

President’s Message Submitted by Peter Khu

Our community association is growing!! Since the last newsletter several residents have contacted me to express interest in volunteering for the association. With more members, we can be a stronger community with better representation at the city level. Committee work is also a rewarding way to meet other community members and build lasting friendships.



It is my pleasure to announce *new executive appointments*:

The position of **Vice President** will be filled by **Edgar Yajure**, a mechanical engineer, whose family just moved to this community. **Joanne Hunt** and **Jane MacDonald**, retired educators, have agreed to fill position of **Secretary**. A new **University Heights Development** committee has been formed to provide representation, input and oversight for both the Stadium and West Campus developments. **Lawna Hurl**, a lawyer, and **David Richardson**, an architect, are lending their professional expertise to lead this development committee. **Jan Brawn**, **Joanne Hunt**, and **Jane MacDonald**, long time residents and retired educators, will also be part of this committee. (Refer to page 4 for a detailed list of all board members including contact information.)

If you would like to help with community issues, please consider lending your support. Committees work best if it can reflect the diversity of University Heights.



Call for Volunteers!!!!

At one time, University Heights almost lost its soccer program but Kevin Berwick and his team of volunteers not only rescued, but grew it into the incredibly successful program it is today. The soccer program is looking for a coordinator to work side by side with Kevin with the long term view of taking over this position within two years. This is an opportunity to phase into the position, and recruit other interested parents and community members to help with the program. If interested, please email soccer@uhcocalgary.org.

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A community association thrives from a strong pool of members who are able and willing to volunteer. Volunteers are needed throughout the year. If you are willing to contribute a few hours once or a few hours a month, we can add your name to a list that the community can draw upon. Even if you only have a small amount of time once in a while, please consider joining this pool. No contribution of time is too small to be appreciated!

A Volunteer Coordinator would be great to manage what will hopefully be a flood of volunteers from the community. You can be first to add your name to the list! To apply for this or any position, please email volunteer@uhcacalgary.org.

Traffic Update:

I have presented our community concerns on traffic to the parent councils and administration of both Westmount Charter School and University Elementary School. Both schools are working with our community to address traffic safety and congestion. The Westmount administrative team has sent out several school wide emails with specific recommendations for student drop offs. Parents have been asked to avoid the use alley ways, reduce speed and, avoid u-turns in front of the schools or at intersections or cross walks. University Elementary School has also incorporated traffic information into a school newsletter. The feedback that I have received from both schools and residents of University Heights is that traffic is better than last year. However, with limited ways to enter and exit our community, traffic safety will always be an important priority for us. If required, a community traffic committee will be established to further explore options for calming traffic. In the meantime, please email any feedback to traffic@uhcacalgary.org



The city of Calgary is conducting a long term transportation study for Shaganappi trail for the section north of Bowness Road. The preliminary design concepts will be presented in a **public open house** held on **November 6, 2012** from 5-8 pm at the Varsity Acres Presbyterian Church (4612 Varsity Drive N.W). This study is relevant to University Heights because it will affect the status of Shaganappi trail in the section that is adjacent to our community. More information can be found on the City of Calgary website at: www.calgary.ca; search under the term: *Shaganappi Trail Corridor and HOV Study*.

Stadium Development Update:

The City Planning Department is taking an innovative approach in considering the redevelopment of Stadium Shopping Centre. At the last South Shaganappi Area Strategic Planning Group (SSASPG) meeting, it was announced that the city will be conducting an Area Redevelopment Plan (ARP) for the Stadium Development. An ARP allows for the Stadium Shopping Centre to be developed, not in isolation, but within a larger context that recognizes the unique location of the property-- near the University, close to two hospitals and major transportation routes.

For the developer, Western Securities, an ARP provides greater clarity and direction. The plan might also allocate an individual city planner dedicated to this specific development.

In taking a broader stance, it appears that the City of Calgary is introducing a redevelopment model that is more inclusive, more collaborative, and a more efficient. This ARP will be beneficial to both the developer and our community.

