



## UHCA Presidents Message

*Submitted by Peter Khu*

Thank you for everyone who attended the November 2012 Annual General Meeting at University School. We had a strong turnout of over 60 people. We elected a new board and were able to fill most volunteer positions. Most importantly, we received excellent feedback from residents on many community issues.

From your feedback, I have three goals for the year:

**First:** To advocate for development that is in the best interests of all community stakeholders.

**Second:** To strengthen community partnerships within our community and with communities whom we have a common interest.

**Third:** To enhance and protect community green space.

Over the last few months we have had many meetings with the City of Calgary, the South Shaganappi Area Development Council, and developers. A huge thanks to University School and the Foothills Mennonite Church for providing meeting space.

Like all established communities in Calgary, University Heights is undergoing rapid change and development. I urge you to participate in the change process and communicate your opinions because we have only a small window of opportunity to make our opinions count.

Please be sure to put all your opinions in writing because written communication is difficult to ignore. At the open houses, be sure to fill in the surveys or respond by email. You can also contact Alderman Dale Hodges at [Dale.Hodges@Calgary.ca](mailto:Dale.Hodges@Calgary.ca) or our MLA Donna Kenned-Glans at [calgary.varsity@assambly.ab.ca](mailto:calgary.varsity@assambly.ab.ca). If you prefer to voice your concerns about the Stadium Shopping Centre Area Redevelopment Plan, please call 3-1-1. The City of Calgary logs all calls. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at 403-870-2782 or [president@uhcacalgary.org](mailto:president@uhcacalgary.org)

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

## U.H.C.A. OUTDOOR SOCCER PROGRAM 2013

*Submitted by Kevin Berwick*

Soccer Registration Night will be held on **Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>** 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 and is held from the middle of April to the end of June.



For the first time we have **online pre-registration** that is available starting Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>. Parents will still have to attend the Soccer Registration Night however to make payment. We are going to continue to have available online the practice and game schedules along with the field locations. To find out more about the soccer program and to pre-register please visit University Heights Community Association website at [www.uhcacalgary.org/soccer.html](http://www.uhcacalgary.org/soccer.html)

This years volunteers currently are as follows: Kevin Berwick - Coordinator, Sofia Ahmed - Co-coordinator & Coach Coordinator, Nicole Zander - Co-coordinator & Referee Coordinator, Debbie Clark - Uniforms Coordinator, Harold Esche - Equipment Coordinator.

**We are always looking for coaches** – no previous experience required! Training will be provided free of cost. Other positions that still needs to be fill are as follows:

**BBQ Coordinator** - to organize the UH Annual BBQ that is held at the end of June.

**Field Personal** - to assist in painting lines on the field.



Please contact [soccer@uhcacalgary.org](mailto:soccer@uhcacalgary.org) if you are interested in these volunteer roles.

We are also looking for kids 13 yrs and older who are interested in working as Referees and Linesmen. Training will be provided and they will be paid for this role."

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

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

# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

## Stadium Shopping Centre Redevelopment

*Submitted by David Richardson*

As announced in the last Newsletter and discussed at the AGM in November, the redevelopment of the Stadium Shopping Centre is on a very fast track:



### Area Redevelopment Plan (ARP):

The City of Calgary has initiated an ARP, in part to address community concerns and to provide the property developers with a better understanding of what is expected and allowed in the redevelopment;

The University Heights Community Association Development Committee (UHCADC) understands this process will establish the criteria concerning density/ Floor Area Ratio, height, use, etc.;

The UHCADC feels the City has set a very aggressive time line for completion of the ARP with the Calgary Planning Commission approving the plan on **April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013**. We are concerned this limited timeline will not be adequate to properly engage the community;

We strongly encourage all community members to visit <http://www.calgary.ca/Stadium> for more information and to comment on the redevelopment or to contact your Alderman or MLA;

### Moving forward:

To date various members of the UHCADC have met on several occasions with Western Securities (the developers), City planners, and the South Shaganappi Community Area Planning Group, with the most recent meeting focusing on transportation;

The City will be issuing a Transportation Impact Assessment frame of reference to Western Securities shortly. UHCADC will review this document when it becomes available;

