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VCA Programs

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Please note: All programs are subject to change or cancellation.

DISCOUNTS, BOGOS, GIFTS!

VCA has found a way to improve the "SHOP LOCAL" experience in our community! We have partnered with Varsity businesses through our new Corporate Membership to provide: **DISCOUNTS, BOGOS or GIFTS** to add value for VCA Members.



Support local business, reduce travel, learn more about Varsity!

LOOK for the **VCA CORPORATE MEMBER** decal at participating businesses and show proof of VCA membership to access offers. Check out offers at www.vcacalgary.com

New Members include:
Fresh Blend Coffee and Sandwich Bar
Joyride Automotive
Wine Kitzy Varsity

Thanks to our Corporate Members for their support!

To become a VCA Member go to: www.vcacalgary.com

To become a Corporate Member email: programs@vcacalgary.com

Varsity Civic Affairs Committee

May 2022 Report

University Innovation Quarter (formerly University Research Park)

The site known as University Research Park was transferred from the Province of Alberta to the University of Calgary in 2020. It has since been renamed as University Innovation Quarter. The 76 acre site is located north of the U of C main campus with Crowchild Trail to the east, 37 Street to the west, 32 Avenue to the south, and 40 Avenue to the north. The University of Calgary Properties Group (UCPG) will be taking on the management and redevelopment of the site. U of C has entered into a 130-year head lease agreement with the University Innovation Quarter Trust to operate, manage, and develop UIQ lands to support an innovation ecosystem.

As the developer, UCPG will serve as Trustee for the UIQ Trust. There are currently 12 buildings with 1.24 million square feet of office or lab space. The university tends to establish an innovation and research cluster and believes these lands have significant capacity for growth, change, and densification. U of C states that UCPG will be reaching out to existing tenants and key stakeholders to understand the site conditions and determine how the site can be transformed into a dynamic and thriving hub to fuel the U of C's innovation agenda. The UCPG will be holding open houses to discuss the project over the next few months.

Proposed STEM School, SMART Technologies Building

An application has been made to redesignate the SMART Technologies Building at 3536 & 3636 Research Road NW to allow the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math) Innovation Academy, a public charter school, grades 10-12, to occupy 85,000 square feet of the existing building previously used for an office. The school anticipates an enrolment of approximately 1000 students with 55 full time equivalent staff. The application will go to Calgary Planning Commission in March.

Restrictive Covenants

Just a reminder to residents to check your land title before constructing fences, etc. There are restrictive covenants on many properties in Varsity restricting the type of fence that can be built. In general, solid fences

are not allowed along pathways behind or beside houses as they overshadow these public walkways and create icing. Chain link fencing allows sunlight to shine on these pathways and improves visibility and safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

New Committee Members Welcome

The Civic Affairs Committee meets as required to review applications for development permits and land use redesignations as well as other planning, transportation, and parks issues, however, most reviews are conducted by email. If you would be interested in joining the Civic Affairs Committee, please contact JoAnne Atkins, Director of Civic Affairs, at joanneatkins@shaw.ca or 403-247-5225.



To all the volunteers who made our Community Cleanup a huge success.

A special thank you to Bow Cycle for donating the canopy pop-up tents.

See you next year.



Councillor Report

Hello Ward 1! Summer is almost here. June is Calgary's highest risk month for flooding as the melting of snow and ice in the mountains accelerates. While the risk of severe flooding in any given year is low, it's a possibility that we must always prepare for. The City of Calgary is well equipped to respond to flooding, with preparation well underway and continuing work on further flood mitigation. You can find out more about flood risk and preparations at Calgary.ca/floodinfo.

The City of Calgary hosts a number of day camps for children with programs beginning July 4. Arts, sailing and outdoor rec camps are all available. Learn more at Calgary.ca/daycamps.

The City has new guidelines for patios on public property in 2022. This popular program began in response to COVID-19 but has become a great contributor to the vibrancy of Calgary streets. The new guidelines make accessibility and pedestrian safety a priority. Details are at Calgary.ca/patios.

