

QUARRY PARK NEWS

QUARRY PARK NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2019

To appreciate the beauty of a snowflake, it is necessary to stand out in the cold. Aristotle

We hope you had a wonderful holiday season and a great start to the new year. This is the time when many of us reassess our busy lives, try to put our new year's resolutions into practice, or think about what we want to accomplish in the next few months. Whatever your goals for 2019 may be, we hope that you will find the perfect balance that will allow you to move forward in a meaningful way in all areas of your life. We will face some more challenging times here in Alberta, but a new year also means we have another chance to get it right. Happy 2019!

Home Owner Snow Removal Responsibilities

IT'S ALWAYS

We have been fortunate to experience a mild winter with little precipitation so far, which may have tempted some of us to put away the snow shovels and hope for an early Spring – but as we all know, it is not over yet. Since we haven't had to think much about snow shoveling for a while, here is a quick reminder of what property owners are required to do:

- Remove snow and ice down to the bare surface from sidewalks bordering your property within 24 hours of a snowfall ending.
- Remove a minimum width of 1.5 meters of snow and ice down to bare surface from a public pathway bordering your property, also within 24 hours of a snowfall ending.

Snow from your private driveway or walkway must be piled onto your own property (e.g. front lawn). Snow from a public pathway may be shoveled onto another public property, such as a road.

If you own motorized equipment such as a snow blower, the noise restrictions for using such equipment are lifted for 48 hours after a snowfall ends. This means property owners are allowed to operate a motorized snow clearing device at any time of day or night during that 48 hour window. Outside of that window, night use between 10:00 PM and 7:00 AM on weekdays or 9:00 AM on weekends is not permitted.

Residents who fail to comply with the snow-clearing rules will get billed by The City for clearing the sidewalk and/or pathway on their behalf. In addition to this service fee, The City also introduced a new non-compliance fine, although it says that under its education-first strategy the new penalty will not be enforced until the final months of 2019.

For further details please visit <u>www.calgary.ca/CSPS/ABS/Pages/Bylaws-by-topic/Snow-ice.aspx</u>.





QUARRY PARK & AREA INFRASTRUCTURE

Green Line Update

In preparation for the Green Line LRT, The City of Calgary is completing several Enabling Works construction projects along the future Green Line alignment to prepare for the construction of tracks and stations starting in 2020. One of these projects will affect 107 Avenue on the south-east corner of Quarry Park, where a water main has to be relocated. Water service will not be disrupted, but residents and commuters should expect an increase in heavy truck traffic and large equipment required for the work. Work is expected to begin on January 19, 2019 and will be ongoing for approximately 5 weeks. 107 Avenue SE will be closed just west of 27 Street SE, but business access will be maintained and motorists will be detoured around the area via 24 Street, 114 Avenue and 29 Street SE.

The first stage of construction for the Green Line will extend from 16 Avenue N (Crescent Heights) to 126 Avenue SE (Shepard) and is scheduled to begin in 2020, with an anticipated opening in 2026.

You can find further details on the Green Line LRT project at <u>www.calgary.ca/greenline/</u>.



Quarry Park History

In the mid-1950s Lafarge began using the area that is known as Quarry Park today as a gravel extraction and wash site. In 2005 Remington purchased the land and began development planning. These two aerial photos clearly show how much Quarry Park has changed in less than a decade and a half. The aerial on the left shows the gravel pit in 2005, whereas the photo on the right was taken in 2017. Over 18 billion litres of water had to be drained from the site and 3 million cubic metres of clean fill were brought in to re-grade the land so that it could be transformed into the beautiful neighbourhood we enjoy today.





QUARRY PARK EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Happenings at the Y

The YMCA's 2019 winter program started on January 7. Here are a few items of note:

CALGARY FLAMES GRADE 6 YMCA PROGRAM CONTINUES

Through the generous support of the Calgary Flames Foundation, every Grade 6 student in Calgary continues to receive a free YMCA Membership and active programming throughout their Grade 6 year.

www.ymcacalgary.org/programs-locations-and-membership/grade6/

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Remington YMCA is looking for volunteers for Sunday afternoons from approximately 1:45 pm to 3:15 pm to help monitor the gym while hanging out and play sports with kids and families that drop in during Family Open Gym time.

Volunteers are also needed to help with childminding for kids 6 weeks to 8 years old. The minimum commitment for childminding should be 1.5 hours per week.

Volunteers must be 14 years or older and will receive a complimentary general membership once they have completed the minimum requirements. Please apply at the Member Services Desk or online by filling out an <u>application form</u>.

• MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Did you know that a YMCA membership comes with a number of benefits in addition to access to YMCA locations? For example, it includes free child minding for up to 2 hours a day, 3 times per week, a free Fitness Essentials consultation with a certified fitness professional to help you get started on a fitness program, a free introductory climbing course at all locations with climbing walls, discounted drop-in admission rates for your guests any time and free access for a guest on the fifth of every month. You can also add one or more members of your household at a reduced rate under the +ONE membership.

For more details visit <u>www.ymcacalgary.org/membership-benefits/membership-pricing/</u>







IN AND AROUND QUARRY PARK...

Events In And Around Quarry Park

Monday, February 18, is Family Day, meant as an opportunity to spend quality time with your family. If you are looking for things to do, here are a few suggestions:

• EAU CLAIRE MARKET FAMILY FUN DAY

The Eau Claire Market is hosting a free family event with live entertainment, children's crafts, face painting, balloon animals, carnival games, petting zoo and much more.

Monday, February 18, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Eau Clair Market www.eauclairemarket.com

• FAMILY FISHTIVAL AT BOW HABITAT STATION

Kick off the Family Day weekend with free outdoor family fun and reduced admission to the Bow Habitat Discovery Centre for \$5 per person. Visit Investigation Stations to learn about Alberta's fish and wildlife, trek through the park on snowshoes, roast marshmallows, practice your casting and much more.

Saturday, February 16, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Bow Habitat Station www.bowhabitat.alberta.ca

FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL AT GRANARY ROAD

Join Granary Road for a memorable weekend with lots of fun family games with prizes, skating on the pond, tobogganing, wagon rides, farm animals, hot cider and marshmallow roasting.

Saturday, February 16 & Sunday, February 17, 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. at Granary Road www.granaryroad.com

For more ideas, visit <u>www.todocanada.ca/things-to-do-calgary-this-weekend/</u>