Please join us on **February 28** between 5:00 and 8:30 pm in the Learning Commons at University Heights Elementary School for an open house session on the Stadium Shopping Centre redevelopment (this is purposely scheduled on the same night as Soccer Registration to facilitate attending both events);

On **March 13**, between 5:00 and 8:30 pm, there will be a 'Walkabout' with Rollin Stanley the City's General Manager for Planning, Development & Assessments. This event will begin at Foothills Mennonite Church followed by the 'Walkabout';

On **March 14**, between 5:00 and 8:30 pm at University Heights Elementary School gym, the City of Calgary will lead a hands-on workshop to provide an opportunity to use base maps and overlays, and blocks to explore the challenges and opportunities posed by the Stadium Shopping Centre site;

On **April 11** between 5:00 and 8:30 pm at University Elementary School gym, the City of Calgary will present the completed ARP. Feedback collected at this time will be made available to the Calgary Planning Commission (CPC) who are scheduled to approve the ARP on **April 25!**;

On **June 10**, there will be a public hearing held for adoption of the ARP, the public is allowed to attend and make representation.

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## University School Says Thank You!

For several years, University School students with the support of the University School Council have participated in several community service initiatives over the Christmas season. One of these initiatives is called the **"Goodwill Train"**. The **"Goodwill Train"** involves the University School families gathering gently used items to donate to a school in the southeast part of Calgary – Patrick Airlie School. Patrick Airlie School uses these donations to have a gigantic White Elephant Sale before Christmas. This White Elephant Sale provides opportunities for students and families at Patrick Airlie School to buy inexpensive gifts for their families and friends for the holiday season. Proceeds from the sale go to support activities and programs at the school. Patrick Airlie staff and students are always excited when the cars from University School arrive with these items but this year was particularly special! This year, University School Grade 5/6 students took on the job of advertising the **"Goodwill Train"** and gathering and sorting the items that were donated. Their teachers supported them in this work and a member of our School Council spoke at one of the University Heights Community Association meetings to invite the University Heights Community to participate as well. Our students chose this initiative as a follow-up to their participation in We Day in October. The Grade 5/6 students were committed to supporting a local action and a global action that demonstrated that students could make a difference in the world around them. The Goodwill Train was one of their local actions. Students poured their energy into creating posters and announcements about this event. Items including bikes, games, household items, furniture, toys, books, clothing and many others filled the hallway outside of the school office during the first week of December. We had so many donations this year that we filled several truckloads! Many of the donated items came from families in the University Heights

community and for this we are truly grateful. In January, we received letters from Patrick Airlie students and even a DVD of the sale to share with our students at University School. These letters and DVD gave our students some insights into the impact that their donations had on the students at Patrick Airlie. Excerpts from their letters included:

*"When I bought my friend a gift and gave it to him, seeing that smile on his face just made me happy. I bought a tractor and snow goggles. The White Elephant Sale makes me feel like I am not a kid any more. It's like I stepped out of my childhood and I am an adult buying stuff for myself."*

*"The White Elephant Sale made me feel generous. I bought a teddy bear for my Secret Santa and four cars for me and I had a bit of money left. I felt excited for my Secret Santa. The White Elephant Sale means I get to shop for gifts for my family."*

A staff member from Patrick Airlie added:

*"My favourite memory is seeing how kind the students can be to each other. One student had bought a vase for his mother, but it slipped out of his shopping bag and smashed on the floor. He was sitting at his desk in tears. One of his group members was comforting him and another group member quietly slipped him some of his own money so that the students could go back to the sale to buy something else for his mother. It was very touching!"*

The Goodwill Train is one example from our school of how students, with the support of adults, can make a difference in their local community. We would like to acknowledge the support of the whole University Heights community and we look forward to more work together in the future.

Together – we can make a difference!

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## WEST CAMPUS LANDS

*Submitted by Lawna Hurl*

As reported at the AGM in November, 2012, there has been significant activity with regard to the development of the West Campus Lands. The West Campus Lands are generally defined as being between the Olympic Oval and Shaganappi Trail, and bounded on the north by 32 Ave NW and the south by 16 Ave NW. This includes those lands south of the Alberta Children's Hospital that border on the West boundary of University Heights. To oversee the development of the West Campus Lands, the University of Calgary created the West Campus Development Trust (WCDDT), their website is [www.wcddt.ca](http://www.wcddt.ca). WCDDT will manage the entire development from the finalizing of a Master Plan, to subdivision and land use designation, and seeking developers and builders.

