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May 2013



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TIGHTENED HOUSING SUPPLY CURBS SALES VOLUME

First quarter sales improve in condominium market, while declining in single family sector

Calgary, April 2, 2013—The inventory of active homes for sale in Calgary are the lowest March levels in more than five years. The decline in new listings hampered resale sales growth, which declined by more than two per cent in March compared to March 2012.

New listings in March are five per cent lower than levels recorded in 2012, and five per cent lower after the first quarter. The overall active listings stand at just 4,006 units, up from February's levels but well below the number available one year ago.

"Less resale product available to consumers is ultimately limiting sales growth," said CREB® President Becky Walters. "In addition, resale homes are selling in less time and with continued upward pressure on prices."

Walters said buyers have grown accustomed to a market when they have more time to make decisions because there was ample supply. But, as market conditions have tightened, if they are serious about purchasing a resale home, they can no longer significantly delay that decision, she said.

"While market conditions are a far cry from activity witnessed throughout the frenzy in 2006 and 2007, there has been a noticeable change over what became the norm over the past few years," Walters said.

Single-family, year-over-year sales growth declined by six per cent in March, a reflection of declining supply. Active inventory totaled 2,713 units, 22 per cent lower than levels recorded in 2012, and the lowest March inventory level recorded since 2007. The market balance continues to trend into seller's territory in this segment causing a year-over-year price increase of nearly nine per cent, for a total of \$446,500 in March 2013.

"Tighter rental conditions and continued employment growth has supported housing demand growth," said Ann-Marie Laurie, CREB's chief economist. "However, for those looking for more affordable single family home products, their choices continue to narrow."

She said new single-family listings under \$500,000 are declining at double-digit rates, driving consumers at that price point to either surrounding towns, condominiums or the new home market.

The condominium townhouse market is the only category to record a year-over-year rise in sales activity for the month. This is in part because the level of new listings improved in March 2013 relative to March 2012. Condominium year-over-year apartment sales declined by nearly three per cent in March.

However, after the first quarter, sales activity totaled 830 units a 6 per cent increase over the previous year. Condominium townhouse sales totaled 652 units at the end of the first quarter, a 15 per cent increase over the previous year.

"The condominium apartment market remains in balance," said Lurie. "While it has moved to the lower end of the spectrum, it remains better supplied than the single family market and the majority of product available is in an affordable price range."

The benchmark apartment price totaled \$257,700 in March, a six per cent increase over the previous year. Meanwhile, the condominium townhouse benchmark price experienced a year-over-year increase of 4 per cent, to \$286,800.

"Despite tighter market conditions, it is unlikely that we will have another significant run-up in prices," said Lurie. "Outside of easing economic factors expected this year, consumers have options in the total housing market," said Lurie.



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President's Notebook

by John McDermid

2013 Casino

Thanks to our stellar supercrew, each of whom who worked a shift over the two days of our most recent casino fundraiser on March 20 and 21. The event went seamlessly, flawlessly from start to finish. Once again our crew was comprised of mostly regulars returning for repeat performances, who made the two days run like clockwork. We received glowing reviews from our advisors as to the volunteers' professionalism. All the transactions in the cash cage balanced to the penny on every shift, you beauties you.

I also want to thank a few people who do not have particular ties to Crescent Heights, at least as residents, but were there for us in various capacities. As the event got closer and our roster of back-ups appeared a bit skint, several members of the Rotary Park Lawn Bowling Club stepped forward: Peter and Mary Gubits worked the count room on the closing day, and Lyle Thiel and Rob McLeod were on standby in the event of last minute problems. Thanks to you all for being there and you can be sure that Crescent Heights will be there for RPLBC's next casino. Another non-resident, Peter Walker, worked a double shift as Banker both nights, and has no particular ties to our community beyond being something of a casino dog, as am I, so thank you Peter, once again, for filling that important role for us. Judy McIvor and Dave Dearborn also worked double shifts, Judy as General Manager and Dave as Chip Runner, the latter role an important part of his training regimen for the Iron Man competition he embarked upon in mid-April.

Still, it was a little troubling that we had to reach outside the community to fill all of our scheduled and back-up positions. This year we lost a few of our regulars who have moved on to greener pastures or had health issues arise to keep them out of the line-up, but as a community of over 6,000 people, it should be less of a struggle to fill the 40-odd spots over the two days: we can't reach every last resident, but we believe we do pretty well by our various channels, so it is unfortunate that we need to rely on the kindness of strangers and the extraordinary efforts of our many regular volunteers.

Just *how good* was our volunteer crew? Well, this good: unlike other charitable and not-for-profit groups, our count room staff (the six people that close each day of the event by counting the proceeds) are not required to disrobe for the count. For security purposes, upon entering the count room for the initial and final count each night, *most groups'* count room crews, perhaps less trustworthy, professional and tried and true, must remove their clothes upon entering and for the duration of the count. So, in the event that modesty was preventing you from volunteering in the past, rest assured that you can remain fully clothed (indeed it is encouraged) entirely with the blessing of our count room advisor. You can leave your hat on.

What's more, we are already in the queue for our next casino, set for sometime in the fourth quarter of 2014. No one need mark their calendars just yet, but if you haven't yet volunteered for a casino, think about it for next time. Casinos contribute a disproportionate amount of our operating and capital revenue, and we are getting savvier with every passing year in preparing our use of proceeds

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In 2012, we contracted an independent consultant to conduct an appraisal of our client base to ensure that we are meeting or exceeding our clients' expectations.

We are very pleased to announce that the results were overwhelmingly positive!

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documents, so as to gain the greatest possible flexibility in putting these restricted funds to work in the community. With our March event so close to the end of the first quarter, we shouldn't have to wait too very long to find out how much this last event has contributed to CHCA.

Thanks again to each and every one of you for making this event the success it was.

Inspiring Strong Neighbourhoods Walk

April 6 was a cold and sleety Saturday and about 30-40 people, a mixture of City of Calgary representatives, Crescent Heights residents and at least one lost sheep from Rosedale, met at the hall and set out on a community walk as part of the Inspiring Strong Neighbourhoods initiative recently launched by the city. We first set out in a southerly direction across Crescent Park to take in the magnificent view from Our Front Porch: Crescent Road at the top of McHugh Bluff. The fog was dense, affording scarcely a view of the pathways and staircase down, let alone any cityscape or mountain views, so we turned northward, experiencing what someone on the walk described as Splendor to Squalor to Splendor in 150-metre intervals. On our way north to 16th Avenue (with a stop at Crescent Heights Baptist Church for coffee and pastries (thank you!)) the true diversity of our community was revealed block-by-block. The purpose of the walk and the Inspiring Strong Neighbourhoods program is to identify the issues besetting our Village-in-the-City, to identify which qualities of our community foster a sense of attachment and belonging, and find ways in which related front-line city services might be better coordinated and thus better delivered to benefit our community on a day-to-day basis.

