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President's Message

by Daniel Dang

Just a quick look out the windows confirms that early winter is settling in over us. Please be careful navigating the icy pathways and walkways around our community, and please give a helping hand to your elderly neighbour(s) who may need help in getting around. I just want to take this opportunity to provide a quick update to our residents on a number of developments around our community.

Our monthly newsletter - *The Crescent View* - is the result of tremendous effort by our numerous volunteers at each stage of its development, assembly, production and eventual timely delivery to your mailbox. Each month, our volunteer writers and contributors provide our dedicated newsletter editor with articles to edit and assemble for publication. From there Ellis-Evans Design Ltd., our publisher, puts together the final touches before it goes to press. After printing, our newsletter is picked up and bundled for distribution to our 50 plus volunteer carriers by our volunteer East and West distribution managers. Then, your monthly newsletter is finally deposited in your mailbox by our dedicated route carriers. On behalf of CHCA, I would like to thank all of our volunteers for their tremendous efforts to bring our community newsletter to our readership each and every month. There are a few open routes where our carriers have retired and/or moved out of the community. We are hoping that another community resident can step in and give us a hand to ensure the newsletter continues to be delivered to all Crescent Heights residents in a timely manner. Please get in touch with either John McDermid or myself if you are able to help.

The CHCA is also looking for a part-time community Hall Rental Coordinator, who can assist us with before and after inspections of the hall for each rental event. Working together with our Hall Rental Manager, this person will also be helping CHCA in identifying maintenance and upkeep items that need to be addressed to help keep our hall facilities in good rental condition. This will be a contracted position with the CHCA and paid with a recoverable surcharge on our facility renters. If any of our community residents are interested in this position, please contact either myself or any of our fellow board members for more information.

The City of Calgary Parks department came to our board meeting last month with exciting news regarding planned lifecycle maintenance projects for our beloved Crescent Park. Work is scheduled to start in the spring of 2014.

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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.

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The Little Church That Could

by Professor Z

Another fascinating house history that was unearthed during the 2013 edition of *Century Homes Calgary* was that of a home located at 1006 - 1 Street NW, directly across from Crescent Heights High School. From external appearances the subject appears to be a well-cared-for Edwardian gable-front two-storey; that observation however belies its historical significance. While this house's history doesn't have the same cachet that the tale of the Craftsman bungalow's murderess does- featured in last month's *Crescent View*- it comes with a pedigree steeped in the very annals of our community's history. And did I mention that there were ghosts?

To properly relate this story, it's necessary to go back to a time before Crescent Heights was even a village, thereby setting the stage for the appearance of this historic dwelling. So at the risk of alienating my faithful reader(s), who have no doubt committed all my previous articles to memory, I'll delve into some of those same articles for the requisite background.

These are the facts, Ma'am. In 1906, local entrepreneur A.J. McArthur subdivided one of his two quarter sections, that which was bounded on the north by 16th Avenue North and on the south by 8th Avenue, and then began selling acre lots to speculators who in turn parcelled them out and resold them. To the north, realtor J.F. Mitchell followed suit with his quarter



section due north of McArthur's. By late 1907, there were enough residents in these two quarter sections to petition the provincial government for village status. By that point, the city to the south had already annexed the lands south of 8th Ave North and the locals may have subsequently come to feel that village status might eventually provide them with a collective bargaining advantage.

And so it was that on May 1, 1908, Crescent Heights officially became a village.

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By the early 1900's, A.J. McArthur and his wife Catherine had become prominent members of First Baptist Church downtown. But this dynamic duo couldn't help but see the many advantages of promoting a church "plant" in their own neighborhood. Accordingly, A.J.'s real estate office located in the south reaches of what is now Rotary Park, took on in the additional function in 1907 of a temporary residence for Reverend Doctor McLaurin and his family as well as that of a venue for Baptist Sunday School services. In furtherance of the cause, that same year McArthur set aside 3 building lots on the southwest corner of 11th Avenue and 1st Street NW, and arranged for the construction of a two-storey frame church on the property. He provided interim funding to complete construction, and once complete, the shortfall in building costs that could be raised via public subscription was covered by a third-party mortgage placed on the property. Title to the three lots remained in McArthur's name as the local church did not become a legal entity until later on, in 1909.

In 1910, McArthur became the MPP (now termed an MLA) for Gleichen, which riding included the village of Crescent Heights. His unforeseen death in 1911 at the age of 54 however, resulted in a legal boondoggle since the financial interests of his two sons, both minors, required the ongoing involvement of an Official Guardian, located in Edmonton. By 1910 too, local villagers had decided to petition the province for annexation, as the village couldn't efficiently provide access to the same municipal services as the city on their doorstep to the south.

And now back to our story about the first church on the North Hill. In late 1911, it became necessary for former pastor Fred Patterson to swear an affidavit to the effect that from 1907 on, prior to his demise, McArthur had been holding the church and land in trust for Crescent Heights Baptist Church. Once the provincial courts concurred, the three lots in question were then sold to the City of Calgary in conjunction with the sale of the other lots to the south in anticipation of future school development on the site, which wouldn't occur until 1928. Although it was consequently necessary to move the building off city property, it likely remained there for a time- with the City's forbearance- and continued to serve as a Baptist Church until its replacement, a new red brick building on the northeast corner of 11th Avenue and 1st Street NW, was completed in 1912. (Although an addition to the red brick building was completed in 1957, evidence of the 1912 structure can still be seen from the alley just to the north of the church.) Around 1912 too, the original 1907 frame Baptist Church had been moved to 1006 - 1st Street NW, and although it may have served as a manse for a short time, by 1914 the structure had attained its present status, that of a residential dwelling. The first resident in 1914, according to Henderson's Directories, was a realtor by the name of Archie McCannell.

