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February 2014

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**New playgroup
for Crescent Heights.
See inside for details**



TIGHT MARKET CONDITIONS SUPPORT PRICE GROWTH

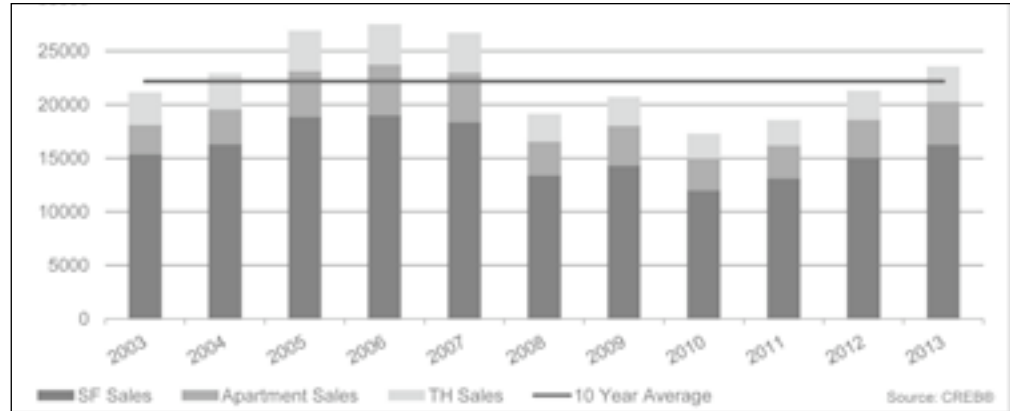
Sales enjoy second consecutive year of double-digit growth

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Calgary, Jan. 2, 2014 – December's 8 per cent year-over-year increase in sales volume in the city of Calgary capped a year that saw an 11 per cent growth in sales volume for the entire 12 months.

City residential sales totaled 1,172 units in December, bringing total sold units for 2013 to 23,489. Prices for the year were up by 8.6 per cent over 2012.

"Sales growth exceeded expectations in 2013, pushing above long-term trends," said Ann-Marie Lurie, CREB®'s chief economist. "Two consecutive years of elevated levels of net migration, combined with an improving job outlook and confidence surrounding long-term economic prospects, supported the demand growth."



As expected, both new listings and transactions in December eased over the previous months because it is typically a slower time of the year for sales. However, sales activity for the month was in line with long-term averages, despite poor weather conditions just before the holiday season.

"Typically, fewer sellers list their homes in December," said Becky Walters, CREB® president. "There were more new listings this year than in 2012 because some sellers saw the continued price gains and decided it was the right time to list."

Market conditions favoured the seller for much of 2013, causing price gains in both the single-family and condominium sectors in the city.

The single family benchmark price was \$472,200 in December, a 0.3 per cent increase over the previous month and an 8.6 per cent increase over the previous year. On an annual basis, unadjusted single family prices grew by more than seven per cent in 2013, exceeding previous highs.

"Prices have recovered in the single-family market, but sellers need to keep in mind there are differences between communities and types of homes," said Walters. "Higher-end homes (priced above \$500,000) have recorded slower price growth than those in

the lower-price segment. And there are many communities where prices have not surpassed previous highs."

There were 16,302 single-family homes sold in 2013, an 8 per cent increase over the previous year. Meanwhile, the 22,569 new listings were nearly one per cent higher than in 2012.

Condominium apartment sales totaled 4,007 units in 2013, more than 14 per cent higher than in 2012. Condominium townhouse sales totaled 3,180 units a 22 per cent increase over 2012.

"The condominium market is more affordable than single family, and that is attractive to first-time buyers who are weighing rising rental costs against ownership costs," said Walters. "Investors are also attracted to condos, because prices have not yet fully recovered to their previous highs."

Condominium apartment and townhouse prices totaled \$278,600 and \$307,100 respectively in December. On average, annual benchmark price growth in the townhouse market totaled just more than six per cent, compared to the apartment sector increase of nearly nine per cent.