Coming back south from a rough 16th Avenue streetscape, we walked down Centre Street to 8th Avenue, and at the end of the winter, the Centre Street corridor has seldom looked more dreadful: litter, graffiti, broken-down shop fronts, vacant retail bays. Part of the problem is the accumulated detritus from an entire winter, but it appeared to require a fairly major undertaking just to sweep the corridor for litter and debris. There are very few waste receptacles along the route and it shows. Couple this with the mouth-breathing category of Tim Hortons customers who don't comprehend the finer points of trash receptacles, and the problem is compounded.

Abandoning wretched Centre Street, we headed eastward along 8th Avenue NE, a roadway wracked by high speeds and a high volume of cut-through traffic, by virtue of the avenue *going somewhere*: clear cross Deerfoot Trail if you follow it that far, which many do. 8th Avenue North was the centerpiece of the traffic reporting package assembled by CHCA Traffic co-Directors Kellee Grounds and Alan Anderson, and submitted to the city late last year. The wide open grid pattern of so much of our community was everywhere in evidence on April 6th, even if the weekday peak volume of traffic that often pounds through that grid was not.

Then it was southward to another vantage point from Our Front Porch: the corner of 2nd Street and 1st Avenue NE, where the views were no better as the fog was still heavy. Down the hill on Meredith Road, we strolled into the pocket of our community referred to in politically incorrect terms as "Dogpatch", one of the oldest and most diverse areas of Crescent Heights, and soon to be home to the all-new Dragonfly Co-housing development. We stood at the foot of Meredith Road and contemplated the current state and potential future of the Bud's Used Office Furniture Building, a structure to which professor Z could give better historical context than I. Here endeth our walk, at about its scheduled time of 2:00, with those of us left in the group contemplating what Alden Nowlan referred to in a different context as "the fearful knowledge / my compatriots share / but almost never utter". For Crescent Heights residents that knowledge is the inescapable fact that if you make your way down the bluff, you can't get home again without climbing back up. Fortunately, a certain secret, meandering route up through the hills of Dogpatch leads directly to Fiddler's Courtyard Pub, where several of us retreated for restorative pints.

We'll see what comes of Inspiring Strong Neighbourhoods and hope for some positive outcomes from our community: a place eminently capable of fostering a strong sense of attachment among its residents, but a place not without its challenges.

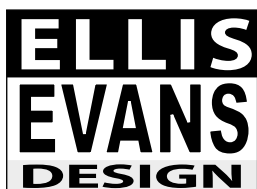
AGM and 2012 Audit

For our scheduled April 25 Annual General Meeting, our 2012 Audit either will have been completed, *or not*. For the last six years that I have served as president of the CHCA Board of Directors, we have gone to our AGM and our membership twice without our audit quite ready for presentation to members. Hopefully a third time is not the charm. Together with the

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election of the board of directors for the coming year, the presentation of audited financial statements is the centerpiece of the AGM. Whether we got it done or not and whether or not you were able to join us on April 25, copies of the audit are available to all CHCA members in good standing and, as always, we are available to answer any questions that any member may have about the particulars of our robust financial position. Based on a quiet 2012 and a very favourable audit at our 2011 year end, we continue in very sound financial condition as we begin another year of operations.

Donations

Occasionally residents will include a small donation to the community association when renewing memberships and we have never adequately acknowledged these occasional gifts. To any and all of our members who have seen fit to include a little extra with your renewal, thank you very much. Such small financial gestures and words of encouragement to the volunteer board are always welcome, but seldom adequately acknowledged.

River and Pathway Clean-up

Just to reprise our mention in last month's newsletter about the River and Pathway Clean-up, on Sunday, May 5. This is the 46th annual event, and CHCA has a long and distinguished record of participation. We are registered for our customary assignment: north side of the Bow River, "River Left", from Edmonton Trail westward to the pedestrian bridge at Prince's Island. The city provides all the necessary supplies and instructions. If you are one of our regular crew, we should already have been in touch, or if you would like to join us for the clean-up, the more the merrier. Contact me at 403-277-8653 or just come down and meet us at the Starbuck's at Memorial and Edmonton Trail just before 10:00. Remember to dress appropriately, wear very sturdy shoes and gloves, don't touch anything or anyone you don't like the look of, and we'll again make short work of our River Reach. Hat! Hat!

Residential Parking Permit Zone M

M stands for *Much More Truck than that Guy can Handle*. Finally this month, a reminder to residents that Crescent Heights comprises Zone M in the city's RPP program. The nature of parking restrictions in place across the community varies considerably to suit individual areas' needs and preferences. They range from no restriction at all, to two- and three-hour or other hourly limits, and are a mix of weekday-only and seven-day limitations. Areas most prone to heavy non-resident parking tend to be those in proximity to our commercial corridors. The restrictions in these areas reflect that and tend to be, well, more restrictive. But be advised that if the parking regime in place in your block is inadequate to deter those who are willing to take a chance with spotty enforcement, the terms of the parking restriction can be changed by 80 per cent agreement of the residents of that block face. The heaviest such restriction is the 24/7 permit-only. This is the stand-alone category that says, "Don't even think about parking that thing here, friendo". If the parking arrangements in front of your home are less robust than they need to be, contact 311 and the RPP program can get you the information and materials you need to change it.

May now, and everything is greening up: a lovely time of year in the village.

A Notable Crescent Heights "Century Home" by Professor Z

Last month, due to technical difficulties, the photo which was supposed to accompany Professor's Z's last article was not published. Here is the photo.



312 Mount Pleasant Boulevard

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Adoniram Judson ("A.J.") Samis was a prominent Calgarian in the early part of the twentieth century and served as alderman on three separate occasions and as City Commissioner twice. Samis Road was subsequently named in his honor. AJ and his wife Anna constructed a two and a half storey, 4000 square foot brick home- photo attached- on their building lot in 1912, at the height of the real estate boom. The house was built in American Foursquare style and featured a quartet of large white pillars out front plus dormers and a "widow's walk" at the peak. Due to the financial constraints imposed by the war years, construction of the home wasn't fully realized until after AJ and his family had lived there.

The Samis family, including their two sons, resided in the property until the winter of 1922-23 during which, following AJ's final (unsuccessful) campaign for the City Commissioner position, and no doubt due as well to his ongoing battles with poor health not to mention his financial woes, he departed for Los Angeles, where he and his wife would spend the rest of their lives.

