways they are used, makes this very relevant topic for Dalhousie. Additional information can be found on the <https://www.calgary.ca/transportation/roads/traffic/traffic-safety-programs/residential-speed-limits.html>.

A description of each scenario and accompanying maps showing the affected streets can be found at <https://pub-calgary.escrimemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=109811>.

While a date has yet to be announced, a recommendation and decision on residential speed limits could occur early as September, 2020. If you want to provide your input, you can do so to our Councilor, Sean Chu, via his <https://www.calgary.ca/citycouncil/ward-4/warddefault.html>

STARTING OCTOBER 1, REMEMBER TO TAG YOUR EXTRA GARBAGE BAGS!

Starting October 1, if you have an extra bag of garbage that won't fit in your City black cart, you'll need to **buy a garbage tag**.

Tags are \$3 each and available at participating convenience and grocery stores or online. See the full list at calgary.ca/garbagetag.

How to use garbage tags

1. Fill your black cart first
2. Place extra garbage in a bag and wrap a tag around the knot on top of the bag.
3. On collection day, set the bag 0.5 metres (2 feet) from your black cart.

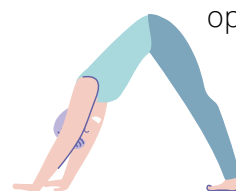
We encourage everyone to look at what you are buying and throwing away to find ways to reduce waste. Sorting materials correctly helps maximize the use of all three carts (blue, green, black). Learn more at calgary.ca/garbagetag



THANK YOU FITNESS PARTICIPANTS!



Did you participate or see any of the free outdoor fitness programs in Dalhousie parks in July and August? We loved seeing friendly, sweaty faces in the community engaged in physical activity! We were able to offer 4 yoga classes a week, as well as a Tai Chi and Boot Camp class weekly for the last two weeks of July and August. We want to thank everyone for coming out to these programs and enjoying the green space in the community, and a special thank you to TD Parks for making this opportunity available!



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HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR DCA MEMBERSHIP?

You can renew your DCA membership online at **www.dalhousiecalgary.ca** for the September 2020 – August 2021 year! The DCA membership not only covers you and your family under insurance when you are at our programs, but we also have programs that are FREE to attend throughout the year and other benefits.

Starting in September, if you show your 2020-2021 DCA Membership card at The Hangar Flight Museum you receive **10% off admission!**

If you know of a collaborating opportunity to help provide more benefits, such as The Hangar Flight Museum discount, please email admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca!



LOOKING FOR A 2021 WEDDING VENUE?



Look no further! The Dalhousie Community Centre is booking 2021 wedding dates. We have our large Auditorium with attached Conference Room and Commercial Kitchen, with prices starting at \$950.00 for the day (9am-1am). Set up of tables, chairs, and stage pieces are included!



Here are Saturdays currently available in July and August 2021:

July 10
July 17
July 31
August 14
August 21
August 28



RENTAL SPACE AVAILABLE!

While the Dalhousie Community Centre is not open to the public, we are able to host small events up to 50 people. We have a variety of rooms available including our large Auditorium, Dance Studio, Phoenix, Sunrise and Conference Room. While procedures are much different than before, we can evaluate your potential rental and safely host your event here if everyone is able to adhere to set guidelines. If you are interested in renting a space, please email admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca



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PARADE OF GARAGE SALES!



We have finalized our decision, and the Parade of Garage Sales will be happening on September 19th and 20th, and the Parking Lot Sale will also be operating on Saturday September 19th.

We are very happy to be able to safely organize this event for the community.

Registration will be open from September 1st until September 16th. There are a couple of ways to register for this year's sales:

1. Online Registration

Download the appropriate registration form, fill it out, and scan or send a picture of the filled out (please print legibly) to admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca. Once this is received, you will receive a confirmation email that I have received it. Payment for this registration method can be paid online or over the phone via credit card, or in person with exact cash change during the below dates and time frames.

2. In-Person Registration

On weekdays from September 1st-September 16th, there will be time slots where you can register in person – this will happen outside the front entrance of the Dalhousie Community Centre. This will be done in a safe manner with mandated procedures followed. EXACT cash change is the ONLY payment option for this form of registration.

In Person Registration Dates and Time Frames:

September 1st -16th

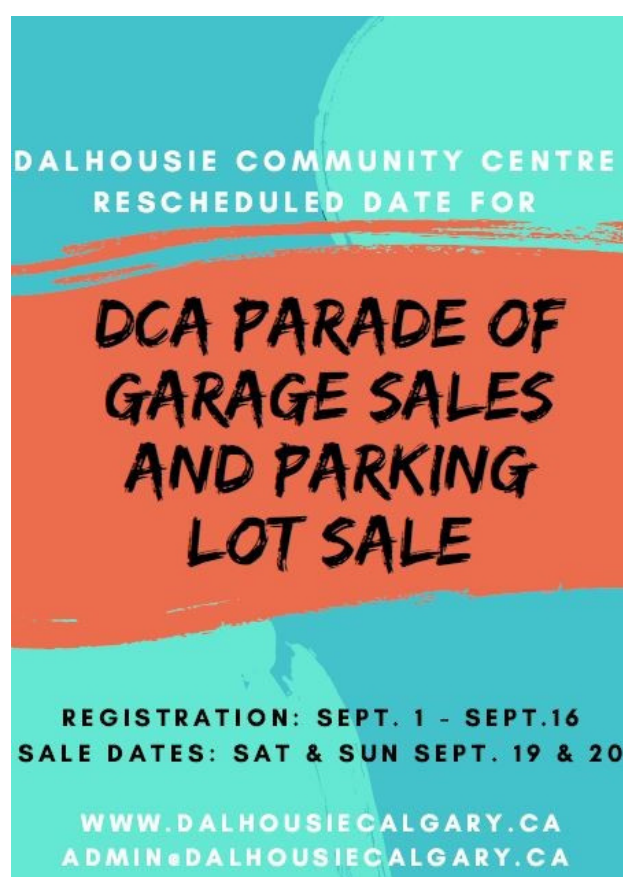
Mondays: 11am-12pm *not including holiday Monday on September 7th!

Tuesdays: 9am-10am

Wednesdays: 2pm-3pm

Thursdays: 11am-12pm

Fridays: 12pm-1pm



OUTDOOR GAMES IN DALHOUSIE!

The City of Calgary provided us with the opportunity to add some extra fun around the community centre!

There are 5 stencils around the perimeter of the community centre – two in the grass, and three on the sidewalks. Can you find them all? Here are some clues:



IN NEED OF CHILD CARE?

We would love to know more about what our Dalhousie residents are interested in us offering. Are you a parent, or maybe know someone, who would be interested on weekdays (early morning, early evening) or weekend child care while you work? We would love to hear your input if you have a need for this service or are interested in learning more if it is something we are able to offer in the future.



Please email admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca if you are interested in learning more about our future possibilities.

FREE SIDEWALK CHALK!

We have free sidewalk chalk kits that are available for pick up at the Dalhousie Community Center. If you are interested in receiving free chalk for your family or friends, please email admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca to set up a time to contact-free pick up your bag of chalk today!



2020-2021 OUT OF SCHOOL CARE

- Dalhousie Elementary School
- West Dalhousie School

Kindergarten and School Age Programs

Included in our Package is: Lunch Time Supervision, 1/2 Day Fridays, Non-Instructional Days & PD Days!

Contact Sharon Evans-Borrice for more information at doscdirector@dalhousiecalgary.ca or 587-437-8218



DALHOUSIE PHOTO CONTEST

We are looking for photo submissions for photos that you have taken that best represent what Dalhousie means to you! We love connecting with our community members and hearing what Dalhousie means to them – but we now want to see what Dalhousie means to you! Your photo may even be featured in the Dalhousie Community Centre to be on display and for everyone to enjoy!

Please send all submissions to admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca – the deadline to submit is January 1st, 2021!



DALHOUSIE LOGO CONTEST



We are looking for a new logo for the DCA, and we would love your help! We are asking for local help and suggestions on what our new logo should look like. We have a few ideas, but would love to hear from you! Everyone who submits will be put in a draw for one of three gift cards for Safeway, Co-op or Canadian Tire. Below is an example of a submission we have received, thank you Callum for your submission! Submissions are accepted up until December 1st, 2020 and can be sent to admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca.

NEW ROOM RENTAL ALERT!



We have a new room that has become available to rent at the Dalhousie Community Centre! Below you can see a multi-purpose space that can be used for a variety of rentals such as meetings, courses, children and adult programs, and more!

To the right is a picture of what it looks like when the room is full of tables. Please note that the room would typically remain empty with access to a few tables and chairs. If needed, we can arrange for a larger set up.

The rental rate of this room is \$19/hour and is available primarily on Monday-Thursday from 430pm-9pm, Friday 9am-9pm, and Saturday and Sunday all day.

If you are interested in learning more, please email admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca for more information!





FARMER'S MARKETS IN THE NORTHWEST



HILLHURST SUNNYSIDE COMMUNITY CENTRE - 1320 5 AVE. NW, WEDNESDAYS FROM 3 PM TO 7 PM

TRIWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION HALL - 2244 CHICOUTIMI DR. NW, TUESDAYS FROM 3 PM TO 7 PM

BEAR'S PAW LION'S CLUB - 25240 NAGWAY ROAD, SUNDAYS FROM 10 AM TO 2 PM

ROCKY RIDGE RANCH FARMERS MARKET - 10709 ROCKY RIDGE BLVD NW, THURSDAYS FROM 3:30 PM TO 7 PM

SYMONS VALLEY RANCH MARKET STORE - 14555 SYMONS VALLEY ROAD NW, FRIDAYS FROM 10AM TO 6PM

TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES - 220 CROWCHILD TRAIL NW, WEDNESDAYS FROM 2-6PM AND SUNDAYS FROM 12-4



WOULD YOU LIKE A WEEKLY FARMERS MARKET IN DALHOUSIE?