"In 2014, both sales activity and prices are expected to improve, but not at the same pace recorded this year," said Lurie. "While factors influencing demand will support growth in 2014, rising listings and increased competition from the new home sector should alleviate some of the supply pressure in the market."

Those factors, combined with potential increases in long-term lending rates, should take some of the steam off the exceptionally



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President's Message

by Daniel Dang

I hope everyone had a good and rewarding holiday season. The CHCA board has been busy dealing with several issues that I would like to share and provide updates on.

Proposal to convert a portion of Crescent Park into an irrigated multi-use sports field

Crescent Heights High School recently asked for the CHCA's support in converting the centre portion of Crescent Park into an irrigated multi-use sports field. The area being considered is the middle portion of Crescent Park, currently occupied by two ball diamonds. Currently there is no space for their students to do any sort of organized outdoor team sports at the school, and they are being bussed out to McMahon Stadium a couple times a year for practices.

This is really a discussion between Crescent Heights High School, the Calgary Board of Education and the City's Parks department, with CHCA being a key stakeholder in preserving the accessibility and availability of these community green space and park resources previously set out for the common enjoyment of community residents. The more tenured members of our Planning Committee rightfully point out that the current parking lot of Crescent Heights High School was formerly part of a green field that was once available for the school's exclusive use. Some time ago, a decision was made to convert it into a parking lot, instead. Additionally, our preliminary research shows that the two ball diamonds are very heavily booked during peak seasons.

The CHCA will continue to work with the City's Parks Department and Crescent Heights High School in coming up with a suitable solution that will make better use of the highly valued limited park space in our community, and ensure that any potential solution will continue to provide similar facility and accessibility to our local residents for our common enjoyment. Balancing these competing needs will require all parties to work together in a thoughtful and constructive manner. In this regard, I will continue to keep our fellow residents updated of further developments.

Not-for-profit and subsidized housing development proposals

Further to my last update on this topic, I have received a few phone calls from local residents on these existing developments in our community. We are still trying to determine exactly how many of these subsidized and/

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or non-profit facilities are already located in Crescent Heights. There is a balance between what is an appropriate and accommodating number of units, and what may become a potential over-saturation of our community with facilities and residents that cannot be supported by existing amenities and resources. In this regard, we encourage local residents to help us keep up-to-date on any additional development and/or special use of housing resources in Crescent Heights.

Of particular interest and concern to the CHCA is the fact that two out of thirteen approved and funded projects city-wide in 2012 under the "10 Year Plan to End Homelessness" were to be located in Crescent Heights. This is in addition to the other five existing developments that we are now know are located in our community. We believe in being a good neighbour and sharing our limited resources with incoming residents. However, these kind of statistics certainly supports the argument that we may have already reached the saturation point and perhaps additional development and proposals should consider other locations in adjoining communities which are better able to accommodate the additional densification.

For the time being, the CHCA's position will be to temporarily withdraw support for additional non-profit and subsidized housing proposals for our community, until we have an accurate assessment of how many existing development and/or units are already located in our community, and have completed our comparative assessment on this issue. We will continue to work with developers to complete projects which were presented to us prior to the fall of 2013.

Revision to a previously approved multi-residential project

The only on-going development that CHCA had previously approved was for a 27-unit development on 15th Avenue NE, immediately west of the Peter's Drive-In parking lot. After our approval some time ago, the developer has come back to us with a proposed revision to the development to become a 16-unit project from the originally approved 27-unit development. Significant changes in this down-scaled proposal include the elimination of an underground parking facility to meet the city mandated minimums, and the increase in the proportion of multi-bedroom units in the complex. This revision is also asking for a parking relaxation for off-street parking to 75% of the required minimum.

Preliminary discussions had also received valuable input from two adjacent residents who appeared to approve of the revisions. The majority of the members on the Traffic and Planning Committee also has a favourable impression of the proposed revisions. The next step will be for the developer to go through the Development Permit process and eventual presentation to City Council. If you have any comment or input to the project, please contact our Traffic and Planning Committee and be sure to attend the next meeting when the project's relevant permits will be formally presented and examined.