And what became of their "House on the Hill"? Immediately after AJ and Anna's departure, their residence functioned as a children's shelter for a number of years. By the mid 1930's, Albert Long and his wife Dorothy came to reside in the home; the Longs continued to live there until the late 1960's. The home was demolished in 1974 and construction of Holly Park commenced not long after.

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7th Annual Crescent Heights Community Cleanup

Saturday, May 18th, 2013

This year, the CHCA Community Cleanup day has been scheduled for Saturday, May 18th, 2012, from 9:00am to 2:00pm at the CHCA hall parking lot.

Together with CHCA volunteers, Calgary Community and Bylaw Services is teaming up with Calgary Solid Waste Services to bring you this annual event. It is an opportunity for our community residents to maximize their spring cleaning by disposing of larger items and yard wastes which would otherwise require a trip to the landfill.

At this event, residents will have the opportunity to donate gently used, unwanted items to local charities. Additionally, electronics recycling services will also be provided in association with the management and staff at Technotrash Alberta Ltd. Home electronic items will be accepted for environmentally responsible recycling managed by Alberta Recycling Management Authority. We will also have a metal recycling bin for metallic scrap lying around in your yard.

Items that cannot be accepted at the cleanup events are as follows:

- **Paint, motor oil, antifreeze, solvents and chemicals:** Please drop these off at your local fire stations
- **Car tires:** Please drop these off at local tire shops for proper recycling.

Back for another run this year, will be our Penske rental truck to pick up large or bulky items that you cannot bring to the clean-up site yourself. Our volunteers can help load these into our rental truck and take them back to clean-up site for disposal. Your help is required in loading these items, and you have to be present at the time of pickup at your residence. Pickups will run between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm. To book a pickup request, call Daniel Dang at number below.

If you can volunteer at the event or require further information, please call Daniel Dang at 403-276-1002, ext 03, or by email to dcdang@hotmail.com. See you on May 18th!

McHugh Bluff Cleanup

Spring is in the air! It's time for "spring cleaning". If you enjoy the McHugh Bluff, please come and share a few hours with neighbors and friends in the annual spring litter cleanup, Saturday May 11, 9:30 – 11:00am. Meet at Crescent Road and 4 Street NW. We'll finish up with Tim's cookies and cold drinks. Garbage and recycling bags and thin gloves will be provided.

We owe a huge thank you to Sue Beugin for her years of organizing the "Friends of McHugh Bluff". Sue has been a cheerful and encouraging leader of the bluff cleanups and weeding sessions, and has also organized environmental stewardship education and participation at the Rosedale School. Thank you Sue for all of your efforts!

If you would like to become involved with the "Friends of McHugh Bluff" please contact anne.thomson@telus.net to be added to the e-mail distribution list. We are a group of volunteers who do spring and fall litter cleanups and support the City of Calgary's Biodiversity Program with hand-pulling of invasive weeds from the McHugh Bluff.

A special "thank you" to
Alan Zakrison
for helping to deliver *The Crescent View*.
**Your volunteer efforts are very
much appreciated!**

Being Neighbourly

In the not so distant past "being neighbourly" was essential to our survival in an agricultural society. Helping your neighbour with the crops, barn building and even childcare was a necessity. In today's society "being neighbourly" is no longer needed to meet our basic needs. So why be neighbourly? Knowing your neighbour can reduce crime in a neighbourhood, create long lasting friendship, and even help you get out of bind. We often ask "Is Wild Rose United Church a good neighbour?" We look after our property and make sure the sidewalks are shoveled. We listen and try to rectify issues when they come up, but we know we can do more.

Recently a few Wild Rose members participated in the Rollin Stanley community walk. Concerns were raised regarding garbage and unkempt sidewalks. In response to these comments Wild Rose would like to "be neighbourly" and we would like your help. On Saturday, June 15 at 10:00am we would like you to join us at the church for coffee and goodies before we head out to pick up litter on Centre Street from 13th Ave to 16th Ave on the west side. You will need a broom and gloves. We will supply bags and make sure the refuse is removed. Why not ask your neighbour to join you?

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May Community Events

- 04.....Jane's Walks, 10am and 8pm
- 05.....River and Pathway Cleanup, 10am
- 11.....McHgh Bluff Cleanup, 9:30-11am
- 18.....Community Cleanup, 10am-2pm

May Community Association Calendar

- 07.....CHCA Traffic & Planning Meeting 7-9pm
- 14.....CHCA Board Meeting 7pm
- 21.....CHCA Traffic & Planning Meeting 7-9pm
- 29.....CHCA Board Meeting 7pm

May at the Hall

SUNDAYS: Pentecostal Church Public Service 10am – noon

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Dance and Fitness 7:30 – 9:30pm.

WEDNESDAYS: Fitness Class 6:30-7:15am, call Lana 403-999-5373
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Location: Stanley Jones School, 950 - 6 Street NE and other locations in the Calgary area

When: October 4-6, 2013 (Friday to Sunday)

Who: All Alumni, including Students, Teachers, Staff and all interested community members who may never have attended the school.

What: A Celebration of History, Education and Lasting Friendships
Keynote Speaker (Oct 5): Alumni Ron Southern, Founder of Atco Group and Co-founder of Spruce Meadows

Entertainment (Oct 5): Alumni Tommy Banks Award Winning Canadian Pianist, Conductor, Arranger, Composer, Television Personality and Former Senator



2013 marks the 100th Anniversary of the Stanley Jones School! Not only has the building stood for this long but it has been doing the same thing for ALL of those 100 years - educating our children. The weekend of Oct 4-6, 2013 is confirmed for our celebration. All students, alumni, teachers, staff, administrators (past and present) and anyone connected or interested in this iconic sandstone building are invited. Please refer to the website for event details, how to get tickets, photos, classmate information. This is a once in a lifetime event! Help us make it memorable! <http://sj100.myevent.com/>, or call Connie McLaren 403-512-7152.

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Jane's Walks in Crescent Heights

Jane's Walks are a series of conversational walking tours inspired by urban thinker Jane Jacobs, that helps put people in touch with where they live and with each other. Since its inception in 2007, Jane's Walks have taken place on the first weekend in May in cities across North America, and are now growing internationally. In 2012 there were Jane's Walks in 85 cities and 17 countries!

As of press time, there are two Jane's Walks in Crescent Heights this year, both on Saturday, May 4; one at 10:00am and the other at 8:00pm. To view the details as well as a listing of all such walks taking place on May 4th and 5th in Calgary, readers are encouraged to visit the Jane's Walk site at: janeswalk.net and select Calgary as the city.

And perhaps this year it won't snow on our parade!

