

The Uplands

IN HAWKWOOD

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Message from the President - Paul Gagnon

Dear Uplands Community Members,

Long time Board member Alan Johnson passed away on August 19. Alan was always the voice of calm reason on our board and will be dearly missed. I met Alan at my first Uplands meeting when he mistook me for my father. After I forgave him for adding about 26 years to my life – (do I look THAT old?), we had a great laugh. Since that time, he would always speak in a thoughtful and well-intentioned manner, always placing the good of the community first.

Alan was always there for social events, often holding the pancake spatula at the stampede breakfasts and helping with other events. I had a chance to visit with Alan a couple of weeks before he left us. We chatted about the community, and what a wonderful and special place the Uplands is. Alan was a strong proponent for unity and carefully communicated compromise.

We will remember Alan fondly and thank him for his guidance.

*Paul Gagnon -
President*

In this newsletter you can expect:

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Fall Resident Meeting
November 12,
2024 at 7:30 pm



Blanket Rezoning - Paul Gagnon

Dear Uplands Community Members,

With the City of Calgary passing the Blanket Rezoning on May 14, 2024, many communities in Calgary have taken to placing restrictive covenants on their properties to block subdivision of their property. (Calgary residents fight blanket rezoning with 'restrictive covenants' | CTV News). I believe that the City did a great disservice to us, and did not listen to the concerns raised in the 4 weeks of public hearings on this issue.

I have been in touch with the lawyer representing Lake Bonavista about taking a similar approach in the Uplands. The process would involve engaging them (\$5,000 deposit) and then signing up willing homeowners to voluntarily place a restrictive covenant on their property. This would cost about \$500 per property.

The restrictive covenant would not be an iron clad guarantee against future subdivision, but it would probably keep developers away as the expense to remove the covenant would be considerable. The downside is that they are very hard to remove even by the homeowner.

We discussed this as a Board, and we are supportive of this process, but would like to get your feedback at the fall meeting on November 12, 2024. We will also be sending out a poll through e-mail for you to voice your opinion. If there is strong support, the Uplands would front the \$5,000 deposit, but each homeowner would need to pay for their own restrictive covenant.

Volunteer Spotlight



'Tis the season to start thinking about Christmas. We are always looking for volunteers to help put up and take down the Christmas Lights, further e-mails to follow. Many thanks to our regular volunteers. Ron and Charmaine Dobson have done a wonderful job organizing her light decorating volunteers. Please help out this year to light up our community.

FALL RESIDENT MEETING Nov. 12 7:30 pm



- Join us for our upcoming resident meeting. Meet the board members and your neighbors, review the budget with us.
- Date: November 12, 2024
- Time: 7:30 pm
- Location: Recreation Centre
- Light refreshments and snacks following the meeting

Facility Update - Arnold Hoffman

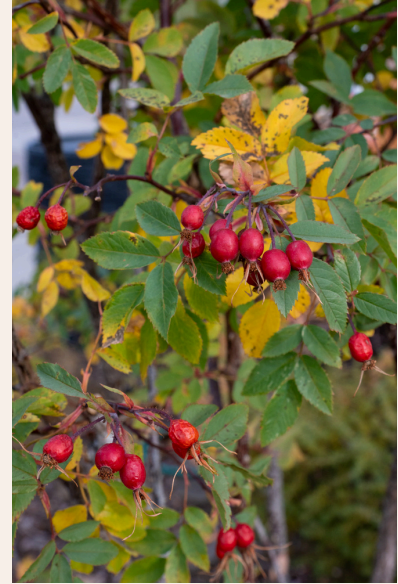


Many projects have been carried out at the Uplands facility since the Spring Newsletter. This work was required for the maintenance of the Facility while being conscious of costs. Our Facilities Manager solicits bids for major projects to obtain the best work at a competitive price given current market factors.

This summer the interior of the event room and entrance was painted to “brighten” up the space. This space not only caters to Uplands residents but attracts outside groups looking to rent space for private functions.

Maintaining the many administrative and operational components in the facility requires continuous attention – replacing the pool exit door to prevent rust and ice buildup during the winter; HVAC issues – control circuit leaks, filters, pumps; and after hours call outs on a faulty smoke detector; addressing hot tub and pool issues to maintain the health standards per the Calgary Health Authority; issues related to the summer water restrictions; and multiple valve, pump, probe, etc. maintenance.