But the house now at 1006 was much more than just the first dedicated church building on the North Hill. It had also served as a community hall when local residents first met in 1907 to petition for village status, and was initially the regular meeting place for village councillors to hold their meetings. One of the concrete achievements of the village council, which was empowered to tax residents, was the construction of a firehall just

north of 16th Avenue at 1st Street NW; after it had been completed in mid-1909, the much larger firehall would supplant the old frame Baptist Church (1006) as a meeting place.

Concurrent with Crescent Heights obtaining village status, local residents had also decided to form their own school district. Provincial approval for new school district 1768 was similarly granted in 1908, and not only did school trustees meet regularly for this purpose in the Baptist Church (1006 again), the building also hosted the first public school classes held in Crescent Heights, and on the North Hill too for that matter. Students were drawn from Rosedale, Sunnyside, Regal Terrace and Nose Creek as well as from the village itself.

The first teacher hired by the trustees was Miss Kate Lowry, at a salary of \$50.00/month; Miss Lowry would later go on to teach elementary school at Balmoral until 1948. Her first request was to have blinds installed on the three south-facing windows*, no doubt so that her sixteen charges wouldn't be unduly distracted while lessons were underway. By August 1908, it had become necessary for Miss Lowry to requisition a further eighteen seats, which would have made for a crowded classroom indeed! The trustees were also on record in 1908 for contemplating proceedings against one Alfred Maberley, a prominent village resident and charter member of the local Methodist Church then being organized, for refusing to send his children to be schooled at the Baptist Church.



Kate Lowry, circa 1963

Local school trustees were fully aware that the housing arrangement at the Baptist Church was temporary, and plans were soon underway to construct a larger frame building, which had been built and occupied by September, 1909. The much larger 4 room schoolhouse- known for a time as the "White House", and later as the "Annex"- was located on property the board had purchased from realtor J.F. Mitchell. Its original site was just off 16th Avenue NW, on the north side, between 1st and 2nd Streets NW. Once the sandstone Balmoral School had been built in 1913, the White House was relocated to the NW corner of the property, where it remained for many years, at one time serving as an Industrial Arts shop. Although Balmoral School was initially shared by both public school students and Crescent Heights Collegiate, the senior students moved to Crescent Heights High School in 1928, upon its completion in its current location. Fast forward to the present, since some may have only stayed awake thus far in the hopes of hearing a ripping yarn involving ghosts! The home's present owners, who've lived here since 1989, report that the year they took possession (small joke) of the home, the conversation during Christmas dinner turned to that of ghost stories in derelict buildings. At some point during the discussion, a clamor arose from the staircase where it sounded as if an entity was noisily

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When the work is completed, look for additions of the park's historic benches and additional waste receptacles around the perimeter of the park; upgraded crushed gray limestone pathways; and upgraded picnic tables. These improvements will allow our community residents to enjoy this well-kept community green space for many years to come.

Another planned upgrade to Crescent Park is the replacement of playground fixtures at its northwest corner. Although this facility was only originally installed in year 2000, the City has identified that the structures were constructed of chemically treated lumber, which may pose a health risk to children playing on and around them. Work is scheduled to start in earnest, as soon as the CHCA and the Calgary Parks Foundation can put together the details and funding resources for the project. Our board member, Kelly Grounds, has taken up the lead on this project and she has a number of activities for resident engagement and participation in the fundraising and installation of this project. Please contact Kelly Grounds if you are interested and/or are able to help in any way.

This past two months, the CHCA was approached by several agencies looking to develop social and affordable housing projects in our community. One proposal would see a multi-residential unit project to provide assisted accommodation for individuals who are at risk of being homeless in our city, while the other proposal would be an affordable housing, multi-residential unit project to provide subsidized rental accommodation to single women and single mothers. Although the CHCA is honoured that Crescent Heights is being selected for these projects, we are also concerned as to the additional number of residents this may bring into our community and the adherent lack of additional infrastructure and/or public amenities to handle such additional increase in density. We are proactively working with the many agencies to take an accurate assessment of how many such facilities are already located in Crescent Heights and to ensure that any proposed projects do not tip the delicate balance between a vibrant residential community and one which may over populate our community with inadequate amenities to support these additional residents.

Finally, the City is opening up additional opportunities for your input into the planning and development of transportation corridors in and around the city. Of definite interest to CHCA would be Centre Street, which is currently designated as a transportation corridor, which bisects Crescent Heights. Given that our recent suggestion to the Parks Department at the City to perhaps consider planting trees along Centre Street to help with developing a more pedestrian friendly streetscape was deferred to the folks at Calgary Transportation and Planning for their decision, the CHCA will be present at any of these events that would allow our input into the future development of transportation corridors in and around Crescent Heights. I am still hoping for some more trees and waste receptacles along Centre Street to make it a bit more pedestrian friendly, soon.

By the time this month's newsletter reaches your mailbox, the holiday season will be in full swing, and on behalf of my fellow board members at the CHCA, we wish you and your family a warm, healthy, safe and joyous holiday season, together with a happy and prosperous New Year!

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

The Little Church That Could cont. from page 7

descending the stairs and forcing its way through the front door. When the family rushed to investigate however, the damage was quite real; a demolished screen door and broken glass everywhere! No further such incidents have been reported. Given the diversity of occupants in this building since it was first built, it would be a bit of a poser to guess exactly which ghosts could have been involved in the manifestation described; you'd think there wouldn't be room in the house for too many more!

