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THE OFFICIAL PARKDALE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



A NOTE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Hello Neighbours! Happy Spring!

Our programs are in full swing including our popular youth soccer and the community garden. We are always looking for assistance with the soccer program. This is a great way to get involved in the community, meet your neighbours, and develop lasting relationships. We appreciate all the volunteer parents that step forward to make the soccer program a success.

An aggressive path has been charted for the PCA and we are moving forward in a very positive way. I welcome your feedback on how we are doing as a Board of Directors and advancing a better community for Parkdale and its residents.

Last year, we updated our mission, vision, and values for the PCA.

Mission

Parkdale Community Association creates an environment for people to connect in a complete and healthy community.

Vision

Parkdale is a proud, active, and welcoming neighbourhood that offers programs, services and facilities that make us a vibrant inner-city community.

Values

Collaborative. Accountable. Inclusive. Respectful. Energetic.

Our Strategic 6 Priorities for 2021-2023 include:

Our Community – engage the community.

Our People – resilient and sustainable community leadership.

Communications and Marketing – enhance our profile, brand, and reputation.

Programs and Special Events – create connections through programs and events.

Our Infrastructure – well managed community campus.

Our Finances – financially responsible, growth focused.

Our newly elected Board of Directors will be spending time reviewing the 2022-2023 priorities and establishing the workplan for the year. As always, we welcome your feedback and engagement in our activities.

Enjoy the warm weather!

Amanda Affonso

President

RESIDENT PERSPECTIVES

Stargazing with Pat J

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The Milky Way Galaxy

Every Albertan who has ever gazed up at a clear night sky has seen our home galaxy, the Milky Way. To the naked eye, each pinpoint of light, save one (the Andromeda Galaxy is the exception), form part of the Milky Way. However, due to light pollution, only a lucky few of us have ever truly experienced the true majesty of this marvel in the darkness.

First a little background. The MW is a barred spiral galaxy. As we are located inside of it, we will never know what it actually looks like.

The MWG is shaped like a disc, and it only appears like a band across the sky because we are looking at it edge-on.

In the northern hemisphere, the MW is at its best in the summer, when the Earth is tilted toward the sun, and we are facing its bright central core where the vast majority of stars are.

Like an enormous wheel, its outer edge grows fainter as it extends in either direction down to the horizon. Not surprisingly, if we could see below the horizon, we would discover the edge of the galaxy forms a complete circle.

In the winter, when we are tilted away from the sun, we also face away from the central core, thus the MW is not as noticeable.

The brightest part of the MW core transects Sagittarius, and as a result, this summer constellation contains a wealth of deep sky objects, such as globular clusters, nebula, and interstellar nurseries with soaring pillars of gas and dust. But if you really want to view the Milky Way in all its splendor, you gotta get out of town.



Together, let's create Calgary's most vibrant inner-city community

Check out our new website to become a member today!

www.parkdaleyyc.com/membership

Any questions, please contact us at memberships@parkdalecommunity.com

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9 PM ROUTINE

CHECKLIST

- Remove valuables & garage door openers from vehicles
- Lock vehicles
- Close overhead garage door
- Lock door between garage & house
- Close & lock all external doors
- Ensure windows are shut
- Turn on exterior light



Submitted by Judy Hoad

Your Plan for the Future of Parkdale

I view Parkdale as a unique neighbourhood in Calgary. Our geographic location defines where we live, and our connections and community amenities combine to make us a vibrant place to call home. To strengthen and enhance our assets, the Planning and Development Committee is inviting all residents of Parkdale to participate in developing a vision for growth and change of the built form in our geographic community.

The Municipal Development Plan policies state that rather than continuing to grow outwards, 33% of Calgary's future population growth will be within the existing developed area by 2039, and 50% will be accommodated within the developed area over the next 60 to 70 years. In recent years, The City of Calgary has undertaken a planning process to direct growth and change, specifically to increase density in all existing communities through a local area plan process. I've watched the struggles and conflicts between The City and communities in the development of the first Local Area Plan and ongoing plans for two other areas. The process, despite The City's best efforts, has come across as top down. "Bureaucratic "top down" approaches have clashed with grassroots "bottom up" approaches...." (Review of film: *Citizen Jane: Battle for the City*).

Jane Jacobs wrote about sidewalks, parks, retail design, and promoted higher density, short blocks, local economies, and mixed uses. Most of her values are incorporated into The City's vision for greater Calgary. However, implementation of that vision in communities has not been successful. The primary criticism I hear from many of the involved communities is their involvement has not been meaningful or respected.

I am an advocate of true engagement, as stated by Jane Jacobs in *The Death and Life of Great American Cities* – "Cities have the capability of providing something for everybody, only because, and only when, they are created by everybody." Parkdale can be different if we bring our "grass roots" input to the process. This is why we are asking you to work together to define our vision for our geographic community, and how our vision can guide how Parkdale grows and welcomes change.