West Campus Development Update:

This month, the West Campus Development Trust will be starting a community consultation process regarding the development of West Campus Lands. University Heights will be sending 5 representatives to a series of workshops that will update and suggest revisions to the 2007 Master Plan. Workshops begin this month and continue well into 2013. Updates will be provided on an ongoing basis in this newsletter.

There are four key reasons the 2007 master plan needs to be revised:

1. The 2007 Master Plan did not include the detailed analysis of servicing infrastructure, landscape characteristics and transportation networks.
2. The real estate market has changed dramatically since 2007
3. The needs and desires of stakeholders including the surrounding communities may have changed
4. The development will be required to conform to new current City objectives and design standards.

James Robertson, the CEO of the West Campus Development Trust, has included an article in this newsletter and more detailed information has been provided in the multi page insert. Current information on this project can be found on the following website, which is scheduled to be launched Friday, October 12, 2012: www.wcdt.ca.

If you have any questions or comments, as always, please do not hesitate to contact me by e-mail at president@uhcacalgary.org or by phone at 403-870-2782.

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CALL is for people who want to engage in learning for the joy of it and to share their knowledge, ideas, experience and interests with others.

Programs and activities will cover a wide range of topics, from art and culture to politics, health and science.

Affordability, flexibility in time and place and a friendly, informal small group approach make CALL's learning programs unique. Members are encouraged to suggest themes for upcoming programs and initiate new learning activities.

Registrations are accepted on a first-received, first-served basis. You can find out more about membership, registration for programs and special events on the website

<http://www.calgarylifelonglearners.ca/>

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Advertise your business, promotions, or special services. The newsletter is delivered to residents four times a year - Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall.

Ads are in black and white. Rates vary according to size.

Have a community event to advertise? Let us know.

Questions? Want to Advertise?

Contact **Alison Braaten** 403-630-3494 or email

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An Introduction from the West Campus Development Trust!

Submitted by James Robertson, President and CEO

October 2012

This is the first of many updates from West Campus Development Trust. The Trust was established by the University to lead the planning and development of the west campus lands. Many of you may remember the 2006/2007 comprehensive consultation process that resulted in the 2007 Master Plan vision for west campus. That vision and the supporting principles of the 2007 Master Plan are the foundations of our process today.

West campus lands are generally described as the land that lies west of the University of Calgary, bounded by Shaganappi Trail on the west, 32 Avenue NW on the north and 16 Avenue NW on the south. The total planning area for west campus comprises approximately 250 acres but the planning area includes existing elements such as the Alberta Children's Hospital, Ronald MacDonald House, student family housing and other facilities to bring to the actual site area included in the planning exercise to approximately 150 acres.

The Trust is embarking on a process to update the 2007 Master Plan and we look forward to working with our neighbouring communities, the University and adjacent facilities to create that plan. We are at the very beginning stages of our work so we want you to know who we are and what we are tasked to do. To date we have begun discussions with representatives from your community association on how to best work together and also to begin developing an understanding of what elements of the 2007 plan are seen as desirable and what elements may require further consideration. We will be working collaboratively with all our stakeholders and before too long we will be meeting with the broader community to seek your input.

For those of you who are wondering about the who, what and why of West Campus Development Trust (WCDT), the Trust is governed by a 15 member volunteer Board of Directors who were appointed by the Board of Governors of the University of Calgary in 2011, with the first staff being added in the spring of 2012. The independent Trust is a proven model used by other academic institutions, such as the University of British Columbia and Simon Fraser University, to move forward with a real estate initiative that is not the University's core business.

What can you expect from WCDT?

West Campus Development Trust is committed to operating with integrity and transparency. We will be sharing information in an open and transparent manner, seeking input, listening to and learning from our neighbours. You can expect **active communication** so you know what is happening, as well as **opportunities to participate**. For more information, please keep your eye out for the **West Campus Development Trust Community Newsletter** that will be delivered households in University Heights. Also, if you are interested in receiving updates by email please add your name to our email list through our website at www.wcdt.ca.

