

QUARRY PARK NEWS



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"Gifts of time and love are surely the basic ingredients of a truly merry Christmas."

Peg Bracken

We hope that this holiday season finds you happy, cozy and well. It seems that not too long ago we were taking down the Christmas tree and packing away the ornaments. Now Christmas has come around once again and reminds us of how quickly time flies. The holidays can be a challenging time as we rush from store to store to find the perfect gift, put up last minute decorations and try to live up to everyone's expectations. Our wish for you is that you will find time this Christmas to step back from all the busyness and reflect on the past year, on your hopes and dreams for the new one, and on the true meaning of Christmas. Christmas should be about spending time with loved ones near and far, about celebrating old family traditions or introducing new ones, about simply relaxing and rejoicing in the little things in life. However you celebrate this holiday season, and whatever the holidays mean to you, the gifts of time and love are the best ones you can ever give.



Home Owners' Winter Responsibilities

After weeks of mild, dry weather it was easy to forget about snow shoveling and winter road conditions. Now the white stuff has returned and we have to bring out the snow blowers again. The City of Calgary's bylaws specify snow removal as follows:

Property owners/occupants are responsible for removing snow and ice from city pathways and sidewalks in the front or to the side of their property, down to the bare surface, within 24 hours after the snow stops falling. Those adjacent to a sidewalk (for pedestrian use only) must remove all snow and ice. Those adjacent to a pathway (for multi-purpose use) must remove snow and ice for a minimum width of 1.5 meters from the side of the pathway closest to their property.

Snow removal on any sidewalks and pathways not adjacent to private properties is the responsibility of the City of Calgary. Please call 311 to report any snow removal issues.

For further information, or if you need help clearing your sidewalk, please visit www.calgary.ca/CSPS/ABS/Pages/Bylaws-by-topic/Snow-ice.aspx



QUARRY PARK AND AREA INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATES

South Crosstown Bus Rapid Transit Project – Update

If you are wondering about the missing bus shelters in Quarry Park, here is a brief update on the South Crosstown BRT project:

The City has finished the utility and concrete work for over half of the new BRT station platforms. Crews will start putting the new shelters on the completed platforms in the new year. When some of the BRT platforms were built, it was necessary to remove the existing transit shelters, and because crews will be out installing the new shelters starting in February, the City did not want to damage the new concrete by installing temporary shelters. All of the shelters at stations with finished concrete work are expected to be installed by early spring, and the remaining stations will undergo utility and concrete work in the spring to have shelters installed in time for the BRT network to open in late fall of 2018.



Green Line Enabling Works

IT'S ALWAYS

In December 2016, the Federal and Provincial Governments committed more than \$250 million to fund a series of Enabling Works for the new Green Line LRT. This includes projects such as utility relocation, land preparation, environmental remediation and transit improvements. Completing these projects in advance of the major Green Line construction will help manage project timelines and risks, and will allow the future Green Line construction to occur more efficiently.

In the Quarry Park area, the improvements to the Douglas Glen Park and Ride facility are part of the Green Line Enabling Works projects. The work includes utility upgrades and the construction of a new transit-only road between 114 Avenue SE and 27 Street SE. Douglas Glen will become a busy transit hub and Park and Ride location once the South Crosstown BRT line is constructed and the first stage of the Green Line LRT is completed. The work on the Douglas Glen Park and Ride facility will be ongoing until late 2018.



QUARRY PARK EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Remington YMCA in Quarry Park

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Sunday, December 17, marked the last day of the Fall registered programs at the Remington YMCA in Quarry Park. Between Monday, December 18, 2017 and Sunday, January 7, 2018 the holiday programs and drop-in schedules are in effect. Regular programming will resume on Monday, January 8, the first day of the Winter session.

Please check the holiday schedule and programming at **www.ymcacalgary.org/ remington-ymca-schedules/** before visiting the facility.

The YMCA also offers some special events over the holidays:

• 12 DAYS OF FITNESS

Members can bring a friend or family member for free between December 12 & December 24. Grab a workout buddy and stay healthy and warm this holiday season. Limited to one guest per day.

• NEED A LITTLE R&R OVER THE HOLIDAYS?

The YMCA offers winter day camps at all their Calgary locations. Kids can join for one day or for the whole winter break for an active fun-filled time with games, gym activities and recreational swim time. To register, visit member services or go to www.ymcacalgary.org.



ALSO IN QUARRY PARK...

The Market at Quarry Park

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The Market at the heart of our community is a perfect place to shop, dine, get rejuvenated with a relaxing massage or connect with friends over a latte on one of the outdoor patios. We would like to take a moment to thank the businesses that form this thriving hub of activity for another year of great service provided to their customers and clients. We also thank the residents and employees of Quarry Park for their continued support of these businesses.

The convenience of having almost 20 retailers and health/wellness providers within walking distance is hard to beat, and is one of the features that make Quarry Park such an attractive neighbourhood to live in. Being able to walk to the store or to your next doctor's appointment along the beautifully landscaped network of pathways rather than spending half an hour in traffic can make life a lot easier, and with ample parking and the European flair of the Market's appealing design grocery shopping can be a pleasure, not a pain. We wish all the vendors and service providers at The Market a Merry Christmas and a prosperous and happy New Year!



Community Safety – Protect Your Home

With Christmas fast approaching, many residents will be going away for the holidays to visit family and friends. Unfortunately, burglars are well aware of this and know that holidays mean empty houses, often with new and expensive gifts in the home. If you are going away this Christmas and do not have an alarm system, make it look like you are at home even when you are not by setting up automatic lights. Do not leave empty cartons in your yard or driveway to avoid advertising that you have a brand-new TV or laptop in the home, and only share your vacation photos on social media once you are back from your trip. We also found some great home security tips on the following website:

www.protectyourhome.com/home-security-tips





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A Little Bit of Christmas Trivia

Did you know that the tradition of kissing under the mistletoe is older than Christmas? 200 years before Christ, Druid priests considered mistletoe a sacred plant because it stayed green all year long. Ancient Celtics believed it had healing powers, and for the Romans it was a sign of peace and friendship. In Norse mythology, Frigga, the Norse goddess of love and wife of Odin, makes all living things promise not to harm her son Baldur after Baldur had a dream of his death. Sadly, Frigga overlooked the mistletoe plant, and Baldur was killed by an enemy with an arrow made of mistletoe. To ease her grief, Frigga declared mistletoe to be a sign of love so it could do no more harm, and declared that any two people passing under mistletoe would exchange a kiss in memory of Baldur.

Coming Soon

The previously announced section for the Land Owners' Association on our Quarry Park website at **www.quarrypark.ca** is making progress and we hope to launch it early in the new year. The section will include new and archived editions of the newsletter, announcements and various other information for Quarry Park land owners.



We hope that 2017 has been a good year for you and your family. All of us at Remington Development Corporation wish you a joyous holiday season and a happy, peaceful and prosperous New Year!

