

Spruce Cliff Community Association

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Upcoming Activities

June 17th

Join In- In the park
Cedar Crescent 4-8 pm
Food trucks and more.

June 18th Neighbour Day

Spruce Up Spruce Cliff
608 Poplar Rd SW 9 – Noon

Summer - Pop ups

August 20th – Party in the Park

Engaged & informed communities are great places to live.

As you have moved about in Spruce Cliff this spring, I'm sure you have noticed and want to add your appreciative thanks to those who have contributed donations and volunteer efforts to beautify the community.



With the energy of volunteers, and a successful grant application from the Ward 6 office – we have some small but significant pieces to add to the community over the summer.

Once a week we are putting out a basketball at the sports court – to encourage participation of those who arrive at the site without a ball to toss at the hoops.

And to get us started on the often expressed community need for park furniture, we thank the Calgary Lawn Bowling Club for the donation of two park benches.



Your membership support of the community association is the foundation of the societies work. Please encourage your neighbours and friends living in Spruce Cliff to join and engage in building community. sprucecliff.org/membership online, or the form available on that site and in the pockets below the display case at the center parking lot.



GET INVOLVED & BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!

Spruce Cliff Community Association 2022 AGM was held in person on May 11.

Lois Sime, CA President, welcomed Councillor Richard Pootmans and residents to the meeting.

Councillor Pootmans addressed the meeting and answered questions. Main topics of interest were pedestrian safety, encampments in the community, crime and public safety including use of Calgary Transit, and bicycle access to downtown. There was also some discussion around current development projects in the community.

The President described the past year as one of increasing community participation, partly a result of a great deal of work to expand the social media presence of the CA online. Community engagement occurs most often on traffic and development issues, with some more aggressive land use proposals which will impact the community for many years to come. The Westbrook Local Area Plan is advancing and residents have been asked for feedback.

We were able to hold outdoor community events this year, as Covid restrictions decreased. In June and August, the food trucks, combined with some family activities, were successful fundraising events. In November and December, the Warm Up to Winter event, with the City and Parks Foundation Grant, allowed us to extend beautification projects at the community gateway and the adopted parking lot planters, to include lit trees which brightened the community gateway along Spruce Drive and the Centre parking lot until spring.

We held a Community Clean Up jointly with Wildwood, and a Neighbour Day Spruce Up Spruce Cliff event. Volunteers with clean up kits removed many bags of litter and weeds from parks, walkways and streets. The Public Art from *This is My Neighbourhood* project 4 years ago was installed, bringing interest and colour to the Centre.

Lois introduced and thanked the outgoing Board, and acknowledged the help we receive from partners Keith Macgill, the Neighbourhood Partner Coordinator at the City, the Ward 6 office and the Community Social Worker.

The President was re-elected, and a new Board consisting of four previous directors and three new nominees. We are looking forward to continuing growth of membership and community participation in the next year.

Community engagement makes a difference : we encourage you to join us in 311 service requests for things like graffiti cleanup, shopping cart pickup, and asking for assistance to address things like social disorder in our park spaces and trip hazards on uneven sidewalks. The adage See something – Say or do something applies not just to reporting crime. **Detail encampment response information is available on [Calgary.ca/encampments](https://calgary.ca/encampments)**

- **Emergency Services (911):** An event where an immediate response is required, such as a crime in progress and/or a life-threatening medical emergency.
- **Calgary Police Non-Emergency Line (403-266-1234):** An event when immediate response is not required, such as a suspicious person(s) or time has elapsed since an incident or accident has occurred.
- **City of Calgary services (311):** For City information, non-emergency and non-law enforcement related service requests.
- **Alpha House D.O.A.P. Team (403-998-7388):** If you see a person who is sleeping or appears intoxicated by drugs or alcohol in an area they should not be. This person should appear calm, peaceful, and not aggressive. **Alpha House Encampment Team (403-805-7388):** This team supports individuals that are “sleeping rough.” **Alpha House Needle Response Team (403-796-5334):** This mobile response team responds to calls from community members who require safe removal of needles/needle debris from public and private property.

We hope to see you out and about in the community over a safe and enjoyable summer. You can reach us through the web site sprucecliff.org or our email sprucecliffassoc@gmail.com.

We will continue to post updates on the web site and our Facebook and Twitter pages @sprucecliffCA.

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