Our first workshop is May 18 and the second is June 8 at Parkdale Nifty Fifties. I am delighted to announce that Richard White, the Everyday Tourist, will be a guest speaker on May 18. We look forward to seeing you there! See details in the related announcement.

If anyone is interested in being a member of our Planning and Development Committee, please send an email to the PCA, info@parkdalecommunity.ca.

Your Plan for the Future of Parkdale

Please attend our Workshops!

May 18 at 7:00 pm at Parkdale Nifty Fifties, 3512 5 Ave. NW
Our presenter on May 18 is Richard White.

Although Richard served on the Calgary Planning Commission as a member-at-large for two years, he is not a planner nor an architect. He is a full-time "Everyday Tourist" searching for new experiences and surprises as he wanders the streets, parks, plazas, and alleys of Calgary. Over the past 40 years he has wandered 100+ communities in Calgary, as well as communities in 50+ cities across North America and Europe. He loves trying to understand how neighbourhoods can adapt successfully to new realities. His mantra is linking vision with reality.

Richard lives in West Hillhurst and has explored Parkdale since the early 90s. His articles are regularly published in the Calgary Herald, Check out <https://everydaytourist.ca>.

Additional items:

Learn about The City of Calgary's guiding Municipal Development Plan.

What does the survey of Parkdale residents tell us?

Participate with your neighbours in developing a vision for growth and change in Parkdale.

June 8 at 7:00 pm at Parkdale Nifty Fifties, 3512 5 Ave. NW
Agenda:

How do The City goals and objectives impact existing communities?

What is the vision from May 18 – is it the right one?

Participate with your neighbours to discuss where and how Parkdale should grow and what new forms of residential development are appropriate; how our open spaces, pathways, and mobility networks could be improved; the important role of commercial and retail services.



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Workshops:
May 18 & June 8, 2022
7:00pm

THE FUTURE OF PARKDALE PLANNING FOR GROWTH & CHANGE

Parkdale Nifty Fifties
3512 5th Ave. NW

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- The City of Calgary’s guiding Municipal Plan
- What does the survey of Parkdale residents tell us?
- Participate with your neighbours in developing a vision for growth & change in Parkdale

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Compassionate Plea to Help Thousands of Children Affected by the War in Ukraine

Urgently Needed Supplies:

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- Feminine hygiene products
- Medical supplies

Drop off supplies at 138 4 Ave SE, Calgary, Alberta
Contact CIWA to find out more information and how else you can help!
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The PCA Office is usually open
9:00 am to 3:00 pm Tuesday to Thursday.

Please call or email and leave a message if you need support from the
PCA Office. The PCA Office is closed on all statutory holidays.

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Parkdale Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Parkdale MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
Mar-22	\$799,900	\$785,000
Feb-22	\$689,900	\$692,500
Jan-22	\$787,450	\$782,264
Dec-21	\$699,000	\$695,000
Nov-21	\$924,500	\$887,500
Oct-21	\$680,000	\$665,000
Sep-21	\$849,450	\$837,000
Aug-21	\$619,000	\$597,500
Jul-21	\$585,000	\$585,000
Jun-21	\$770,000	\$730,000
May-21	\$575,000	\$560,000
Apr-21	\$739,000	\$717,500

Last 12 Months Parkdale MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
Mar-22	18	13
Feb-22	14	12
Jan-22	13	8
Dec-21	4	5
Nov-21	6	6
Oct-21	13	1
Sep-21	4	6
Aug-21	5	3
Jul-21	6	5
Jun-21	9	9
May-21	9	3
Apr-21	16	8

To view more detailed information that comprise the above
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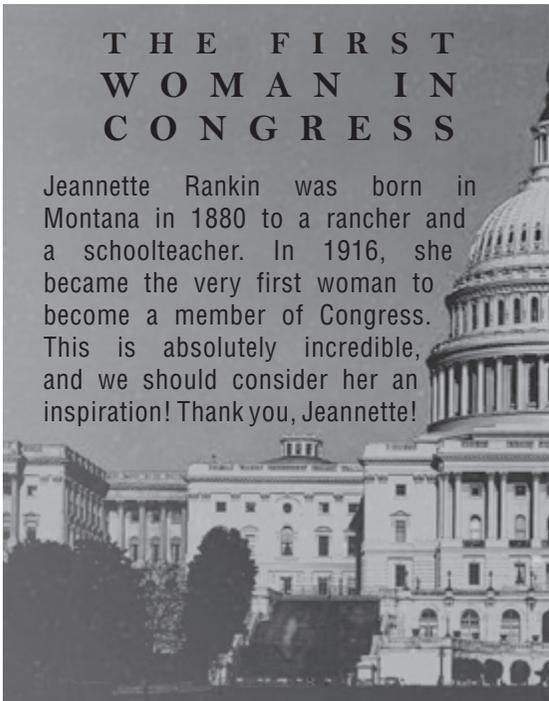
Parkdale Crime Activity was Up in March 2022

The Parkdale community experienced 4 crimes in March 2022, in comparison to 0 crimes the previous month, and 3 crimes in March one year ago. Parkdale experiences an average of 4.8 crimes per month. On an annual basis, Parkdale experienced a total of 57 crimes as of March 2022, which is down 24% in comparison to 75 crimes as of March 2021. To review the full Parkdale Crime report visit pdal.mycalgary.com.