Since 1989, the current owners have raised three kids here, all of whom have attended the high school across the street. Earlier, from the years 1914 to 1989, the home had seen many residents; in the 1950's for instance, it operated as a boarding house, with men very properly occupying one level and women the other. As is the case with many Century Homes in our city, the house had also frequently sat vacant, and such was the case at the time of purchase by the present residents in 1989.

There are but a handful of homes remaining in Crescent Heights that would rate a historic plaque, but with the significant part it played in our community's formative years, this one is certainly at the top of the list!

References- 1907-1911 *Crescent Heights Village Council minutes held at Calgary Corporate Archives*; 1907-1911 *Crescent Heights Public School Board minutes, photocopies held at Crescent Heights High School*; *The Village and the City (1986- Eric Gormley, held at Glenbow Archives)*; *From Buckboard to Brotherhood: the Baptist Churches in Calgary (1975-Shirley Bentall)*; *A.J. McArthur estate file- James Short papers at Glenbow Archives*; *Henderson's Directories*

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*There are currently no windows on the north side of the house, which was once its south-facing elevation when it stood on the southwest corner of 11th Avenue and 1st Street NW. If one examines the old siding carefully however, the evidence is there that windows were in fact present at one time.

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- 10 CHCA Board Meeting, 7:30-9pm
- 17 CHCA Traffic & Planning Meeting, 7-9pm

December 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
- TUESDAYS: CHCA Board and Traffic meetings - all welcome!
- WEDNESDAYS: Tai Chi 7:30 – 9:00pm
- THURSDAYS: Fitness Class 5:30-8pm
For info call Lana 403-999-5373

January 2014 CHCA Calendar

- 07 CHCA Traffic & Planning Meeting, 7-9pm
- 14 CHCA Board Meeting, 7:30-9pm
- 21 CHCA Traffic & Planning Meeting, 7-9pm
- 28 CHCA Board Meeting, 7:30-9pm

January at the Hall

- SUNDAYS: Pentecostal Church Public Service 10am – noon
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Dance and Fitness 7:30 – 9:30pm
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For more a more detailed Hall Calendar and for event and activities
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Crescent Park playground revitalization

At our October 9th CHCA board meeting City Parks representatives informed us that the Crescent Park playground (1101 – 2nd Street NW) was on their list for replacement. Each year there is only a handful of parks in the entire City area that are chosen to be replaced. The City uses a scale model of 1 (new) to 5 (Old/Does not meet Safety Standards) to determine the value of the park. CHCA was informed that the City had rated our Crescent Park at a 4. This rating was based on the facts that the existing park is wood and which is most likely treated with Chromated Copper Arsenate, or CCA (a toxic preservative), the bolts are badly rusting and it does not meet the current safety standards.

CHCA was encouraged to apply for The Building Playground and Communities Grant and the CFEP Grant. We are also accepting donations for the playground project and any donations we receive by December 15, 2013 qualify for matching funding by CFEP. All donations qualify for tax receipts.

Community engagement will start sometime in the New Year for playground design and feedback.

If you know of anyone, or any company that would like to donate to the project or have any comments or questions, please contact Kellee Grounds at kellee_g@hotmail.com.

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If you have any comments on the traffic and suggested improvements that you would like to share regarding Canada Day fireworks held on Centre Street Bridge, please provide all your comments to me at chtraffic@hotmail.com. Your comments will be compiled for discussion with the City in anticipation of Canada Day 2014. Please provide your name, address and as well include your phone number and email for follow up if required. Thank you.

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CHCA Director at Large

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The July/August issue is combined into one publication and so is the December/January issue. The deadlines for these two issues are June 10 and November 10 respectively.

Please email your articles or event listings, as an attachment in MS Word form, to Elizabeth Stady at chcaview@gmail.com.



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Calgary Seniors' Resource Society provides programs and services that help seniors remain living independently in their own homes as long as possible. In addition to assisting with critical needs like housing, pension and benefit applications, CSRS also provides transportation to medical appointments and, companionship and social support through programs like Escorted Transportation and Friendly Visiting.

To access CSRS programs and services, you simply need to call our office at (403) 266-6200 and speak with our receptionist. Eligibility criteria and wait times will vary between programs. If for some reason we are not able to help you, we will do our best to find out who can and connect you with them.

If you suspect a senior is at risk, please call the 24/7 Seniors Help Line (run in partnership with the Distress Centre) at (403) 264-7700. Trained volunteers are standing by to answer your call and will ensure your personal information remains confidential. Your concerns will be forwarded to the CSRS Senior Connect Outreach Social Worker, who meets with seniors and helps connect them to the community support services they need.

Senior Connect

Free education sessions teach groups, businesses and individuals to recognize the signs and symptoms that a senior may be at risk and how to report their concerns via a 24 hour seniors help line. The Senior Connect Outreach Worker, who is a registered social worker, then follows up with the senior and connects them to community resources. To book a Senior Connect training session or for additional information, please contact CSRS at (403) 266-6200.

Road, sidewalk and pathway snow clearing

Did you know that there are new maps available on calgary.ca that outline the pathways, sidewalks and overpasses that are snow cleared by the City?

These maps not only show the areas that are snow cleared but they also identify the business unit that does the clearing. This is extremely beneficial in ensuring that citizens requests for snow clearing are directed to the appropriate business unit not only by 311 agents but by the citizen themselves through the online or handheld app service requests.