Since October of last year, WCDDT has hosted a series of workshops with representatives from the surrounding communities and other stakeholders, including University Heights. The University Heights Community Association's Development Committee (UHCA-DC) sent five representatives to these workshops. In addition, the UHCA-DC has met directly with the WCDDT on several occasions for a more detailed dialogue on the development.

The WCDDT has developed an initial detailed concept plan and they are now prepared to present this plan to the community. For more information on the development plan and timelines please attend an open house, hosted by WCDDT, on **March 7th, 2013** at **University Elementary School** from **5:00 pm to 8:30 pm** in the main Gym.



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A resident of University Heights, Kenzie Love has a B.A. in English and M.A. in Journalism and has written over 200 published articles, contributing regularly to *Fast Forward* and the *Calgary Herald*.

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*Submitted by Chris Hooper , Assistant Principal, Van Horne Campus*

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all members of our community a happy new year. Over the past year and a half, we have been settling in as school in the University Heights community. We very much enjoy our new neighbourhood, and have felt welcome by many community members. We would specifically like to thank University Elementary School, Foothills Mennonite Church, Our Lady Queen of Peace Polish Roman Catholic Church and the University Heights Community Association for their support since we arrived in September 2011. Primary components to our school include social responsibility, as well as health and wellness which regularly takes us into the community. Therefore, we are significantly invested in being responsible community partners. Thus far, we have been involved with various green space clean-up initiatives, promoting active transportation, and distributing community newsletters. We also share and promote many common interests with University Heights at city and community meetings. We greatly value the wonderful green space that winds throughout of the community and look forward to working closely and collaboratively the community association.

If you have any interest in our school or have any feedback to provide us, please contact our assistant principal, Chris Hooper at 403-217-9427, or [chris.hooper@westmountcharter.com](mailto:chris.hooper@westmountcharter.com)

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## WESTERN SECURITIES

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### REDEVELOPMENT PLANNING FOR STADIUM SHOPPING CENTRE

On behalf of Western Securities Limited, owners of the Stadium Shopping Centre, I would like to take this opportunity to make an introduction to those of you whom we have not met previously and provide some information on the property and the planning process. As you may know, over the past few years Western Securities has been working with the City and surrounding stakeholders on the potential redevelopment of the shopping centre and we continue to do so today. We wanted to send out an update to ensure that we continue to proceed in a transparent manner with regard to this potential redevelopment and provide some information on the process we have been going through.

The current masterplanning for the site began in fall, 2010. Since that time, Western Securities has spent considerable time with their planning (Zeidler Partnership) and Transportation (D.A. Watt) consultants in working with the City of Calgary and surrounding stakeholders to develop a planning framework and establish the guiding masterplanning, design and transportation principles that will shape a detailed masterplan for the site. Today, we continue with this process.

The vision for the redevelopment of Stadium Shopping Centre is to provide a vibrant neighbourhood community centre through the highest quality development of urban, mixed use commercial and residential spaces. The design goal is to transform the current low-intensity 1960s era strip mall into a mixed-use development that will act as the local centre hub for surrounding communities and institutions as well as a destination for all Calgarians. Like a true village centre, it will be a place where people will live, work, shop for their daily needs, frequent its restaurants, bars and cafés, and gather with their fellow community members in the public spaces. Western Securities is dedicated to pursuing innovation focusing on first-rate urban design, streetscape and public spaces in redeveloping the shopping centre. We are excited about this planning process and truly believe it is an incredible opportunity for all stakeholders.

It is important to note that the City of Calgary has initiated an Area Redevelopment Plan (ARP) that will be specific to the Stadium Shopping Centre site and is currently ongoing. The main purpose of the ARP is to provide some level of certainty to all stakeholders as to the masterplanning, development and design principals. The City is continuing with a consultation process and, as part of this process, will be placing signs up on the property providing information and looking for community feedback. If you have any questions regarding the ARP process, please contact:

Desmond Bliek

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The ARP process will continue with community and stakeholder consultation over the following few months and is slated to go before the Calgary Planning Commission in April 2013, followed by a City Council hearing in June 2013. We would like to encourage all stakeholders to contact Mr. Bliek to share views, perspectives, and suggestions regarding the project, as well as view the City website that has been posted ([www.calgary.ca/stadium](http://www.calgary.ca/stadium)).

