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BRIDGELAND

Hi neighbours!

The Bridgeland BIA works closely with the City of Calgary to get information about new programs and initiatives that aim to help business owners. From online webinars and resource pages to information about new grants and programs - we will send a monthly newsletter that's packed with valuable information and resources.

[Click here to visit the Bridgeland Calgary website for a list of valuable resources and announcements!](#)

Bridgeland Riverside Area Improvements: Public Information Session March 18, 2023

To help create awareness of projects and construction planned for the [Bridgeland Riverside Area](#), we are working together and coordinating individual projects happening in the area to support Calgarians who live, work, visit, and travel in the Bridgeland area.

As part of our Bridgeland Project Coordination, we are hosting an information session to introduce and inform the Bridgeland Riverside community about the status of projects in the area. The value of being coordinated is to save the community from having multiple information sessions. The information session is an opportunity to raise awareness, discuss timelines and next steps, and address concerns around construction or discuss opportunities for impact mitigation.

Information Session Details:

Saturday, March 18 from 11:00 am – 3:30 pm. In the main gym space at the Riverside School (107 6a St NE, Calgary, AB T2E 0B7).

Please [click here](#) to register. To help ensure space and time for everyone, **registration for a 'free ticket' is encouraged** for this session but we also welcome drop-ins.

Projects confirmed to attend:

- Bridgeland Main Streets (Phases 1 & 2)
- Bridgeland-Riverside Multi-modal Pedestrian Bridge
- Bridgeland Active Modes Improvements Project
- Inglewood Sanitary Trunk (Phase 2)
- Bridgeland Place Affordable Housing Redevelopment



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Calgary Police Service - Annual Stats & Reporting

The Calgary Police Service (CPS) has provided the BIA with a monthly breakdown of crimes that were reported in 2021 and 2022.

The BIA communicates with the CPS regarding public safety and social issues to address safety and security concerns and identify solutions. Widely adopted as an effective way to reduce crime and improve the quality of life, CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) recognizes that our environment directly affects our behaviour, because we constantly respond to what is around us.

2021 & 2022 Monthly Breakdown

Category	CommunityName	2021												2022											
		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
BRIDGELAND/RIVERSIDE	Assault (Non-domestic)	4	1	5	1	3	2	4	3	3	5	3	3	3	3	2	3	1		5	6	4	2	3	
BRIDGELAND/RIVERSIDE	Commercial Robbery	1						1	1				1			2	1	2		1				1	
BRIDGELAND/RIVERSIDE	Street Robbery	1		1		1								1		1				1				2	
BRIDGELAND/RIVERSIDE	Violence 'Other' (Non-domestic)	1	1	1		2	3		2	1	1	3	2				2	1			4	1	2		
BRIDGELAND/RIVERSIDE	Break & Enter - Dwelling	1			1		1	1					1		1	3	1			6	2	3	1	4	1
BRIDGELAND/RIVERSIDE	Break & Enter - Commercial	1	2	5	10	5	2	5	8	6	7	4	5	7	11	15	13	12	7	4	9	4	8		
BRIDGELAND/RIVERSIDE	Break & Enter - Other Premises	2	1	2	2	1	3	3		5	2	1	1		1		2	2	4	3	3	3	2		
BRIDGELAND/RIVERSIDE	Theft OF Vehicle	2		5	3	2	1	4	5	1		1	5	3	2	1	1	7	1	2	4	4	6		
BRIDGELAND/RIVERSIDE	Theft FROM Vehicle	3	6	9	12	5	3	5	8	6	11	6	6	5	3	6	15	14	9	7	10	4	4		
BRIDGELAND/RIVERSIDE	Social Disorder	86	71	108	93	112	99	125	105	96	102	88	80	92	76	106	103	113	113	125	139	123	118		
BRIDGELAND/RIVERSIDE	Physical Disorder	2	5	15	4	7	7	13	9	4	4	7	8	9	10	4	7	16	5	5	7	6	3		

Click [here](#) to review the CPS Statistical Report Page

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) uses strategies that work together to create safer communities. It complements crime prevention strategies such as locks and bars, police and security personnel.

Here are a few examples:

- A well maintained home, building or community park creates a sense of guardianship and that helps deter criminals.
- Community activity is important. Criminal acts can be discouraged in public spaces when we encourage activities in those spaces by residents, visitors and other legitimate users.
- Natural access control guides help people enter and have a space through the placement of entrances, exits, fences, landscaping and lighting. It can decrease opportunities for criminal activity by denying criminals access to potential targets and creating a perception of risk for would-be offenders.