We are excited about the opportunity that is before us and we are looking forward to working with you in a collaborative and inclusive manner over the entire length of the project!



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ON THE RECORD A MESSAGE FROM ALDERMAN DALE HODGES

Ward 1 Residents, it is hard to believe that autumn is now upon us and that the 2010- 2013 Civic Election is now more than half way completed. I strongly encourage all of you to become actively involved with your community, the essence and voice that builds a strong viable community association. They say a combined effort can break down the wall of impossibility.

In this newsletter I would like to touch on the topics of trees and shrubs and the importance of the Varsity Fire Station No. 17.

Trees and Shrubs

Hedges, trees and shrubs on your property must be trimmed so they do not interfere or obstruct with pedestrians using the sidewalk or vehicles using the street/alley, which is a good neighbour practice.

Under the Tree Protection Bylaw the cutting, removing or pruning or moving of City trees is prohibited. It is also not allowed to plant trees or shrubs on City lands. It is unfortunate public trees have come under increased stress in recent years due to redevelopment and construction activities, so we need to protect and preserve these highly valued commodities. Did you know that there are over 445,000 trees in Calgary's groomed parks and boulevards, 40% of which are street trees, all with a value of over \$335 million? The trees in our communities are one of our most vital natural resources.

Varsity Fire Station No. 17 @ 3740 – 32nd Avenue NW

This station opened in 1971 and is one of the largest in the city. It is strategically located to provide emergency services to critical and high-risk sites, such as the University of Calgary, University Research Park, the Foothills and Children's Hospitals, as well as the many neighbouring communities. You can drop by the station for a free blood -pressure check between 1 - 9 PM daily. With winter around the corner, keep in mind this station also provides free sand for residential use. Bring your own container for your allotted five pounds of sand.

The Varsity Fire Station is also one of the designated locations for the proper disposal of "**household hazardous waste only**". They are open for drop-off seven days a week from 8 AM to 6 PM. Household hazardous waste includes antifreeze, automotive batteries, cleaning solvents, propane tanks, glues and cements, fertilizers, wood preservatives, hot tub and swimming pool chemicals...just to list a few. These items should never be placed with your regular household pickup; they need to be disposed of safely to protect our land, air and water.

It is an honour to serve as your elected representative for Ward 1. With your input I will continue to meet the needs of the ward. Please do not hesitate to contact my office as we will be more than happy to assist you.

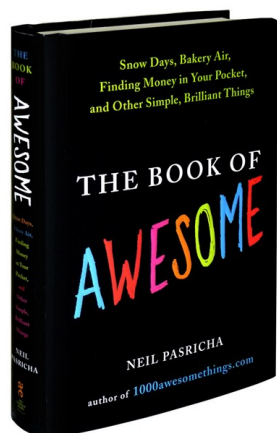
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Louise Riley Library

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"The idea is that the city that opens the same book closes it in greater harmony."

– Mary McGrory, The Washington Post

One Book One Calgary is an annual, city-wide, Library initiative held during the month of November. It is designed to ignite community dialogue and enrich community connections through a shared reading experience and engagement in a variety of programs and activities. The book for 2012 is: "The Book of AWESOME" by Neil Pasricha. Its pages are full of snow days, bakery air, finding money in your pocket and other simple, brilliant things that are AWESOME.

Check out your copy today and visit www.onebookonecalgary.com for more details!

M ONDAYS ...

50+ Coffee & Conversation: Join Tyler *Every Monday* for coffee/tea, friendly conversation and presentations of interest. Ages 50 and up. *Mondays, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.*

Love and Duty: Canadian Red Cross Women in WWII: Watch an inspiring tale of the 641 women who traveled overseas to serve with the Canadian Red Cross in World War II. A short presentation will follow the film. Presented by The Canadian Red Cross. *Monday, Nov 12, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.*

FRIDAYS at your library...

Drop-in Family Storytimes Every Friday! Come join the fun – learn a new song or finger play, experience a flannel story, cuddle up for a sweet story & check out some other great books to share at home!