For information purposes, we would like to let all stakeholders know that Western Securities has not yet submitted a development permit application to the City of Calgary and does not intend to until after the City finalizes the ARP process.

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I hope the information provided above has been helpful to clarify the process and current situation with the re-development of the shopping centre. We welcome input, comments and suggestions from all University Heights community residents (and surrounding stakeholders) and would be happy to answer any further questions you may have regarding the potential redevelopment (Telephone: 403.263.6940 Email: [steffil@westsec.ca](mailto:steffil@westsec.ca)).

Thank you for taking the time to read our update, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

**WESTERN SECURITIES LIMITED**

Mike Brescia  
Vice President, Commercial Assets



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## West Campus Development Trust wants to Hear from You

As you may be aware, throughout the fall of 2012 we worked collaboratively with representatives of our neighbouring communities and other stakeholders (including the university) to develop preliminary concepts. Our Stakeholder Working Group discussed elements of the emerging master plan, including transition from surrounding communities, relationships with on-site uses, street layout, open space and amenity opportunities and the general mix of land uses and built form on the site. The agreed upon criteria for the plan includes:

- Key gateways to West Campus to increase accessibility;
- A variety of housing choices and types;
- Pedestrian and bicycle routes throughout the site;
- Sensitive transition and lower massing in areas adjacent to existing residential development surrounding West Campus;
- A gathering place with programming opportunities and retail services;
- A variety of open spaces/ park spaces.

West Campus Development Trust is now moving forward with broader public engagement in the first week of March. At the upcoming public engagement sessions we will share information on our vision and the concept plans, as well as answer questions and ask for your feedback. We want your input on all aspects of the plan and how it can be improved. You are invited to attend a join us on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 5 to 8:30 pm at University Heights Elementary School to learn more about the emerging concepts for the West Campus lands. Other sessions will be held in the daytime of March 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> on the university campus and on the evening of March 6<sup>th</sup> at a location to be confirmed. The public feedback will be assessed and considered as we move forward in the planning process and to prepare the draft master plan.

We continue to be excited about the opportunity that is before us and we look forward to hearing your thoughts and ideas.

West Campus Development Trust is committed to operating with integrity and transparency. Watch for updates in community newsletters and on our website at [www.wcdt.ca](http://www.wcdt.ca).

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Watch the next newsletter for updates about Vacation Bible School during the summer 2013



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## Foothills Mennonite Church

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Rev. Douglas Klassen P Senior Pastor Chad Miller P Associate Pastor

Greetings from Foothills Mennonite Church (FMC)! We have been in this community for 46 of our 57 years and appreciate having a place to worship here. FMC has grown from a group of about 15 families to 325 members plus 100 children. Every Sunday groups gather at either 9am or 11am for worship. Doug Klassen is our lead pastor and Chad Miller is the associate pastor.

We believe our mandate is to be a channel of healing and hope to those across the street and around the world. Jesus Christ is the centre of our belief. How do we try to make this real?

On the first Wednesday evening of every month we set up our basement with cots and prepare a homemade meal for those folks who are with the Inn From the Cold program. Together with churches around the city, we offer them a safe place to sleep and a meal. We often end up hosting parents with young children.

After seeing significant need at the Foothills Hospital, our congregation purchased a house which is located at 3008 Morley Trail NW that we call the Foothills Mennonite Guesthouse.

<http://www.foothillsmennoniteguesthouse.ca/> The purpose of this house is to give individuals and families a low cost 'home away from home' to stay while they visit their loved ones in the hospital. Please pass this information to out of town friends who could use a place like the Guest House.

Another organization we support is MCC (Mennonite Central Committee). This is the relief and development arm of our denomination that raises money and sends workers and relief projects around the world. A talented singer in our congregation, Kim Thiessen, has been recorded 5 CD's that have sold over 38,000 copies. To date, we have raised over \$750,000 to buy HIV/AIDS testing kits and anti-retroviral drugs worldwide.

