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NEWS FROM THE SCARBORO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Sharon Nettleton: President, Scarboro Community Association

September is here and fall is in the air. Schools and students, neighbours, family and friends are reconnecting. We hope you all enjoyed the summer and found time for rest and relaxation, travel, adventures, special events, gatherings and especially time outdoors.

Road Safety - As we get back into routines often being 'on time' becomes the priority. Please remember that our shared responsibility is to keep **Our Neighbourhood & Roadways Safe**. All residents, children, pets, pedestrians, fellow motorists, scooterers and cyclists depend on this. Please drive slowly and respectfully through Scarboro. We've had a few close calls/near accidents this year. Our tree-lined & curved roadways require us all to be alert when driving or moving quickly on wheels. Model this, tell your friends, family, colleagues, others who enter into Scarboro.

West Elbow Local Area Planning – The West Elbow Local Area Planning process will begin this Fall. The SCA Board and a new SCA committee will play an important role in leading this work in Scarboro and working with the other WELAP communities. Read more in this newsletter. Plan to attend the Scarboro information meeting sponsored by the SCA on **Sept 20 at 7 PM at the Scarboro Community Hall**.

The New Royal Sunalta Playground – Work has begun beginning with decommissioning of the old playground equipment and preparation of the site for the new structure. Walk by and see the changes in Royal Sunalta Park. Stay tuned for the Grand Opening & Celebration. We look forward to the launch and celebrating this new asset to the park and the Scarboro/Sunalta/ city west neighbourhoods.

Art Camps – led by Vania at the Scarboro Community Hall were a big hit this summer. Thanks to all who participated. It is wonderful to see the creative works of these budding artists.

Welcome to Scarboro – Several homes have recently sold. We have been saying goodbye to those who have left and will be welcoming new neighbours to Scarboro soon! In the meantime, reach out to us. Let us know who you are and where you live. Think about joining some of our activities and programs.

Community Association Memberships – We encourage everyone in the neighbourhood to become a member of the Scarboro Community Association. You'll receive many benefits – one being timely notices of events, updates, important community info. Our membership rates are very reasonable and we'll walk you through the process. If you are new to the neighbourhood, have let your membership lapse or if you want more information, please contact us.

Ideas, Comments, Questions, Concerns – We want to hear from you. Let us know what we are doing well, what needs improving, what you'd like to see more or less of in the community.

Giving Back – if you have some spare time and want to help out in the community, let us know. See our Volunteer Corner too in this edition or reach out to us. Contact us at hello@scarborocommunity.com





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WEST ELBOW LOCAL AREA PLAN KICKS OFF IN SEPTEMBER

Brent Fraser: Chair, Scarborough Planning Committee

In September, the West Elbow Local Area Plan (WELAP) process will officially begin. It is being led by a city planning team that will work with the 16 communities in this LAP.

The objective of this planning effort is to develop a growth plan for the combined area of these 16-communities. It is similar to the past area redevelopment plans which the city developed with individual communities. The LAP is much larger in scope involving multiple (in our case 15 other) communities which makes this effort very complex. The result is intended to build on the strengths of individual communities and enhance the inter-connectivity and amenities of this 16-community area. It will provide guidance and direction on future development, investment and community improvement decisions.

The LAP initiative is driven by the city's need to prepare for and manage it's expected growth over the next 30 years. The goal is to have 50% of new growth placed in the city's developed areas. Historically, most growth has been in greenfield communities at the edge of the city. The WELAP will recommend where and how additional density should be placed across communities.

Concerns raised by residents involved in previous LAPs include the LAP engagement process and the possible impact LAP recommendations could have on their communities.

It is important for residents to become informed about the WELAP process and provide input at the city and community engagement sessions.

One feature of the LAP process includes the development of heritage guidelines for historic communities like Scarborough. The intent is to enhance the heritage characteristics of these communities which could result in restrictions on new development.

