

SUMMER 2023 UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS NEWS

Photo: Smoky sunset over the duck pond.

Hello Neighbours!

Welcome to the Summer 2023 edition of the University Heights Community Association Newsletter. Seniors Dance is wrapping up and Soccer is going great! We would like to celebrate our families, friends and neighbours with our upcoming Community BBQ on Neighbour Day, June 17th. Hope you enjoy the "pollinator" summer edition.

COMMUNITY BBQ

Summer is here, and so is BBQ season! Come on out to the University Heights Community Association BBQ on Saturday, June 17th from 11am to 2pm. The BBQ is appropriately on Neighbour Day this year, come on out with friends and family. We are looking for some volunteers to help out at the BBQ as well, see inside for more details.

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LAP

What is an LAP and what does it have to do with me? See inside for article on the South Shaganappi Communities Local Area Plan for more information.

UHCA SOCCER













The UHCA Soccer program is now mid season running every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday night. Great to see everyone out for some good fun and great Spring weather so far.



Pollinator Habitat Hunt

Find the things that pollinators need to survive.

Name: _____

Food	Nest Places	Shelter & Water
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Flowers 	<input type="checkbox"/> Dry bare ground 	<input type="checkbox"/> Clean water  <small>Trevor Harris</small>
<input type="checkbox"/> Pink or Orange Flowers 	<input type="checkbox"/> Bunch grass 	<input type="checkbox"/> Bushes  <small>Neil Owen</small>
<input type="checkbox"/> White Flowers 	<input type="checkbox"/> Holes in plants 	<input type="checkbox"/> Long grass 
<input type="checkbox"/> Purple Flowers 	<input type="checkbox"/> Cracks and crevices 	

Presidents Message

Spring has sprung in University Heights and summer is just around the corner. It was a busy spring with community soccer kicking off late April, our community cleanup event April 30th and start up of Broxburn Farm Stand again in early May. Thank you to everyone that helps to make all of these activities such a huge success in our community.

Coming up is our annual Community BBQ and soccer wind-up on Neighbour Day, June 17th from 11am – 2pm. We look forward to welcoming all of you out to enjoy a light lunch, conversation and fun for everyone. Fingers crossed for great weather!



Have a question, comment or feedback for the Community Association? Please feel free to share directly to me at President@UHCAcalgary.org or to the whole board at UHCABoard@UHCAcalgary.org.

Sincerely,

Patty Auger, CPA-CA, CFP
UHCA President

Dogminder



Dog walkers please remember the U of C west campus park duck pond area is an ON-LEASH area. There are a number of signs posted at the entrance points which have been in place since the park was created.

UHCA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Looking for help with:

- Content Management
- Social Media
- Wordpress (Divi)
- Web PHP Development with MySQL + PayPal
- App Development in C# with .net MAUI (Xamarin)

Email webmaster@UHCAcalgary.org

UHCA Newsletter Articles and Advertising

Do you have an article idea or photos that would be of interest to your neighbours? We would love to hear from you!

Please forward submissions to:

newsletter@UHCAcalgary.org

Call for Submissions

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@UHCAcalgary.org



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Community Meetings

We are always looking for people to join our core group of volunteers. It's a great way to learn/exercise leadership skills and a great way to build and connect your community.

The Board meetings are currently being held virtually (unless otherwise posted) at 7:00 pm on the fourth Wednesday of the month (except July & December) and all UHCA members are welcome.

If you are planning to attend, please send an email to secretary@uhcacalgary.org at least 24 hours before the meeting.



Our mailing address is:

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2023 UHCA BBQ - Saturday June 17th - 11am to 2pm

Our annual University Heights Community Association BBQ is coming up on Saturday, June 17th from 11AM - 2PM at the University School Park (South of the school by the playground).

Come out to enjoy some good food and great company at our Neighbour Day BBQ. All residents of the community are invited as well as all members of our 2023 soccer program!

UHCA will provide hot dogs, buns and condiments as well as some salads, veggie trays and chips. There will also be dessert. Please bring your own dishes to help reduce our impact, but if you forget, there will be plates, cutlery and napkins available.

There will be an inflatable obstacle course and city staff will be onsite with games and activities for kids. Please note that an adult must be present and watching while their little person is using the inflatable obstacle course.

As always, we are looking for volunteers to make this event a success.

- Set up BBQ (starting at 10:30)
- BBQ Takedown and Clean up at 2:00 PM
- BBQ chefs to cook hotdogs



See you on Saturday June 17!

It will be a great time to enjoy the company of your neighbours and see what is happening and upcoming in this wonderful community.

UHCA Soccer

Soccer is back in University Heights this spring!