Click [here](#) to for more information about CPTED.

Business License Reinstated - March 17th

In March 2021 business license fees were waived for a period of two years as a way to alleviate stresses on businesses as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. On March 17, 2023, Business License Fees are going to be reinstated. The following fees will be reinstated:

- Business license fee (new: \$172, renewal: \$131);
- Fire inspection fee (new & renewal, from \$63 - \$208);
- Planning fee (\$41); and
- Calgary Police Service (\$65)

at <https://apply.calgary.ca/>, or renew in person at the Planning Services Centre, 3rd floor, Municipal Building, 600 Macleod Trail SE. For more information or help with your business licence, please visit <http://www.calgary.ca/livechat> or call (403) 268-5311.


Alpha House Workshop: Engaging Vulnerable Persons

The **Engaging Vulnerable Persons Workshop** looks at common myths and misconceptions of social issues, offers information and discussion related to homelessness and addiction, and provides education on achieving positive interactions to make our communities safer for all.

Alpha House offers this 60-90 minute workshop free of charge to businesses and community groups. Please inquire further at info@alphahousecalgary.com.

Resources

Alpha House has a number of community resources available to the public to support all community members and ensure our vulnerable neighbours towards services. You can find these resources on our Who to Call cards.



DOAP Team? Or 911?

- UNDERSTANDING WHEN AND WHO TO CALL -

<p>Please call the DOAP Team when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A non-emergent concern regarding intoxicated, unhoused individuals arises • An unhoused individual requires a ride to a safe place to sleep • A vulnerable individual who is intoxicated, but not in distress, may need assistance • An individual or group are consuming alcohol or substances in public spaces 	<p>Please call 911 when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An individual is in medical distress, is in an unresponsive state (not just sleeping), has blue lips, or is experiencing a suspected overdose • A significant physical injury has occurred and requires medical attention • A crime or act of violence has happened or is currently in progress • A weapon or threat of weapon is present
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Alpha House's DOAP team and Calgary's Emergency Services work together to ensure the most appropriate service response to individuals in need. Alpha House's DOAP team is a non-emergent response to social issues and is not able to respond in situations related to violence or crime. When in doubt, call 911 and they can dispatch DOAP where appropriate.

(403) 998-7388

24/7 mobile, non-emergency assistance for vulnerable individuals under the influence of alcohol or other substances

Needle Response Team

(403) 796-5334

mobile response unit for safe clean up and disposal of needle debris on public or private properties



Encampment Team

(403) 805-7388

mobile assistance for individuals living in encampments or "rough-sleeping"

Calgary Police / EMS

911

for all emergency situations including involvement of weapons, violence & medical emergencies



WHO CAN I CALL?



BRIDGELAND RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

APRIL 29, 2023
9:00 AM - 1:30 PM

BRCA Community Clean Up is April 29, 2023.

This is an annual event that has a lot of participation by Bridgeland-Riverside residents. Last year almost 100 people come out to help pick up litter around the community. And 1000's of kg's of waste, recycling and reusable goods were collected and disposed of accordingly.

Our community was clean and looking great after last year's Clean Up! The pride we have in our community was evident! And neighbours reconnected with friends!

We would love to have local businesses involved. How you your business and staff can get involved.

- Staff members to come out and volunteer in groups with the litter pick up.
- Staff members can volunteer in groups at the recycling station (traffic control and unloading vehicles).
- There are also some sponsorship opportunities for businesses.

We welcome all Bridgeland-Riverside businesses to come out and participate in our Community Clean Up day! If you're interested in getting involved email Sarah at membership@brcacalgary.org

For more information go to www.brcacalgary.org



Refresh to the Bridgeland BIA Social Media Campaign

You may have noticed that we have changed up our approach to social media, and we would love your support! We are looking to work on more original content that give equal representation for all of the incredible businesses in the Bridgeland-Riverside communities.

Shop Profiles: We are also looking to start working on "shop profiles" to help increase the exposure of the variety of businesses in the area. Not only would these shop profiles have longevity on our website, but we would also look to pull from this content to embed in our social media content. If you are interested in being featured in a shop profile, please reach out to inbridgeland@gmail.com and we will send you your submission package to be completed.

Contests: We are looking to start hosting some fun and interactive contests this year! If this is something your business would like to support, please reach out

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