

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS NEWS

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Growing Up in University Heights – Part 1

By: Steve Kolodinsky

Hi all, given all the recent changes around the neighborhood I thought I would share a few memories from the early days in University Heights. This is the first in a series of short stories recalling a few foggy memories of the late 60s and early 70s. Unlike today when our neighborhood is considered central, when I first moved into University Heights it was the new suburb on the edge of town.

Hockey, the Shack and the Pickup

University Heights has a long tradition of Ice Hockey, although I suspect we did not achieve at the highest level, since the most impressive accomplishment listed on the crest of my large collection of vintage hockey team jackets is "City Semifinalists"; for a small community it wasn't bad. I always remember being jealous that Tri-wood community was able to build a team from three times as many potential players.

For most of my community hockey career there was little to no indoor ice time especially earlier on. I played many years outdoors at the boarded rink located in the South East corner of the University School field.

The rink was maintained by the parents and players with shovelling and flooding duties shared by those involved. Cars were able to drive into the school ground to access the rink allowing us to fit cold skates onto frozen feet with the heater going instead of sitting in the snow bank (we would arrive in full gear as there was no where to change). Games were played if the temperature was 0 degrees Fahrenheit at the 5pm radio broadcast on CFAC AM (no one had stereo speakers on a radio anyways). Of course the temperature would drop a lot between 5pm and game time at 7 and there was no tech Under Armour, Global Warming or indoor "ice time" in the day. This made for some very red noses and fantastical "snotsicles" hanging from the mouth guards and helmet straps. With the advent of Metric in the mid 70's, the cut-off temperature became Minus 18, which seemed even worse.

But you cannot stop progress and a new community "Shack" was constructed. This 2x4 and unfinished

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

Our annual general meeting will be held on February 27, 2020. In the past, we have held it at University Elementary School but please note that this year it will be held at the Foothills Mennonite Church. We are very grateful to Foothills Mennonite Church for generously hosting our AGM. It has been a decade of development in the areas surrounding our community and in the upcoming year we anticipate many more changes. We will be inviting speakers to talk about some of the projects that are near our community and hopefully will be able to also provide you with some updates to projects within our community.



One of the most significant things we will be presenting at this AGM is a set of updated community bylaws. They were last updated three decades ago, and it is important to keep them current and consistent with new provincial standards. This project, led by Fred Krause, has been one of the most significant projects of the UHCA board in the past year. At the AGM, there will also be committee reports and updates on social events and a planned community clean-up. The AGM will be jam packed with information, but most importantly, it will be an opportunity to meet your neighbours and make new friendships and renew old ones.

We would like to acknowledge the tremendous contribution of Mili and John Rowse to our community association. Mili has served as a secretary on our board and John has served in the past on the development committee. Both have volunteered countless hours for the betterment of University Heights and we wish them the best of luck as they transition to a new phase of their lives. University Heights will always be a home for them and we look forward to their continued participation in the dance and movement program.

I wish you all a new decade of peace, health, and prosperity and hope to see you at the AGM.

Sincerely,

Peter Khu

COMMUNITY EVENTS

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS GARDEN INITIATIVES



The University Heights Community Association continues to have interest in the following garden initiatives:

1. Development of a walking path along the green space on the south side of the 16th Avenue sound barrier from Uxbridge Drive to the University District pond.

2. Renewal of the rock garden near the playground area adjacent to the University Elementary school.

If you are interested in leading either or both of these initiatives then please contact Fred Krause at: uhcagarden@gmail.com or webmaster@uhccalgary.org

UPCOMING EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Starting January 2020 - SENIOR DROP-IN DANCE PROGRAM

Wednesdays 9:30-10:30am @ Foothills Mennonite Church (See pg. 11 for further details)

February 2020 – UHCA 2020 PROPOSED BYLAW REVISIONS Open House

Located at the Foothills Mennonite Church (See article on pg. 8 for specific dates and times)

February 26, 2020 – SOCCER PROGRAM REGISTRATION

5:30 – 7:30pm registration, University School (See Page 9 for more details)

February 27, 2020 – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

6:30 -7pm registration, 7-9pm meeting @ Foothills Mennonite Church (See agenda on pg. 7)

Late April / Early May – Our 1st ANNUAL COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP & BBQ

Date and Times are still being confirmed. Stay tuned for more information. (Information will be made available on the UHCA website, along with email notifications and in the next newsletter... closer to the date)

June 20, 2020 – NEIGHBOUR DAY - COMMUNITY SOCCER WINDUP BBQ

11am-2pm in its usual location (behind University School, beside the playground)

October 17, 2020 – HALLOWE'EN BBQ

(Time and location to be confirmed closer to event)

Plus, Members are welcome to attend MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS 7-9pm, Foothills Mennonite Church, Jan 22, Feb 12, Feb 27 AGM, Mar 11, Apr 8, May 13, Jun 10, Jul 8, Sept 9, Oct 14, and Nov 18. (Please note meetings are subject to change.)