As always, the CHCA board is open to your ideas, comments and suggestions. Please get in touch with any of us as outlined in the masthead of this newsletter. We wish you continued success and good health in 2014.

Newsletter Editorial Deadlines

The Crescent View is published ten times per year.

Deadline: The 10th of each month for the following month. For example: To be published in the June issue, the deadline is May 10. Special September issue deadline: August 5 (to accommodate all the 'back-to-school' material).

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.

Crescent Heights Affordable Housing Development

The City of Calgary is considering construction of a multi-residential development on two vacant parcels of City-owned land at 210 and 212 – 15th Avenue N.E. For more information on the project, latest news and project updates, please visit calgary.ca/affordablehousingdevelopments.

Lee Prevost Project Manager, The City of Calgary
403.268.8732 or lee.prevost@calgary.ca

Rosedale Playschool

Registration for the next school year at Rosedale Playschool is quickly approaching. Please join us at our information night on Thursday, March 6th, at 7pm for a chance to learn more about our play-based, parent co-operative program. Programs are available for three and four year olds. Please note, to register, students must be three years old by Dec. 31, 2014 and toilet trained by the start of the school year.

Registration packages are available for download from our website at www.rosedaleplayschool.com, at our information night, or by emailing our registrar, Claire Holmes, at rosedaleplayschool.com. Registration night for returning students is on Wednesday, March 12, and for new students on Thursday, March 13.



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Mount Pleasant Soccer

Mount Pleasant Soccer registration opens on-line Feb 1.

This year there will be **NO in-person registration**
and **all registration must be completed on-line.**

THE DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 28, 2014.

Soccer Program

This year we will be offering a spring soccer program for
children and youths aged 3 to 18 in our U4 / U6 / U8 / U10
U12 / U14 / U16 / U18 age categories.

Registration and general information about
Mount Pleasant Soccer for 2014 is available on the
Mount Pleasant Community website at

<http://www.mpca.ca>.



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

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Crescent Heights Christian Playgroup

When: Wednesdays from 9:30-11:30am (starts January 8th)

Where: Crescent Heights Baptist Church

1212 - 1 Street NW

Calgary, AB T2M 2S3

Who: For moms and dads and tots

Details: Drop-in playtime, coffee/tea, snack time, sing-a-longs

Please contact the church at 403-277-1831 for further information.

Be a partner in crime prevention!

The Federation of Calgary Communities, in partnership with the Crime Prevention Team at the Calgary Police Service, are working together to offer tips and tools on crime prevention and safety issues in Calgary.

The NEW Partners in Crime Prevention Workshop series is geared towards helping community volunteers learn valuable information about crime prevention and safety issues in their neighbourhoods from our trusted partners, The Calgary Police Service. These workshops are FREE to the public. For more information and to register, visit www.calgarycommunities.com/events/month/

Partners in Crime Prevention Workshop #1: The Hub Messaging System and Good Witness Program

Date: Tuesday February 4, 2014 at 7:00pm

Location: Dover Community Association, 3133 – 30 Avenue SE

Cost: Free

Partners in Crime Prevention Workshop #3: Graffiti

Date: Thursday April 3, 2014 at 7:00pm

Location: Hillhurst Sunnyside Community Association (Hearth room), 1320-5th Ave NW T2N 0S2

Cost: Free

Message from your Councillor

With another month of wintery weather behind us, our toboggans, skates, and snowshoes have been working overtime.

This winter has produced record amounts of snow in Calgary. As a result, City crews have struggled to meet the challenge of ensuring that roads, pathways and bus stops are kept clear of snow and safe for residents. It is not for lack of money spent. By the end of 2013, the City spent more than \$26 million of its total \$34 million snow budget. Nevertheless, Calgarians

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CHCA Community Hall Activities and Events

February 2014 CHCA Calendar

- 04 CHCA Traffic & Planning Meeting, 7-9pm
- 11 CHCA Board Meeting, 7:30-9pm
- 18 CHCA Traffic & Planning Meeting, 7-9pm
- 25 CHCA Traffic & Planning Meeting, 7-9pm

February 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 7:00 – 9:00pm
- 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>

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Area Events and Resource Guide

Community

HIGHLAND PARK

Highland Park Community Association

Hall: 3716 - 2nd Street NW

Hall Rentals: Call 403-276-6969

Newsletter email: highlandparkeditor@gmail.com

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

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.