The DCA board is seeking feedback on a potential farmers market to be held on a Tuesday or Wednesday night at the DCA centre. There are vendors who are seeking a venue so that is not an issue. We would like to know if you would support this as a customer if it was organized. It could take the form of an outdoor market from June until October with vendors on the field behind the DCA centre which would allow for ample parking. Or it could go inside the auditorium for part of the year or all year around. What are your thoughts? Contact johnpiera@hotmail.com if you have any opinions.



Pet owner? Not a pet owner?

We are reviewing the **Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw**. We've collected initial feedback and want your help to:

- Understand what you think of possible changes
- Inform us of other considerations

Visit calgary.ca/petbylaw from August 18 to September 17 or text 'PETS' to 587-842-5178.



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CASINO AWAITING AGLC FOR DATE



The DCA is approved to hold a casino, but awaiting a date to be set by Alberta Gaming and Liquor Cannabis (AGLC). Since the COVID virus arrived, all casino table games have been closed and charities such as the DCA have been in a holding pattern. Thank you to the volunteers who have already signed up for your patience. We still need another ten volunteers and you can easily sign up by sending me an email at johnpiera@hotmail.com

John Piera, Assistant Casino Co-ordinator

SUPPORT STAFF NEEDED!

The DCA is looking to hire individuals who are 18+, self-motivated, independent and have the physical capability to set up and take down equipment for events. While we are not open yet and it may not be as busy as usual, we do have events and tasks that we could use an extra hand with. If you are interested in learning more about the position or would like to submit your resume, please email gm@dalhousiecalgary.ca!

We are
HIRING



SCHOOL IS BACK!

Autumn is fast upon us and with it many students will be returning to school. Obviously this year will be quite different and, with physical distancing encouragement being the norm since March, it's very possible we may see more of our youth travelling to and from school and other activities by foot or bicycle. With that, let's continue to make it our goal to respect and look out for the safety of everyone using our streets. This includes obeying all speed limits, watching for pedestrians (particularly at intersections, but also where pathways and back walkways intersect streets, or anywhere people may be crossing from a residence to access a sidewalk), allowing sufficient space passing cyclists sharing our streets (Bylaw requires motorists to give 1m space when passing cyclists, 1.5m when speed limit is over 60km/h) and not parking within 5m of a stop or yield sign, marked crosswalk, or intersecting roadway.



A MESSAGE FROM DALHOUSIE PRESCHOOL



Welcome back!! Although this school year looks much different than ever before, we are so happy to see both new and returning children ready to come play, learn and grow at our preschool! Dalhousie Preschool is a co-operative, parent run preschool that operates under the umbrella of the Dalhousie Community Association. It offers a warm and accepting environment with dedicated teachers for your child to begin his or her school career. Our Reggio Emilia inspired play based program has been serving the community for over 30 years!

Programs:

- Our program for the 2020-2021 school year is a combination of the 3 and 4 year old programs.
- This class is available as a 2 day (Monday and Wednesday only) a week option for \$160 per month OR a 3 day (Monday/ Wednesday/ Friday) a week option for \$200 per month. ·
- All classes run from 9:00AM – 11:30AM

If you have any inquiries or questions about the preschool please contact : registar@dcpreschool.ca or visit www.dcpreschool.ca for more information.

DALHOUSIE CONSIDERS A BLOCKWATCH PROGRAM BY JOHN PIERA

Do you know how much it costs to replace a tire that is slashed? Tire shops often refuse to replace a single tire because the uneven wear between a new tire and a worn tire results in one tire rotating faster than the other. That damages the differential, which means you are forced to buy at least two tires even if only one is damaged. Even a cheap tire at \$75 plus mounting, balancing, shop supplies and tax can run you \$100 each. Most tires are in the \$120-\$140 range and some are well over \$200 each. The frustrating thing is that it is so small an amount to make an insurance claim, but it is a large enough amount to sting financially. There have been tire slashings on both Dalhousie Drive and Dalhart Road. And this is only one example of vandalism.

We are so fortunate to live in a relatively safe community. Violent crime is almost non-existent and property crime is minimal. The problem is that incidents of property crime and vandalism have been slowly creeping up. We can rely on the police patrols to manage it or we can be more proactive. While police are trained to deal with detecting and apprehending criminals, there are only 6 squad cars at any given that provide service to several communities. They do the best they can with the resources they have.

What is the alternative to passively letting the police manage the problem? Implementing a Block Watch program may be the answer. Twenty or more years ago, many communities in Calgary used a Block Watch program but this is different. The old program had "Block Captains", zones and districts and people met monthly to discuss safety and security issues. The new program that we are considering uses social media sites such as Facebook and What's App to allow people to report suspicious activity. Those reports are vetted and pertinent information is passed along to the police for follow up. The police support this program because they know that when neighbours look out for each other, crime rates are lower.

The Dalhousie Community Association is considering this program. If you have any feedback, please contact one of the board members and let them know what you think.