We are scheduled to print 6 newsletters for 2020 and we regularly update our website and blog. You can **submit your articles, photos, or announcements on 15th of the month** to newsletter@UHCACalgary.org for consideration.

UHCA Community Pleasure Rink

University Heights Residents Skating Rink is OPEN!



Please note that the rink is for pleasure skating only, no hockey equipment. Enjoy and bring your family! Our thanks to community member, Phil, for taking the lead and the hard work of building and maintaining our new skating rink and The City of Calgary - Adopt a Rink program for providing the supplies to build the rink.



If you are able to help maintain the ice, please contact us at:

Volunteer@UHCACalgary.org

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particleboard wonder with two dressing rooms wooden benches and central heat was a huge leap forward. Being able to change at the rink and warm up between periods was amazing. At the peak of hockey in University Heights we had two boarded rinks, one with lights (which doubled as a lacrosse venue in the summer), a figure skating rink and the changing "Shack". Most evenings and weekends they were all used with pickup games, skating practice and intercommunity league games. A real great way to bring the community together.

As indoor ice slowly became available the scale of the hockey operations in the community slowly dwindled.

Our first indoor ice times were at the Cochrane arena at 6 am Sunday. Six or eight of us would pile into the back of the Coaches pickup truck at 5am for the drive to Cochrane. Of course the cut-off temperature did not apply to indoor ice times and there would be a large fight to claim the box space closest to the cab of the truck to lower the wind chill on the 30-minute drive! I am sure it was completely safe as there were no seatbelts in the truck either....

UHCA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Join Us on February 27, 2020

Location: Foothills Mennonite Church Basement
 Registration: 6:30pm-7pm
 Meeting: 7-9pm

UHCA AGM AGENDA

February 27, 2020 – 7-9pm
 Foothills Mennonite Church

1. Introductions of Special Guests and UHCA Board
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Previous Minutes
4. Elections
5. President's Report
6. Treasurer's Report - Approval of 2019 Financial Statements & 2020 Budget
7. Special Resolution – Adoption of New Bylaws
8. Report of UHCA Committees
9. Introduction of Guest Presenters
10. Adjournment



AGM

Annual General Meeting

CALL FOR INTEREST - Board of Director Positions Available:

If you are interested in being nominated to the UHCA Board of Directors please contact treasurer@uhcacalgary.org prior February 12th. You are also welcome to attend the February 12th Board Meeting at 7pm in the Foothills Mennonite Church to learn more.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

UHCA BOARD MEMBER Positions

The Community Association has Director positions that are up for election for a 2-year term. Please contact treasurer@uhcacalgary.org by Feb 12th to express your interest.

UHCA FINANCIAL REVIEWER February

UHCA Treasurer Patty is seeking two Association members interested in being the volunteer reviewers of the December 31, 2019 financial statements and supporting information. The review must be complete prior to the AGM on February 27th. Please contact Patty at treasurer@uhcacalgary.org if interested.

SOCCER PROGRAM

Community soccer is volunteer operated and participation is greatly appreciated. A broad range of positions are available; please consult <http://www.uhcacalgary.org/community/volunteers> for full description of positions and indicate how you can contribute when registering. No experience necessary!

COMMUNITY CLEAN UP & BBQ Late April or Early May (Saturday)

We need community members with trucks who can transport household items on the day of the clean-up, those who are willing to direct traffic at the drop-off site and everyone who can help with the BBQ that will be happening simultaneously. Please email: andrea@uhcacalgary.org

NEIGHBOUR DAY BBQ and SOCCER PROGRAM WRAP UP June 20

Please email andrea@uhcacalgary.org

HALLOWE'EN BBQ Oct 17

Please email: andrea@uhcacalgary.org

UHCA BYLAWS UPDATE

UHCA BYLAWS REVISION

NOTICE OF A SPECIAL RESOLUTION TO BE PRESENTED AT THE NEXT AGM:

It is resolved that the existing University Heights Community Association bylaws are repealed and they are replaced by the revised bylaws.

Overview

Why change the bylaws?

The University Heights Community Association bylaws were originally adopted in 1967. Twenty-six years later they were replaced in 1993. Another twenty-six years passed and in 2019 the UHCA board decided it was time to update the bylaws again. A number of changes will improve the bylaws. Some examples:

1. The bylaws currently provide for two types of membership: a family membership or an honorary membership.
2. The revised bylaws will provide for voting and non-voting memberships.
3. Privacy provisions for the Association membership list are not addressed in the current bylaws.
4. Conflict-of-interest is not addressed in the current bylaws.