Message from Alderman Druh Farrell

Transforming Planning: City staff and stakeholders partner to deliver tomorrow's planning system

Many current players within Calgary's planning system, including City staff, communities, and builders, have expressed frustration about a process that sometimes stifles innovation, results in troubled working relationships, is overly complex, and limits collaboration and discussion. While many people are doing great work, the current planning process doesn't live up to the potential of its people. This is a message that The City has heard consistently, regardless of audience.

As City Council noted when it launched Transforming Planning in June 2012, if we continue on our current path, we may not achieve our potential as a city as outlined in the Municipal Development Plan. The Transforming Planning team is working with City staff and stakeholders – industry, communities, and citizens – to design and deliver a results-based planning system that will help us build a vibrant, prosperous, and sustainable city.

At the core of this initiative is a working group that provides leadership and program development. Putting City staff, community, and industry at the centre of a major City initiative is an unusual approach, but it is beginning to yield results.

The working group is keen to implement improvements quickly, rather than wait until the end of a long study, so the Transforming Planning team will develop a new planning process and pilot development applications, concurrently. The results of the pilots will feed into the ongoing creation of the new planning system.

Beginning in March 2013, Transforming Planning will run a series of public engagement events on the emerging results. Please check Transforming Planning's website for updates, email transformingplanning@calgary.ca, or follow on Twitter: @nextCITYyy

Feed your Soil, Feed your Garden

by Mike Dorion aka "The Compost Kid"

Are you consistently having problems in your garden with pests, weeds or poor production? Are you new at this game of gardening and think you may have dull and lifeless soil to begin with? If so, have you ever thought of feeding your soil instead of your plants? By feeding your soil you can improve your garden dramatically. There are many methods to use and once you find the one that works for you, your soil will thank you and will produce happier, more productive plants. It is more fun to enjoy your plants and not need to nurse over them. This will take some effort and time but we ARE talking about growing food here. Not just for one season either... we want to have long term plans to better our soil each and every year. If you want to band-aid the problem with quick fix chemical fertilizers, your soil is going to go in the opposite direction. Your soil gives up a large amount of nutrients into a bounty of fresh veggies for which you need to return those nutrients back into the soil to keep it productive. This relationship with your soil should be give and take not take take. Let's check out some methods to give us that win, win.

A classic method is using compost, you should be able to find or produce enough of your own resources to have or start a pile in the backyard. It is a great way to close the loop with your waste resources and give back to your soil. There are several ways to run your pile, but it is always a bonus to manage it properly, which will build up a small army of microbes to be deployed on your soil when that pile is mature. Get your ratio of your browns to greens and enough air flow and proper moisture and that will get your started on the right track. Vermicomposting can be an indoor option, being a benefit with our long winters, to build a renewed resource that is high in microbes and nutrients to add to your soil. For this, you use a type of worm that you feed your food and veggie scraps to in a home made or purchased bin tucked away in a closet or basement. They eat the scraps up and deposit their worm castings, aka worm poop. Keeping the worms can be a fun and great way to get the kids involved. I have even heard of a teacher who noticed the children in class eating more veggies so they could feed the scraps to the worms! A little tip is to freeze your scraps first and then unthaw them before feeding to your worms, which will kill the fruit fly cycle.

Another classic is dry mulching- using materials like straw, dried leaves and wood mulch to cover your garden and paths. This helps retain moisture, protects the soil from weeds and weather, and slowly breaks down to provide food for all the little soil critters, which in turn will make food for the plants. To really build up the soil and a healthy microbial population you can do a combination of composting and mulching called sheet mulching or lasagna gardening. Check out Elaine Rude's clinic "How to Create a Lasagna Garden" this year at the Garden Show for the ins and outs. We

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Area Events and Resource Guide

Community

WINSTON HTS - MOUNTVIEW

Winston Hts - Mountview Community Association
Hall: 520 - 27 Avenue NE

Hall Rentals: Call 403-276-5474 or
Email hallmanager@winstonheights.ca
Newsletter email: newsletter@winstonheights.ca

Mom's Night Out! We meet at a different restaurant on the second Wednesday of the month from 7 to 10pm. We try to stick to eateries in and around the neighbourhood. If you'd like further information on this event, or would like to be added to our e-mail list, please contact Mary-Beth Walsh at (403) 209-1691 or mblnily@yahoo.ca.

Mom and Tots Playgroup: There are two playgroups that meet in the WHM Community Hall. Mondays, from 10-11:30am. Tuesdays, from 10am-2pm. For more info contact Mary-Beth Walsh at 403-209-1691.

Mother's Day Container Workshop: May 11th from 10 to 11am. Adults: \$10 and Children: \$2. Please bring your own container. Soil, water and plants to fill a 12" pot are included in the fee. Deadline for registration is May 9th. Limited to 15 adults and five children. Please register via email at garden@winstonheights.ca or call 403-238-1395.

Off-Leash Park Clean-Up: May 11th, 10am - noon.
Meet at Victoria Park on 7th Street NE. City of Calgary Parks department will be providing cleaning supplies.

RUNDLE

Rundle Community Association

Hall: 2409 - 50 St. NE
Hall Rentals: Call 403-280-4752
Newsletter email: rumbles@shaw.ca

St. Rose of Lima School new playground fundraiser
May 11th at 6pm. Toad And Turtle Pub. 2475 - 27 Avenue NE

Rundle Annual Carnival: June 1st
If you would like to participate by way of having a vendor table, please contact rumbles@shaw.ca. Tables are \$20.00

Community cleanup - June 15
To volunteer please contact Sue Holt at 403-852-3952

COMMUNITY GARDEN - 6927 Rundlehorn Dr. NE
46 raised beds available. There is a small fee and you must also donate a row of veggies to the **FOODBANK!** For more information call the church office - 403-280-2239 or Liz @ 403-880-8511

Rundle Junior Youth: Wednesday and Thursday afternoons
Still accepting participants. Everyone between the ages of 11-15 is welcome to join. To learn more about this initiative and explore ways you can help contribute to a better world. Please call 403-400-3191.

Tiny Talkers Preschool: Starts September 2013
Register Early SPACES ARE LIMITED!
Mon/Wed/Fri Programs 4 Year Olds: 9-11am; 11am-1pm; 1-3pm
Tues/Thurs Programs 2-3 Year Olds: 9-11am, 11am-1pm
Call Tracy 403.703.2102 for more information!

The **Rundle Summit Pub** at the hall - **Rundle's best kept secret!**
The Summit Pub also offers pool tables, dart boards, as well as cribbage games on Tuesday and euchre on Thursdays. Wing night is still on Wednesdays. Families are welcome!

