

## UHCA Board Needs You!

The 2011 Annual General Meeting was held almost a year ago on April 14, 2011. Several members, who had contributed significantly to the board, resigned effective that meeting. To date, the board remains **very sparse**.

Past-president, James Carrs, repeatedly expressed his grave concern for the community. He cited pending changes to the Stadium Shopping Centre and ongoing developments with the South Shaganappi Area Development Council (SSADC) would leave the community in a vulnerable position without board representation.

If you are interested in getting involved in your community, please contact any of the members listed below.

### UHCA Board of Directors

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

## U.H.C.A. OUTDOOR SOCCER PROGRAM 2012

This years volunteers and roles are as follows:  
Kevin Berwick - Coordinator, Sofia Ahmed - Co-coordinator & Coach Coordinator, Nicole Zander - Co-coordinator & Referee Coordinator, Doug Parnham - Lines Maker / Field Preparer Coordinator, Ken Ronaghan - Lines Maker / Field Preparer, Jeff Nisi - Lines Maker / Field Preparer, Debbie Clark - Uniforms Coordinator, Harold Esche - Equipment Coordinator, RJ Pratt - Treasurer.



**Soccer registration will take place on March 1st at the University School** and as before players from all neighborhoods are welcome to register. Our program welcomes U4's

to U12's and is fun oriented and community based.

We are always looking for coaches – no previous experience required! Training will be provided. Please call 403-282-5980 if interested.

We are also looking for kids 13 yrs and older who are interested in working as Referees and Linesmen. Training will be provided and kids will be paid for working as a Ref or Linesman." Please phone 403-241-1226 if you are interested.



We are planning on using the University Heights website more than it has been used in the past for event information, schedule updates, field locations and for contact information. So to find out more about the soccer program please visit University Heights Community Association website at [www.uhcacalgary.org](http://www.uhcacalgary.org)

For more information about the University Heights Community Association Soccer Program contact [www.soccer@uhcacalgary.org](mailto:www.soccer@uhcacalgary.org) or phone 403-210-2619 or 403-241-1226.

***The Soccer program is proudly supported by: Landsolutions Inc. and the University School.***

The 9th Annual Cassie Campbell Street Hockey Festival, presented by Penn West Exploration, is returning to the Olympic Oval! Support Ronald McDonald House® Southern Alberta on May 4 - 5, and find out why this event is Calgary's best street hockey tournament!



Adult mixed recreational tournament: Friday, May 4

Youth tournament (ages 7 - 14): Saturday, May 5

Registration is now open! Visit [www.rmhsouthernalberta.org/streethockey](http://www.rmhsouthernalberta.org/streethockey) or call 403-240-3000 ext. 142 to register!



## SAIGON STAR

Vietnamese Restaurant  
Dine-in | Take-out | Delivery

We are Located at Stadium Shopping Centre

**Tel: (403) 289-8071**

Fully Licensed | Menu at: [www.saigonstar.ca](http://www.saigonstar.ca)

### Our Restaurant is Specialize

- \* Satay Beef or Chicken Noodle Soup
- \* Curry Chicken Steam Rice
- \* Saigon Sweet & Sour Soup
- \* Pad Thai
- \* Vermicelli of Charbroiled Chicken, Pork and Beef
- \* Seafood Stir Fried on Crispy Noodle
- \* Vietnamese Subs
- \* Bubble Teas





# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY



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## Spring Fling & Silent Auction

**Friday, March 2, 2012**

**Parkdale Elementary Campus**

**Silent Auction: 4:00 PM to 6:15 PM - 6:40 PM**

**Live Auction: 6:45 PM to 7:00 PM**

**SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL**

**You're Invited to  
Westmount's Annual**

## Spring Fling & Silent Auction

**Friday, March 2, 2012**

**PARKDALE  
ELEMENTARY CAMPUS**

**Please join us for a fun  
fundraising event!**

This year, our goal for the  
Spring Fling & Silent Auction  
is to raise over \$20,000.  
All funds will go directly to  
our school's capital and  
enhancement wish list.