The Scarborough Community Association (SCA) board has been meeting over the summer in preparation for our involvement in the WELAP. The WELAP planning process is expected to last 18 to 24 months. The board will be holding a Scarborough Resident Townhall meeting on September 20th in the Scarborough Community Association Hall, starting at 7:00 pm. Residents are encouraged to attend and learn more about the WELAP. We want your feedback and input into how to get involved.

Please direct any questions/queries to:
planning@scarborocommunity.com



SCARBORO Fall Faire

OCTOBER 14, 11-2PM



ROYAL SUNALTA PARK PLAYGROUND

Sarah Duff, Playground Committee

Construction is underway at the new playground site in Royal Sunalta Park and the project is on schedule. Current stage is base and surface prep to ensure there is proper drainage support for the rubber surfacing and playground equipment. Some equipment items have already been delivered!

Week of July 24 - fencing, signage, and tree protection will be installed - COMPLETE

Week of July 31 - playground equipment removal at both sites and excavation of the larger footprint at lower site - COMPLETE

Week of August 21 - site work with drainage and base prep for new playground - IN PROGRESS

Week of August 28 - equipment delivery and start of equipment installation

Week of September 4 - rubber surfacing installation

September - safety inspections, removal of fencing and approval to use playground

Early October - opening ceremony and celebration

Content Submission Deadline:

September 20th

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ART CAMP MASTERPIECE, LED BY VANIA

A HERITAGE STORY

Author: Sharon Nettleton



Scarboro in the late 1920s // The Gilbert Sisters - Louise and Vera - & the Hymas/Detwiler Families

In 1928 Louise (nee Gilbert) and William Hymas moved off the farm they had homesteaded in 1914 near Rosebud Alberta and retired to Calgary and the developing suburb of Scarboro. Over the years their retirement home at 254 Scarboro Ave. would see many family (children, grandchildren, even great grandchildren) come into this house for short and long visits, overnight stays, and even for months and years while attending schools, training, and for work.

Adjusting to 'retirement' and 'city life' was difficult at first for Louise and William, remembers granddaughter, Marilyn (Hymas) Nettleton. The move to Calgary from the farm was likely made easier as Louise's youngest sister, Vera, and husband, Daniel Detwiler, had bought a Scarboro home a block away two years before. These Scarboro purchases were likely part of Daniel's connections and Louise and Vera's brothers' contacts, working in real estate/land & farm development in Calgary at the time. They certainly recognized how special this new Calgary suburb was in the late 20's – as it remains today. As Louise and William were contemplating their retirement, they would have visited the Detwiler's Scarboro home, coming into the city to purchase or sell farm items, food stuffs or household goods. Close to downtown, with schools and other amenities nearby, Louise and William likely did not know at the time, how important their Scarboro home would be to family and especially their grandchildren who would stay with them over the course of many years.

The marriage of their eldest son, Walter Hymas to Beryth Thompson in 1927 must have also formed a connection for Louise and William to Scarboro the year prior to their moving. With Louise's sister, Vera and husband Daniel, already living in their Scarboro Ave. home (#130) in 1926, next to where ScarboroUnited Church and the manse were to be built, the hosting of a wedding reception was extended to Walter and Beryth by Aunt Vera and Uncle 'Det'. The problem was that the church had not been built by March 1927. The Minister must have been very flexible (and the Hymas family had been strong United Church supporters in Rosebud). He agreed to marry the couple at the Detwiler home – very practical for those days - wedding and reception all in one place – and in this case a Scarboro home. Proximity to family, flexibility, and a neighbourhood of caring people were important characteristics of Scarboro's early residents back in the day. They remain important and part of our heritage today which continues to connect many families and over multiple generations.

With encouragement from Kate Morisset - From interviews with Marilyn (Hymas) Nettleton - daughter of Beryth and Walter Hymas & granddaughter of Louise and William Hymas; and assistance from Marilyn's daughter, Sharon Nettleton (who currently lives with her family in Scarboro).



