FALCONRIDGE/ CASTLERIDGE COMMUNITY NEWS





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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Celebrating Community Engagement

Dear Falconridge/Castleridge and Westwinds Community,



I speak frequently about the FCCA commitment to the board and to the community residents. I hope to see more positive changes in Castleridge, Falconridge and Westwinds community and surroundings. I want to take this opportunity to highlight some of the inspiring ways that FCCA created some "magic" for our neighbours.

Every year we hold our annual Night market, Stampede BBQ and Breakfast with Santa at our facility which brings in great community unity for our residents. Along with free horse wagon rides we have the hot air ballon from Remax. Burgers, henna, caricatures are some of the fun entertainment at the Stampede BBQ.

Have a look out for our two community signs. After many years of hurdles the board had to face, we have finally got approval from the city to build our own unique community sign.

As we start the springtime as a point of new creation, I am energized in thinking about how FCCA will continue to expand our impact to create positive change in the neighborhood and throughout the city quadrant. We are committed to the community, and I hope that you are committed to getting involved.

Dhruv Sharma

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FCCA PROGRAMS





We are now open with full capacities available!

Bartenders, set-up or cleanup, and corkage packages are available as well as podium, PA system and projector rentals. Hourly and day rates are also available.

We are updating our website where you can easily access our online venue bookings, rentals and can make a payment directly on the website. The current board is working hard to have this feature live in the next coming months.

FCCA HALL RENTAL

FCCA has 2 halls and a meeting room available to rent. Check out our web-site for pictures and pricing info.

FOR HALL RENTAL INFORMATION CALL FCCA
OFFICE MONDAY TO FRIDAY 9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM
CALL: 403-280-4422 EMAIL: FCCAINFO@TELUS.NET

SMALLER MEETING ROOMS ALSO AVAILABLE

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS OPERATING WITHIN FCCA

- 1955 Army Cadets Supports Society
- · Alcoholics Anonymous
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- Bab-Ui Hawij Islam Centre Of Calgary
- ESL- Centre For Newcomers
- Girl Guides (Brownies/Sparks)
- Global Mission Fellowship Chuch
- Impact Church
- Opendoor Fillipino Church Of Calgary
- RSS Radha Soami Society Church
- SIEC Sufi Islamic Education Centre
- · Zai Ul Islamic Society

For Contact information on these programs, call FCCA office:

403-280-4422









Seniors Corner FCCA 55+ Social Club (February/March 2024 Newsletter)

Hello Seniors

Feel free to drop in on a Monday from 1 pm to 3 pm

Check us out (closed stat holidays). Coffee pot is always on! Here's what we are up to these days:





We always welcome new faces & fresh ideas!! See you at the Club!!









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BE CLOSING THEIR
DOORS ON JULY 31,
2024, AFTER MANY
YEARS OF SERVING
THE NEEDS OF
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CONTRIBUTIONS.







FCCA COMMUNITY UPDATE



9:00 am to 2:00 pm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
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With your help, we collected 13,580 kg of garbage, 1198 kg of electronics and two truckloads of metals and appliances at our community cleanup. Thank you volunteers!



Our new fit park is installed and ready to use!



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IMPORTANT NOTICE

THE CITY OF CALGARYIS PROPOSING A LAND USE AMENNDMENT(LOC2023`03357) TO CHANGE THE WEST WINDS SUPERSTORE PARKING LOT FROM A COMMERCIAL SPACE TO RESIDENTIAL USE. THIS WILL BE A SIX STORY BUILDING WITH 428 UNITS. THIS IS AN UNPRECENDENTED CHANGE FOR THIS AREA DUE TO AIRPORT ZOINING PREVOIUSLY IN PLACE.

WHY PEOPLE ARE LIKING THIS IDEA?

CALGARY IS FACING A HOUSING SHORTAGE. THIS SPACE COULD HOME THOUSANDS OF CALGARIANS

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT BEFORE THIS IS BUILT

- PEOPLE ASSUME THIS IS AFFORDABLE HOUSING.. IT MAY OR MAY NOT BE AND
 THEN THE PEOPLE LIVING IN THE AREA STILL WOULD STILL NOT BE ABLE TO MOVE
 IN TO THE NEWLY BUILT SPACES
- THERE WILL BE AN IMPACT OF TRAFFIC AND OTHER RESOUCES IN THIS AREA IF 1000+ MOVE INTO THIS AREA. EXTRA INFASTRUCTURE WOULD BE NEEDED FOR ROAD DESIGN, SIDE WALKS, DAMAGES TO ROADS, TO HAVE THIS GROWTH. IN AN OLDER NEIGHBOURHOOD THAT ALREADY NEED EXTRA SUPPORT IN THESE AREAS.
- IF THESE UNITS ARE FAMILY FRIENDLY AND THEY HAVE SCHOOL AGED CHILDRENS, WHERE ARE THESE CHILDREN GOING TO GO? MOST OF THES SCHOOLS IN THE PROPOSED AREA ARE ALREADY AT OR CLOSE TO CAPACITY. EVEN IF A QUARTER OF THIS NEW BUILDING IS CHILDREN, THAT LEADS TO EVEN BIGGER CLASSES, KIDS GETTING BUSSED FURTHER AWAY
- WARD 5 IS ALREADY ONE OF THE MOST DENSELY POPULATED AREAS OF THE CITY.
 THE CITY AVERAGE IS 1.7/UNIT AND WARD 5 IS ALREADY SITTING AT 2.78/UNIT.

THIS PROJECT IS GOING TO BE BUILT ONE WAY OR ANOTHER. CALGARY IS FACING HUGE SHORTAGES. THIS ABOUT GETTING THE PROPER RESOUCES INTO AN AREA THAT IS ALREADY SO DENSLY POPULATED OR BULIDING THIS PROJECT IN AN AREA THAT CAN SUPPORT THE GROWTH OF THE COMMUNITY.

WITH REZONING NEEDING TO HAPPEN AND A PUBLIC HEARING STILL TO COME, THERE IS STILL PLENTY OF TIME TO MAKE YOUR THOUGHTS AND CONCERNS KNOWN,

PLEASE CONTACT ASIA WALKER, FILE MANAGER IMC AT 403-808-5973 OR EMAIL AT
ASIA.WALKER@CALGARY.CA

OR CONTACT WARD 5 COUNCILLOR, RAJ DHALIWAL FOR THOUGHTS AND CONCERNS ON THIS HOUSING PROJECT.









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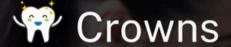
For individuals on the street needing assistance contact the 24/7 DOAP Team at 403-998-7388. To clean up needle and needle debris in Falconridge on public and private property contact the Needle Response Team at 403-796-5334. To seek assistance for individuals who are sleeping in camps outside in Falconridge contact the Encampment Team at 403-805-7388







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