**over 100+ silent auction items**

**live auction with auctioneer**

**carnival games**

**fun activities for all ages**

**face painting**

**food & snacks available**



Westmount Charter School's Spring Fling & Silent Auction is proudly sponsored by the Westmount School Council.



**Visit [www.westmountcharter.com/news/spring\\_fling.html](http://www.westmountcharter.com/news/spring_fling.html)**

**for more details on donation forms & auction items**

Mid – High School Campus 2215 Uxbridge Drive NW, Calgary, AB T2N 4Y3 Phone 403.217.9427  
Elementary Campus 728-32 Street NW, Calgary, AB T2N 2V9 Phone 403.217.0426



[www.uhcacalgary.org](http://www.uhcacalgary.org)

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## PROPERTY AND BUSINESS ASSESSMENT NOTICES

### **Alderman Dale Hodges**

On January 3, 2012, The City mailed 2012 Property and Business Assessment Notices. The 60-day Customer Review Period, which started on January 3, is your opportunity and timeframe to review your Notice. Please read over your 2012 Assessment Notice carefully. The City offers a number of online tools and resources to help you understand and review your assessment for fairness and equity. When reviewing your assessment:

- **Check:** Is the factual information which the City has on record correct?
- **Review:** Is your property and/or business assessment a reasonable estimate as of July 01, 2011, of the market value of your property, or typical net annual rental value of your business premises, as of that date?
- **Compare:** Is your assessment equitable when compared with similar properties or business premises?

The City's newly redesigned Assessment Search website – [calgary.ca/assessmentsearch](http://calgary.ca/assessmentsearch), will provide 2012 property and business assessment information. Assessment Search – [calgary.ca/assessmentsearch](http://calgary.ca/assessmentsearch), will provide the resources you need to conduct your assessment review. Assessment Search offers more information, enhanced search capabilities, a secure environment for your information and new account management features. By selecting the new secure login service for Calgary property owners, you can conduct more in-depth assessment research, using real estate market information, summary assessment information of other

properties and more detailed information about your own property (viewable only by you – the property owner). A similar secure login service is available for business owners, which was introduced in May 2011. Secure Login – getting started Information on how to login and use Assessment Search will be provided on your 2012 Assessment Notice and on [calgary.ca/assessmentsearch](http://calgary.ca/assessmentsearch). Also available online is "How-to" information which offers step-by-step details to complete an online assessment review.

### **Complaint Process**

If you have endeavoured to sort out any issues with the Assessment Department, but have been unsuccessful, you must file a complaint prior to March 5, 2012. You will be scheduled for a hearing before a panel of the Board. In advance of the hearing, you will need to submit evidence and arguments to support your position. The Assessment Business Unit will also submit evidence, to which you will have a chance to respond in writing. The Board will use the evidence before it determines whether to uphold the existing assessment or vary it. More details about the complaint process and copies of the complaint form can be obtained by calling the Assessment Review Board at 403-268-5858 or by visiting [Calgary.ca/arb](http://Calgary.ca/arb)

### **For more information:**

Customers who have questions can contact the Assessment business unit at 403-268-2888 to have their questions answered or to arrange an appointment with their assessor.  
Phone: 403-268-2888 (Mon. – Fri. 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)  
3-1-1 (after 4:30 p.m. daily and on weekends)  
Web: [calgary.ca/assessmentsearch](http://calgary.ca/assessmentsearch)

## **NORTH WEST LRT EXTENSION TO ROCKY RIDGE, ROYAL OAK AND TUSCANY CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE (2012—2012)**

On November 29, 2011, City council approved the 2012-2014 Transportation business plan and budget which included this project. A civil works contract (underground utilities, storm sewer upgrades and earthworks) was awarded in November 2011, and construction in the median of Crowchild Trail (the future track bed) is underway to prepare the site for station and track construction. The contract for the station, bus terminals and Park & Ride construction will be tendered early in the new year for a spring 2012 start.

Contractors are required to water the sites during construction to control dust. Construction traffic will be expected in the adjacent communities, but every effort will be made to minimize impacts to residents whenever

possible. Public art will be incorporated in the station facilities.