UHCA is very pleased to once again host a soccer program for community kids this year. There are players in age groups U4 to U13 signed up to play this season to practice skill development, drills, and in-team scrimmages, plus a ton of fun and fresh air.

Back this year, GAMES! The U11's and U13's are back playing games with other communities.

The season runs to the end of June, and we invite all players and their families to attend our community BBQ on June 17th.



Broxburn Farms - Community Farm Stand

Broxburn is back again for 2023 to share their bounty with University Heights! We are so pleased to continue our partnership with Foothills Mennonite Church, The City of Calgary and Broxburn to offer farm fresh produce, meats, cheeses and baked goods to residents and neighbours of our community.



The Farm Stand is on Thursdays from 10 AM to 1 PM. You can head over to Foothills Mennonite Church south parking lot and introduce yourself to Mike to pick up Broxburn's latest offerings.

We hope you have loved this addition to the community as much as we have. The stand will be in the community until late summer/early autumn. You can also visit Broxburn online at: <https://www.broxburnvegetables.com/> or see their other locations and times at the City of Calgary Farm Stand website: <https://www.calgary.ca/events/transit-pop-up-farm-stands.html>

Community Clean up

On April 30, we had our third community clean-up. This year we were much busier as another community had to postpone their clean-up at the last minute. The volunteers, city staff and our partners did a wonderful job of moving traffic through efficiently.

We partnered with MEOW Foundation and the DI Centre Free Goods Program again this year which helped divert a cube van, another van and a pick-up truck worth of items that will find new homes. As well

PCL not only supplied many people to help throughout the day, they also had a large metals recycling bin on site, which was completely full by 2 PM! Beyond all of this, we still managed to fill 3 packer trucks.



Thank you to all the volunteers who showed up on a warm Sunday to ensure this community event was a success. We were able to welcome everyone to the small but mighty community of University Heights!



CHECKLIST

- Removing valuables from vehicles.
- Ensuring vehicles are locked, windows are closed and if possible, parked in a garage.
 - Closing garage doors and windows.
- Locking any person-doors in the garage, including those leading into a house.
 - Checking that all house doors – front, back, side and garage – are locked.
 - Ensuring all windows are shut.
 - Turning on an exterior light.

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ROUTINE



UXBorough proposed Land Use Amendment

A land use amendment to the Direct Control (DC) District (based on current C-C2 zoning) and the Stadium Shopping Centre Area Redevelopment Plan (SSC-ARP) for the former Stadium Shopping Centre site has been in progress since last fall. The original proposal was to add three new uses on the site: Health Services – Overnight Stay (a newly proposed category replacing Hospital – Overnight Stay), Health Services Laboratory – Without Clients, and Post-secondary Learning Institution (already allowed as a discretionary use in C-C2). These uses are separate from the prescribed limit in the ARP of 11,148 m² for medical clinic uses (now renamed “Health Care Service” in the Land Use Bylaw).

The new uses were originally estimated to occupy 3716 m² each in the Detailed Team Review #1 (Feb 2023) response from O2 Design to the City. Recently, this size was significantly increased to 20,000 m² for the Health Services – Overnight Stay use, adding up to a possible 31,148 m² for medical-related uses on the site. The application is scheduled to go to the Calgary Planning Commission on June 8th with a possible Council Hearing on July 25th.



UHCA has continued to advocate for the development to remain in alignment with the original ARP (p. 4) vision “... as an attractive, vibrant, mixed-use centre which provides employment opportunities, residential accommodation, and

services that are complementary to the surrounding communities and institutions.” The redevelopment of the shopping centre area is meant to be a Neighbourhood Activity Centre as per the Municipal Development Plan, and not an extension of the Major Activity Centres that surround us.



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TO UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY



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TO FOOTHILLS ATHLETIC PARK

South Shaganappi Communities Local Area Plan

The local area plan (LAP) for the nine South Shaganappi communities was launched on April 18th. The City of Calgary IDEA station (looks like a little library) is now in place on the boulevard at the SW corner of Uxbridge Drive and Urbana Road. Unfortunately, its placement was delayed and the identifying stickers plus the metal response box have not been installed at the time of writing. The City of Calgary is using this as method of communication with residents so watch for more City brochures. Please do not place used books in here until the project is over (i.e., about 2+ years from now when it will become a little library). Postage paid brochures were delivered by Canada Post to UH residents after the launch date.

