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To promote and enhance a healthy, safe and productive environment for the residents of Fairview by providing access to programs, services and information, all while establishing a sense of community identity and belonging.

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by Michelle Stensrud, Roving Reporter and Avid Flavelle Fan

Did you make it to the wine and cheese night in June? It was a fabulous time! Andrew will cover the excellent evening itself, but I wanted to let the rest of Fairview know that during the evening, a friendly rivalry was struck up between Fairview's two biggest streets – Fleetwood Dr (boo!) and Flavelle Rd (yay!). It was decided that the trash talk would culminate in a baseball game towards the end of August to see which street has the better team!

If you live on Fleetwood or Flavelle and want to get in on the action, get in touch with your team captains, Leah and Dan (Fleetwood) or Wayne and Nicole (Flavelle). They'll get the team together (minimum of 10 players needed) and get everyone ready to rumble. We would love any and all Fairviewers to come out to cheer us on! The date hasn't been set yet but, keep your eyes on our socials for updates!



Beware the Creeping Bellflower!

by Michelle Stensrud, Roving Reporter and Lazy Gardener

Walking through Fairview, you get to see everyone's gardens. Some are magnificent, some are average, some have cactus surprises, and some are full of the dreaded creeping bellflower (CBF)!

Although a favourite of bees, butterflies, and lazy gardeners (I'm one of them), CBF is actually a highly invasive perennial weed. It comes back every year whether you want it or not. Although you may think it a beautiful bluey-purple bell-shaped flower, it is the bane of many gardeners' summers. If left unchecked, it can take over your entire garden! And beyond.

CBF is incredibly aggressive. Removal can be nearly impossible. The intricate root system means that even if you dig out part of the root, it is not enough. Even the tiniest bit will bring back more of the dreaded CBF. You can slow the spread of CBF by pulling the plant out as soon as you see the light green, rough-edged, heartshaped leaves sprouting up. Even if you see the tall flowering stem, yank it out before it seeds!

It's important to note that you should not put CBF into the green bin. The green bin eventually becomes compost, which makes its way to another garden, and CBF is incredibly persistent. Bag those little devils and put them in the black bin!

You can learn more about the creeping bellflower by heading to Calgary.ca and searching 'creeping bellflower.'



Neuschwanstein Castle is a grandiose, Romanesque-style castle built atop a mountain in the Bavarian Alps of Germany. With its dainty turrets and towers, it was an inspiration to Walt Disney. Disney's logo, theme parks, and two of its films (*Cinderella* and *Sleeping Beauty*) drew inspiration from this magnificent German palace!



Fairview Meet My Pet

by Michelle Stensrud, Roving Reporter



Today, while wearing my blue hat, I walked into Bowser's lair. No, I did not go there to save a princess from fireballs – instead, I was visiting Fairview's 16-year-old vegetableeating tortoise! Bowser is an African spurred tortoise, which is also called a sulcata tortoise.

Bowser has lived in Fairview with Jade and Sloane and their family for about seven years. He came from a family friend who had to move away to Kelowna. How hard could it be to take care of a tortoise?! Well, Bowser could live for 100 years, so it might not be hard, but it's definitely a long commitment!

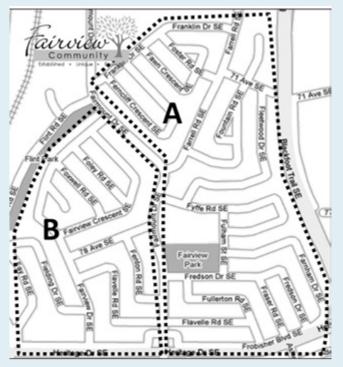
Bowser loves hot weather. In the summer, he lives outside in an area about the size of a driveway. He has a little doghouse to go into for naps, and there is a heat lamp in there if he is feeling a bit chilly. Once a month, Bowser is invited into the house for a shower, which he loves! On other days through the summer, Jade and Sloane will give him a spray with the hose and fill his little pool bucket. The winters are too cold for Bowser to live outside here in Calgary, and he is not litter trained like a cat, so he isn't welcome in the house. He has his own space in the garage which is actually warmer than the house. Lucky guy!

Bowser loves all vegetables, carrots, peas, and cucumbers. He especially loves strawberries and dandelions. Be careful if you ever visit Bowser – he mistook my big toe for a delicious snack and chomped right down on it!

If you have a pet and want to be featured in Fairview in Focus, email michelle.stensrud@fairviewcommuity.ca.



Fairview Youth Services Directory



Why Hire Fairview Youth?

Supporting local youth helps them develop a sense of responsibility, purpose, and connection to the community. Young people are energetic, flexible, and open-minded, and are looking to develop their skills and talents.

We're Looking for Young Fairview Lawn Mowing Entrepreneurs!

Are you interested in providing lawn mowing services in the upcoming months? Contact us at news@ fairviewcommunity.ca to be added to the directory! We are also always looking for young people in Fairview who are interested in providing babysitting or pet-sitting services year-round. A parent or guardian must sign off on your listing.