Nannies 'til Noon Every Friday after Drop-in Family Storytime! The weather's getting cooler, why not pack a lunch and stay & play inside after storytime? Stay play & visit for an hour, *11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.*

See you soon at the Louise Riley Library!



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As a member of the government's Treasury Board, I can tell you that I am listening – very closely – to what Albertans have to say about our fiscal framework. Balanced budgets and responsible use of taxpayer money are necessary foundations for government.

This fall, we launched “Dollars and Sense”, asking Albertans for their input on:

Goals and boundaries for public spending;

How to save for the future; and

Ways to fund the infrastructure our province needs to grow and prosper.

And, please know you can pick up the phone and call my office, to share your views on these issues, at any time. If you are looking for more background on our province's budget, finances and savings, we have lots of information at our constituency office.

What else am I doing as your representative in the Alberta government? As Chair of the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship, I am delighted to report we are moving forward. Working together with this 25-person all-party committee, we have now identified common issues to explore, starting with a consideration of hydro-electric potential in northern Alberta. If you are interested, the minutes of all meetings of this Standing Committee are publicly available, either on-line or through our constituency office.

More locally, our constituency office is always open to engaging with residents of Calgary-Varsity. Key areas of interest include:

Working with parents to define accountabilities within our education system; and

Focusing on ways to expand seniors' housing facilities in Calgary-Varsity.

We are also showcasing Calgary-Varsity artists in our constituency office. Our first exhibition is a collection from the work of Gisa Mayer - drop by our office and see the Cal-Var Gallery!

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Leaf and Pumpkin Composting program

Until November 11, 2012



You are encouraged to recycle your bagged leaves and pumpkins by taking them to a seasonal drop-off location.

The City collected **2,255,000 kilograms of leaves and pumpkins in 2011**. These leaves and pumpkins are now being composted and will be used to enrich the soil in green spaces around Calgary. It is an easy way to help reduce the greenhouse gas emissions created when yard waste and other organic materials breakdown in Calgary landfills. It also helps reduce loads, allowing garbage collection crews to stay on schedule during peak times of the year.

The annual Leaf and Pumpkin Composting Program is just one of the many ways people can reduce waste, reuse and recycle to help Calgary achieve the goal of recycling 80 percent of its waste by the year 2020.

We also encourage you to compost leaves and pumpkins yourself. After all, leaves and pumpkins are excellent material for your backyard composter. For more information, visit our [composting area](#).

The closest drop off depot for University Heights residents is St. Andrews Heights Community Centre 2504 13 Avenue NW. Other locations can be found on the City of Calgary website www.calgary.ca then search Leaf and Pumpkin.

Neighbour to Neighbour



50 km speed zone: Residents are reminded of good neighbourly practices with the increased traffic in our community. Although the standard speed within University Heights is 50 km/h, unless otherwise posted, reduced speeds are often warranted. We are often in a hurry to get places and forget the speed in which we are travelling. Please be mindful of your speed.



School Zone: In effect from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. on school days.

Please look for the signs located on Uxbridge Drive and Utah Drive. School zones exist to warn motorists to take extra caution and reduce speed when driving through the area. The maximum permitted speed in school zones is 30 km/h.



Playground Zone: Every day from 8:30 a.m. until one hour after sunset.

Playground zones serve a similar purpose to school zones. Please look for the playground zone signs on Utah Drive. Signage is in place to warn motorists to slow down and take caution to watch for children when driving. 30 km/h is the maximum permitted speed.

Alley Speed limit:

The speed limit in all alleys is 15 km/h. This reduced speed limit is intended to create a safer environment for motorists who are entering or leaving garages and driveways with limited visibility. It also increases safety for pedestrians

Source: [Calgary Traffic Tips](#)

University Heights Community Association Membership

Application/Renewal Process:

1. Complete the form.
2. Enclose a cheque payable to U.H.C.A.
3. Mail the form or drop off at:

Michele Nowak, Membership
3712 Utah Dr. NW, T2N 4A7

Are you uncertain as to the status of your membership, call Michele at 403-289-2889 or email membership@uhcocalgary.org

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