

THE SCOOP

JUNE/ JULY 2021

SPRUCE CLIFF COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Report from the Board

We are amazed by the great things happening in Spruce Cliff.

Litter was dealt a blow with our first community clean-up where we partnered with the Wildwood community. Thank you to the efforts of our dedicated volunteers and all who participated to make the event a success.

In May, we held our annual general meeting and elected in our Board of Directors for 2020/21. We would like to thank Lois, Colleen, Kate, Carolyn, Leanne, Heidi and Emma for stepping up to lead our organization this year.

This spring we put a call out for adoptions of our planters, as a test pilot of a 'community garden' and we are happy to report that all were scooped up. Thanks to all who donated and signed up.

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- Welcome to the new 'look and feel' of the Spruce Cliff Community Association newsletter. This community-driven publication is meant to keep you up-to-date on all the happenings in our great little community.
- Celebrate Neighbour Day, June 19!
- We're moving to Ward 6!





NEIGHBOUR DAY

JUNE 19, 2021

Celebrate community spirit, kindness, and resilience. Find out how you can celebrate calgary.ca/neighbourday.

SPRUCE-UP SPRUCE CLIFF

JUNE 19, 2021

Help us celebrate Neighbour Day and join in on a community clean-up day. Pick-up litter around your home, and tidy things up in the back lane.

Pick-up a litter kit at Spruce Cliff Centre (3375 Spruce Drive S.W.) from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

JUNE 21, 2021

This is a day for all Canadians to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples.

Learn more canada.ca/national-indigenous-peoples-day

CANADA DAY

JULY 1, 2021

This year, more than ever, Canada Day presents an opportunity to show solidarity, understanding, and resilience. It invites Canadians to come together to reflect on our history and culture. Canada Day gives us space to hold a truthful, reconciling, and inclusive dialogue, strengthen the ties that unite us, and look toward our country's future with optimism while acknowledging the past.

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WE'VE JOINED SKIP THE DEPOT

What is SkipTheDepot? A door-to-door bottle collection service that makes refundable recycling and fundraising easier than 1,2,3

1. Download the app and book a pickup via. <https://app.skipthedepot.com/sprucecliff>
2. Select Spruce Cliff CA, to donate your refund to.
3. Place your bags outside

SkipTheDepot will allow everyone to donate directly to our organization with ease. Spread the word by sharing our SkipTheDepot posts on social media!

CONT. MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

There are a number of City projects that have been happening in the area including:

- Construction of the Main Streets at 37 Streets S.W. & 17 Avenue S.W., which is expected to continue through the summer months. To stay up-to-date visit [Calgary.ca/MainStreets](https://calgary.ca/MainStreets)
- The Westbrook Communities Local Area Plan continues to be on hold due to the pandemic but we anticipate it could start up again in the coming months. We will keep you informed as next steps are known.

We continue to see development applications submitted in our community. Residents are encouraged to submit comments directly to the city and cc us on their responses so we can consider these in our submission. Active applications can be found at [Calgary.ca/DMap](https://calgary.ca/DMap)

This October will bring a municipal election with opportunities for voters to question candidates on their positions on your key issues and ideas. This election Spruce Cliff will also be moving to Ward 6. Make sure you mark October 18 in your calendar and learn more at [Calgary.ca/elections](https://calgary.ca/elections)

It is with thanks to the Spruce Cliff residents and engaged community volunteers like you that we are able to operate. We continue to focus our efforts on making Spruce Cliff a great place to live, work and play. Thank you for being a part of it. We hope you have a restful and enjoyable summer. See you in the fall.

GET FARM FRESH FOOD AND SUPPORT LOCAL!

From The City of Calgary

Since 2017, The City has partnered with local farms, food growers and food distributors to operate pop-up farm stands at C-Train stations. This year, we have expanded the program to provide more Calgarians with fresh, healthy and local food. Farms stands started in Mat with some vendors moving indoors at select locations for the winter 2021/2022 season. In the Spruce Cliff area, YYC Growers will be set-up at the Westbrook c-train station on Thursday's from 4:00—6:30 p.m.

See the full schedule and learn more about the program at calgary.ca/localfood

THE SPRUCE CLIFF COMMUNITY CLEAN - UP REPORT

On May 29, 2021 we partnered with Wildwood to host our first spring clean up. We were happy to work and learn from Wildwood who have been hosting clean-ups for a VERY long time!

This event would not have been so successful without all of our wonderful volunteers. Leanne & Craig brought their amazing leadership and expertise; Ken, Tim, Phillip & Rob brought their pick-up trucks and strong backs; Carolyn, Colleen & Lois brought lots of wonderful treats and refreshments. In total we had 20 volunteers help contribute. Thank you for taking time on a beautiful Saturday morning to help us make this a successful event!

We filled three garbage trucks, an organics truck, a large metal recycling bin and another for electronic recycling. Due to the large volume of material between the two communities, not all of the materials made it into the trucks. We are looking to learn and improve to find efficiencies for our event next year. We are already working on logistics for next year. If you have any thoughts or would like to help out, please let us know at president@sprucecliff.org.