The link to the maps can be found on the Pathway snow clearing page. <http://www.calgary.ca/CSPS/Parks/Pages/Pathways/Snow-clearing.aspx>

This page also shows users how to request snow clearing for areas that are cleared by the different business units.

Community Planning Update: Imminent Arrivals

by Hound Ferret, Scribe to CHCA Traffic and Planning Committee

A recent circulation for another mammoth infill development proposed an attached garage with access off the rear lane, but the bylaw check revealed that such attached garages, even in the rear, are Not On. Members of the CHCA Traffic and Planning Committee in attendance could not recall having seen such a proposal before and wondered at the logic of the prohibition under the Land Use Bylaw. And indeed no less an authority than Calgary's former Director of Land Use Planning and Policy, Mary Axworthy, was unable to advise us on the policy rationale for the LUB's scotching of the rear-driveway plan. It was noted by committee members that the attached garage was accessed from the lane by a wide and long driveway and apron, suggesting that the stacking of as many as six vehicles as between the garage and driveway would have been possible. *Yes I love living in the inner city and need parking for these six vehicles and perhaps a couple more on street.*

Two back-to-back presentations to the committee on October 15 and November 5 herald the development of a pair of housing facilities that will advance the Calgary Homeless Foundation's Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness in Calgary. The first was presented by Louise Gallagher and Matt Vermunt of the Calgary Homeless Foundation, which proposes to develop a building to house 25 to 30 individuals in as many as 30 units. In a plan to leverage some provincial funds for new purpose-built facilities, the proposed units would require a parking relaxation and occupy a site on Second Avenue NE off Edmonton Trail, parcels currently occupied by two older homes zoned MC-2 on a combined 50 by 130-foot site. The cost to build the facility is currently estimated at \$150K per unit, and placement of residents in the units would be handled by a single social agency yet to be determined. If Hound's notes can be relied upon, the CHF owns and operates some 400 housing units in 22 properties in Calgary, which units have begun to give palpable form to its "Housing-First" Ten Year Plan. The proposal fits the "smaller model" in the range of facility sizes and is intended to house individuals rather than families. In addition to the individual units there would be a common area and on-site resident management.

On November 5 we were visited by Cindy Law, founder and principal of Avanti Housing, with a proposal to purchase an existing building of 14 units to house single women and single mothers who are moving out of abusive relationships through such agencies and the Sheriff King Home and Discovery House. Some clients may be new Canadians. The facility will not be a shelter or a halfway house, but a special care facility with a focus on vulnerable single women transitioning from short-term emergency shelter housing to a longer-term housing solution. Avanti Housing's proposal is also part of the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness and will offer transitional support to its clients through continuing partnerships with other dedicated support agencies such as the YWCA, the Sheriff King and Discovery House. Placements at the facility will be made by one or more agencies, rents will be below market by 10 to 20 per cent and be aimed at a break-even level to meet the project's mortgage obligations.

Some few years ago, Crescent Heights was well represented in a lengthy and exhaustive review of the roles of Special Care Facilities in Calgary

and their relationship to the Land Use By-law; specifically through an inquiry as to whether Special Care Facilities did or did not *belong* in particular land use districts. I believe Crescent Heights was at that table in 2010 and 2011 as a result of our having been host to two special care facilities at opposite ends of the "spectrum" of such facilities: one being the Wing Kei Care Centre, the other the Mustard Seed's temporary Winter Emergency Shelter in the old Brick Warehouse building, which operated through the winter of 2006-2007 just prior to the building's demolition. This experience positioned Crescent Heights to speak knowledgeably and with some authority as to the different management needs for facilities at very different points on the operational continuum of Special Care Facilities (SCFs), and the relative expertise of agencies that operate them. One of the earliest, clearest and most forceful of the findings of the stakeholder group was that no land use district ought to be considered inappropriate to a SCF, but unlike older large-scale planning applications, no undue *concentration* of SCFs or non-market housing ought to occur, lest such concentration allow the repetition of well-documented past mistakes where such concentration led to social disorder or the "ghettoization" of non-market housing.

Perhaps it's a mere coincidence that these two Housing-First proposals should come to Crescent Heights so close in time to one another, but the discussion following the presentations was lively and covered a wide range of subjects: just how much non-market housing, offered by a range of agencies for a diverse client base, is already operating in the community? It was recalled that interest was high and the response of some residents was wary when the Calgary Housing Company's 20-plus unit affordable housing building was proposed (and is now in the pipeline) for 15th Avenue NE. One other 12-unit additions-based facility operates in the community. Do the two new proposals raise a question of concentration? Are there good-neighbour agreements sufficiently robust to ensure that social housing is a good fit in an established community? If the not-for-profit agencies that operate SCFs enjoy partial or full property tax abatement, does it undermine the community's tax base? If competent and caring agencies undertake to acquire and demolish negligently-managed slumlord properties in our community (of which there is an alarming number) and replace them with properly-managed facilities with on-site management and diligent oversight, might we not be far further ahead? Does the pace of low-density redevelopment at the high end, and a parallel development of additional non-market housing, tend to create a community of economic extremes?

We are already a remarkably diverse community, not least in respect of our economic diversity. Some of the most valuable residential real estate in the city sits a stone's throw from some of the most wretched and neglected housing stock to be found anywhere in Calgary. Crescent Heights always has been and always will be a welcoming community. It's going to be a test for our community as to how we receive and accommodate these currently proposed and future social housing projects. One wonders what they would make of them in Rosedale, Britannia or Eagle Ridge. As it was said of nations, can a community be judged the quality of its mercy? Will we open our doors or encircle our back yard with razor wire?