Family Skating Day

Saturday, March 1st starting at 1 pm. No skates? No problem! The City of Calgary's Skate Shack will be at the hall from February 23rd to March 1st, and community members will be able to use, free of charge, one of the hundreds of pairs of skates in the Skate Shack.

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.

Valentine's Day Family Pub Night

Friday February 14, 6:30-9pm. Bring your valentines to share a special evening together. There will be skating and hot chocolate, followed by movies for the kiddies. Pub will be open 6:30-9pm. All ages welcome.

Family Day Skate

February 17, 11am-2pm. The rink, playground and field will be a-buzz with excitement and joy as families skate and play together. There will be free hot chocolate and a fire to warm us up. See you there! Note: We aren't providing hotdogs this year, but there will be a fire if you wish to bring your own to roast!

Jelly Bean Dances

Feb 21, 6-9pm. Jelly Bean Dances are for children grades 1-6 and are a whole lotta fun! There is a DJ, candy & snack bar and tons of unbridled energy! Volunteers always needed. Contact Maria at bella1@shaw.ca.

Drop In-Pilates Class: Tuesday nights at 7:30 pm in the lower hall of Renfrew Baptist Church - 1204 Renfrew Drive NE. Cost is \$8.00/class. Everyone is welcome regardless of skill level. Classes taught by trained Stott Pilates instructor.

RCA Outdoor Rink Fun Skate:

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:

Dance lessons - Wed. Feb. 12 – March 5, 7:15 – 8:15pm

Cost: \$40 member/\$50 non-member

Register on line at www.marlbroughca.ca or call 403-273-5894

Family Winterfest - Sunday February 16th 130-4pm. Lots of activities both indoors and out! Games, crafts, sports and more.

PROGRAMS AT THE HALL

MONDAY: Yoga - upstairs - Fireside Room - 7:30 to 9pm. (class full)

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

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

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

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

Yoga upstairs - Fireside Room - 1:30-3:00pm (space available)

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

Military Whist (4th Friday of the month) 7pm

SATURDAY: Fireside Lounge open last Saturday of the month, 7pm Open Stage and Euchre. Euchre starts at 7:30pm, everyone welcome.

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MARLBOROUGH PARK

Marlborough Park Community Association

Hall: 6021 Madigan Drive NE

Hall Rentals: Call 403-248-1775

Newsletter email: marlpark@shaw.ca

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Jelly Bean Dance - February 14

Femme Fatale - March 4, Ladies Night / Shopping Event! 5pm-10pm Admission: \$3.00. Femme Fatale is a unique trade show/shopping event specifically for women. Our vendors will display a variety of products from Health and Beauty, Cooking and Home Décor, Jewellery and Gifts and everything in between!

If you have a business or product that you feel would be a good fit with Femme Fatale, please email an inquiry to: k_parnham@hotmail.com or you may phone the hall office at 403-248-1775.

Easter Eggstravaganza - April 13

Community Cleanup - May 31

Blood Donor Clinic - February 22, 9am to 2pm. April 25, 2pm to 9pm. Give the greatest gift of all - the gift of blood.

AT THE HALL

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 - Monday Evenings - 6:30 - 7:30pm

Yoga - Coming soon - Call 403-248-1775 for information.

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

Community Outdoor Rinks: The Marsden Road Adopt-a-Rink is available for skating every day. The community hall rinks are also available most days for skating. We host Grassroots hockey for kids on Tuesdays, family skating on Saturdays and "shinny" hockey.

Annual Family Skating Party: Sunday, Feb. 16 from 1 to 5pm at the Community Hall. Enjoy skating, shinny hockey, snow games and your chance to win prizes. We'll have hot dogs and hot chocolate. Winter fun for the whole family!

