

KINGSLAND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (KCA)
ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND BENEFITS
July 2016 to June 2017

Community Membership - by buying a membership you are doing your part to build and support the community. The more memberships the stronger voice the Board and Community have when dealing with City of Calgary and developers in the community.

KCA memberships expire May 31. The community association provides **numerous avenues** whereby residents can renew or purchase their memberships:

- 1) **On-line membership purchases and renewals**; go to the website www.kingslandcommunity.ca
- 2) **A membership form is provided in the monthly newsletter**; simply fill-in, enclose your money or cheque and send to the address at the hall or better still drop off the package in the mail box located by the front door.
- 3) **Contact the Community Association**; if you are not able to use any of the two avenues above, phone the Community Association and the Office Manager will put you in contact with the Membership Director who will come by to your residence or make appropriate arrangements that work for you to finalize your application.

KCA board hosts' an annual "Volunteer Appreciation Night" to recognize adult volunteers for their valuable time keeping the community safe and appealing. Adult volunteerism comes in many different forms: community association sponsored events, working and planning with developers, communicating with City of Calgary, rink maintenance and other functions hosted by the KCA Community Association.

KCA offers a "Community Youth Volunteer Award", it is a monetary award which youth volunteers can use to further their educational pursuits. Youth who volunteer now, will hopefully be our voices in the future. We have seen an increase in youth volunteers. Way to Go!

KCA was honored with "Clarke Place" an "Affordable Housing Development"; it is dedicated to Ann Clarke, our former KCA President. Take a walk and check out the plaque in her recognition. She has been a community pillar; who had served on the Kingsland Community Association Board for over 30 years. I challenge anyone to beat her record!!

KCA Social Committee plans, organizes and has offered **FREE** events such as: Winter Festival, Easter Egg Hunt, Spring Festival, Movie in the Park, Seniors Dinner, October Festival and Cookie Exchange, check the monthly newsletter and the website for current events.

KCA has a website www.kingslandcommunity.ca which has valuable information about community board contacts, upcoming events, hall rentals, calls for volunteer requirements and a host other information that are significant to the community.

Kingsland Preschool is a major attraction for new home buyers with children. Having a preschool at their "doorstep" is a huge benefit. It is one less thing having to worry about which makes their life less complicated. The demographics in Kingsland continue to change with young families moving into the community.

KCA Casino Director organizes volunteers to work at the casino, the funds raised are critical for the operation of the Community. The money generated from the casino is major source of revenue, and it to sustain the association for 18 months. If you can help for the next casino; ***please pick up your hand, us know and volunteer.***

KCA has a "Partner Sharing Program" with Trico. The more Trico "passes" Kingsland residents purchase the more money is allocated back to the community each month and dispersed quarterly to the community. The

“pass” renews each month; from each pass (\$1) dollar or (\$2) two depending the membership type is money for the community association.

KCA holds an annual community clean-up day; in partnership with the City of Calgary - to get rid of your garbage for **FREE**. This is a cost saving for each community resident which can amount to anywhere from a range of (\$40-\$100) depending on how many visits you make to the dump site. We also have community volunteers that drive down the back alleys to clean-up junk as well as accommodate residents who had pre-arranged pickups.

The Playground Committee, KCA residents, volunteers and other organizations teamed up to complete Loomis Park upgrade in September 2016. The park is well attended and feedback from residents is positive just to name a few comments, “this is so great for the kids, they love it” and “it give them so much to do at the park now”. These are testimonials to confirm that the residents do appreciate the efforts the community association puts’ forth on behalf of its residents.

The Planning Committee monitors most of the development within the Community. The Planning meets monthly and plays a very significant role to monitor our community and its future developments. It checks and reviews all the permits and by-law changes that developers submit to the City for approval. This is very important to maintain the integrity of our community so there are no major surprises to residents.

“Kingsland Community Plan” continues to be a living document which is reviewed and updated, which describes the present state of our community and where we want to be in the future.

KCA members can rent the hall at a discount.

KCA volunteers clear the path around the dry pond in the winter for your safety and convenience.

KCA offers two skating rinks for family and friends enjoyment. The rink has been maintained by volunteers for two years now.

Problem/Scenario: Fresh snow has just fallen are you bored, tired, need some motivation, exercise, fresh air or while having coffee, have every asked yourself, “What am I going to do today?”

Solution: Chances are that help is needed at the community centre. Phone the community association for a contact and you can quickly find a way to become engaged and help in your community!

KCA has a workout equipment circuit at the back of the hall for residents to use to burn off some extra calories that need shedding.

KCA features an off leash dog run behind the hall on the west side of the dry pond near the railway tracks.

KCA residents can enjoy several mini libraries that are located in our community. Take a book but remember to bring a book or return the book that you had read back to the library.

Membership Director
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