Within North America we have an organization called MDS (Mennonite Disaster Service). Volunteers from our churches gather together under the MDS umbrella to help in local clean-up and the rebuilding of homes after disasters such as floods and fires. At the end of February, a group of adults and seniors from our church are going to Texas to rebuild homes that were lost in a fire last year. Groups of young people and adults from our church have gone to help after Hurricane Katrina, the Kelowna fires as well as various locations around southern Alberta.

Within our building, we enjoy music in our church and are blessed with talented musicians and singers. Each Sunday a worship music group gives leadership for congregational singing. Every autumn a choir assembles and practices once a week and presents a Christmas Choral program. We welcome you as singers or listeners! We will provide dates in the early fall newsletter.

Your UHCA president Peter Khu has invited several of us from the FMC board to attend the parent council meetings at the University and Westmount Charter schools. He also invited us to your community association meeting where we were informed of some of the future developments for the University Heights area that are in the planning stages.

We are excited also about planning an event with the UHCA that will involve a day in spring where we will work together in a community clean-up. Our church basement will serve as a refreshment centre!

Thank you for this opportunity to be included in your newsletter. Please drop in on us anytime.





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As a member of Treasury Board, I am focused on the preparation of the 2013/14 Budget, to be released on March 7<sup>th</sup>. As well, I'm continuing to chair one of the six Results Based Budgeting panels, looking at Government of Alberta programs and ways to ensure operating costs are minimized and efficiency maximized. Our panel is looking at all enterprise programs within the Government of Alberta – programs such as Alberta Innovates, Alberta Film Commission, Alberta Economic Development Agency, and more.

Also in March, Albertans are being asked to provide their feedback on how we manage one of our most valuable resources – water. Public sessions, including one in Calgary on March 20<sup>th</sup>, are being held across the province to explore ideas about water issues and priorities including:

- Healthy lakes;
- Hydraulic fracturing;
- Drinking water and wastewater; and
- Water management.

For more information on joining this discussion, please contact our Constituency Office or visit **[www.waterconversation.alberta.ca](http://www.waterconversation.alberta.ca)**.

There are also several recent healthcare announcements of interest to our constituency:

- The Government of Alberta's commitment to mental health was demonstrated with the recent announcement to top up funding for programs that support students at post-secondary institutions. The University of Calgary will receive a \$1 million funding boost to expand student mental health services, and deploy more psychologists, counsellors and psychiatric nurses.
- To provide better access to health care, you can now go to your participating pharmacists for prescription renewals and other drug services.
- Calgary's South Health Campus is now open, with the capacity to handle 200,000 outpatient visits; 40,000 emergency visits; and 2,500 births per year.

As always, do not hesitate to contact our Constituency Office if you have questions or feedback on these or other provincial matters.

## University Heights Community Association Membership

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.

### 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  
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Are you uncertain as to the status of your membership, call Michele at 403-289-2889 or email [membership@uhccalgary.org](mailto:membership@uhccalgary.org)

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## **CITY SEEKS CITIZEN INPUT ON BUSINESS PLANNING AND BUDGET CYCLES**

### ***Alderman Dale Hodges***

In my previous newsletter article (found on the UHCA website [uhcocalgary.org](http://uhcocalgary.org)), I provided information on City of Calgary Mobile Apps. In this article you will find information regarding the City seeking citizen input on business planning and the budget cycle.

#### **CITY SEEKS CITIZEN INPUT ON BUSINESS PLANNING AND BUDGET CYCLE**

The City of Calgary has released an online survey to obtain input from Calgarians on changes to the business planning and budgeting process.

The City is looking for input to the development of recommendations on the timing and duration of the multi-year planning and budgeting process. This is an extension of the dialogue The City conducted on business plans and budgets with the "Our City. Our Budget. Our Future." Program.

The City of Calgary currently has a three-year business plan and budget cycle, which has aligned with City Council's three-year election cycle, and is based on citizen input and Council direction.

The Alberta Government recently passed legislation to amend the Municipal Government Act to change municipal council terms from three to four years in length.

With the change in Council terms to four years, The City of Calgary would like to hear from citizens to develop recommendations on the timing and duration of The City's multi-year business plans and budgets. These recommendations will be considered by Council in April 2013.