Breakfast Television's Outdoor Classic: On Wednesday, Feb. 26, four Atom level teams will play live on Breakfast Television. Come out to the Community Hall rink at 6:15am or 7:30am to watch the fun or tune in to Breakfast Television.

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.

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!

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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

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Pleasant Times - Upper Hall, 602 22 Ave. NW

Pleasant Times is an adults-only group that meets from 1 to 3pm 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.

MOUNT PLEASANT cont

Book Club - 4th Tuesday (usually) of the month from 7 to 9pm in the Lower Hall. Our February 25th book will be 419 by Alberta-born author Will Ferguson. Our March 25th discussion will be *Sylvanus Now* by Donna Morrissey. For more info email lohanlon@telus.net or call Linda at (403) 289-8390.

Mount Pleasant Spring Soccer League

U4 to U18 from mid-April to late June. Online registration (www.mPCA.ca) will open Friday Feb 1st and continue throughout the month until Feb 28th. Detailed information about the soccer program will be available on the web site. Please note that there will be no in-person registration this year. Season starts April 14th and runs until June 21st (U14/16/18 play until June 28)

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.

What have you done lately?

CROSSROADS

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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/fqjLG>

Annual Scout Spaghetti Dinner: Don't miss our annual Spaghetti Night and Silent Auction on Saturday Feb 22. Doors open at 5:30pm, dinner at 6:00pm. All you can eat Spaghetti Dinner, Silent Auction (including a Kids Only Auction) and entertainment. Tickets on sale now, please call 403-247-3992 to reserve your tickets! Adults \$10, Seniors (60+) \$5, Children 4-12 \$5 and children 3 and under free.

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 4 to 5:30pm; inclusive of ages 8 to 12. The program is free, but registration is required. Please call the hall for more details.

Community Walking Group: Every Tues at the hall meeting at 8am. Open to all ages. For more information call Brijbala at (403) 510-6581 or Megan at (403) 476-7119.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Movie Night - Feb 14 at 7pm (Doors at 6:30)

Annual Scout Spaghetti Dinner - Feb 22 at 6pm (Doors at 5:30)

Call (403) 247-3992 to reserve tickets)

Pub Night 7:30pm - Feb 28

Movie Night - Mar 14 at 7pm (Doors at 6:30)

Pub Night 7:30pm - Mar 28

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 Riverside Playgroup: We meet Wednesdays from 10am to noon at Bridgeland Campus of Centre Street Church, 235-8A St NE

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 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

Hand Drumming Classes: March 5th - April 9th

Kids Class 6:30-7:15pm Cost: \$85 Ages: 7-12 Drums Supplied

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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>

History Interest Group: Our group is focusing on learning more about our rich history in Bridgeland - Riverside, raising awareness and preserving our history. We are also interested in old photos and in talking with people who have stories from the past. Contact Deb Lee 403 265-1597 or Sharon McKendrick at 403 263-5098.

TUXEDO PARK

Tuxedo Park Community Association

Hall: 202 29 Avenue NE

Ph: 403-277-8689

Editor: communications@tuxedoparkcommunity.ca

TUXEDO HALL EVENTS CALENDAR

Feb 13 at 7:30pm - **Tuxedo General Meeting**, all welcome

March 20 at 7:00pm - **Tuxedo Park AGM**, all welcome

March 21 at 6:00-9:00pm - **Tuxedo Kids Dance**, Tuxedo Hall, \$3/child, food and snacks

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 in 2014 restart **Feb 8, 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 - **Feb 8, Mar 8, Apr. 12, May 10, June 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.

TUESDAYS: **CHCA Traffic and Planning Meetings** - open to public

WEDNESDAYS: **Tai Chi** 7:30 - 9:30pm

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

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have had to dig deep to find the patience required to wait for City crews to help dig them out.