NEW! TEXAS HOLD'EM ON Saturday nights at 7pm
NO CASH INVOLVED. Points Based System.

Crib Night at the Rundle Summit Pub! Tuesdays 7 to 9pm
Have dinner, play cards and have fun, fun, fun. All welcome.
Karaoke at the Rundle Summit Pub! Every 2nd Friday. Bring your singing voice and warble your favourite tune!

MOUNT PLEASANT

Mount Pleasant Community Association
Hall: 602 - 22nd Avenue NW

Hall Rentals: Call 403-282-1314 or email:
hallrentals@mpca.ca
Newsletter email: publicity@mpca.ca

Mother's Day Brunch - Sunday May 12th, 10am-noon at the hall.
Breakfast Buffet, Entertainment, Treats for Mom & Kid's Crafts
Adults \$14, Kids (6-12) \$10 or \$17 for non-members
Please register by email at specialevents@mpca.ca by May 5 and indicate the number of adults & children.

Pleasant Times - Upper Hall, 602 22 Ave. NW
Pleasant Times is an adults-only group that meets from 2 to 4 pm. usually on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the Upper Hall, 602 22 Ave. NW. Join us for good conversation, games, refreshments, and the opportunity to add your ideas for outings and other activities. If you'd like to be informed of our planned activities and trips in advance, please contact Linda at (403) 289-8390 or lohanlon@telus.net. You also can check mpca.ca for information.

Day Trip To Nanton - Tuesday, June 11. Join the MPCA Pleasant Times group for a day trip to Nanton, AB! **Price:** 25/person. Includes motor coach transportation, GST, tours of the Bomber Command Museum. Pickup: approximately 9am at the Mount Pleasant community hall. **Return:** the bus will leave Nanton at approximately 3pm for arrival in Calgary at approximately 4pm. **More information:** call 403 289-8390 or email Linda (lohanlon@telus.net). **Payment required by May 21.** If you buy your lunch or go to the Museum of Miniatures and/or Big Sky Garden Railway, you will be responsible for paying these costs.

Thank you to Tim Horton's for the use of its courtesy bus.

Book Club - 4th Tuesday (usually) of the month from 7 to 9pm in the Lower Hall. Our May 28th book will be *The Good Earth* by Pearl S. Buck. Our June 25th book will be *The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern. For more info email lohanlon@telus.net or call Linda at (403) 289-8390.

CROSSROADS

"I live in Crossroads!"

Crossroads Community Association
Hall: 1803 14 Avenue NE Ph: 403-277-6201
Hall Rentals: Call the hall at 403-277-6201
Newsletter email: convenor.editor@gmail.com
Facebook page: <http://on.fb.me/fqqjLG>

DEATH BY CHOCOLATE! Ladies Nite Out at the hall. Sat, May 4th. Doors open at 6pm. Contact 403-277-2168 for more information. All proceeds go to the Crossroads Community preschool.

Crossroads Community Preschool: Accepting registrations for the 2013/2014 school year. Please call 403-277-2168 or 403-640-4967.

Crossroads 50+ Club: Meet every Monday at 6:30pm at the Crossroads Community Centre. Join us for fun times and meet your neighbours. For information call 403-277-6201 or visit our website at: www.crossroads50plusclub.com

4th Annual Crossroads Multicultural Festival - May 25, 11am-4pm
The Calgary Folk Arts Council has agreed to provide dance groups from over ten different countries, as well some returning favorites. The International Buffet is also taking off with some of our regular sponsors, Spolombo's Fine Foods and Deli and those fabulous samosas. The Resource Fair will have lots to see and do.
Remember to mark your calendars! If you want to get involved, please call Shannon at 403-470-1972 or e-mail ccmulticulture@gmail.com

CROSSROADS cont

UPCOMING EVENTS

Good Food Box Pickups - May 3
Death by Chocolate 6 pm - May 4
Teen Night 7-9:30 pm - May 10
Family Movie Night 7-9 pm - May 17
Multicultural Festival 11 am-4 pm - May 25
Pub Night 7:30 pm - May 31
"Good Food Box Pickups - Jun 7
Family Movie Night 7-9 pm - Jun 14
Teen Night 7-9:30 pm - Jun 14
Ward 5 Cleanup - Jun 15

BRIDGELAND-RIVERSIDE

Bridgeland Riverside Community Association
Hall: 917 Centre Avenue NE
Ph: 403-263-5755, Hall email: hall@brccalgary.org
Newsletter email: newsletter@brccalgary.org
Visit our web site at: www.brccalgary.org for a complete listing of programs and classes.

BRIDGELAND DAYS

June 8th from Noon - 3pm: Join us at the community hall for BridgeFest. We will have bocce and badminton, make your own CD, crafts, TD sparks the magician, a dance performance, face painting and much more! Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

June 9th from Noon - 3pm: Join your neighbors and help paint a beautiful new mural on the south facing wall of the community hall. No artistic expertise required! Or, if gardening is more your style, we will also be planting a garden in the planters on the second level, outdoor area of the hall. Volunteers of all ages are encouraged to join in; snacks and drinks will be provided.

Skateboarding Clinic: Starting May 29th and continuing every Wednesday until June 26th, there will be a free skateboarding clinic held at the BRCA community hall parking lot. No need to register, just stop in anytime between 4:00 - 5:30 Wednesday evenings.

Bridgeland Walks: Enjoy Bridgeland-Riverside's walkable streets and pathways. Join us May 8th at 7pm and/or May 9th at 9:30am. Meet at the Centre Avenue door of the BRCA hall (917 Centre Ave NE).

Bridgeland is hosting a Jane's Walk! Sunday May 5 from 1 to 2:30pm. Everyone is invited to join in a walk through our neighbourhood and learn about Bridgeland Riverside's 50 key years! Meet up at the BRCA hall 917 Centre Avenue NE. Rain or Shine!

Bridgeland Riverside Playgroup: We meet Wednesdays from 10am to noon at the Bridgeland Campus of Centre Street Church, 235-8A Street NE. For more information email: events@brccalgary.org.

Women's Centre - The Women's Centre of Calgary is a unique street-front organization that provides a variety of services and opportunities to the women of Calgary. We offer drop-in support services and all programs and services are free. Join us for a workshop or drop in for coffee and to connect with other women. We are located at 646 - 1st Ave NE. You can reach us at 403-264-1155 or info@womenscentrecalgary.org.