During the past four years, many meetings, newsletters and five open houses were completed to ensure we had public consultation on this project.

### **STATION HIGHLIGHTS**

This station will primarily serve those living and working in Rocky Ridge, Royal Oak and Tuscany. The project includes:

- A new C Train station in the median of Crowchild Trail

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## NORTH WEST LRT

- Two Park & Ride lots in Rocky Ridge/Royal Oak and Tuscany, with total capacity for approximately 550 passenger vehicles
- Bus terminals in each of the Park & Ride lots, with five new bus routes when the station opens – three in Rocky Ridge/Royal Oak and two in Tuscany
- A pedestrian bridge linking the bus terminal and Park & Ride facilities with the LRT station and connecting the regional pathway across Crowchild Trail
- Two LRT bridges at the Stony Trail interchange
- Two electrical substation buildings
- 2.5 km of track

For more information on this exciting project, please visit our project blog ([thexrt.blogspot.com](http://thexrt.blogspot.com)) or the project web page ([calgary.ca/nwlr](http://calgary.ca/nwlr)).

Thank you again for giving me this opportunity to represent you and with your input I will endeavour to meet the needs of the constituents of Ward 1. Please do not hesitate to contact my office @ 403.268.2430 or by email @ [www.calgary.ca/aldermen/ward1](http://www.calgary.ca/aldermen/ward1)

Alderman Dale Hodges

## NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

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

[newsletter@uhccalgary.org](mailto:newsletter@uhccalgary.org)



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**What Can a Child Learn at Preschool?** - by Jennifer Marr

For some parents, preschool is a time to prepare a child for the rigours of academia. Getting a jump start on pre-math and reading skills is increasingly viewed as being the biggest challenge a child can meet at this age. However, more and more families are seeing how important being a kid really is and how many skills can best be learned through play.

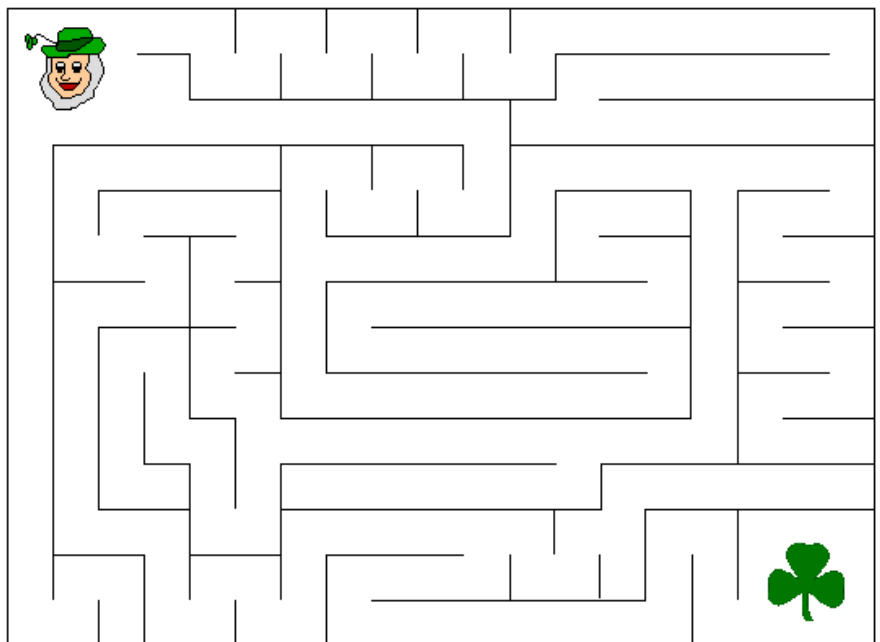
That's why many preschools, like **University Heights Preschool**, have embraced a "play centred" approach to their teaching. Skills like cooperation, effective listening skills, and being a "team player" are all highly valued in today's work world. Where better to learn how to cooperate and negotiate than around a pile of blocks? Listening skills are honed at circle time while reading a story. And how can you play parachute at gym time without cooperating, taking turns and working together? It's important to let kids be kids.