The rationale for multi-year business plans and budgets has been to improve the City's ability to implement longer-term plans based on the certainty that resources (dollars, people, and partnerships) have been committed. The longer-term view links business plans and budgets with the strategic priorities of Council and Calgarians, and helps control changes in spending plans. The multi-year cycle also provides a measure of certainty for citizens in terms of what they can expect in future property tax rates and user fees.

The City started this three-year process in 2006, and has been awarded the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for all three of its 3-year plans.

Citizens are encouraged to go to [www.calgary.ca/ourfuture](http://www.calgary.ca/ourfuture) to learn more about the multi-year planning and budgeting process, view preliminary options, discuss or share ideas, and complete our short survey.

The City will continue to provide updates as decisions are made throughout 2013.

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)



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## March 2013

*Find a new book to fall in love with - here are a few books that we loved!*



**A Dirty Job** If you liked *How To Be Good* by Nick Hornby, you might like the zany world of Christopher Moore. I zoomed through *A Dirty Job* about Charlie Fletcher, who discovers he is a death merchant responsible for transferring soul vessels. That plot summary gives a good sense of Moore's interests. Warning- Moore doesn't let concerns about losing the reader in gleeful idiocy get in the way of a *Badump bump* pun ~via the *LazyReader* on Louise Riley's Blog.

**Guinea PIG pet shop private eye, vol. 01 : hamster and cheese** written by Colleen Venable and illustrated by Stephanie Yue. What do you get when a pet shop owner labels hamsters as koalas, notices that his sandwich goes missing every-day before lunch, and the "G" falls off of the "Guinea PIG" sign? A "Guinea PI" (private investigator!) with lots of mysteries to solve! This is a fun read for grades 1-6, or anyone who likes seeing a good mystery solved in a petshop by a guinea pig and her hamster sidekick!



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### MONDAYS at your library...

**Computer Technology Coaching:** Drop in for one-on-one, volunteer help on using the Internet and Microsoft Office products. Mondays to Apr. 29, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. *No registration required*

### Other programs at your library...

**Don't Be Scammed** Learn what to watch for when giving your money to others. Discover how to support charities with confidence. Presented by Ron Reinhold, Rainbow Investigations.

Monday, Mar 25, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. *Registration required*

**Citizenship Preparation Class** Learn about Canada with the purpose of preparing yourself for the Citizenship Exam. In partnership with Immigrant Services Calgary.

Saturday, Apr 06, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. *Registration required*

**Community Eco-Enthusiasts** Our green future is now! Discover the many eco-initiatives that can change and inspire your community. Presented by Gerald Wheatley, Arusha Centre.

Monday, Apr 08, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. *Registration required*

**See you soon at the Louise Riley Library!**

**Please note our holiday hours:**

Closed March 29<sup>th</sup> for Good Friday





# Staying Active



*"A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step."*

*-Lao Tzu*

***Sometimes it's easier just to stay home during a long Calgary winter. What are the benefits of getting out and being active?***

Regular physical activity can improve your balance, reduce falls and injuries, and help to prevent heart disease, stroke, Type 2 diabetes, and other chronic illnesses. It can also improve your general sense of well-being and quality of life (Public Health Agency of Canada).

Physical activity can also be fun! Try to find activities that you enjoy. Consider joining a group activity or asking family, friends, or neighbours to be active with you so that you can socialize and keep each other motivated.

***Where can I find opportunities to stay active?***

Seniors' centres and some community centres have programs that involve physical activity. These may include yoga, aquacize, dancing, weight lifting, and many others. Some centres offer specialized programs for people with reduced mobility. Contact your local seniors' centre or community centre for more information.

Even a small amount of physical activity is better than none. Try taking the stairs instead of the elevator whenever you can, walking the dog a little longer than usual, or going for a walk in your community with friends or neighbours.



*Did you know...*

- Aquatic centres frequently offer programs such as Aquacise or Deep Water Workout. Exercising in the water provides a great workout and is easy on the joints. Phone 3-1-1 for more information.
- The University of Calgary runs a mall-walking program at North Hill Mall every Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Phone 403-284-3726 for more information.

Are you interested in talking with others about Calgary's aging population and what this may mean for your community?