Home of Louise and William Hymas
Purchased in 1928 / 254 Scarboro Ave



Wedding photo of Beryth Thompson & Walter Hymas, March 1927
Wedding & reception at the home of Vera & Daniel Detwiler
130 Scarboro Ave.



SUNALTA SCHOOL

Principal: Christine McCrory

Welcome back to all of our returning Sunalta school community and a warm and friendly welcome to our families new to Sunalta school. I hope everyone has had a rejuvenating summer with time outside and moments of laughter and fun. It is exciting to be preparing for the 2023-2024 school year and Sunalta parents and staff are working together to create some exciting opportunities for our students.

Please contact sunalta@cbe.ab.ca if you have any questions or comments.

JUNE AT SCARBORO UNITED CHURCH

Laura Maloney: Church Manager

Moving into the fall, we have lots to celebrate at Scarboro:

On the long weekend, we marched in the Calgary Pride Parade alongside the Affirming Network of Calgary. This followed on the heels of Affirming Connections' 5th annual City Wide Pride Interfaith Gathering, hosted this year by the Beth Tzedec Congregation.

After a long wait, we are thrilled to have screens going up in our Sanctuary to replace projectors that went kaput earlier this year. The artwork, graphics, and lyrics displayed here enrich our services and special events. Our kitchen renovation is also finishing up, and we are excited to share a bright and welcoming space to facilitate community activities, church celebrations, improved support for wedding and memorial receptions, and rental opportunities. If you are looking for space in an AHS approved commercial kitchen, give us a ring and see if we might be a good fit.

We are also finalizing our signage project, incorporating feedback from the community to create architecturally sympathetic, accessible and effective signage. We appreciate our position as a local landmark in this special neighbourhood, and take pride in balancing historic sensitivity with accessibility and a warm welcome.

Save the date! On Saturday, October 14, we are thrilled to host our annual Scarboro Faire. In addition to our always popular bake sale - featuring famous Scarboro Oatcakes - book sale, tea room, hot dogs, and previously loved accessories, we will also be including a selection of arts and crafts, including pottery by our own Mike McMordie. Plan to stop in between 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. This is always a fun event, and is a fantastic fundraiser for our church, helping us to support the work of the church in our community and beyond. Oatcake bees will be happening on the three Saturdays before the Faire, new "holy rollers" are always welcome - contact the office for more info!

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Is someone in your household wanting to connect with our community? Looking for some interesting projects? Do you know any students wanting to find volunteer projects/hours? We can always use extra help.



Landscape Committee

Got a green thumb? Come and join our team. We have lots of projects slated, including a community garden!

Heritage Committee

Interested in the history of our community and our Olmsted design? Want to know more about grants and tax relief if you designate your house? Please connect with our heritage team!

Membership Committee

Interested in helping neighbours connect to our community? Join our membership committee.

Website Support & Social Media

We have launched a new website and are looking for folks to help us manage it and connect us to social media.

Small groups or committees often meet once a month or as necessary by phone, internet or in person - and usually not in the summer. We have lots of flexibility as we all have busy lives. GET CONNECTED Contact Karin Gashus at: kgashus@yahoo.ca



Michael McCafferty - for organizing an amazing (second annual) Antique Car Show & Music in Triangle Park in August

The Heritage & Landscape Committees - (led by Karin Gashus & Glynn Wright) for completing the 'Scarboro Heritage Park Signs' project

The Landscape Committee & Many Extra Volunteers- for all the extra planting, watering, weeding & renovating of flower beds in Triangle and Eddy's parks and in the roundabout

Well done. Your contributions have been noticed and greatly appreciated.



SCARBORO HERITAGE PARK SIGN



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Thank you to everyone
who made it out to the
Antique Car Show
this summer



Save the date

Thursday September 7th – Coffee Klatsch Resumes

Invitations will be delivered / Contact Kate at 403-680-0592.

