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# The First Centre Street Bridge

by Professor Z

Bridge construction can often be a tempestuous topic in civic politics. The first decade of the 20th century in Calgary proved no exception.

By 1900, two major bridges spanned the Bow River, linking north Calgary with the original settlement to the south. To the east, the Langevin Bridge had been completed in 1890 and provided access to the Calgary-Edmonton trail. To the west, the Bow Marsh Bridge - predecessor of the Louise Bridge - was constructed in 1888 and had opened up the Hillhurst area and beyond to development. Although the present-day Crescent Heights area was only sparsely settled at the time, in 1882 a ferry service known as "Fogg's Ferry" began river crossings in the Centre Street vicinity.

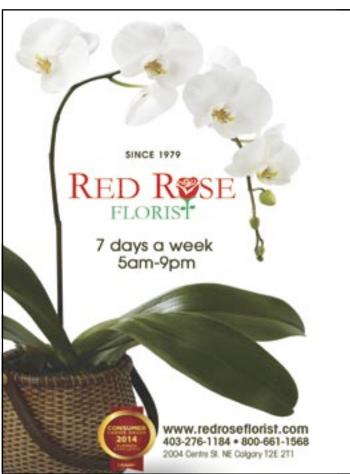
It was not however until 1907 that a bridge would be constructed in the area. The Bow River Bridge Company was then formed by Archibald McArthur, an entrepreneur (and later a Liberal MLA) known by some as the "Father" of Crescent Heights. McArthur had by 1906 acquired two quarter sections of land, including the tracts upon which the nascent village of Crescent Heights would come to be situated. He had begun selling one acre parcels to speculators, who then became involved in further subdivision of their property in anticipation of Calgary's expansion in the North Hill area. Once the prospects of a land rush in the area were well underway, the construction of a bridge was seen as a necessity to make the area attractive to prospective purchasers. McArthur held a one third interest in the bridge company; other investors were property developers also holding land interests on the north side of the river. Smaller interests in the bridge company were held by such Calgary luminaries as Pat Burns and William Roper Hull.

Once funding was in place, a British Columbia company was engaged to construct a low level steel structure at a cost of \$17,000. The bridge itself did not follow a true north-south alignment as the current structure does; to save costs it was erected perpendicular to the riverbank, resulting in a southwest to northeast orientation. On the north side of the crossing, a service road was in place by 1908 which continued in a north-easterly direction toward what is now Samis Road; it then cut west across the embankment, arriving at the top of the hill in the vicinity of Centre A Street NW. Not surprisingly, McArthur and his family resided nearby on First Street NW; their home was located on what is now the parking lot of the LDS church.

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## Names you know... names you can trust!



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As soon as the bridge was opened, it proved popular not only for pedestrian use but for city contractors now able to not only haul gravel from the North Hill to construction sites downtown, but to dispose of clay from the same excavations at the foot of the hill. Heavy commercial use had the immediate effect of accelerating wear and tear on the structure, and the bridge company began an acrimonious battle with the city over upkeep and maintenance. While the city admitted to some responsibility in the matter, very little in the way of upkeep ever materialized. Not long after it was built, the bridge company offered to sell it to the city for its original \$17,000 cost; the city however wasn't interested even when the asking price was lowered to \$10,000.

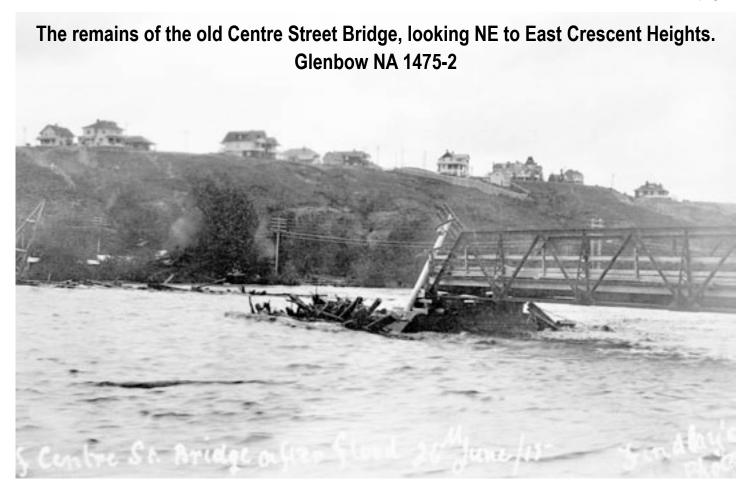
By the spring of 1911, the Bow River Bridge Company's forbearance had reached a tipping point. A toll gate was erected by the company, with fees instituted for both pedestrian and vehicular traffic in an effort to offset ongoing maintenance costs. No less a personage than Calgary mayor John Mitchell then jumped into the fray following numerous complaints by both contractors and by North Hill residents who had come to rely on the bridge, most of whom were now taxpayers (and voters) following the 1910 city annexation. A public debate ensued, which resulted in the company re-opening the bridge at no cost to all traffic save heavy commercial vehicles, which would thereafter be banned from crossing. At the time, peak daily traffic was estimated by the company to be 2,000 pedestrians and 200 vehicles.