The record snow has also produced a record number of calls to the City from residents seeking assistance with snow related issues and requests. We would like to thank the residents of Ward 7 for their level of engagement on this issue to ensure that priority areas are dealt with as soon as possible. The feedback that we received is consistent: that the City needs to do more to ensure that snow is cleared and removed quickly and effectively. As a result, Council has committed to review its policies on snow removal. Residents are encouraged to offer additional feedback by calling 311 or www.calgary.ca/snow

Calgary's Snow Angel program, the first of its kind in North America, has helped seniors and other residents who have difficulty clearing snow. Since 2004, Calgary has awarded more than 6400 snow pins. We encourage you to be a Snow Angel and help your neighbours. If you know a Snow Angel and would like to recognize her or him, please call 311.

In love with books?

Valentine's Day, with tempting chocolates, flowers and declarations of love, is unquestionably February's most famous holiday. The heart-filled day lends a glimmer of sweetness and light to the cold dark depths of

winter. But for book lovers, who have always known the pleasures of escaping into a really good book, two lesser-known February holidays are challenging St. Valentine's Day for top spot in our hearts. Although we love books all year round, celebrating two official book-themed holidays during the darkest month of the year is a bibliophile's dream come true.

If you are in love with books, treat yourself to a day (or an evening) of indulgence by observing "Read in the Bathtub Day" on February 9. Break out the bubble bath, turn off your phone, and escape the snow and ice in a steaming tub with your favourite book.

Share your love of books with a child on "International Book Giving Day", held annually on February 14. This is a day dedicated to getting new, used and borrowed books in the hands of as many children as possible. Give a book to a young friend or relative, leave a book in a waiting room or lobby where kids are stuck waiting with little to do, or donate books that your own children have outgrown to your local Little Free Library.

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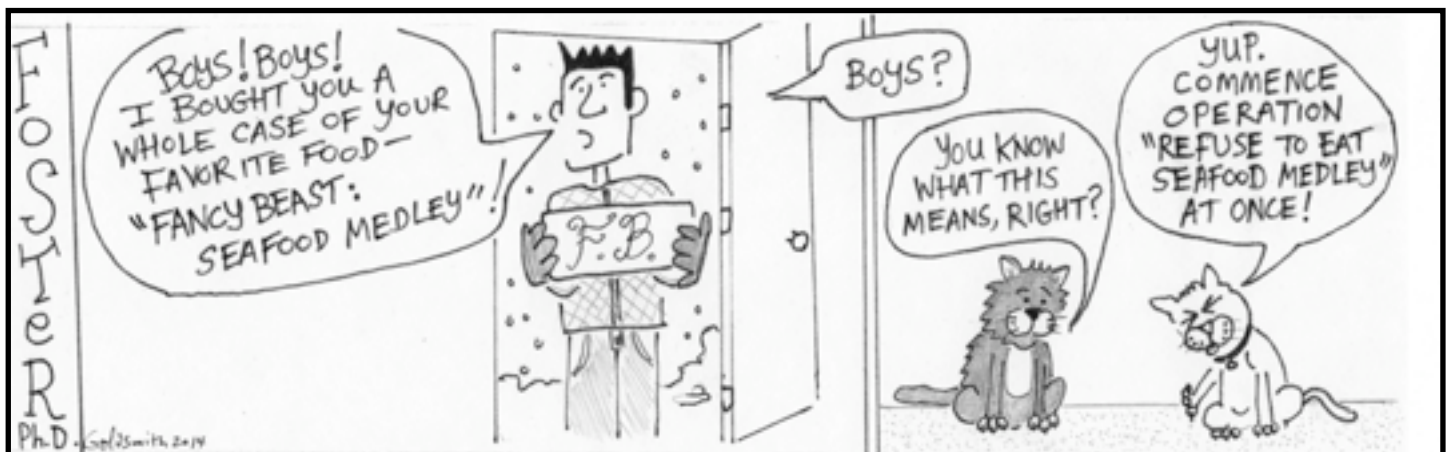
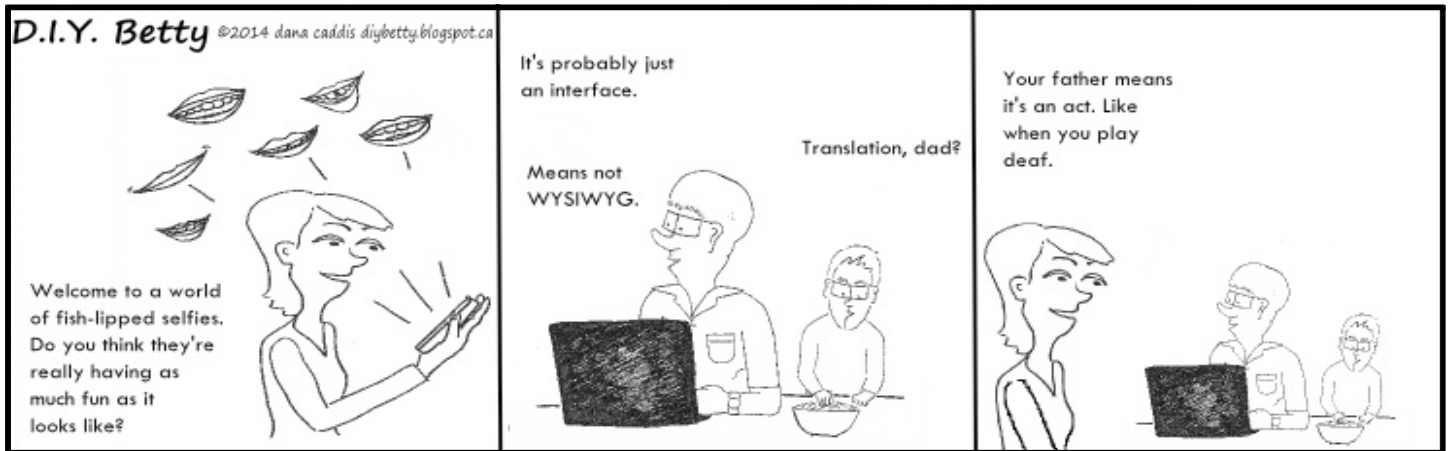