Did you know that your property might contain a utility right-of-way? This is a zone on residential properties where utility providers can place their infrastructure, above or below ground. Utility providers are permitted to access this area without necessarily obtaining your permission. You can find out more about rights-of-way on your property at Calgary.ca/ROW.

Transit safety continues to be a high priority issue for our office. Councillor Sharp held meetings with Calgary Transit, City Administration, the Calgary Police Service and other agencies in May to continue to work on solutions to social disorder issues. We appreciate all of the feedback we have received from Ward 1 residents.

Sonya Sharp, Councillor, Ward 1

Varsity Child Care

School Age Child Care at Varsity Out of School:
We offer child care for children Gr. 1 to Gr. 5 attending Varsity Acres. The program is operated at the Varsity Community Centre. Our program is full of fun, games, various child friendly clubs, sewing, hockey and much, much more. We are an accredited and licensed program with the Alberta government.

We offer full day care on professional days, teacher convention and Spring break for children enrolled in the Out of School programs. We offer child care for children attending the A.M. Kindergarten program at the Varsity Acres School. **There is limited space available in all our programs.**

Information and Registration: www.vcacalgary.com
Contact: childinfo@vcaclagry.com 403-247-1145 ext 2

What We Are In Need of In Childcare...

- Bright Coloured Yarn
- Used cd's
- Greeting/Xmas/Gift cards
- Hot Wheels Cars
- Lego
- Magic Treehouse Books
- Seashells
- Metal jar lids

FOOD TRUCKS FRIDAY

June 10th
4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

The Nut Man
Bento Burrito
Krave Catering
Rocky Roadz



"Life is not a problem to be solved, but a reality to be experienced."

- Soren Kierkegaard

Varsity Open Stage Night (VOSN)

Live Music in Varsity!

7:00 pm, Friday June 10th, 2022

Varsity Community Centre

4303 Varsity Drive NW

Come out and enjoy live music/performances by local talent in an all-ages venue. Doors open at 6:15 p.m., food trucks will be in the VCA parking lot and open mic sign-up starts at 7:00 p.m. when the opening performer, Brian Volke, kicks things off. Following the open mic, our featured performers, Magnolia Buckskin, will close out the night. A full sound and lighting system, complimentary refreshments and free admittance. Call Gillian (604-349-2511) or email gm.donald@gmail.com for more details. Also see the event on the Varsity Open Stage Night Facebook group for photos and future dates.



Licensed Summer Day Camps

Varsity Out of School Care offers fabulous, full summer camps for ages 6-12 years for 8 weeks. Our days are full of arts/crafts; games, activities and amazing field trips. We go to many child friendly local attractions. Up to 4 field trips per week i.e. Calgary Zoo, Calaway Park, Wave Pool, Splash Parks and much much more. Reasonable weekly rates and professional transportation. Our qualified staff are trained in childcare, first aid and have obtained a police check. We are commuter friendly. Hope to see you soon.

Fees: \$310 per child weekly/member rate
\$335 per child weekly/non-member rate

Hours: 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Camp: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Before and after child care offered at no additional fee.

Registration Online: got to www.vccalgary.com and follow the links.

For more information call 403-247-1145 ext 2 or email childinfo@vccalgary.com



YES!

I want to be a supporter of my community and all the good it does!
Purchase online at:
<http://varsitycommunityassociation.ca>

Names: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Postal Code:** _____

E-mail: _____

Type of membership: Community (Household) - \$36.75
 Senior (55+) - \$10.50/senior

Payment: \$ _____ **Donation:** \$ _____

Please issue a tax receipt for my donation

* Memberships are valid from September to August of the following year. Please mail or drop off, along with your cheques made payable to:

Varsity Community Association,
4303 Varsity Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta, T3A 0Z7