Area Events and Resource Guide

Community

CRESCENT HEIGHTS

Crescent Heights Community Association

Hall: 1101 - 2nd Street NW

Hall Rentals: Call 403-804-5600

Newsletter email: chcaview@gmail.com

Empties For Equipment! Crescent Heights High School's monthly drop-off bottle drives from 10 am-noon. Thanks for helping support various clubs and teams - your donations make a huge difference to us! Drop-offs take place the second Saturday of the month - Dec. 14. Thanks for your continuing support!

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: **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 Tasting and Arts & Crafts Sale:

Where: Highland Park Community Centre, 3716 2 Street NW

When: Saturday, December 7th at 7:00 pm

Come enjoy some nice company, drink some delicious wine and check out the arts and crafts kiosks for your Christmas shopping!

Highland Park Play Group: Parents and little ones ages 0 – 5 years

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.

Hall Programs:

Karate: Mondays, 6:15 – 7:15pm (kids), 7:30 - 9:30 (adults)

Boot Camp: Mondays, 7:00 - 9:00pm (adults)

Martial Arts: Tuesdays, 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm & 6:30 – 10:00 pm

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

Irish Dancing: Wednesdays, 5:00 – 9:00pm

Boot Camp: Wednesdays, 7:00 - 9:00pm (adults)

Martial Arts: Thursdays, 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm & 6:30 – 10:00 pm

For information regarding any of the above, please call Gaitri at the Community Hall at 403-276-6969.

James Fowler High School - Annual winter concert!

Wed. December 11 at 7pm. Featuring all of the school band ensembles and performances by the school choir. **It is open to the public.** Tickets are \$2 per person, or \$5 for a family.

James Fowler Culinary Arts program offers baked goods for sale at this time of year. In previous years they have offered Christmas cake, Christmas Stollen, and assorted cookies, slices, tarts, etc. at extremely reasonable prices.

Call the school for more details on both at 403-230-4743.

Northminster United Church - 3311 Centre Street North

Phone: 403-277-0322 Email: northminsterunitedchurch@telus.net

Dec. 15th, 10:30am - kidZone Pageant story of Christmas

Dec. 15th, 6:30pm - Blue Christmas - reflective, candle-lit worship

Dec. 24th, 7:00pm - Christmas Eve - celebration of the birth of Jesus

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.

Deck the Halls: Family Christmas Party and Pub Night

Friday November 29 at 6:30pm. Join your neighbours and meet families in Renfrew at the third annual Deck the Halls, Family Pub Night. There will be crafts and games for the kids and snacks provided. The pub will be serving drinks for both children and adults.

Drop In-Pilates Class: Tuesday nights at 7:30 pm in the lower hall of Renfrew Baptist Church - 1204 Renfrew Drive NE. Cost is \$5.00/class. Everyone is welcome regardless of skill level. Classes taught by trained Stott Pilates instructor.

Hot Chocolate with Santa: Dec 8, 1-3pm (two volunteers needed)

Hot Chocolate, crafts, a chance to visit with Santa and some goodies. Santa has agreed to come to Renfrew again, and he has asked for two volunteers to help out with his friends Rudolph and Jingle Bear. We also encourage you to bring some goodies to share. If you can help, please contact us at membership@renfrewcommunity.ca or call Jackie at 230-0829.

RCA Outdoor Rink Fun Skate: Every Saturday from 1:30-3pm.

We encourage families and folks of all ages to come out to skate, get fresh air and meet new friends and neighbours every Saturday from 1:30-3pm. This will be a "no sticks/no pucks" time to encourage recreational skaters of all ages and abilities to share the ice. Bring your own hot chocolate!

Renfrew Community Pub (Social Room)

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

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:

Children's Christmas Party - December 8th, 2013 1:00 to 4:00pm

New Years Eve Barn Dance Party! December 31st, 2013

Tickets and info at the Hall

Self Defence Course - January 15 - main hall, 7pm

Special General Meeting - January 16 - Fireside Lounge, 3:30pm

Jelly Bean Dances - January 17 - main hall

Meet & Greet - January 22 - Fireside Lounge, 7pm

PROGRAMS AT THE HALL

MONDAY: Yoga - upstairs - Fireside Room - 7:30 to 9pm.

TUESDAY: Seniors social walking - main hall, 8:30 to 10:30am

WEDNESDAY: Sparks, Brownies, Beavers - all start at 6pm

THURSDAY: 50+ Club - Whist and Bridge every Thursday at 1pm

- Seniors social walking - main hall, 8:30 to 10:30am

- Yoga upstairs - Fireside Room - 1:30- 3:00pm

FRIDAY: Military Whist (4th Friday of the month)

- Be Fit & Age Well Exercise class - 9 to 10am

SATURDAY: Fireside Lounge. Last Saturday of the month - Jam Sessions and Euchre. Euchre starts at 7:30pm, 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:

November 29, - Jelly Bean Dance

December 04 - Meet the Police in Marlborough Park

December 22 - Breakfast with Santa - 9:00am – noon

Tickets are available at the office. Registration deadline: December 15, 2013. No walk-ins allowed.

December 22 - Kid's Holiday Gift Shop - 9:00am – noon

The Holiday Gift Shop is a holiday shopping experience for children only. Supervised by our volunteers, who will help the children pick out and wrap the gifts. Gifts are priced from 5¢ to \$5.00. There are over 120 unique gifts to choose from.

December 31 - New Years Eve Dinner and Dance

Cocktails at: 6:30pm, Dinner at: 7:00pm, Dance at: 9:00pm

Tickets: \$70 per couple for members, \$80 per couple for non-members. Tickets available for purchase at the hall.