**University Heights Preschool will be hosting an Open House and Registration night at 7pm on Monday, March 5, 2012 in Room 8 at Terrace Road School. For more information phone 403-286-7770 or visit [www.calgarypreschool.com](http://www.calgarypreschool.com).**

2103, 46th Street NW  
Calgary, Alberta T3B 1B3

286-7770 [calgarypreschool.com](http://calgarypreschool.com)

## Happy Saint Patrick's Day!



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# Stadium Dental Center

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Appointment  
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- ▶ Dentures

Located at #7, 1941 Uxbridge Drive N.W.

## Neighbour to Neighbour — Backyard Fire Pits

It is hard to believe spring is around the corner! With the excitement of spring comes the planning of many yard projects. If you have an existing fire pit or are considering installing one in your back yard, please review the Community Standards Bylaw regarding fire pits. Failure to comply with the bylaw could result in fines ranging from \$500 to \$5,000.

The term "fire pit" refers to both permanent and portable outdoor fire receptacles.

### All fires must be:

- In a fire pit or receptacle constructed of non-combustible material.
- In a fire pit built into the bare ground or set upon non-combustible material such as brick or stone (if not in a receptacle).
- Not within two meters of the property line, building or fence, or beneath any trees or branches (or other combustible materials).
- Kept to a reasonable size (under 1 metre both height and width) so the fire, embers, sparks or dense smoke do not endanger anyone or cause a nuisance on any neighbouring properties.
- Fully supervised at all times and may be started beginning at 10 a.m.
- Fully extinguished by 1 a.m.
- You must have a means to extinguish the fire on hand at all times. The fire must be extinguished completely, so that the ashes are cold prior to leaving the fire.



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# University Heights Community Association Membership

Please check to see the status of your UHCA membership. If you are uncertain as to the status, call Michele at 403-289-2889 or email [membership@uhcacalgary.org](mailto:membership@uhcacalgary.org)

To purchase your membership this year, please do so by using the form below or submit your membership application on-line at [uhcacalgary.org/form1](http://uhcacalgary.org/form1)

The nominal fees we collect allow UHCA to provide services that benefit the community as a whole, such as soccer, the new playground, and the community BBQ.

## Membership Application/Renewal Process:

1. Complete the form (below)
2. Enclose a cheque payable to U.H.C.A.

Mail the form or drop off at:

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

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP # (if known) *Select Membership Type:*

<input type="checkbox"/>	One YEAR - \$16.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Two YEAR - \$ 30.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Three YEAR - \$40.00

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## Backyard Fire Pits

### You cannot burn:

- Treated or painted lumber
- Lumber products containing glue or resin
- Wet or unseasoned wood
- Leaves, brush or yard waste
- Garbage
- Rubber, tires or plastic
- Animal carcasses or parts

### Fire ban:

The fire chief has the power to declare a complete ban on all burning within the city. The Calgary Fire Department, the Calgary Police or a Peace Officer may ask you to extinguish your fire when a fire ban is in effect. They may also ask you to extinguish your fire if you are not complying with the regulations listed above.

### Tips for fire pit use

Only clean, dry firewood is permitted to be burned in fire pits. Burning prohibited materials can cause dense smoke and offensive odours to neighbouring properties.

Smoke from fire pits can cause adverse health effects in some people. Be aware of neighbours that may be negatively impacted to exposure of smoke from outdoor fire pits.

Before using your fire pit, familiarize yourself with optimal wind conditions and take precautions to prevent smoke from disturbing your neighbours. High wind speeds may pose a fire hazard.

Low wind speeds may contribute to poor air quality and reduce smoke dissipation.

Placing a metal grill/screen on top of the fire pit reduces the flame's size and helps prevent sparks and embers from escaping and igniting nearby materials.

Source: [www.calgary.ca/CSPS/ABS/Pages/Bylaws-by-topic/Fire-pits](http://www.calgary.ca/CSPS/ABS/Pages/Bylaws-by-topic/Fire-pits)

Check out the University Heights Community Association website [www.uhcacalgary.org](http://www.uhcacalgary.org) We are also on Facebook and Twitter!!