May Workshop Schedule:

Restorative Yoga - May 7, 14, 21, 28, Tues, 2-3pm
Jewelry Making: Earrings & Necklaces - May 8, Wed, 6-8pm
Lean in Part 1: Building Confidence - May 15, Wed, 6-8pm
Cover Letters & Resumes - May 16, Thurs, 6-8pm
Interview Skills - May 23, Thurs, 6-8pm
Indian Cooking & Women's Issues - May 27, Mon, 6-8pm
Lean in Part 2: Taking Action - May 29, Wed, 6-8pm
Bell hooks & Feminism Workshop - May 30, Thurs, 6-8pm

Connections

Area Events and Resource Guide

TUXEDO PARK

Tuxedo Park Community Association

Hall: 202 29 Avenue NE

Ph: 403-277-8689

Newsletter email: tpcanewsletter@hotmail.com

Tuxedo Events Calendar: visit www.tuxedoparkcommunity.ca/events

Tuxedo Community Garden: Northside Bible Fellowship at the corner of 29th Avenue and Edmonton Trail NE, is starting a Community Garden for the residents of Tuxedo Park and Winston Heights. The Northside Tuxedo Community Garden is offering foot-high, 4'x6' raised beds available for rent at \$50 a growing season on a first-come, first-served basis with a limit of one allotment per household. Registration online at <http://www.northsidebible.com/garden>.

Hall Grounds Spring Cleanup: May 25, starting at 10am
Join a few of our dedicated volunteers for a through sprucing up of our outdoor grounds. We will provide garbage bags, and basic tools. Come equipped with suitable boots and gloves. Call me at 403.277.8689, text me at 403.860.4275 or email me at hallrentals@tuxedoparkcommunity.ca if you have questions.

Canada Day Celebrations: Tuxedo Park's signature event, a nationally acclaimed celebration of our nation, needs volunteers to make this year's event the best ever! If you can spare a few hours for this family friendly event please contact communications@tuxedoparkcommunity.com

CRESCENT HEIGHTS

Crescent Heights Community Association

Hall: 1101 - 2nd Street NW

Hall Rentals: Call 403-804-5600

Newsletter email: chcview@gmail.com

46 Annual River and Pathway Clean-up: May 5th. Meet at the Starbuck's at Memorial and Edmonton Trail just before 10am.

McHgh Bluff Cleanup: May 11, 9:30-11am.

Community Clean-up: May 18. 10:00am to 2:00pm.

Programs at the hall

SUNDAYS: Pentecostal Church Public Service 10am – noon

MONDAYS: Fitness Class 5-7pm, call Lana 403-999-5373

Dance and Fitness 7:30 – 9:30pm.

WEDNESDAYS: Fitness Class 6:30-7:15am, call Lana 403-999-5373

CHCA Playgroup 10 – 11:30am, For info call Stacie 403-670-6872

Zumbra 5-7pm, for information call 403-826-5926

Tai Chi 7:30 – 9:30pm

THURSDAYS: Fitness Class 5:30-8pm. For info call Lana 403-999-5373

For more a more detailed Hall Calendar and for event and activities contact information please visit:

<http://www.calgaryarea.com/nw/crescenthts/calendar/diary.asp>

HIGHLAND PARK

Highland Park Community Association

Hall: 3716 - 2nd Street NW

Hall Rentals: Call 403-276-6969

Newsletter email: highlandparkeditor@gmail.com

Wine & Cheese Fundraiser! Saturday, June 8 from 8 to 11pm.

Contact Suzanne Walker at reklaws@telus.net or 403-244-8471 for more information and tickets. (Community members will get a discount on tickets.) Funds raised will go toward the new adult fitness park we are building!

HIGHLAND PARK cont

SENIOR'S LUNCH: Please join us at the Highland Park Community Hall, 3716 – 2 St. NW on the third (usually) Monday of the month, at noon.

Date: May 13th. (*Note that this is the second Monday in May*)

Cost: \$5/member, \$10/non-member

Call Anne Klempe at 403-277-3388 to confirm your attendance.

Hall Programs:

Karate: Every Monday, 6:15 – 7:15pm (kids), 7:30 – 9:30 (adults)

Every Monday **LEAD Program**, City of Calgary, 7:15 pm – 8:15pm

Scottish Country Dancing: Every Tuesday, 7:30 – 9:30pm

Martial Arts: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7:00 – 9:30pm

Irish Dancing: Every Wednesday, 5:00 – 9:30pm

Highland Park Play Group Parents and little ones ages 0 – 5 years: come out to play, meet others in the neighbourhood and socialize! Come join us downstairs. Jubilee has a beautiful child friendly space with toys and a play structure that they are offering to the community. When: Mondays 9:30 – 11:00am (unless it is a holiday)
Where: Jubilee Church 458-35 Ave. NW
For more information contact: Carla Rae Shaw at 403-475-0742 or shaw.cr@gmail.com. This group is run by local community residents.

RENFREW

Renfrew Community Association

Hall: 811 Radford Road NE Ph: 403-230-7055

Hall Rentals: Call 403-230-7055 and leave message.

Newsletter: newsletter@renfrewcommunity.ca

Renfrew Bingo - The little hall with the big payouts!

Saturday and Monday evenings. Nickel Games at 6:10pm, regular games at 6:50pm, Satellite at 8:45pm. Concession open.

Renfrew Hall Calendar:

Jelly Bean Dance - May 17, 6 to 9pm

Bottle Drops - April 27 and May 29

Renfrew Bike Day - May 25, noon-3pm

Community Clean Up - June 2, 9am-2pm

Bottle Drop - June 2

Renfrew Stampede Day - July 6

Stanley Jones 100th Anniversary - October 4-6 SJ100.myevent.com

Renfrew Community Pub (Social Room)

Most Fridays from 7pm until close. Non-members welcome - be our guest. Free pool, free shuffleboard, free foosball.

Family Jam: Friday May 24, 7pm-9pm. Join the Family Pub Night's house band, *The Fabulous Mondegreens* and rock the night away. Kids of all ages welcome! Lots of instruments for everyone and opportunities to join the band "on-stage". The family jam night is not to be missed.

Stanley Jones School 100th Anniversary Reunion

October 4-6, 2013 (Friday to Sunday) at Stanley Jones School, 950 6 Street NE and other locations in the Calgary area. All students, alumni, teachers, staff, administrators (past and present) and anyone connected or interested in this iconic sandstone building are invited. This is a once in a lifetime event! Help us make it memorable! <http://sj100.myevent.com/>, or call Connie McLaren 403-512-7152.

Renfrew 50+ Club: Pool table and dart board available for members. Recruiting new members for 2013. Membership \$20 for the year. Need volunteers to help make the Thursday lunches.