Friday September 8th @ 8PM (sunset) - Movie in the Park

Held at the Sunalta Community Park / 1627 – 10 th Ave. SW.

Ratatouille will be shown outdoors on a big screen. Bring a blanket, drinks & snacks. It is free for everyone!

Saturday September 9th - Garage Sales in Scarborough 8 AM – 2 PM

Contact Melanie Bryson at: melaniebryson@telus.net or text at

403-701-2446 if you'd like to host a sale in your yard on this day.

Wednesday September 20th – Scarborough Community Hall

7 PM - Open House Meeting & Discussion for Scarborough Residents about the West Elbow Local Area Planning Initiative. It's important to attend!

September/October - Cardio Klatsch

An exercise program for seniors at the Community Hall. Starting dates are under discussion.

Kid's Day

Stay tuned. Normally held in mid September in Royal Sunalta Park but we are 'pausing' while the new Playground is being built. **If you have ideas for engaging and celebrating with our kids this Fall contact us at: hello@scarborocommunity.com**

Thanks to the Scarborough Community Association (SCA) for helping out with the GlobalFest and the My Summer Journey camp for immigrant and refugee youth. The program had 20 youth join the camp this summer (ages 10-15). They had recently arrived from China, Hong Kong, India, the Philippines and Ukraine. The 10-day camp focussed on creating a sense of belonging, community, and finding voice. At the last minute, when showers posed a problem for the last day of camp, the SCA was able to open up its hall and help out with the closing day & celebrations.

With thanks from Ken Goosen, CEO, GlobalFest.

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Seeking Rental Accommodation in the community. We are current Scarborough residents and responsible tenants. Please contact Michael at svms673@gmail.com

COFFEE KLATSCH

Hello Scarborough Seniors! Kim and Harvey Bernbaum are hosting our next Koffee Klatsch September 7 from 10-12. Look out for invitations in your mailbox. Hope to see you there. If you have questions or want to join let Kate know by phone or text 4036800592.

CARDIO KLATCH

Returns October 23rd at 2:40pm at the Scarborough Community Hall!

For a great workout, join Erika and company.

Email doeringseiseoutlook.com for more details.

CALGARY 18TH SCOUT GROUP

The Calgary 18th Scout Group provides youth programming for ages 5-26. Through Scouting, youth develop a love of the outdoors, personal achievement goals, physical fitness, and lasting friendships. Registration for new members opens on September 1st. For more info email admin@calgary18th.com or register online at www.scouts.ca/join



BABYSITTERS/ NEIGHBOURHOOD JOBS AVAILABLE

Rowan Davis, is a grade seven boy who attends Mt Royal School. He has completed the Home Alone, Babysitter and First Aid certificates. Is an AMA patroller. Plays basketball, builds lego and makes fun forts! 12 years old and ready to babysit children who are 4 years and older. Call or text at (587) 580-8243.

Riley, in French Immersion Grade 12 at Western and a Ranger, is available for babysitting, beginner French tutoring, yard work and other neighbourhood jobs. Full CPR and First Aid. Text (403) 816-7824.

Carley, a Pathfinder in Grade 9, has her babysitting certification and is available for babysitting, yard work and other neighbourhood jobs. Also LOVES dogs and other pets. Text (403) 975-8001 to schedule a dog walking session.

Gabby, is a responsible student in Grade 9 at Mt Royal Junior High. She has her Red Cross Babysitters course certification, and is available for babysitting, on weekday evenings, and weekends. Text: (587) 664-3163

Calliah is a Grade 10 student, is experienced with dogs, has her Red Cross Babysitting certificate, and is available to walk your pup or babysit. She is available weekdays mid-afternoon to evenings, and all day on weekends. Text her at (587) 889-4485

NEW TO SCARBORO?

Want to know how Scarborough works? Want a membership? Directory? Thinking about joining dinner club? Drop us a line: hello@scarborocommunity.com

And if you want to join a bookclub, contact Denyse Fair at denysefair@gmail.com.