What is the process to change? The process for changing the bylaws is defined by the Societies Act of Alberta. The bylaws may only be changed by a special resolution. A “special resolution” means (i) a resolution passed (A) at a general meeting or special meeting of which not less than 21 days notice specifying the intention to propose the resolution has been duly given, and (B) by the vote of not less than 75% of those members who, if entitled to do so, vote in person or by proxy.

The Board of Directors has spent many hours reviewing, discussing and revising the proposed set of bylaws for the Community Association.

How do I get involved?

Community association members are able to provide feedback on the proposed bylaws as follows:

- The proposed (and current) bylaws have been posted on the UHCA website. Comments can be forwarded to webmaster@UHCAcalgary.org
- Bylaws review and discussion with a member of the Board (and hot chocolate) will be held at the Foothills Mennonite church (2115 Urbana Road) on the following dates from 7-8 pm: Mon, Feb 10, Tue, Feb 11 Wed, Feb 12 Thurs, Feb 13 Fri, Feb 14 Mon, Feb 17 Tue, Feb 18 Wed, Feb 19. The UHCA Seniors' Dance and Movement finishes at 10:30am on Wednesdays at the Mennonite church. An opportunity to review and discuss the proposed bylaws will be available on Feb 5, Feb 12 and Feb 19 at the church at that time.

The Board of Directors will present the above special resolution for a vote of approval at the next annual general meeting (AGM) of the Association planned for February 27, 2020.

UHCA SOCCER REGISTRATION

COMMUNITY SOCCER

Calling all kids! UHCA offers an outdoor soccer league for kids under the age of 12. The focus is on fun and participation.

Register online at <http://www.uhcacalgary.org/community/registration/> or in person at the University School on February 26th between 5:30 and 7:30PM. Registration opens February 1st, and closes March 22nd.

Teams and schedule

All teams are co-ed; there are no skill-based divisions. The emphasis is on fun and participation. The season runs from mid-April to the end of June. Start and end dates will be announced once we have coordinated with other communities. Our home fields are located at the University Elementary School.

Age group	Child born in	Days	Times
U-4	2016-2017	Wednesdays	6:15 – 7:15pm
U-6	2014-2015	Wednesdays	6:15 – 7:15pm
U-8	2012-2013	Tues (games)/Thurs (practice)	6:30 – 7:30pm
U-10	2010-2011	Tues (practice)/Thurs (games)	6:30 – 7:30pm
U-12	2008-2009	Tues (practice)/Thurs (games)	6:30 – 7:30pm

Volunteer positions

Community soccer is volunteer operated and participation is greatly appreciated. A broad range of positions are available; please consult <http://www.uhcacalgary.org/community/volunteers> for full description of positions and indicate how you can contribute when registering. No experience necessary!

Fees

A valid University Heights or St. Andrews Heights Community Association membership is required to register. Community memberships are \$20.00/1-yr or \$40.00/2-yrs. Fees include a t-shirt or jersey.

Age group Fees

U-4/U-6 \$65

U-8/U-10/U-12 \$100

Kid referee/linesman program

Kids 12 years and above can participate in this program. Kid Referees will be required to attend two training sessions, pass a written test on rules, practice-refereeing games and pass a practicum game prior to becoming accepted. Kids get paid for their services. For more information visit

<http://www.uhcacalgary.org/community/soccer/> or email soccer@uhcacalgary.org .





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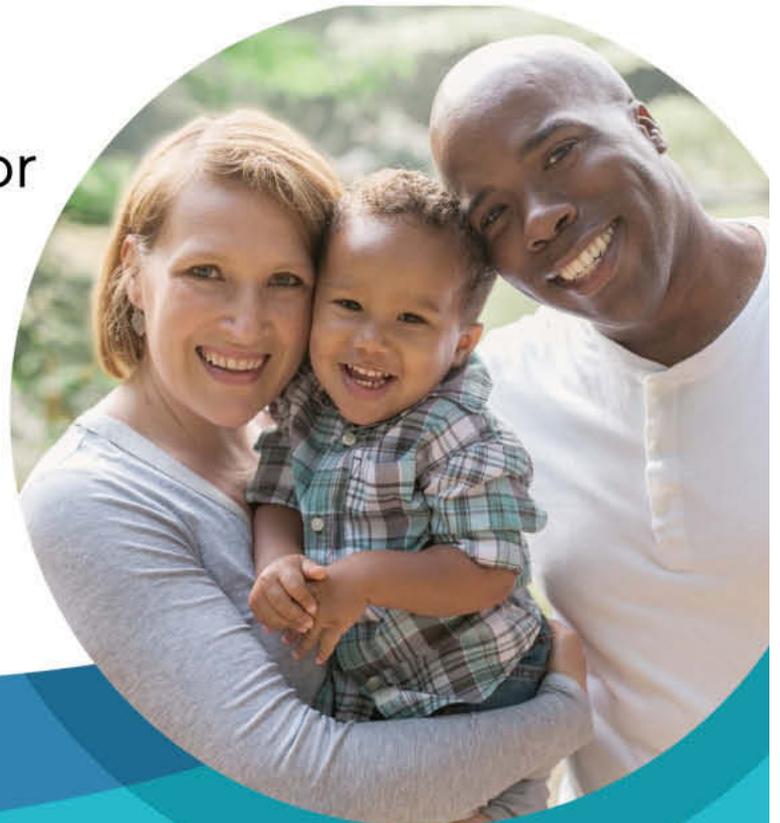
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COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