The city continued to be unwilling to purchase the bridge and then adopted a "wait and see" approach to defer any decision until after the annual Bow River runoff in 1911, as the possibility existed that the increasingly-dilapidated structure might then be swept away. When this didn't occur, the city agreed to lease the structure with the intent of purchasing it outright, subject to by-law approval by taxpayers. Taxpayers however voted against the recommended \$7,000 purchase price in 1911 and a price reduction to \$5,000 early the following year was also defeated at the polls.

On a separate front, the city had recently extended streetcar service to Crescent Heights, thereby lessening the impact of any future disruptions in bridge access, and at the same time weakening the bridge company's negotiating position.

By 1912, plans were underway for a new Center Street bridge; the old one by then was open strictly for pedestrian traffic. Since little opportunity existed for the bridge company to recoup its investment, it finally agreed to sell the old bridge to the city for just \$1,300 and the ownership change took place in June of that year. It wasn't until 1914 that plans were finalized for the new bridge, and construction wasn't underway until 1915. Although the old bridge was (technically) still standing in early 1915, it proved unable to survive a further Bow River flood session in June of that year. After having been rammed by a barrage of logs which had escaped

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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, call Lana 403-999-5373

Yoga, 8-9pm, for info email: mike@jonesco.ab.ca

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

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from the upstream Eau Claire Lumber Company, the north span of the bridge failed on Saturday, June 26th, and after separating, began to float downstream.

Aboard were City Engineer Craig and City Commissioner Garden, who had decided to inspect it despite their having been forewarned of the bridge's instability by a guard posted at the southern approach. Also aboard was an unidentified "foreigner", likely of Italian descent, according to the Herald's initial report. Two city workers poled off in a rowboat after Commissioner Garden, and although he managed to grab a towrope they'd thrown him, the pair were unable to pull him aboard. Meanwhile, Calgary Fire Department Chief "Cappy" Smart and his men had quickly lowered grappling ropes from the Langevin Bridge in an attempt to rescue those aboard the rowboat. Their efforts were thwarted when a number of other well-meaning observers also lowered ropes, which they had neglected to secure to the bridge. After those in the rowboat had failed to grab the correct lines, their drifting boat was finally pulled in by Cappy's crew and Chief of Police Alfred Cuddy near St. George's Island, and the Commissioner and his two rescuers were then safe and sound. City Engineer Craig had earlier saved himself by scrambling up some timber on the north side of the river. The "foreigner", who had also ventured onto the bridge despite being warned not to do so, was unfortunately drowned. It later turned out that he was in fact Bridgeland resident Edwin Tambling, 54, another city employee working on the footings for the new bridge.

The intact southern portion of the old bridge was later used to transport men and material to the site of the new bridge once construction was underway. Afterward, what remained of the old bridge's iron structure was then sold as scrap by the city to the provincial Highways Department for \$1700, resulting in a profit to the city of \$400! It would seem that Calgary taxpayers were prescient in their earlier decisions not to purchase the old bridge at the price levels first sought.

Readers might also be interested to know that the 1915 \$375,000 Centre Street Bridge project eventually approved by Calgary voters was a somewhat more modest undertaking than the proposed \$469,000 structure turned down the previous year. Plans for an even more elaborate bridge designed by Thomas Mawson in 1913 as part of his comprehensive "Vienna on the Bow" plan for Calgary were rejected by city council in view of the estimated \$10,000,000 cost to implement the entire plan. In any event, one of Mawson's two proposed bridge designs would have become obsolete very quickly as it called for a "funicular" elevator on the north section of the bridge to transport vehicles and pedestrians from the base of the North Hill to the top. Following completion, it wouldn't have been too many years before a serious traffic bottleneck would have ensued.