We hope you had fun and enjoyed meeting some of your neighbours. Thanks for taking part.

NEW DEVELOPMENT MAP FROM THE CITY

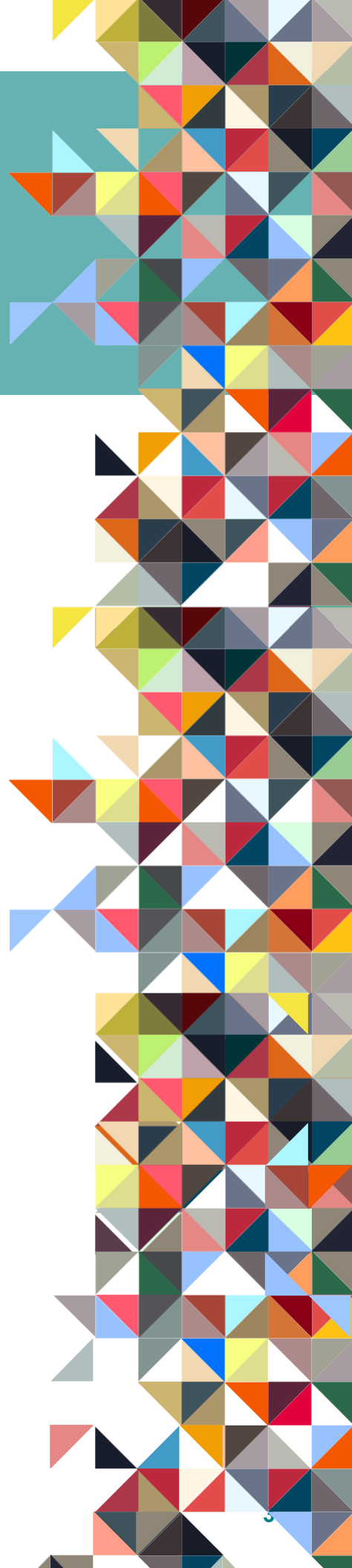
From The City of Calgary

The City of Calgary has made improvements to the Development Map. Recent improvements enable you to view plans/renderings and access information relating to utilities without the need for a pre-application meeting with a file manager.

Local business owners and neighbours will now be able to view plans and renderings for developments in their communities and make comments directly through the website.

Comments gathered from citizens help The City provide direction to applicants on their applications, which in turn creates better development outcomes in communities.

Stay informed about the developments in your neighbourhood and across The City by accessing the online Development Map at calgary.ca/development.



A HEALTHIER YARD AND WATERING WISELY GO HAND-IN-HAND

From The City of Calgary

During the summer, water use in Calgary communities can increase by 20 to 30 per cent. This is due in large part to our watering of gardens and grass. Increased demand for water places a strain on our rivers – the source of our drinking water – and water treatment plants. Being mindful of the water we use outdoors can reduce the impact of hot and dry weather on our yards and gardens.

Adopt these simple tips to ensure you're using water wisely:

- Watch your weather forecast and skip watering when it has rained or is forecast to rain.
- Avoid watering in the heat of the day (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.). The best time to water is early in the morning.
- Use the right watering tool for the job. A soaker hose, drip irrigation and a watering can, direct water where it is needed most – to the plant roots.
- Capture free rainwater in a rain barrel and use it on your trees, shrubs and flowers.
- Keep your lawn at least 3 inches high. Taller grass shades the soil, requiring less water and staying healthier.
- Add bark, wood chips or stones to reduce water evaporation from your soil.

Visit calgary.ca/waterguide for information on how to create a water efficient yard including Watering 101 for plants, shrubs and trees, lawn care and irrigation systems.

CALL FOR CONTENT!

Do you have fun photos, great stories about our community or some cool ideas that you want to see featured in 'The Scoop', then we want to hear from you! Send us an email at communications@sprucecliff.org

ADOPT-A-PLANTER. THANK YOU!



This year we have piloted a 'community garden' by adopting out the planters at the Spruce Cliff Centre. We had 6 available to adopt and we are happy to report that all have been adopted out and are looking beautiful!

Thank you to Bruce, Carolyn, Ginette, Stacy and Joanne for looking after a planter this summer.

BECOME A MEMBER!

Support your community and purchase a Spruce Cliff Community Association membership

Name: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Are you over the age of 18? YES or NO (circle one)

Do you consent to be added to the SCCA email distribution list? YES or NO (circle one)

Membership: _____ NEW MEMBER or RENEWAL (circle one)

Membership Type: _____ SINGLE / SENIOR (\$10) _____ FAMILY (\$30) _____ ASSOCIATE (\$30)

Return form with payment to 3375 Spruce Drive SW., Calgary, AB, T3C 3A3 (Cheque payable to Spruce Cliff Community Association) OR Sign-up online : sprucecliff.org/membership

The Spruce Cliff Community Association does not share or sell your private information.



STAY IN TOUCH!

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GET SOCIAL

Join us on social media to stay up –to-date with the latest information about community happenings, be part of our fun online community, and share the Spruce Cliff love!



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