Instructor, Krista.

2020 SENIORS DANCE PROGRAM

The Winter-Spring program started on January 8th and new and returning participants are invited to join us!!

UHCA Dance and Movement participants recently contributed \$250 to the church to express their appreciation of the church's program support. Pictured (L to R): Assistant Pastor Chad; UHCA Board member Fred, and

Date: Wednesdays, starting Jan 8th

Time: 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Where: Mennonite Church, 2115 Urbana Road

Cost: A \$4.00 donation is requested to defray the cost for an instructor. We also take turns bringing a treat for the optional social time after the class (the Mennonite Church kindly provides the space at no charge – (THANKS!!))

Who is a senior? Participants typically range in age from 60 – 85+.

I'm not much of a dancer – you mentioned dance? You don't have to be much of a dancer to enjoy the class – honest!! Each session uses movement and dance to promote participants' health. A sense of community is fostered that is targeted at all levels of ability. Most participants enjoy socializing after the class with members of the community.

What are the benefits of participation? The program provides a great opportunity to get out of the house, build community and get healthier.

Do I need to RSVP? No – just show up in comfortable clothes suitable for low impact activity.

Additional questions? Phone (403) 284-3807 and leave a detailed message with your name and phone number.

How does the Senior Dance Program benefit the community? A valuable relationship has developed between the church and our community association.



LEFT PHOTO Krista White (Instructor) and Fred Krause (UHCA Sr. Dance Coordinator), MIDDLE PHOTO R. Weins and E. Strempler, RIGHT PHOTO Coffee and goodies are shared among happy participants.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS (cont'd)

The following article “Foothills Mennonite Hosts Seniors Exercise Group” that is posted on the Canadian Mennonite Society website is edited and republished here in the UHCA Newsletter with permission of the author, E. Strempler.

In the fall of 2015 members of the neighbourhood community association asked if they could use the Mennonite Church lower auditorium for a group of seniors for an exercise program. Two University of Calgary students volunteered to be the instructors. R. Wiens and E. Strempler, Foothills Mennonite church members, volunteered to set up chairs, make coffee and clean up for the weekly morning session.

This early group effort has become an important time for a church to connect in a great way with our wonderful community. Various instructors have made the hour of exercise a healthy activity for seniors in our neighbourhood community.

Several people have reported that the exercises have helped in a number of ways. In one case, when we started, the participant usually sat down for part of the exercises when chairs were not used for support, as he had a balance problem. Now four years older, he can do those exercises when we do not use chairs, and the question of balance is nearly gone, at least significantly reduced.

Looking over the many name tags we have used since 2015, there must have been over 80 people from the community who have joined us at one time or another. The average weekly attendance is 20-30.

I think the relationship with people in the community is very important. Program participants have attended our Christmas Choir Program and our junior youth have raked leaves for seniors in our neighbourhood. There is a very meaningful relationship between the church and our neighbourhood community.

Fred Krause, UHCA Board Member and coordinator of the Seniors dance and movement program would like to take this opportunity to thank the local church leadership, and especially their church volunteers, for making this program such an outstanding success--THANK YOU!!!

OTHER ACTIVITIES



BOW RIDGE LITTLE LEAGUE

Registration for the 2020 season for ages 5-16 is open January 15th and will run until March 1st. Register online at www.bowridgebaseball.com

PICKLE BALL

Several FREE Pickleball open play sessions with snacks and refreshments served and door prizes are up for grabs next weekend in Calgary's NW. Spread the word and sign up now as sessions and spaces are limited. Visit

www.signupgenius.com/go/level_play_pickleball or contact Mike Donovan 403-400-3099 to learn more.