A bit of a postscript to the sad story of the first Centre Street Bridge: following the 2013 flood, some sharp-eyed pedestrians crossing the east side of the present bridge have noticed three parallel I-beams projecting upward in the centre of the Bow River, just visible beneath the water's surface about 100 yards east of the bridge. The I-beams weren't apparent prior to the 2013 flood and the flood action likely uprooted them from the

riverbed. It's quite possible that what can now be seen is in fact a section of the old bridge's superstructure.

References: Hugh Dempsey, "Calgary, Spirit of the West"; Eric Gormley, "The Village and the City"; Harry Sanders, "Historic Walks of Calgary"; the Calgary Daily Herald and Morning Albertan issues of June 28-3, 1915; City of Calgary papers held at Calgary Corporate Archives re: correspondence with the Bow River Bridge Company

## Newsletter editorial deadlines

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Editorial 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).

Remember: 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.

# Empties for equipment

Crescent Heights High School's monthly drop-off bottle drives for 2014 restarted September 13. 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 from 10 am - noon.** 

Upcomig dates: Nov 8, Dec 13, Jan 10, Feb 14, Mar 14, April 11, May 9 and June 13. Thanks for your continuing support!

# Message from Councillor Druh Farrell

Debt, Growth, and Budgets - looking for a better way

Calgary remains one of the fastest growing cities in North America. Every five years, Calgary adds roughly the population of the City of Regina to its borders. During my time in office, from 2001 to today, our population has grown by 36%, with over 100% of growth occurring on the edges of the city as older communities hollowed out, causing pressure on both our capital and operating budgets to service these new areas.

With the city's four-year budget deliberations quickly approaching, City Council will once again consider how to fund rapidly increasing demands for infrastructure and services with limited funding. Although a thorough debate on priorities is planned, the lion's share of our budget choices will

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# Neighbourfest 2014



The organizers of Neighbourfest 2014 would like to say, "Thank you!" for your participation in Neighbourfest 2014 and in belfing to celebrate diversity with us. Your support of our Crescent Heights Community and the community at large is very much appreciated!

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continue to be shaped by past and future decisions on how we grow as a city.

A booming city poses a number of dilemmas. Growth is costly. Calgary's debt is directly related to growth, with 75% of our infrastructure investment going to support new development. Earlier this year, Council debated on whether we should raise Calgary's self-imposed debt limit to facilitate more growth. I was strongly opposed to this for three reasons: Calgary has the highest debt-per-capita ratio of any city in Canada; it would enable new development in areas that are not ready, forcing us into further debt; capital investment requires additional operating and maintenance dollars. Thankfully, most of Council agreed with my position and took the advice of our Chief Financial Officer and chose not to raise the debt limit, but the question of how to pay for all our new residents' needs continues.

Most new operating costs also go to accommodate growth, and yet the city needs to approve new communities to house all of our newcomers. In the past, Calgary chose to build outwards, ever-expanding the city limits with low-density neighbourhoods. Low-density residential communities never pay for themselves, so this growth pattern came with a significant cost that will continue long into the future.

So that's the bad news. But if the status quo isn't working, what is the alternative? The good news is that a lot of work is already underway. I

have been sounding the alarm on growth and debt for many years, and our new City Manager, Jeff Fielding, also recognizes the urgency of our growth, debt, and budget challenges. In next month's article I will talk about how the City, working with the development industry, is seeking a sustainable model that will balance the demands of a growing city.

# Wild Rose United Church Turkey Supper with Pie







Saturday 15 November

#### 5:00 pm and 6:30 pm Settings

Tickets are available in the church office Monday-Friday 9:00-3:00 pm

or on Sunday after the service in Wild Rose Hall

Adult-\$15.00

Senior-\$13.00

Youtn (12-17)-\$13.00

Children (4-12)-\$7.00

Under 4- Free





# **Area Events and Resource Guide**

# Community

#### **TUXEDO PARK**

**Tuxedo Park Community Association** Hall: 202 29 Avenue NE

Ph: 403-277-8689

Editor: communications@tuxedoparkcommunity.ca

#### TUXEDO HALL PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Jazzercise at Tuxedo Hall: Tuesdays and Thursdays - 5:30pm visit www.tuxedoparkcommunity.ca/events for more info

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Tuesday, November 11, Remembrance Day Tea

Friday, November 28, Jelly Bean Dance from 6-9pm

Saturday, December 06, Santa Breakfast, 9-11am

(Possibly a Craft & Christmas Sale in lower hall at same time, email communications@tuxedoparkcommunity.ca to rent a table)

Sunday , December 21 Cloth, Paper, Scissors Drop-In Crafting! from 11am-4pm. Free for Tuxedo Park members! Call Chrystina at 403-244-2418 for information.