Mondays: 9:30 to 11:30am - Tea & Conversation, 1 to 3pm - Cribbage

Tuesdays: 9:30 to 10:30 - Stretch & Breathe

Thursdays: Lunch at noon

Fridays: 9:30 to 10:30am - Stretch & Breathe

MARLBOROUGH

Calgary Marlborough Community Association

Hall: 636 Marlborough Way NE Ph: 403-273-5894

Hall Rentals: Call 403-273-5894 or email

calmarca@telus.net

Newsletter email: cmccnews50@yahoo.com

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Ladies Night Out - May 9th

Community Clean-up - June 1st

Boot Sale - June 8th

Stampede Breakfast - July 13th

PROGRAMS AT THE HALL

MONDAY: Yoga - upstairs - Fireside Room - 7:30 to 9pm. Please call Marg at 403-273-7952 for information.

TUESDAY: Social walking - downstairs, 9 to 11am

WEDNESDAY: Sparks - 6 to 7:15pm; Brownies - 6 to 7:30pm; Beavers - 6pm

THURSDAY: 50+ Club - Whist and Bridge every Thursday at 1pm in The Alpine Loft, 2nd level (Elevator available) Pot-luck lunch every third Thursday. New members welcome!

- Yoga upstairs - Fireside Room - 1:15 - 2:45pm Call Marg Berger at 403-273-7952 for information.

FRIDAY: Military Whist in the Alpine Loft (Elevator available) the 4th Friday of the month.

SATURDAY: Lounge - Fireside Room. Open on some Saturdays. We are taking private bookings, call the office at 403-273-5894 to book.

Last Saturday of the month - Jam Sessions and Euchre. Euchre starts at 7:30 everyone welcome.

MARLBOROUGH PARK

Marlborough Park Community Association

Hall: 6021 Madigan Drive NE

Hall Rentals: Call 403-248-1775

Newsletter email: marlpark@shaw.ca

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Social Club - May 10, in the lounge, 7pm – 12 am.

Community Cleanup - June 1, 2013. Volunteers needed.

Jelly Bean Dance - Friday, June 14 from 7 – 10pm - \$3.00
Volunteers needed

Skate Board Park - June 24 – July 5

Byte Camp - coming July 2 - 5 and Aug 26 - 30

Blood Services: Canadian Blood Services at the Marlborough Park community centre gym, 6021 Madigan Drive NE, on July 5th.

Stampede Lunch - July 7, 2013

Park & Play, Play & Stay - coming July 15 - 26

Youth Leadership Camp - coming Aug 12 - 23

Marlborough Park 40th Anniversary Celebration - August 24

Lego Contest - coming Saturday, Sept. 21

AT THE HALL

NIA - (Non Impact Aerobics) classes for ages 6-86. Tuesdays 6:15 pm.

For more information phone the hall at 403-248-1775

Adult Drop-in Volleyball: Every Wednesday night from 8:30 to 10:30pm. Join us in the gym at the Marlborough Park Community Centre for fitness and fun!

Marlborough Park PreSchool:

On-going Registration. Please call 403-235-2996.

Loma Seniors Wednesday afternoons at 1pm. Please call Tony at 403-273-4534 for more information.

Drop-in Tai Chi Drop-in Tai Chi is held at the Marlborough Park Community Centre every Tuesday from 9:15 to 10:15am.

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1904 14 Ave NW

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May 2013

Speaking from Among the Bones Flavia fans rejoice! Alan Bradley's latest novel is his most recent mystery starring the determined investigator Flavia de Luce. For those who don't know her, Flavia lives in 1950s rural England in a mansion with her father, sisters, and staff. She uses her chemistry lab and interview skills to catch criminals, and she doesn't suffer fools. Now twelve, Flavia is starting to notice some troublesome behavioural changes in herself. In spite of this, she manages to tunnel through the local graveyard in search of clues to the murder of a church vocalist found dead just before the official unearthing of a renowned saint.



Super Ladybug to the rescue! by Guido Van Genechten. HELP! There's an elephant stuck in the mud in Africa! HELP! HELP! Animals call from all over the world in need of Super Ladybug. Enjoy these incredible rescue operations, great for children ages 3 and up.

MONDAYS at your library...

Computer Technology Coaching: Drop in for one-on-one, volunteer help on using the Internet and Microsoft Office products. Mondays May 6 to Aug 26, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. *No registration required* (No program on May 20, Jul 01, and Aug 05)

Other programs at your library...

Ebooks: A Library On the Go: Are you curious about ebooks? Library staff demonstrate how to download an ebook using OverDrive. Saturday, May 18, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. *Registration required*

ESL Conversation Club (Intermediate): Practise your English listening and speaking skills in this eight-week program. Wednesdays, May 29 to Jul 17, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. *Registration required*

Thousand Dollar Thursday: Join us as the top four finalists for June make their 90-second pitches to the Awesome Team in quest of a \$1000 grant to make their ideas a reality. Presented in partnership with the Awesome Foundation - Calgary. Thursday, Jun 27, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. *Registration required*

Ebook Doctor: Looking for help with OverDrive or Freading? Drop in for one-on-one help with your ebook and ereader questions. Tuesday, Jul 9, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. *No registration required*

Coming soon to your library...

Grandparents Day! Grandparents Day is Sunday September 8th 2013! Save the date for an afternoon of family fun. It's a carnival of fun for grandparents and kids to experience together. There will be entertainers, storytellers, crafts, games and snacks. Please make the date in your calendar and remember B.Y.O.G. (bring your own grandparent!)

See you soon at the Louise Riley Library!
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 Fri: 11am-5pm
 Sat: 10am-6pm Sun: Noon-4pm

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can also green mulch or use cover crops which essentially have a lot of similar benefits to dry mulching but can have some additional benefits as well. This living mulch or combination of cover crops grown can be tailored to what you may be missing from or need assistance with, regarding your soil. Just Google "dynamic accumulators" and you can find a great list of plants to use as an arsenal in helping build up nitrogen and calcium, to break up hard soil and build humus, just to name a few. Don't let those green mulch crops go to seed, and to avoid this you can lightly till them into your garden. In the permaculture world we use the "chop and drop" method, just cut them and leave in place to decay back into the soil.



There are many newer technologies that are being explored all over the world to help bring the soil back from the dead, some of these in Alberta as well. One to look into is Bio-char, which increases productivity and enhances microbial life. You can even grow gourmet mushrooms in amongst your garden, which are delicious, but also help clean toxins out of the soil and help produce workable organic material. Any of these methods or a combination of them will help your soil, start incorporating them into your gardening plans and you will see the results. If you are really serious about your soil and want to make a long term relationship with it, look into the Soil Food Web for a soil analysis to know where you are now and how far you have to travel to get that "black gold." Treat your soil like another plant, feed it and minimize your disturbance to this complex underground world. Learn to feed your soil and your plants will feed you. It all starts in the soil.