COMMUNITY EVENTS (cont'd)

COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP & BBQ

Saturday in Late April or Early May

A big initiative we are undertaking this year is a community clean-up. We hope to partner with a neighbouring community in our application. The clean-up dates we are applying for are all Saturdays in late April or early May, of which we may be awarded one. Residents have the option to leave their unwanted items in the alley the Thursday ahead of the clean-up or drop them off directly at the site on the Saturday. The location we are designating for drop-off will be announced once The City confirms the date of the clean-up. Generally, clean-ups are scheduled from 9 AM to 2 PM with The City transporting everything to landfills. As residents of University Heights, we are excited to have your participation! Please let us know how you can lend a hand. Some volunteer positions we'll be looking to fill are: community members with trucks who can transport items on the day of the clean-up, those who are willing to direct traffic at the drop-off site and anyone who can help with the BBQ that will be happening simultaneously.



We will know by late February 2020 if we have been successful in our bid so please stay tuned for more information! If you have any questions, please email andrea@uhcacalgary.org

Calgary Police Service Crime Statistics for University Heights

YEAR	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019 through November 30
Assault (Non-domestic)	1	1	3	0	1	2	1	5
Commercial Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0
Street Robbery	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	0
Violence 'Other' (Non-domestic)	2	1	1	0	2	1	4	0
Residential Break & Enter	7	12	7	8	9	9	9	12
Commercial Break & Enter	0	4	6	3	8	19	17	24
Theft OF Vehicle	4	13	7	2	8	7	15	6
Theft FROM Vehicle	3	19	18	17	16	17	19	13
Social Disorder	126	127	123	137	211	173	211	190
Physical Disorder	11	14	17	8	8	13	12	3

DEVELOPMENT NEWS

CITY WIDE CHANGES TO PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

The City of Calgary is in the process of fundamentally changing the way in which planning and development are implemented in our communities. This is being undertaken quickly and with very limited community consultation. The University Heights Development Committee was alerted to these changes in October. Members of the Committee attended an Information Session on the proposed changes on Saturday, January 18th. City Administration/Planning hope to bring these changes to Standing Policy Committee on Planning and Urban Development (PUD) in March and then to Council for enactment in April. The City is proposing a document that represents a shift to form based zoning regulations. The document entitled Guidebook for Great Communities is intended to become a statutory document this spring and will completely rewrite the assumptions and guarantees that residential communities presently enjoy.

Form based zoning focuses on building form as opposed to our current zoning approach, which focuses on land use. Additionally, the Guidebook represents a significant citywide 'up zoning'. If the Guidebook is approved as proposed, low-density areas currently zoned as R1, R-C1, (e.g., University Heights), R2, R-C2, R-CG, and M-CG could eventually be combined into one low density residential district. Maximum height would be 3 - 6 storeys, and housing such as semi-detached houses, rowhouses, townhomes, stacked townhomes and possible commercial mixed uses would be encouraged. Council has already decided, "... that rowhouse development is considered a low-density form of redevelopment and should be considered appropriate throughout all communities in Calgary." (What does this mean for low-density districts? Toward a Renewed Land-Use Bylaw, City of Calgary webpage.) Applications for land-use changes to R-CG are currently being considered on a case-by-case basis. Corner lots, especially on busier streets, are common sites for these developments, but no area within the proposed low density residential area will be exempt from redevelopment. Residents can view the development signs in Banff Trail and Capitol Hill to see what is being planned for densification along 24th Avenue. This is an example of the type of development that the Guidebook will encourage.

As a result of decisions made at the PUD meeting on November 6, 2019, the North Hill Multi-Community Plan is being used as a 'test case' for the proposed Guidebook. The outcome from this work is anticipated to go back to PUD on March 4, 2020 and then to a Council Hearing in April. The glaring omission in this test case is that it will not test how this affects current residential areas. At this time, the sections regarding residential areas are not developed and/or released to the public. So essentially the City is asking for a blanket approval in April for policy that has not yet been written.

The University Heights Community Association's view is that the changes proposed are of such significant magnitude and change of direction that the City has a duty to notify all Calgary in writing of this proposal including the anticipated or likely outcomes with regard to density, height, and use. A written notification was provided for the secondary suite policy and as the proposed changes in the Guidebook (dated September 20, 2019) are far greater, similar notification is more than warranted. We further believe this change is of more importance than hosting the Olympics; hence, engagement inclusive of all communities and citizens should be conducted to understand if Calgary citizens want a change in planning direction before any changes to the statutory zoning regulations are enacted.

The University Heights Community Association urges you to take the following steps:

- Inform yourselves about the Guidebook and its impacts (see the links below).
- As this information is not being readily disseminated, pass on this information to everyone you know in a Calgary residential area.
- Contact your Councillor and your MLA to express your views on the Guidebook and request that the Guidebook not be sent to Council until all the details concerning the residential communities are clearly communicated to the citizens of Calgary and the citizens have had the opportunity to decide if this is the type of change they want for Calgary.