Friday, January 23, Jelly Bean Dance from 6-9pm

## **Get involved!** Your community needs... YOU!

#### CRESCENT HEIGHTS

**Crescent Heights Community Association** Hall: 1101 - 2nd Street NW

Hall Rentals: Call 403-804-5600 Newsletter email: chcaview@gmail.com

#### PROGRAMS AND EVENTS AT THE HALL

Calyx Art Show: Saturday, Oct 18 and Sunday, Oct 19 10am - 4pm at the community 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 7:00 - 9:00pm

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

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

#### Wild Rose United Church - Turkey Supper with Pie

Saturday, Nov 15. Two sittings - 5pm and 6:30pm. Adults: \$15, Seniors: \$13, Youth (12-17): \$13, Children (4-12): \$7 Under 4 - free. For more information call 403-277-5576. Wild Rose United is located at 1317-1 Street NW.

#### Crescent Heights High School - Empties for equipment

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#### 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.

Jelly Bean Dances: A fun activity for all children from Grades 1 to 6 to attend. 6 to 9 p.m. Admission fee is only \$3 per child, adults are free. Food, drinks and glow sticks available at a nominal fee. We welcome parents to stay and help volunteer. We always need parents to help supervise children on the dance floor, etc.

November 21, 2014 - Christmas Dance Party

Annual Flea Market: Saturday, November 8th. 10am to 3pm Tables \$10. Contact: Linda at 403-277-3626 for information.

**Bottle drop:** Drop your bottles off at Hall Parking lot the last Saturday of every month and support RCA events and Calgary Drop In Centre.

Friday Pub Night: Renfrew Pub is open in the Social Room downstairs in the hall every Friday evening from 7pm to close. Friendly bartenders and free pool, darts, foosball and shuffleboard. See you there!

#### Adult Pub Night: Acoustic Jam, Friday November 14.

We will be hosting an adult only acoustic Jam on Nov 14th in the pub. Bring your voice, your instruments and your soul, man! And don't forget

#### **Renfrew United Church Events**

Saturday, November 15 - Coff ee Party - 9:30am Friday, November 21 – Seniors Card Party – 1:00pm Saturday, November 22 – Poinsettia Tea & Bazaar – 1 to 3pm

#### 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

#### Open Stage nights - November 29

Jam sessions in The Fireside Lounge - all welcome. Always looking for musicians to sing or play, and an audience to entertain. Music starts around 8:00 p.m.

JELLY BEAN DANCE: Friday, November 07, 6:30 - 9:30pm AGES 12 AND UNDER (Parent supervision advised for younger children) Pop, hotdogs & candy for sale. Lots of dance contests and door prizes.

**Befit & Age Well Exercise Classes:** Friday 9 – 10 am starting Sept. 5 Cost: \$10 for 10 classes plus community membership. To register call the office @403-273-5894. Certified Alberta Fitness Leader specializing in Arthritis & aging well exercises.

Yoga Classes: Two weekly classes starting:

Mon. Sept 8 at 7:30-9:00pm and Thurs. Sept 11 at 1:30 — 3:00pm For more information and to register call Marg @403-273-7952 or email: margaretberger@shaw.ca

Christmas Craft Sale: Nov. 29, 9:30am - 3:30pm

70 tables of hand crafted items; hourly draws for \$25 shopping sprees. Stop by the concession for a free coffee or tea. This is your one stop shop for Christmas goodies, knitting, ornaments, wood workings, jewelery, honey, quilts, pottery and plenty more!

#### MARLBOROUGH PARK

**Marlborough Park Community Association** Hall: 6021 Madigan Drive NE

Hall Rentals: Call 403-248-1775 Newsletter email: marlpark@shaw.ca

NIA on Monday nights from 6:45 - 7:45 pm Yoga on Tuesday nights from 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Drop-in Tai Chi on Tuesdays from 9:15 - 10:15 am

Drop-in volleyball on Wednesday from 8:30 - 10:30 pm (\$4 each)

**Drop In Crib** every Monday night at 7pm. Everyone welcome. LOMA Whist Club Wednesdays at 1pm, \$3 each, no partner required

Seniors Crib Club every Friday at 1pm. Call Virginia at 403-366 -3042.

