

News & Events from around Calgary

Heebee-jeebees Live at the Vertigo

On June 3, 2010 the Heebee-jeebees will be performing at the Vertigo Theatre to help raise money for the Federation of Calgary Communities, an organization that works to support Calgary's community associations.

Tickets are going fast!

We encourage you to purchase your tickets today. Together we can improve neighbourhood life in Calgary. Monies raised through the event will support the Federation's work with more than 200 not-for-profit organizations that support more than 20,000 volunteers in Calgary.

Tickets for this event are \$25 and can be purchased online at www.calgarycommunities.com, or by calling the Federation's office at 403 244 4111.

Does your community association want a free Shuffleboard???

Free Full Size Shuffle Board Table! Needs to be picked up ASAP!

Interested party can call Glenda and she will pass your information on to donor.

Glenda 403-295-8836 Ext #101

Calgary Interfaith Food Bank

Want to engage your community with a great cause?

Last year 124,713 Calgarians came to the Calgary Food Bank – this represents a 40% increase on the year before and so far this year, client demand has increased by 15%. The Calgary Food Bank is neither a government nor a United Way agency and as such is solely supported through donations of food and funds.

There are a variety of ways that your community can get involved with the Food Bank to support those in need. An excellent option for groups is to run a Community Food Drive. The Food Bank supplies groups with food drive bags and a flyer template to put into the mailboxes of the houses in the neighbourhood of their choice. Further, maps of the communities are provided and are broken into sections of approximately 150 houses so that they can be easily handled by two volunteers in an hour. Finally, the Food Bank sends a volunteer driver with a truck to pick up the food donations that are collected.

In an effort to increase the frequency of Community Food Drives, and to ensure that all Calgary communities are being covered, a volunteer, Marilyn Jones, will begin calling Calgary Community Associations on May 18, 2010 in hopes of getting in touch with community groups that may be interested in running a Food Drive.

For more information please contact Kelly Ferrier at (403) 319-0833 or by email at kferrier@calgaryfoodbank.com.

The ISCC and the ECCC want to know what your opinion...

The Immigrant Sector Council of Calgary (ISCC) and the Ethno-Cultural Council of Calgary (ECCC) are interested in learning whether or not you and your community members vote in The City of Calgary elections, and why. Please distribute widely, and take 5 min. to complete this survey if you are an immigrant to Canada and are 18 years of age or older:

www.surveymonkey.com/s/everyvotecounts

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Party planning: Stampede-style

Did you know you can host a Calgary Stampede-themed event in your community any time of year with the help of over 500 Stampede volunteers? Well you can – simply by visiting the Calgary Stampede website and going to the community events booking page. (www.calgarystampede.com – click on in the community, then click on community event bookings)

Pancake breakfasts, Stampede Royalty, Harry the Horse, square dancers and many more iconic Stampede characters and traditions are available to give public events an authentic western feel.

The Stampede Queen and Princesses alone attend over 350 events throughout the year of their reign, Harry the Horse makes close to 500 appearances a year and the pancake breakfast crew feed around 130,000 people at 40 events year-round.

“Our Royalty are terrific ambassadors for the western hospitality and spirit of the Stampede. They love getting out and meeting people and people love meeting them,” says Jody Moore, Calgary Stampede Royalty committee chair.

The Calgary Stampede is a volunteer-supported, not-for-profit community organization that preserves and promotes western heritage and values. The Stampede contributes to the quality of life in Calgary and southern Alberta through its world-renowned 10-day Stampede, year-round facilities, western events and several youth and agriculture programs. All revenue is reinvested into Calgary Stampede programs and facilities.

Win an I Pod and much more by taking the FCSS Neighbourhood Survey!

The City of Calgary and the Federation of Calgary Communities are interested in learning about how you and your community members feel about living in your neighbourhood. We would like to ask you a few simple questions. This survey will be done annually and we will report the findings through your community newsletter.

This survey is being conducted on-line using Survey Monkey to collect data regarding how you feel about your neighborhood and the quality of life it provides. The results you provide us with will be compiled and statistically analyzed and shared with communities and the City.

Please give the survey questions your close and honest attention so that we can assess social cohesion statistics within neighborhoods.

We are offering a draw for prizes (an I-Pod, family passes to city centers) to those who complete the questionnaire and then provide a name and email address. All entries providing this information will be eligible for random draws for these prizes.

Please know that we value your feedback and thank you in advance for your completion of the survey in its entirety. It should only take about 5 to 10 minutes.

Please ensure that you complete the survey by Wednesday, June 30, 2010.
Access the Survey on calgarycommunities.com on the community pages.

20th annual Historic Calgary Week sponsored by the Chinook Country Historical Society

Plan to attend from Friday, July 23rd to Monday, August 2nd, 2010. The detailed brochure will be posted by June at www.chinookcountry.org