<https://www.calgary.ca/PDA/pd/Pages/Municipal-Development-Plan/Calgarys-future-planning-efforts.aspx>

<https://www.calgary.ca/PDA/pd/Pages/Current-studies-and-ongoing-activities/Guidebook-for-Great-Communities.aspx>

<https://www.elboybritannia.com/proposed-new-development-rules-r3/>
Impacts for residential areas discussed here.

From the Office of City of Calgary Counsellor, Druh Farrell

What happens to our recyclables after they are collected? Are they truly recycled?



CBC Marketplace recently released an investigation that tracked three bales of plastic. The plastic was given to major waste collectors that claimed to be ‘sustainable’. Concerningly, only one of the three collectors chose to actually recycle the material. The other two incinerated the plastic or sent it directly to the landfill. All three of these collectors are private waste collecting businesses — a sector that lacks accountability to ensure waste material is actually recycled. After watching the investigation, one may wonder, can we trust municipalities are processing recyclables any differently? It would be counterintuitive for Calgarians to go through the trouble of separating waste into their Blue and Black Carts, to only have the material end up in the same place. By having its own sorting facility, this issue is a non-starter for The City of Calgary. Cascades Recovery sits in the southeast quadrant of the city, collecting recyclables from our Blue Carts each week. Because The City has control of the process, it can ensure accountability through site inspections and reference checks to confirm material is headed where it’s meant to go. Our plastics, metal cans, and glass bottles are sold to markets all across Canada to be made into new products. Though the ethical responsibility of municipalities provides some comfort, the relief is only temporary. Unfortunately, the global recycling industry continues to provide uncertainty. After Asian markets began to increasingly reject North American recyclable material in 2018 due to high contamination, municipalities are feeling the pressure to rethink how we manage our waste. Refocusing our collective efforts to reducing, rather than recycling, may be the key to solving this problem, and a significant step to combat an impending climate crisis.

To sign up for updates on key community issues, visit www.DruhFarrell.ca or [www.Facebook.com/DruhFarrellCalgary](https://www.facebook.com/DruhFarrellCalgary).

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Sudoku - Hard

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Sudoku - Easy

Jason Copping MLA, Calgary - Varsity



BOBCAT SIGHTINGS

By Jason Copping MLA, Calgary-Varsity

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Calgary communities are increasingly seeing bobcats in their neighbourhoods. Members of a number of communities in Calgary-Varsity have become more concerned about bobcats living in their backyards. Data is showing that these furbearers will continue to increase and live in our communities as they become more adaptable to living in our city. I would like to thank St. Andrew's Heights Community Association for hosting and a senior wildlife biologist with Alberta Environment for bringing our communities together and sharing information on how we can best live with bobcats.

Although bobcats are typically not a threat to humans, it is important to be educated and take the recommendations below to make wildlife not feel welcome near our homes. Recommendations include:

- Remove food, shelter and water from your yard (including pet food and bird seed)
- Keep garbage in containers with tight-fitting lids
- Limit hiding cover such as trimming and/or removing overgrown areas and close openings underneath decks and sheds

If you observe bobcats, or see signs of them you can use hazing measures such as scent and odor deterrents like ammonia-soaked rags, turning on the sprinklers, banging pots and pans or the use of an airhorn.

If the problem persists homeowners can apply for a Damage Control License (DCL) and hire a private wildlife control company to remove the problem animal. A DCL is used for trapping of an animal and is an extreme measure that should be used when other options have run out. If you require a DCL, call 403-297-6423.

Learning to live with the bobcats and other wildlife is a community effort. If you would like further information on how you can protect your community please feel free to reach out to my office at calgary.varsity@assembly.ab.ca for the full Alberta Environment presentation that was made at the information session or go to <https://www.alberta.ca/bobcats.aspx>

Facebook: [facebook.com\jasoncoppingMLA](https://www.facebook.com/jasoncoppingMLA)

Twitter: [@JasonCoppingMLA](https://twitter.com/JasonCoppingMLA)

Instagram: [Jason_CoppingMLA](https://www.instagram.com/Jason_CoppingMLA)

Calling for Calgary Awards nominations

For 26 years, The Calgary Awards have celebrated exceptional achievements and contributions made by Calgarians. This is your opportunity to nominate deserving individuals, businesses and organizations that made a difference in 2019. Look to your neighbours, colleagues, community leaders, local groups and companies who could qualify as award recipients.

For more information on each award category, eligibility criteria, how to nominate someone, and previous award recipients, visit calgary.ca/calgaryawards

Nominations for The Calgary Awards Program, recognizing 2019 achievements are being accepted until February 24, 2020.