We hope that UH residents weighed in on the City's first survey for Phase 1 – Envision. May 23, 2023 was the deadline for responses and for anyone interested in applying for the Stakeholder Group. UHCA will have a representative and Board members have attended some virtual meetings already. The website for the project is <https://engage.calgary.ca/Shaganappi> We strongly recommend that you subscribe for UPDATES on the site. There is already a draft of Chapter 1 available. The email address for the project is: south.shaganappi@calgary.ca

This is one of the most important initiatives that will impact how our community evolves in the future. Although the LAP does not change the current zoning, it will inform the renewal of the Land Use Bylaw (LUB) which is underway. The City is aligning all of its policies (Municipal Development Plan, Calgary Transportation Plan, LUB,



etc.) and it is becoming increasingly clear from other completed local area plans that the future lowest density residential zones will encompass single family homes, duplexes, townhouses, H-GO (new Housing-Ground Oriented structures), rowhouses (R-CG) and secondary suites. See the Westbrook Plan material and maps where virtually every corner lot throughout the plan area was designated for R-CG on a Limited Scale Map. <https://hdp-ca-prod-app-cgy-engage-files.s3.ca-central-1.amazonaws.com/3116/6679/7838/INCREASING HOUSING CHOICE - Key Considerations for Limited-Scale Policy Direction.pdf>

The designation of a “single detached special policy area” in a LAP is no longer supported. UHCA has requested that new community profiles (based on the Federal 2021 Census) be used as soon as they become available given the last municipal census was in 2019 and community profiles used for other completed or evolving LAPs are based on 2016 federal data which is out of date. Our community has seen a considerable overturn of homes in the last few years with young families moving in. We are also aware of a number of properties that have evolved into shared accommodation. The UXBorough site plans for 278 more dwellings which should count toward our density, which already exceeds the current MDP targets. We do not have vacant developable land in our small community as other communities do. We believe that consideration should also be given to the massive densification evolving in University District, on our doorstep.

UHCA Seniors Movement and Dance

UHCA's popular Seniors Movement and Dance program started up again for in person classes in September 2022 and wrapped up in May 2023. This year the community also held Chair Yoga classes in order to provide another programming option to community members. Participants enjoyed being back together for in person exercise, including the opportunity for social time after class. The classes will break for the summer and startup again in the fall. Stay tuned for class schedules in the late summer or early fall.

UHCA would like to thank the Foothills Mennonite Church for allowing use of their space; our excellent instructors, Krista, Vanessa, and Carol; and our enthusiastic coordinator, Mili, for another great year of programming.

Calgary Parking Authority – New permit fees commencing in 2023


Residents involved in the Parking Permit Program should have received the recent e-mail on the new cost-recovery fees that start in 2023. Councillor Wong has posted his views at: <https://www.calgary.ca/council/ward-7/articles/ward-7-response-to-parking-permit-changes.html> Please let him know your views ward7@calgary.ca and send a copy to development@uhccalgary.org

The original nominal fee increase for permit fees, approved by the previous Council in January 2021 was changed to cost-recovery (previous Option C) on November 25, 2022 as part of the 2023 – 2026 Service Plans and Budget with a vote of 14-1 (Chu against, see page 19-20 of the minutes; 5:12 to 5:13:47 on the video). UH has many different parking restrictions that are based on the unique needs around the community with areas closest to the major parking generators being more vulnerable compared to others. A one-size-fits-all solution is unlikely to satisfy everyone. We know that the new fees will be a significant burden to many residents. There is significant pressure to remove any kind of parking restriction without regard for the impact of major institutions on neighbourhood parking. Further discussions will be needed on this controversial topic.

First Permit: \$50/year
 Second Permit: \$75/year
 Third Permit: \$125/year

First Permit: \$75/year
 Second Permit: \$75/year

\$75/year





Permit Type	Building Type	Residential Parking Zone (RPZ)	Cost (2023)*
Residential Parking Permit (max 3 per address)	Ground-oriented dwelling (detached, semi-detached and duplex houses, fourplexes, townhouses, rowhouses, and some low profile multi-residential buildings)	All zones	First Permit: \$50/year Second Permit: \$75/year Third Permit: \$125/year
Visitor Permit (max 2 per address)		All zones	First Permit: \$75/year Second Permit: \$75/year
Non-resident Landlord Permit (max 1 per address)		All zones	\$75/year
Select Permit (max 1 per address)	Small multi-residential building (less than four stories in height and has 20 or fewer dwelling units) Large multi-residential building built before 1945 (four stories or taller in height or with more than 20 dwelling units)	All zones	\$75/year
Market Permit (max 1 per address)	Large multi-residential building built after 1945 (four stories or taller in height or with more than 20 dwelling units)	City Centre Zone C	\$150/month
		Inner City Zones AAA, D, G, GG, J, K, L, LL, M, O, P, SNA, V, W, Z, ZZ	\$100/month
		Suburbs All other zones	\$75/month
Low-Income Market Permit (max 1 per address) Fair Entry approval required		All zones	\$6.25/month

Note: You only need a Residential Parking Permit if you live in a RPZ and want to park in 'except by permit' zones or to overstay in time-restricted parking zones.