February 14 - Jelly Bean Dance (Valentine's Day!)

Blood Donor Clinic - December 24, 9:00am to 2:00pm

This year give the greatest gift of all - the gift of blood.

AT THE HALL

Martial Arts Classes: Martial arts classes for children and adults on now. Please call for our free intro program. 403-601-1228

Marlborough Park PreSchool: There are still a few spaces available. Please call the office at 403-248-1775.

Loma Whist Club Wednesday afternoons at 1pm. Please call Ilene at 403-450-9827 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.

NIA - Tuesday Evenings - Call the Hall for details.

Yoga - Starting in January - Call the Hall for details.

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

Christmas Craft Sale and Santa Breakfast: Dec.14 - 9:30am to 2pm at the Winston Heights-Mountview Community Hall.

The breakfast is free to all WHMCA members, and \$4 for non-members. Memberships will be available for purchase at the doors for a cost of \$10/per family. Santa Breakfast will be served from 9:30 to 11am. Santa arrives at 11am!

Craft Fair tables will be open from 9:30am to 2pm with a wide variety of merchandise: from homemade jellies and jams to crocheted products to children's tutus. You will find products by Scentsy, Epicure, Usborne Books, Stained Glass Artworks, original paintings, and much more. Get your Christmas shopping done early and avoid the malls!!

Mom and Tots Playgroup: Meet in the WHM Community Hall. Mondays, from 10-11:30am. For more info contact Mary-Beth Walsh at 403-209-1691.

Ecole Georges P. Vanier School : Accepting donations for Jacket Racket, Mayor's Food Bank and YWCA; cash donations or these items (which must be new): women's large and extra-large sizes of clothing, children's underwear and pyjamas, women's bras and underwear, Transit tickets, grocery store gift cards. They can be dropped off to the office. Call at 403-777-7460

Connections

Area Events and Resource Guide

RUNDLE

Rundle Community Association

Hall: 2409 - 50 St. NE

Hall Rentals: Call 403-280-4752

Newsletter email: rumbles@shaw.ca

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 menu!** Check it out!

New Years Eve Party at Rundle Summit Pub - \$30 per person

Cocktails - 6:30

Dinner - 7:00pm - Roast beef or Chicken

DJ playing awesome tunes

Get your tickets by calling the Rundle Summit Pub 403-285-2397

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! Bring your singing voice and warble your favourite tune! Dec. 6 and Dec. 20.



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

Wine Tasting - Saturday February 22 at 7pm

This is your chance to come explore Bollywood without breaking the bank! \$45 for members, \$55 for non-members. Visit www.mppca.ca for more information. Register for tickets by February 8th (seats are limited) Questions? Email Ruby at speialevents@mpca.ca

Pleasant Times - Upper Hall, 602 22 Ave. NW

Pleasant Times is an adults-only group that meets from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. 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.

Please note there is no Pleasant Times in December.

Book Club - 4th Tuesday (usually) of the month from 7 to 9pm in the Lower Hall. Our January 28th book will be *Cocktail Hour Under The Tree of Forgetfulness* by Alexandra Fuller. Our February 25th discussion will be on the 2012 Giller Prize winning novel, *419* by Alberta-born author Will Ferguson. For more info email lohanlon@telus.net or call Linda at (403) 289-8390.

MPCA Playgroup - The Mount Pleasant Playgroup is a parent and tot playtime in the MPCA lower hall. Programs are held Monday to Friday mornings from 9:30 am to 11:30am. Go to mpca.ca, click Activities, select Playgroup, then scroll to the bottom of the page for the registration button. For more information you can email mpp.chair@gmail.com.

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>

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

New Afterschool Program! - Mondays at the Hall from 3:30 to 5:30pm; inclusive of ages 6 to 12. It will be nature themed, and feature crafts and play activities. Registration is required.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Crossroads Winter Festival - Dec 1, 1 to 4pm

Christmas Lights Tour - Dec 9 (call the Hall for info)

Movie Night - Dec 13 at 7pm (Doors at 6:30)

Youth Group - 7 to 10pm - Dec 14

Youth Group - 7 to 10pm - Dec 21

Casino Fund-raiser - Jan 5 (call the Hall for more info or to volunteer)

Casino Fund-raiser - Jan 6 (call the Hall for more info or to volunteer)

Movie Night - Jan 10 at 7pm (Doors at 6:30)

Pub Night 7:30pm - Jan 31

BRIDGELAND-RIVERSIDE

Bridgeland Riverside Community Association

Hall: 917 Centre Avenue NE

Ph: 403-263-5755, Hall email: hall@brcacalgary.org

Newsletter email: newsletter@brcacalgary.org

Visit our web site at: www.brcacalgary.org for a complete listing of programs and classes.

Bridgeland Riverside Playgroup: We meet Wednesdays from 10am to noon

Kids Toy/Clothing Sale: January 25th, 9am-noon. Parents - donate or sell your gently used kids items and pick up new exciting toys and clothes at bargain prices! All proceeds will go to the BRCA for future programming and events. Donation drop off dates are January 22nd (second floor of the hall) from 6-8pm and January 24th (lower hall) from 7-9pm. Please note we cannot accept any stuffed toys. **For more information please contact Stacey at events@brcacalgary.org.**

Family Sledding: February 23rd starting at 3pm.

Centre Ave at 8th street) Join other Bridgeland-Riverside families for a fun afternoon of sledding. Check the BRCA website for an alternate date in case there isn't enough snow.