**Join us for a Conversation Café  
on February 19th at 1:15pm  
at Sir Winston Churchill Pool.**



For more information or to RSVP  
please contact Diane Janota  
at 403-974-1519 or [diane.janota@calgary.ca](mailto:diane.janota@calgary.ca)

## UHCA CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

If you have a few hours a month to spare, please contact our volunteer coordinator at [volunteer@uhcacalgary.org](mailto:volunteer@uhcacalgary.org). We also still require volunteers for the following specific roles:

- ✓ **Assistant Soccer Coordinators:** Soccer Registration Coordinator and Soccer Program Coordinator. We are looking for one or more assistant soccer coordinators to help Kevin Berwick with registration and organization of the soccer programs for the 2013 season.
- ✓ **BBQ Coordinator** to organize the annual BBQ that is held at the end of June.
- ✓ **Website Designer** - for designing a new look and layout of our community website.
- ✓ **Website Developer** - using MYSQL, PHP and osCommerce to develop a database for memberships and soccer and for designing an online payment system.



# Stadium Dental Center

DR. JOHN K. SCHMIDT  
282-3380

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- ▶ Tooth Whitening
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- ▶ Crown and Bridges
- ▶ Dentures

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## Neighbour to Neighbour — 5 Tips for Dog Walking Etiquette

Responsible ownership is an important part of maintaining a happy, healthy dog and avoiding dog-related disputes with your neighbours. For more information check out the City of Calgary's [Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw](#).

Here are a few tips:

1. **Doggie Doo** - Always pick up after Fido. Be respectful of your neighbors property — Carry more than one bag and stuff paper towels in your pocket for a really messy cleanup.
2. **Urination**. While doggie doo can be picked without leaving much of a trace, dog urine can become more of an issue.
3. **Trespassing** Even though most homeowners are tolerable of the occasional stop-by, good dog walking manners still need to be practiced. Do not let your dog reach beyond a two feet perimeter from the road or sidewalk.
4. **Loud Noise**. Fido's bark is his form of communication, expressing happiness, fright, or anger. While you may be used to the loud barking, many in the neighborhood are not and may find it disruptive and annoying.
5. **Safety**. Always walk Fido on a leash, unless posted signs indicate otherwise. A retractable leash is great to give Fido more room to roam, but for proper dog walking manners, it must be kept short to avoid unsafe situations for yourself and for others, such as passing other dogs, people, and vehicles. Fido should always be within your eye sight.



*According to the Environment Protection Agency, the safest way to dispose of pet waste is to bag it and throw it in the trash. Dog waste is not fertilizer as it contains harmful bacteria, including E.coli. These bacteria pose health risks to you, your pet and your community. Source: facebook.com/BagsOnBoard*



# Stadium Shopping Centre | Area Redevelopment Plan

## Get Involved



### Stadium Shopping Centre Area Redevelopment Plan

The City of Calgary is preparing an area redevelopment plan (ARP) to guide future redevelopment of the Stadium Shopping Centre site.

The site is identified as a Neighbourhood Activity Centre and the landowner is interested in redeveloping at a higher intensity with a mix of land uses (including retail, office and residential), an improved public realm, and a greater focus on transit, walking and cycling.

### What is an area redevelopment plan?

ARPs direct the redevelopment, preservation or rehabilitation of previously developed land in established

communities by outlining the big picture of what the land can be used for and what improvements to existing infrastructure are needed to accommodate any change. The goal is to present the ARP to the Calgary Planning Commission in April, and then to City Council in June.

**How can I get involved?**  
[www.calgary.ca/stadium](http://www.calgary.ca/stadium)  
[stadium@calgary.ca](mailto:stadium@calgary.ca) or  
**403.268.2918**

#### Community Forum

Thurs. Feb. 28 17h – 20h30  
 University Elementary School  
 3035 Utah Dr. NW

#### Community Walkabout with Calgary's Chief Planner

Wed. March 13 17h – 20h30  
 Meet at Foothills Menonite Church  
 2115 Urbana Road NW

#### Public Design Workshop

Thurs. March 14 17h – 20h30  
 University Elementary School  
 3035 Utah Dr. NW



### Mobility



### Public Realm



### Land Use and Built Form



[calgary.ca](http://calgary.ca) | contact 311



Onward/ We will direct future growth in a way that fosters more compact and efficient use of land, creates complete communities, and allows for more mobility choices.



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