Upstairs, the almost desperate Bennet family seeks husbands for five charming daughters. Downstairs, the servants scurry through endless labour and winter mud. In *Longbourn*, Jo Baker successfully recreates life on the other side of the kitchen door, a life secreted from the readers of Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*.

Young Sarah is the senior housemaid; in reality, this means she has the assistance of the dreamy eleven-year-old Polly as they hasten to fulfill the orders of the housekeeper, Mrs. Hill. Sarah's hands are raw, both from prying mud from Miss Elizabeth's petticoats and shoes and from using lye to restore the whiteness of the undergarments. (Lizzie does love to wander the fields whatever the weather.) And, the housemaid has the duty of carrying the full chamber pots down the stairs and across the muddy, rutted yard to deposit the contents in the "necessary". She rises earlier than everyone else to light the fires so others will be warm, and sometimes she stays up late to help the gentry with their coats after a night out with friends. Sarah has no friends, no nights out, nothing.

Three men come into Sarah's constrained world. Ptolemy Bingley, assigned his employer's name, of course, is a footman with a roving eye and plans for a smoke shop in London. His kiss has the expected effect on a completely innocent but desiring girl. James Smith (a suspect surname), new footman in the Bennet household, persuades Sarah that her efforts to decamp to London seeking Ptolemy's dream may be misplaced. And, the charming but despicable Mr. Wickham, an upstairs man who too often invades the downstairs sphere, disturbs Sarah's stultifying but safe world, just as he disturbs the family life of the Bennets.

Jo Baker has written a novel not in the tradition of Jane Austen sequels but in an engaging parallel universe. The doings of the Bennets are seen from the perspective of how much work will be created for the servants and how events will affect their lives. The pressures that affect servants are much different than for the gentry: the militia, the miserable weather, the importunities of guests, and the gaining or losing of a penny. As ever with near-poverty, the servants can afford neither pride nor prejudice.



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