Check the Residential Parking Zone map at
maps.calgary.ca/CalgaryParking

*Excludes GST

School Happenings at Westmount Charter School

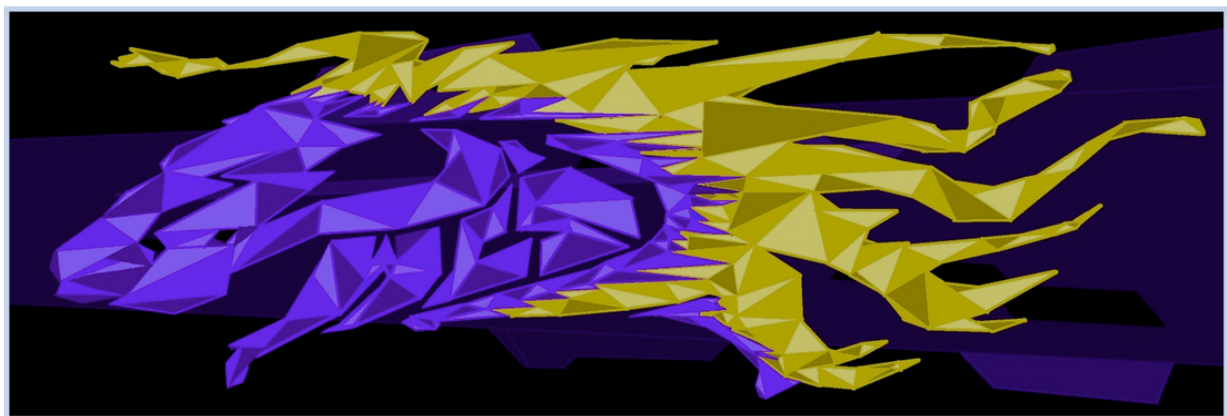
By Graeme Findlay, Principal, Mid High Campus, Westmount Charter School

UHCA AGM

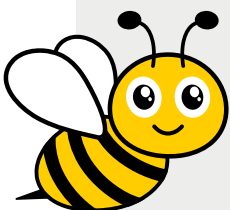
Westmount was very pleased to have the opportunity to host the UHCA AGM in our building this past March. Our students enjoyed showing off the changes and upgrades that have occurred to our building and I was happy to have the opportunity to meet many of our neighbours in person. We hope to continue strengthening our connections to our community. Next year look for invites to our wonderful drama and arts presentations put on by our fabulous students.

From Eye Sore to High Art

On our West Field, we have had a sea-can container in place for storage purposes. Needless to say, the it does not have the greatest curb appeal. Therefore, we have commissioned one of our student artist to decorate the container with a mural. It has already started and we look forward to the finished project being completed soon. Here are some photos of the work in progress as well as the final conceptual idea.



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Check out calgary.ca/yardsmart to learn how to create a vibrant oasis for pollinators by adding native plants to your home garden that need little watering during hot and dry conditions.



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New Multisport Fieldhouse Committee has been formed

The building of a new Multisport Fieldhouse at the City owned Foothills Athletic Park is among the City's top four priority capital projects <https://www.calgary.ca/major-projects/foothills-fieldhouse.html?redirect=/fieldhouse>.

An Amenity Refinement Study is scheduled to be presented to the committee on June 26th at 1 p.m. (Council Chambers - in person or video access through the City website <https://www.calgary.ca/council/meetings/agenda-minutes.html>).

UHCA participated in the Concept Plan for the area, and is involved in current consultations. The public was invited to attend open houses from May 30 - June 1st as part of the Refinement Study. Councillor Wong is a member of the new committee so feel free to send him any feedback as well as UHCA at

development@uhcacalgary.ca The plans for the structure have already changed to make more efficient use of the space for simultaneous use by a variety of sports groups. See also this new website for more information: <https://www.calgary.ca/realestate/foothills-mcmahon.html>



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 cost of newsletters, community events like the spring BBQ and assisting the soccer program. Memberships also allow us to maintain our webpage that we use to enhance communication to the community.

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.

Full Name	
Email Address	
Street Address	
Postal Code	
Phone Number	
Living in UH Since	(year / month)

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
- Grant writing
- Park Corridor Initiative
- Advertising Coordinator
- Other _____

Soccer Program:

- Soccer Program Coordinator
- Coach Coordinator
- Team Coaches & Assistants
- Uniform Coordinator
- Equipment Coordinator
- Referee Coordinator
- BBQ Coordinator
- Other _____



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