Holiday Craft and Scholastic Book Fair - Nov. 16 from 10am - 3-pm. Location: Marlborough Park Community Association 6021 Madigan Drive NE

Jelly Bean Dance: Friday, November 28, 6:30 - 9:30pm AGES 12 AND UNDER (Parent supervision advised for younger children) Pop, hotdogs & candy for sale. Lots of dance contests and door prizes Breakfast with Santa - December 21

There will be a gift from Santa for children who are registered. Registration Deadline: December 14, 2014. No walk-ins allowed. All children attending must be accompanied by at least one parent or quardian.

Members:\* Family of 4 - \$30.00 Child (ages 3-17) - \$6.00 Adult (ages 18+) - \$12.00 under 2 free

\*Must present current MPCA card to receive members price Non-members:\* Family of 4 - \$40.00 Child (ages 3-17) - \$8.00 Adult (ages 18+) - \$15.00 under 2 free

Blood Services Clinic - December 24 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm New Years Eve Party - December 31

\$80 per couple for members. \$100 per couple for non-members. Includes dinner, party favors and door prizes! Tickets will be available to purchase at the hall beginning November 15! COCKTAILS AT: 6:30pm DINNER AT: 7:00pm DANCE AT: 9:00pm

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

#### **Vibrant Speakers Toastmasters Club**

Come and learn to communicate with confi dence. Guests are always welcome. Meetings are on Mondays at 7pm at Marlborough Park Community Centre. Call Ben at 403-325-1313 for more information.



# Connections

# Area Events and Resource Guide



#### 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

Santa's Breakfast & Craft Sale: Mark your calendars!
Saturday, December 13 and runs from 9:30am to 2:00pm.
Santa is a very busy guy this time of year, but he will be making an appearance at our community hall; 520 – 27 Ave. NE.

If you'd like to volunteer, please email newsletter@winstonheights.ca or if you're interested in being a vendor at the craft sale, information is available at winstonheights.ca.

**Fitness Classes for the Older Adult:** Classes \$5/person. These classes are drop-in, no need to register, just come out and enjoy!

We will be offering yoga every Tuesday at 9:30am and Zumba Gold every second Thursday at 9:30am. Our days for November are the 6th and 20th and our dates for December are 4th and 18th. As well, if you have any questions about the classes you can contact Mary-Beth Walsh at (403) 209-1691.

**Book Club:** We meet at the hall in the board room from 7 to 9pm. Tuesday, November 18th: *A House in the Sky* by Amanda Lindhout and Sara Corbett will be our book club selection. For more information contact Mary-Beth Walsh at marybethwalshn2@gmail.com or at (403) 209-1691.

#### **RUNDLE**

Rundle Community Association Hall: 2409 - 50 St. NE

Hall Rentals: Call 403-280-4752 Newsletter email: rumbles@shaw.ca

CRAFT SALE - November 22, 10am - 4pm

If you are a home crafter, please contact us to book your table for our community craft sale. \$20/table, contact Wendy at 403-280-4752.

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!

TEXAS HOLD'EM ON Saturday nights at 7pm

NOTE: taking a break over the summer.

Crib Night at the Rundle Summit Pub! Tuesdays 7 to 9pm NOTE: taking a break over the summer.

**Karaoke at the Rundle Summit Pub!** Bring your singing voice and warble your favourite tune! **Hallowe'en Karaoke**, October 31. Fun begins at 8pm. NO CHARGE. Prizes for costumes!

#### **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

#### Pleasant Times - Upper Hall, 602 22 Ave. NW

Pleasant Times is an adults-only group that meets at 1pm 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 join us or be informed of our planned activities and trips in advance, please contact Linda at (403) 289-8390 or lohanlon@telus.net.

**Book Club** - 4th Tuesday of the month from 7 to 9pm in the Lower Hall. Our November 25th book will be *The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out The Window And Disappeared* by Jonas Jonasson. We don't have a meeting in December.