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Upcoming Community Events

Fairview Community Sparking Lot Paint Party with Summer Food Trucks Friday, August 11 at 4:00 pm Location: Old arena site pad

We'll be painting jersey barriers, tables, and the cement pad in our Sparking Lot gathering place. Come out and join the fun, enjoy dinner from the food trucks, and visit with your neighbours. For more information, contact beauty@fairviewcommunity. ca.

Fairview Family Festival and Film Night Coming Soon! Friday, September 8 Location: Flavelle Park

Mark your calendars for our most popular family social event of the year! There will be popcorn, a movie, and a concession. If you would like to be involved in the planning of the event, make a suggestion for a movie, or help out on event day, please email us at events@fairviewcommunity.ca or leave a message at 403-252-5424.

Fairview Community Association Board Meeting Tuesday, September 12 at 7:00 pm Location: TBA

Board meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month (with some exceptions). All members are welcome and encouraged to attend by contacting secretary@fairviewcommunity.ca.

Do you have an idea for a community event? Contact any board member or email events@ fairviewcommunity.ca.

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The Sparking Lot

by the FCA Beautification Committee

At our Annual General Meeting, we spoke to the

possibility of a gathering space on the asphalt pad beside the old arena site. It looks like all the stars are aligning and this is the official call out for brains who can help! Whether it's a design idea or help on paint day, we need you! Watch for an electronic signup notice for the August 11 weekend or contact beauty@fairviewcommunity.ca to get involved.

Painters and designers are needed for jersey barriers, tables, and the cement pad. We've enlisted some summer food trucks to come at 4:00 pm on August 11 to kickstart our Fairview's Sparking Lot Paint Party. This is a great opportunity to enjoy dinner from the food trucks and visit with your neighbours.

GAMES & PUZZLES Guess That Canadian City!

- 1. This city hosted Canada's first and only Summer Olympics in 1976.
- 2. Ginger beef was invented in this city in the 1970s.
- 3. Terry Fox began his "Marathon of Hope" in this city.
- 4. This city has the highest population and is the most visited in the country.
- 5. In the 1900s, illegal tunnels were built in this city to hide Chinese immigrants who were avoiding discrimination or who couldn't afford the head tax.
- 6. This town is dubbed the "polar bear capital of the world."



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Fairview Wine and Cheese Recap

by Andrew Gidden, Wine and Cheese Organizing Committee







After a couple of years

A highlight of the evening was the selection of delicious wines available for tasting by Rocky Mountain Wine, Spirits, and Beer. Guests were treated to a wide range of carefully curated wines, and of course, no wine and cheese event would be complete without a selection of delicious cheeses and mouthwatering food.

The event was emceed by

long-time Fairviewer and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Calgary and Area President/CEO, Ken Lima-Coelho. We are truly grateful for his sense of humour and his time and effort ensuring everything ran smoothly.

The wine survivor raffle was once again the fundraiser's most highly anticipated event, and it didn't fail to deliver! After five rounds, the lucky first, second, and third place winners walked away with a bounty of 32, 14, and eight bottles of wine respectively.

This year's silent auction featured an array of items generously donated by local businesses and community members. There was a lot of enthusiasm and some serious competition displayed during the bidding, which helped us meet our fundraising goals.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the dedicated volunteers who worked tirelessly to make the evening a great success. Their hard work and commitment ensured









that every aspect of the event was flawlessly executed. Additionally, we would like to express our appreciation to Divine Flooring for their hospitality in hosting us in their showroom. Their support and collaboration were invaluable.

Finally, we extend our thanks to all the attendees, donors, and sponsors who generously contributed to our fundraiser. Thanks to your support, we were able to raise funds to further the FCA's mission and make a positive impact in the community!

The 2023 Fairview Wine and Cheese Fundraiser was yet again a truly memorable event, filled with delicious food and wine, friendly competition, and a lot of laughs. We look forward to seeing everyone next year and the continued support of our awesome community!

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A message from the Federation of Calgary Communities

Protect your head! Any age – from toddlers to adults – should think twice before getting on a bike without a helmet. In fact, youth under 18 are legally required to! The helmet should fit nicely and cover the forehead. A helmet too loose won't do much protecting, so make sure it's nice and snug.

Ring, Ring! Having a bell lets those around you know you're coming and will help avoid any collisions on paths.

Stop! Being a cyclist means you must follow similar rules to driving a vehicle. Pay attention to posted signs, speed limits, and watch out for pedestrians. Knowing your route ahead of time can help you be aware of potential detours and hazards.

Increase Your Visibility! Use reflectors or lights, especially if you're riding your bike at nighttime or on the streets.

Be Diligent! You may have the right of way, but that doesn't mean those around you are paying attention to their surroundings. Always be cautious and diligent while riding a bike and stay in bike lanes where possible. Be sure to keep an eye out for vehicles coming in your direction and err on the side of caution!

For more resources, check out the Federation of Calgary Communities.

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Summer storms often bring hail which can damage property and cause injuries. Plan ahead by parking under shelter, securing items that might blow away, removing weak branches from trees, and clearing debris from your yard.

During a storm, it's best to stay in an enclosed building or hard-topped vehicle. Stay away from high ground, trees, telephone poles, picnic shelters, and open spaces, to avoid being hit by lightning.

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