In Our Community

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE...		July 2022			SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE...	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
Week One	4 Wacky Science Day @ Centre 	5 Valleyview Park 	6 Science Centre 	7 Calaway Park 	8 Library / Park 	
Week Two	11 Western Day Day @ Centre 	12 Bowness Park 	13 Zoo 	14 Movie @ Theatre 	15 Library / Park 	
Week Three	18 Pirate/Princess Day @ Centre 	19 Edworthy Park 	20 Calaway Park 	21 Wave Pool 	22 Library / Park 	
Week Four	25 Beach Party @ Centre 	26 Canmore Park 	27 Movie @ Theatre 	28 ZOO 	29 Library / Park 	

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE...		August 2022			SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE...	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
Week Five	1 Centre Closed	2 Centre Closed	3 Centre Closed	4 Centre Closed	5 Centre Closed	
Week Six	8 Star Wars @ Centre 	9 Bowness Park 	10 Science Centre 	11 Movie @ Theatre 	12 Library / Park 	
Week Seven	15 Jersey/Sports Day @ Centre 	16 Valleyview Park 	17 Calaway Park 	18 Heritage Park 	19 Library / Park 	
Week Eight	22 Disney @ Centre 	23 Edworthy Park 	24 ZOO 	25 Movie @ Theatre 	26 Year End BBQ @ Centre 	

Volunteer Opportunity

Cowboys Casino
421 - 12 Avenue SE

The Varsity Community Association is looking for volunteers to help with our upcoming casino on **Sunday June 12 & Monday, June 13, 2022.**

Sign up is online and you can choose your day and time slot. Or call the office and we'll sign you up. Ann 403-288-9001 ext 11 <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b44a5ad2fa5f58-cowboys1>

Alex Amsterdam Annual Scholarship and Gord Smith Memorial Scholarship

There is a total of 6 scholarships to be awarded

Deadline: July 15th, 2022

Information and how to apply visit www.vccalgary.com



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Weekly Farm Stand Returns June 8th

Wednesdays 2:00 -6:00 pm

Once again VCA will be hosting CalgaryEATS Food Action Plan.

Our Vendors, Walkers Own Produce and Fork in the Rowed will be providing farm fresh fruits, veggies and artisanal food products.



For up to date info got to: www.vccalgary.com



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Varsity Play Hub

The Varsity Community Association is pleased to bring a loose parts 'play hub' to the community, starting this summer! Be ready for creative, collaborative, unstructured, and physical outdoor play, as you get to know your neighbours through this FREE, drop-in initiative! Some of you may be familiar with Vivo's Play Hub or the City of Calgary's Adventure Playground events- this will be our very own version, specially designed for Varsity residents.

The first step is gathering play materials. We invite you to drop off any of the following donation items at the community centre (yellow garage beside the playground) on June 18 from 11:30am-12:30pm or 4:00pm-5:30pm:

- Milk crates
- Cardboard boxes
- Art supplies like chalk, paint/brushes, sharpies
- PVC pipes, tubing of all sizes
- Landscape edging
- Plywood sheets, other scrap wood
- 3 and 5 gallon buckets
- Pallets, planks (sanded and nail-free please!)
- Tarps
- Corks •
- Sturdy buckets
- Baskets
- Old slides
- Metal sinks
- Large picture frames
- Small buckets and containers
- Slides
- Stumps
- Spools
- Kitchen ware (muffin tins, wooden spoons, pots)

The Varsity Play Hub is a volunteer-run initiative, and we're putting the call out for residents to get involved! This is a great opportunity for parents interested in supporting a more playful community, or high school or university students looking for a fun way to get some employment experience. Volunteer training will be put on by Devon Karchut, who specializes in using outdoor play to promote healthy child development, and will take place on June 18 from 1pm-4pm. Please contact Doug Smith at gm@vccalgary.com to sign up!



Community Cleanup Shred Event

A certificate of destruction was issued on May 11, 2022. Here's a quick summary of the materials collected, from Pulp Shred: Paper: 2,825 pounds + Cardboard: 300 Pounds + Electronics: 1400 Pounds Varsity community residents saved over 27 new trees from getting cut and diverted over 5 Cubic Yards of Landfill Space + an additional 1400 pounds (or 0.7 Tons) of electronics from landfills.



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