How To Report Crime In Parkdale: Dial 911 for emergencies or crimes in progress. For non-emergencies dial (403) 266-1234. To report a crime anonymously, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (Talk, Type or Text), submit tips online at crimestoppers.ab.ca, or text tttTIPS to 274637.

THE FIRST WOMAN IN CONGRESS

Jeannette Rankin was born in Montana in 1880 to a rancher and a schoolteacher. In 1916, she became the very first woman to become a member of Congress. This is absolutely incredible, and we should consider her an inspiration! Thank you, Jeannette!



No Drop Offs necessary! Visit skipthedepot.com/parkdalecommunity - sign yourself up for a pick up, they will come pick up your empties and take to the recycling centre. All you need to do is select the PCA as where you want your \$\$ donated!



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PARKDALE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

**MICRO-GRANTS
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PCA Micro-grants of up to \$500 will be awarded to initiatives that encourage community involvement and good citizenship. This program is meant to encourage active citizenship by providing residents with funds to implement creative projects that benefit their local community.

To learn more & apply, please visit email Jean-Michel Pare at volunteer@parkdaleyyc.com



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Hoodie XL	\$50
Hoodie 2XL	\$50
Water Bottle - 500mL	\$40
Ball Cap	\$35
Beanie	\$30



**RINK
DAILY HOURS OF
OPERATION
8:00AM - 10:00PM
(LIGHTS OFF)**

Window and Balcony Safety

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 avoided by following safety measures. Take the time to assess potential 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 children's 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 and 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 the distance in which a window be can open to a maximum of 10cm (4 inches).
- 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 and secure.

EMS is proud to be a member of the Partners Promoting Window and Balcony Safety. Take time to assess your home for window and balcony hazards and eliminate the risks before a preventable fall occurs.



U/D SUMMER POP-UPS

U/D is coming alive with some fun, family events!

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New this year are Night Markets in U/D. Join us on the last Wednesday of the month to enjoy live music, entertainment and a diverse collection of local artisans.

MAY-SEPT, 5-9 PM
(last Wednesday of each month)

Tails & TREASURES

Our popular pooch friendly event is back. Bring out fido and your friends for an afternoon of fun in the park. With music, entertainment and activities the whole family can enjoy.

JUNE 19, 1-5 PM

Visit the events page at myuniversitydistrict.ca for more details.



Volunteers Wanted

Help us make a difference in your neighbourhood, Parkdale!



Open Volunteer Board Positions:

- Vice-President
- Treasurer
- Planning & Development

Volunteers also needed in key areas

Over the past couple of years, we have achieved alot! We need YOUR help to continue to build Parkdale as a proud, active, and welcoming neighbourhood!

For inquiries about all the volunteer opportunities, Please contact our Volunteer Engagement Director at volunteer@parkdalecommunity.com

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Expanding Health Care Capacity

With the Children's Hospital, Foothills Campus, and a number of continuing care homes and family clinics, we are blessed with high quality health care facilities in Calgary-Varsity. Consistently, health care is ranked as one of the most important issues for Albertans, and given our experience with COVID, it is now more than ever.

That is why we are investing in expanding health care capacity across our system. As part of the Alberta Surgical Initiative, we are increasing the number of Operating Rooms, including at Foothills Hospital, to eliminate the backlog of surgeries caused by COVID and reduce our surgical waitlists. We are adding 50 ICU beds across the province, including in Calgary, to build capacity to respond to COVID and support increased surgeries. Over the next two years, we are adding 10 ambulances in Calgary (7 days a week/ 24 hours a day) to improve service and response times, as well as providing stable funding over the next five years to support air ambulance service including STARS.

In addition to supporting our hospital acute care system, we are transforming our continuing care system. The Continuing Care Act (Bill 11), introduced this spring, will simplify legislation and enable us to transform our system so that we can support seniors living at home longer and help them stay closer to home. We are adding more than 1,500 continuing care spaces this year and will be spending \$200 million to add even more spaces over the next three years. We have also increased funding to support more home and community care.

I am excited about the transformation in health care, and more is coming. I want to thank all health care providers in Calgary-Varsity and across the province for the tremendous work they are doing.

As always, if you have questions or concerns, feel free to reach me through email at calgary.varsity@assembly.ab.ca or call 403-216-5436.

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