UPDATE ON LAST DAY OF CLASSES 2020 PARTY (BERMUDA SHORTS DAY)

The University Neighbourhood Task Force on the Last Day of Classes is developing plans with Calgary Police Services to reduce disruption to the community during the April 15, 2020 last day of classes parties that may occur in the University Heights neighbourhood. Representatives from UHCA on the Task Force are encouraged that community members' concerns from last year's events have been heard. More information will be provided as the planning unfolds.



CALGARY POLICE COMMISSION

Calgary Police Service District 3 Town Hall Meeting – Nov 6, 2019



University Heights attended a Town Hall Meeting for community association Board Members organized by Calgary Police Service District 3 Inspector Mike Tillotson and our Community Resource Officer Team. This was the first meeting of its kind for the 34 communities in our District and was an informative evening on the nuts and bolts of our District 3 operations, traffic safety concerns and enforcement, social disorder and personal safety, external collaborative partnerships, current crime trends and crime prevention. District 3 is large and diverse, serving a population of 127,297 in an area that crosses three City Wards. It is unique in that it also serves major activity centres such as the Foothills Medical Centre, Alberta Children's Hospital, U of C, SAIT, Alberta University of the Arts (former ACAD), Greenview Industrial Park, plus 8 LRT stations (Zoo, Bridgeland/Memorial, Sunnyside north to Brentwood Station). Now you understand why our officers are so busy!

The meeting reinforced the need for everyone to faithfully complete the **9 p.m. Routine** included in this newsletter and previously published on our UHCA blog. Fifty percent of Break & Enters (B&Es) in Calgary occur between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. The summertime sees an increase of 20% in B&Es. Most are crimes of opportunity. 40% of break-ins occur because of an unlocked window or door or garage; only 16% are forced entry. Over 44% of B&Es are preventable. Currently, there is a spike in bike thefts. Lock up your bike, even in your garage. You can register your bike on project529.com/garage, which is now partnered with <https://www.safercyclingcalgary.ca/>

University Heights has seen an increase in 'acquisitive crime,' most often linked to drugs, over the last 5 years. This measure is a conglomeration of the CPS crime categories of B&E (residential+commercial), vehicle theft, car prowling, street robberies, and commercial robberies with each community being compared against itself. In addition to this measure, a map showing various levels of call frequency to police regarding social disorder highlights the northeastern section of UH, encompassing our high-density area and the nearby residential homes, as an area of concern. Disorder in District 3 typically occurs in areas where people congregate with the Kensington Road area and Edmonton Trail/Memorial Drive being the most problematic.

The police members stressed the need for us to know our surrounding neighbours and be the eyes and ears for the community. Crime stopper tips have helped solve a number of crimes in our District including a spree in a nearby community this summer. Photos, videos, and other information provided from neighbours were invaluable in resolving a complex issue.

There will be follow-up from CPS regarding this successful meeting and how we might continue to work together. The CPS is interested in continuous improvement, connecting with communities, and sharing information, expertise and experience with residents. We are grateful for the work of our Community Resource Officer, Richard Marshall, and for the ongoing involvement of the CPS in keeping our community safe.

WHO TO CALL IF YOU SEE SOMEONE SLEEPING OUTSIDE?

The Downtown Outreach Addictions Program (DOAP) assists vulnerable individuals in the community to get to a safe place. The DOAP team is a program of the Calgary Alpha House and it is designed to support emergency services such as police officers and Emergency Medical Services. DOAP is a service that helps link those who come into contact with individuals that have substance abuse issues with the appropriate social service agency. It is also an alternative response to calling 911 for someone who is intoxicated in the community. The DOAP team can help transport those under the influence of any drug and or alcohol for addiction treatment and related appointments. DOAP also provides referral services for shelters, detoxification, addiction treatment services, health needs, crisis counselling, advocacy and basic needs like food, housing and clothing. The team can travel anywhere in the city and is a great resource for questions around addiction issues. The DOAP team can also provide referrals to more appropriate youth services for young people experiencing homelessness.

Contact DOAP:

- DOAP Outreach: 403-998-7388 (cell) – Operates 24/7
- DOAP Encampment Team (for people sleeping outside): 403-805-7388 (cell) - Operates Monday-Friday 8am-4pm

HELPFUL HINTS

HAVE YOU STARTED YOUR 9 p.m. ROUTINE?

Did you know approximately 50 percent of break and enters occur in Calgary between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.? More than 44 percent of break and enters are preventable by simply removing valuables from cars, always locking vehicles and being mindful of who may be entering a parkade or building after you.



In order to help keep parkades and residential buildings throughout the downtown and surrounding area in Calgary, the Calgary Police Service (CPS) is reminding citizens to ensure that their vehicles, parkades and residential building entries and exits are always secured, especially before going to bed. The 9 p.m. Routine serves as reminder for Calgarians to do just that.