Ashtanga Yoga Class: Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:45pm at the Hall
Ashtanga is a dynamic vinyasa style of yoga, linking breath and postures together through a flowing sequence. Postures are modified to suit students' ability, and everyone is welcome. For more information, please contact Jani at yoga.with.jani@gmail.com

Bridgeland's Basketball Club : Tuesday afternoons from 4-6pm at the Bridgeland Campus of the Center Street Church on 8 Street NE. Check out the Bridgeland Basketball Club Facebook Group at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/280959028686938/>



TUXEDO PARK

Tuxedo Park Community Association

Hall: 202 29 Avenue NE

Ph: 403-277-8689

Editor: communications@tuxedoparkcommunity.ca

TUXEDO HALL EVENTS CALENDAR

Dec 01 - Kids Acting Classes

Christi Christi Day christi@studio7acting.com <http://studio7acting.com/>

December 07 - Santa Day Breakfast, 9 to 11am, at the hall

Hot breakfast, crafts, small gift for kid and SANTA!

\$3/person, seniors free.

If you can volunteer to help cook, setup, welcome people at the door, helps kids with crafts or facepaint, please email communications@tuxedoparkcommunity.ca or call 403-992-4142. All welcome

December 08 - Christmas Community Supper, 6pm, \$14/person

December 13 - Spanish Posada Potluck, 5 to 10pm. All welcome!

Tuxedo Hall, \$3/person or \$5/family, Please bring a food dish or a piñata. For questions or if you are bringing a piñata, please contact Lizeth at lizeth_mepl@hotmail.com



Spread some Christmas cheer in your community!

Let's talk about Crescent Heights!

Crescent Heights Community Association membership drive initiative

Time Period: October 2013 to September 2014

Managed by: Current Treasurer for CHCA and
Current Membership Director for CHCA

Distribution: CHCA members for implementation

Objectives:

- Promote neighbor to neighbour to neighbour contact and communication;
- Increase number of new members in CHCA;
- Tool to measure feedback and/or topics of concerns to CHCA residents;
- Encourage people to hold "mini block parties" to develop neighbourhood cohesiveness.

Mini Block Parties Format:

CHCA will reimburse up to \$50 to current CHCA members in good standing, to host mini block parties; The member who submits the expense claim must also submit a summary report of topics / discussions taken place at the event, and the desired outcome or solution proposed for further investigation / follow-up.

Receipts for expenses must be submitted to support the claim, together with proof of current membership. All submitted receipts and reports become property of CHCA.

Rules:

- Minimum of two new individual / family members per event (non-current CHCA members);
- Minimum 40% of the attendees must be new CHCA members (signup at event);
- Existing CHCA members can host 2 events per year;
- Existing CHCA members can participate in 2 events per year as non-host capacity;
- Reports and expenses must be submitted within two weeks of event's date.

Report to be submitted directly to membership director / coordinator with new membership signup forms and applicable membership fees for new membership(s).

Please allow up to 4 weeks, from receipt of claim, for reimbursement cheque to be paid.

"Let's talk about Crescent Heights" - membership drive initiative!

Report / Request for funding

Submitted by: _____

Event Date: _____

Attendees: _____

Report Date: _____

Location: _____

P#: _____ member / new

P#: _____ member / new

P#: _____ member / new

P#: _____ member / new

P#: _____ member / new

Topics of discussion and desired outcome:

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

Total Receipts submitted: _____ Cheque made out to: _____

Snow Route parking bans

What are Snow Route parking bans and why do we need them?

Snow Route parking bans are temporary parking restrictions on designated routes that will be in effect for up to 72 hours following snow falls of five (5) centimetres or more. Snow Routes exist in all communities in Calgary, and include major roadways and most bus routes. Snow Routes have been marked by blue signs with white snowflakes — Watch for these signs in your community. Snow Route locations can be found at Calgary.ca/snow.

Snow Route parking bans are beneficial for a number of reasons:

- City crews will be able to remove snow from curb-to-curb on major traffic routes.
- Plowing times will be reduced by up to 30 per cent as plows won't have to navigate around parked cars. This will enable crews to get to residential routes faster.
- Vehicles won't get plowed-in.
- Snow that builds up around parked cars will not get pushed back onto the road once they are moved.

Snow Route parking bans have been considered a best practice for years in most winter cities, including, Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal and Chicago.

What this means for Calgarians

We need your support to make this program a success. You can help us make our roads safer and more driveable this winter by ensuring your car is

not parked on a Snow Route during a parking ban. Become familiar with the Snow Routes in the areas where you live, work and visit. Be aware of the weather and understand that if you are parked on a Snow Route this winter and a parking ban is declared, you will have to find alternate parking.

If you are ever unsure if a parking ban is in effect, visit Calgary.ca/snow, tune in to local news or radio stations, or call 3-1-1 and listen to the automated Snow Route message.

Parking bans will be declared through a five-step process:

1. Snow event advisory - If 5 cm or more of snow is forecasted, The City will issue a "Snow Event Advisory" through the media and online. This is meant to warn citizens that snow is expected and vehicles parked on Snow Routes will have to be moved.
2. Citizens move their vehicles – Cars parked on Snow Routes should be moved as soon as possible.
3. Snow event declaration - If there is an accumulated snow fall of 5 cm or more, The City will declare a Snow Event and Snow Route parking bans will be in effect for 72 hours.
4. Plowing – Snow clearing operations will occur on Snow Routes for up to 72 hours after a parking ban has been declared.
5. Snow Route parking ban lifted – The City will announce through the media and online when the Snow Route parking ban is lifted. Once the ban is lifted, citizens can park on the roads as usual.