Darlene stays abreast of running the UHA facility from her 24+ years of dedicated service to our community.



A Few Notes To Remember

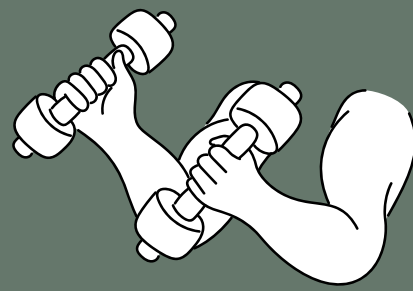
- **Our community is governed by specific guidelines designed to preserve the aesthetic and integrity of our neighborhood. Staying familiar with these bylaws ensures we all contribute to maintaining the beauty and harmony of Uplands.**
- **Any exterior renovations or construction, including roof replacement- please email your request for review and approval to uha@shaw.ca**
- **Check out the Architectural and Development Guidelines on our website:**
 - **www.uplandsrecreationcentre.com/bylaws.html**

The newly minted **Uplands Crime Watch** is up and running. We have enlisted about 15 households to participate in our community safety initiative, and would welcome more participation. If you have outdoor cameras, we would appreciate you joining our group.

The commitment level is low – only when events of concern happen in the Uplands, will the group then be contacted to check their cameras for any footage. Video footage is one of the best tools for identifying criminals and getaway vehicles, and undoubtedly would assist police should it get to that level. In the future, we will explore other ways to make Uplands safer, and welcome feedback and comments.

If you are interested in participating, please email us to enroll. Good communities are made when neighbors help each other, and your support in making Uplands safer is greatly appreciated.
email: **UplandsCrimeWatch@Gmail.com**

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Update on Uplands Fitness Programs

Our 2024 Fall session is currently underway. We have 7 classes running: 4 Cardio-based and 3 Mind-Body classes with 7 instructors.

Thank you to those who support these classes. Tell your friends and family so they can also enjoy these classes.

Our Uplands website: www.uplandsrecreationcenter.com has all the information on our current sessions. Try them out!

You can purchase 1 pass and test out the class.

Go to:

www.uplandsrecreationcenter.com/fitness-classes1.html

Cardio Classes

- Cardio Muscle Works – Mondays, 9:30-10:30 am (13 weeks: Sept 9 - Dec 16, excluding Oct 14 & Nov 11)
- Cardio Core & More – Wednesdays, 9:30-10:30 am (16 weeks: Sept 4 - Dec 18)
- Zumba Dance Workout – Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm (16 weeks: Sept 4 - Dec 18)
- Move & Lift – Fridays, 9:30-10:30 am (15 weeks: Sept 6 - Dec 13)

Mind-Body Classes

- Yoga Flow – Mondays, 7:00-8:00 pm (13 weeks: Sept 9 - Dec 16, excluding Oct 14 & Nov 11)
- Seniors' Mobility & Balance – Tuesdays, 1:30-2:30 pm (16 weeks: Sept 3 - Dec 17)
- Yoga for Strength & Mobility – Saturdays, 10:00-11:00 am (14 weeks: Sept 7 - Dec 14, excluding Oct 12)

LANDSCAPING



This year has been a challenge for landscaping. Our new contractor came on board late in the season which meant some delays in getting our projects on schedule. No sooner had we got underway with our landscaping efforts, the City of Calgary interrupted water supplies due to the Bears paw water main line breaks. The repairs were lengthy and water supplies was interrupted for lawns, trees, and flowers. Unlike Hawkwood Community, Uplands did not have monies available in its budget to truck water from other sources to maintain our flower pots which were not as vibrant as the flower pots on Hawkwood drive. This was also the issue for watering trees and lawns. Trucking water will need to be a consideration in upcoming budgets.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Social Committee

Needs volunteers or events will not be run

The Social committee is very much in need of members to join. There are only a few key social events every year:

- **a few potlucks**
- **Stampede Breakfast**
- **Kids Halloween party**
- **Holiday lights**
- **Santa Pancake Breakfast**

At this time we are hoping for volunteers to set up so that the community can enjoy the Pancake breakfast scheduled on Saturday, November 30, 2024.

Please email Elaine at: elaine@gencomsystems.com

Elaine will schedule you in the areas you would like to assist. Many helping hands make the task easier and enjoyable.



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WE HAVE A NEW LOOK!!

We are working on updating our Social presence. Please check out our **NEW** look on our website:
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[Uplands Website](#)



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