Every night at 9 p.m., you are encouraged to:

- Remove all valuables from vehicles, including personal documents, key fobs, GPS units, mail, sports equipment and electronic devices.
- Ensure that vehicles are locked, windows are closed and if possible, parked in a secure parkade.
- Watch for vehicles or people trying to quickly enter a parkade, or residential lobby entrance, directly after you. This means refraining from holding the door open for people you don't know.
- Don't share alarm codes, pass keys or security cards. Even letting a friend or family member borrow these items can potentially create security concerns. If these items are ever lost or stolen, it could mean easy access for unwanted guests.
- Look for surveillance cameras. If possible, try to park in well-lit areas that are in view of building security cameras.
- Report suspicious behaviour. CPS encourages citizens to report suspicious behaviour by calling the non-emergency line at 403-266-1234. For crimes in progress, call 9-1-1.

By creating a routine before going to bed, you can help protect and ensure the security of you and your neighbour's vehicles and residential building complexes. CPS is helping to spread the word to neighbours, building and property managers and board members.

Follow the Calgary Police Service on Facebook and Twitter for reminders to complete the 9 p.m. Routine and for more crime prevention tips.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/CalgaryPolice

Twitter: [@CalgaryPolice](https://twitter.com/CalgaryPolice)

CLASSIFIED ADS

PLACE A FREE AD: Don't forget, UHCA Members can place a free Classified ad in our local newsletter. To submit a 3 – 5 line classified ad in the next newsletter, email: Advertising@UHCACalgary.org

Have you lived in the community for years? Did you grow up in University Heights? Or just have interesting stories from your time in the community? We are looking for stories from University Heights past to feature in upcoming issues of the newsletter.

Email them to: newsletter@uhcscalgary.org

MEMBERSHIP - UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

We encourage UH residents to purchase UHCA memberships. The nominal fees we collect allow UHCA to provide services that benefit the community as a whole, such as contributing to the new outdoor classroom, the community BBQ and assisting the soccer program.

Registration and payment (paypal or cheque, payable to “University Heights Community Association”) can be done in several ways:

- 1) Online at www.uhcacalgary.org
- 2) Mailing or Dropping off this form to UHCA c/o Foothills Mennonite Church, 2115 Urbana Rd NW, Calgary, AB T2N 4B9
- 3) In Person at Community Events

\$20 / one year \$40 / two years \$60 / three years

Special thanks for the Foothills Mennonite Church for volunteering as a drop off location.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteering is an integral part of our programs. We would not be able to provide these programs at these fees if not for volunteer support. How can you help? Here are a few ideas!

General Community:

- Newsletter Contributors
- Newsletter Editor
- Online Contributors
- Program Coordinator
- Social Event Coordinator
- Park Corridor Initiative
- Advertising Coordinator
- Other _____

Soccer Program:

- Coaches Coordinator
- Team Coaches & Assistants
- Uniform Coordinator
- Equipment Coordinator
- Referee Coordinator
- Other _____

UHCA Membership Application Form

Date of Application:	New / Renewal (circle one)
Name (Primary Contact):	
Name (Secondary Contact, if desired):	
Home Phone:	
Address:	
City:	Postal Code:
Email:	
Would you like to receive news of UHCA Community Events via email (circle one)? Yes / No	
Type of membership (circle one): 1 Yr. (\$20/household) 2 Yr. (\$40/household) 3 Yr. (\$60/household)	
Lived in University Heights since: (year & month)	



SOLD

Alloy
HOMES

Coming Soon...

This stunning lot located at **2007 Ursenbach Road NW** sold for **93%** of its asking price. Alloy Homes will be building a fabulous modern family home on this oversized lot with an attached garage, endless upgrades & sophisticated kid friendly mud room. Steps to Foothills Hospital, University of Calgary, & all the new & exciting amenities offered by the University District .



Job growth, easing mortgage rates & price declines have brought many purchasers confidence back into the market; especially homes within the **\$500,000** price point.



University Heights in 2019 has seen a total of **17** single family sales. The average list price was **\$921,629**, averaging **56** DOM & an average sale price of **\$888,718** for the year.



There are two current homes on the market in the area at an average asking price of **\$904,900**. University Heights have had two recorded sales so far in 2020 that sold at an average price of **\$665,000**.

WHY CHOOSE US?

Living & working in the area, combined with our many years of team experience has brought us unprecedented results. Seeing this community transition & redevelop over the last few years has been both exciting & rewarding. The new University District is bringing so much growth to our community & we are thrilled to be marketing in one of Calgary's hottest districts.

The Key To Real Estate Is With Us