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The Bright Nights Program allows Calgarians to have energy-efficient lights mounted on existing wooden power poles in back alleys. The light fixture is a 100-watt, energy efficient, high-pressure sodium vapour luminaire, which provides illumination in a radius of approximately 12 metres (40 feet). A sensor turns the light on at dusk and off simply – a night light for your alley.

The cost of the program is \$16.75 per month* with a minimum term of 12 months. The cost of light use can be shared by up to six neighbours in the same alley and both residential and business customers can cover the cost. ENMAX will provide the installation and maintenance of the alley lighting system at no additional charge.

Existing ENMAX customers can have the cost of the Bright Nights Program applied to their existing monthly bill. For non-ENMAX customers, a special account can be created to accommodate this service.

The Bright Nights Program is only available in certain Calgary communities, specifically those homes with electricity connected from a pole to their residence with overhead wiring.

Check if your community is eligible by visiting <http://www.enmax.com/Power/Power+Services/Light+Your+Alley/Brighten+Your+Alleys.htm>.

To arrange installation, or for more information, call us at 403-310-2010.

1 BRIGHT NIGHT	\$16.75
# of Neighbours	Cost Per Month
1	\$16.75
2	\$8.38
3	\$5.58
4	\$4.19
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**This photo was taken in Costa Rica, outside
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Century Homes Calgary is Back!

Do you live in, work in or own a house or building dating from the early part of Calgary's history? Then, join us for Century Homes Calgary 2013.

Last year 500 households in 30 communities participated. They put out homemade signs telling their home's story and thousands of Calgarians enjoyed connecting with these "old homes and their great stories."

Intended to be a one-time centennial celebration to honour heritage homes, Century Homes Calgary was a great success including a Governor General's History Award for Excellence in Community Programming.

What's Up for 2013

We're expanding the age eligibility to include homes from the early days of Calgary through the first part of the 20th century and also encouraging nonresidential sites - churches, schools, businesses, etc. - to participate.

What's Involved

You're responsible for researching your home's history and making a sign featuring its story. The sign and Century Homes Calgary yard flag are provided free of charge, though donations are welcome.

Experts from the Calgary Heritage Triangle – the Calgary Public Library, Glenbow Library and Archives and The City of Calgary Archives will show you how to use their resources to research your home's history. How your present your home's story is up to you and must be ready for Historic Calgary Week, July 25 to August 5.

How to Sign Up - Returning or New Participant

For more information and to sign up go to www.centuryhomes.org. If possible, have a digital photo of your house to upload for the tour map. Click Participate to join.

Returning participants can use their sign from last year. If your sign was destroyed by Calgary weather or you recycled it, we'll give you a new one.

Questions? Send yours to contact@centuryhomes.org

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Have You Been A Victim Of Crime?

There are many Calgarians who have been a victim of crime. According to statistics from the Calgary Police Service, in Calgary in 2009, there were 8499 reported personal crimes. Personal crimes can include: assaults, sex crimes, robbery, attempted homicide and homicide to name a few. Each person reacts to their victimization in their own way. Everyone is different. Some possible reactions could be fear, anger, headaches and sleep disturbances.

The Calgary Police Service has a Victim Assistance Team which provides information, support and referrals to victims of crime and tragedy. Contact the Call Centre at 403-428-8398 or toll-free 1-888-327-7828.

For more information about services for victims of crime visit the Calgary Police Service's website (www.calgarypolice.ca) and the Alberta Government website (www.alberta.ca).

Responsible Cat Ownership

Now that spring has arrived and we are heading into the warm summer months, Animal & Bylaw Services wants to remind Calgarians that under the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw 23M2006, cats are not permitted to be "at-large." This means they must remain on their owners' property at all times.

The easiest way to comply with this part of the bylaw is to keep your cat indoors. This helps to ensure the safety of your pet and to eliminate neighbourhood disputes that may be caused by cats roaming onto neighbouring properties.

Animal & Bylaw Services strongly recommends keeping cats indoors because this leads to longer, healthier and safer lives for cats. Despite popular belief, cats don't need to roam or hunt. Cats are domestic animals who need humans to care for them. Outdoor dangers for cats include traffic, unfriendly animals such as coyotes, poisons, diseases, dehydration and frostbite in cold weather. Indoor cats live fulfilled and happy lives without ever going outside.

In the event that there is an at-large cat in your neighbourhood, you can borrow a humane cat trap from Animal & Bylaw Services. Trapped cats are brought into the Animal Services Centre and impounded. If the cat has identification, the owners are contacted and all cats are kept for a holding period in the hopes that they will be claimed by their owners. After the holding period, if not claimed, they are put up for adoption. Cats for adoption stay at the Animal Services Centre until they are adopted.

If you do not wish to use a cat trap, you can register a cat concern by contacting 311.

Visit calgary.ca and search "responsible cat ownership", "cat traps," "impounded cats" or "adoptable cats" for more information.

Off the Shelf

Book Review by Judith Umbach

The Hangman's Daughter

by Oliver Pötzsch

A few years ago I cruised along the Rhine-Danube waterway, daily visiting beautifully restored medieval towns. At the time I said they were probably made prettier for the tourist trade than they had ever been in reality. For reality, read *The Hangman's Daughter*, by Oliver Pötzsch.

The fictional town of Schongau smells of dung and slops. Our mild hero, Simon, hates to get his fashionable attire splashed by mud and by what people toss out their upstairs windows. His father became a doctor by roughly attending to wounded soldiers during the Thirty Years War and is proud of sending Simon for to be educated as a doctor. Unhappily for Simon, he distains new-fangled ideas. He particularly hates that Simon consults the Hangman, Jakob.

Every medieval town needed a hangman, who was socially ostracized and had to live apart from others. (I saw such a home, nice enough but situated outside the town walls.) Jakob is well versed in both torturing and healing; he is surreptitiously consulted by townspeople and collects expensive, newly published medical books.

Another medical person widely consulted is Martha, the midwife, whose stock of herbs and potions treat many more complaints than pregnancies. When her giving shelter to orphans is tainted by malevolent shadows, the accusation of murder by witchcraft hurtles her into the town's dank jail, where the Hangman is called to do his duty – gaining truth through torture.



However, Jakob is a contrary sort of fellow, and he knows that Martha is wholly innocent. As does Simon. As does Magdalena, the Hangman's daughter. In Simon's eyes Magdalena is delectable, with both brains and beauty. Sometimes in concert, and sometimes in conflict, the three problem-solvers seek clues and hypotheses to explain the murder of the children before the burgers of the town slay Martha, even if just as a scapegoat. Spoiling all their good work is the Devil, a being with a bone hand!

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