Questions?

To find out more about Snow Routes visit www.calgary.ca/snow.



FOR THE HOLIDAYS WEDNESDAY COLLECTION WILL MOVE TO MONDAY

If you normally receive blue and black cart collection on Wednesday, service will be provided **two days early** for the two holiday weeks.

- Put your blue and black carts out for collection on **Monday, Dec. 23** and **Monday, Dec. 30**.
- Regular Wednesday collection will resume on **Wednesday, Jan. 8**.

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or email: lotusbellydance@shaw.ca

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

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- When you exit or enter your parked vehicle, stop and take a look around the area.
- Before leaving your parked car, always remove the keys, roll up the windows and lock the doors.
- Park in a well-lit area, use parking lots frequented by others
- Put all valuables and gifts in your trunk. If that's not possible, conceal gifts and other valuables.
- Try not to unload gifts in your vehicle and then leave it unattended in the same parking spot. Car prowlers might be on the lookout for shoppers traveling back and forth from stores to unload gifts.
- Never leave your car running unattended.
- If you park in an attached garage, always lock the door leading from the house to the garage and the garage door.
- If you don't park in a secure garage at home, don't leave gifts in cars overnight to keep them secret.
- After opening an automatic gate to underground parking, wait for the gate to close before you park.

Prevent crime by reporting suspicious behaviour to police at 403 266-1234. Call 911 for a crime in progress.

If your car is broken into:

- Inventory missing articles for later use with the police or an insurance claim.
- Report online at www.calgarypolice.ca/online/reporting or in person at a district office. Even if there's little chance of catching the suspect, alerting the police can help prevent somebody else's car from being prowled.

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Off the Shelf

Book review by Judith Umbach

The Singularity is Near, When Humans Transcend Biology

by Ray Kurzweil



Perhaps three decades ago, I heard Ray Kurzweil speak at a conference and never forgot him and his messages. He was an outstanding speaker. *The Singularity is Near* employs the same clarity to explain rather easily the complex science of biology-based computing.

The book was published in 2005, which is fortunate for me because many concepts are more recognizable now they have moved into the mainstream. The exponential miniaturization of the last eight years helps the reader comprehend how computing power will be woven into clothing and other everyday items. The invention and improvement of cochlear implants points the way to ubiquitous support of human functionality by computers.

For decades computing power has been doubling every 18 months, known as Moore's law. This could be continued indefinitely by using or mimicking biological processes for accomplishing work. Kurzweil emphasizes that we won't need to replicate biological processes. Reverse engineering allows scientists to replace biological functions in ways that innovatively use available or invented materials. A basic

example can be recognized by comparing Icarus unsuccessfully beating artificial feathered wings and our flying fixed-wing aircraft made of strong metals and polymers.

Already we can see the use of information technologies to drastically reduce power consumption. This is why the tablet computers of today vastly outperform the desktop computers of only a decade ago. And, why today's cars consume less fossil fuel while providing more "information content", such as GPS and engine monitoring.

The "singularity" is the point at which technological change is so rapid that humans will not be able to comprehend its entirety. In effect, the human mind will be able to take advantage of computing power and memory without distinction between human and machine. According to Kurzweil, this will occur about the middle of this century. When I heard him speak a long time ago, the timeframe was 2020. Both now and then, rather than absolute predictions, I consider his ideas stimuli for my own thinking; nevertheless, he has an excellent track-record for predicting the future.

Licensing your cat or dog

The first step towards responsible pet ownership is to license your cat or dog. Here are five things every Calgarian should know about pet licensing:

1. Your cat or dog's licence is his ticket home! Licensing your pet provides Animal & Bylaw Services with the information needed to reunite you with your pet should he ever become lost. A licence tag also tells people who may find your cat or dog that the animal is owned and that they should turn him in to Animal & Bylaw Services.

2. Licensing your cat or dog is the law! Under the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw 23M2006, by three months of age, all cats and dogs residing in Calgary must be licensed with The City of Calgary Animal & Bylaw Services. The penalty for an unlicensed cat or dog is \$250.

3. Cat and dog licences must be renewed annually! A one-year licence costs:

- \$15 for altered cats and kittens (up to six months old)
- \$30 for unaltered cats
- \$36 for altered dogs and puppies (up to six months old)
- \$58 for unaltered dogs

4. Your licence fees, not tax dollars, fund our Animal Services operations! Your fees allow us to:

- Return lost cats and dogs to their owners and enforce the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw.
- Deliver school programs and educate animal owners about responsible pet ownership.
- Feed and shelter lost cats and dogs at the Animal Services Centre.
- Operate a state-of-the-art veterinary clinic to provide care for adoptable cats and dogs.
- Operate our animal adoption and volunteer animal socialization programs.
- Provide emergency medical care for lost cats and dogs that are injured.
- Help neighbours resolve animal-related conflicts.
- Provide free spay or neuter surgeries for the cats and dogs of low-income Calgarians.

5. Purchasing and renewing a cat or dog licence is easy! You can purchase or renew a licence online (calgary.ca/petlicences), by phone (3-1-1), or in person at the Animal Services Centre (2201 Portland Street S.E.).

Thank you to all Calgarians who license their cats and dogs every year! Your commitment to responsible pet ownership helps us to create healthy, safe and vibrant communities for people and their pets.

For more information about pet licensing and the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw, visit calgary.ca/animalservices.



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Secure Login – getting started

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1. Create a City of Calgary Citizen myID account. Visit calgary.ca/myID to register for your account at any time.
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