**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. For more information you can email mpp.chair@qmail.com.

#### **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/fqqjLG

Crossroads Winter Family Festival: Sunday November 30th Come meet your neighbors and build your community by volunteering at the Winter Family Festival! Volunteer Shifts from 9:30am-5:00pm, meals included. Volunteers age 14 and up. Call Melody Holmes at 403-472-8189, or emailmelodyh@calqaryfamily.org to get involved.

**Crossroads Pub Night** - Friday November 28th Join Frank for some Community fun!

#### **Horizon District Reunion Potluck**

for LEADERS associated with Horizon District GIRL GUIDES Sunday, November 2, 11am to 3pm at the Crossroads Community Centre Share your memories, friendship and stories. Tell us about your Guiding years, units, camps etc. Bring your camp dishes, favorite pot luck dish and \$5.00 for essentials.

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#### **BRIDGELAND-RIVERSIDE**

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**Big PLANS for Little Kids:** Do you have questions about whether you child is ready for kindergarten? Rosedale Playschool presents a free evening with Heather Kinahan B.Ed., B.Sc. and educational coordinator for Big PLANS for Little Kids. She will be speaking about Kindergarten Readiness. Join us on November 27th at 7:00 pm at the Bridgeland community hall. Please RSVP to www.rosedaleplayschool.com

# In Flanders Fields - by John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row, That mark our place; and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
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In Flanders fields

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Neighbour to Neighbour (N2N) in collaboration with the Crescent Heights Community Association would like to introduce our Neighbour to Neighbour Travelling Table to the Crescent Heights Community. Watch for the N2N table as it travels through your neighbourhood. We will be in a variety of locations in Crescent Heights and serve as a gathering place for individuals and families who work live and play in the area, to meet, have coffee/refreshments, become informed of services and resources available in Crescent Heights and surrounding communities and most importantly, engage in conversation. If you would like us to visit your street, business location or organization, please email your request to us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/N2NCalgary

Neighbour to Neighbour is a collaborative effort, organized by local residents in Crescent Heights whose goal is to improve quality of life in our community.

# Building Safe Communities Guns and Gangs

Please join us and Sgt. Jason Walker of the Calgary Police Service Guns and Gangs Unit for a FREE informative session on the current organized crime and gang landscape in Calgary. Topics will include the types of criminal organizations and gangs in Calgary, the sophistication of technology in organized crime, and an overview of the Calgary Police Service Gang Strategy.

Wednesday, November 19th at the Bowness Community hall (7904 43 Avenue NW) from 7 to 9:00pm. FREE to the public but space is limited.

For more information and to register visit calgarycommunites.com/workshops-events



# Off the Shelf

**Book review by Judith Umbach** 



# Million Dollar Arm by J.B. Bernstein

Million Dollar Arm, the book, is the story of how a rich, powerful, driven man got taken down a peg or two while stumbling over real life. J.B. Bernstein went almost blind into India to manufacture a great coup in sports history. The chasm between his confident assumptions and social reality for impoverished kids tore through his admitted arrogance to turn life around for his two baseball protégés and for himself.

Everything on TV is a reality show these days, even though actual "reality" happens when the cameras aren't rolling. Bernstein and some colleagues hatched a show based on the mathematical probability that in a country (India) with more than a billion people there must be thousands who could throw a fastball in American professional baseball. Albeit, the overwhelmingly popular game in India was cricket. Sort of the same!

J.B. Bernstein had credentials and money. His day job (12/7/365 actually) was representing four international sports stars in the marketplace of endorsements – big bucks and fast action. Fortunately, he only needed 2 hours sleep a night, so he had lots of time to do something else – NOT! Loaded with a how-hard-can-it-be attitude, he flies off to India with a tight production schedule in mind. Tight production schedules are unknown in

the country that perfected bureaucracy.

Although the book is full of the contrasts between India and the US, the pull of the narrative is Bernstein's personal development. Without self-pity he reveals how this ludicrous project made him face his own character flaws, even though he never abandoned his goal of finding Indian adolescents who could pitch.

He found three boys. One boy never left India because he had no documented proof of his own existence, an anguished disappointment for Bernstein. Two boys came with him to California – they lived with him. This alone is evidence of Bernstein's personal growth, because as an adult he deliberately lived alone and indulged his own desires.

Dinesh and Rinku, struggling mightily with culture shock, endured training routines designed to develop professional pitching muscle memory inside of one year, an almost impossible feat. Innate good nature and deep appreciation for this astonishing opportunity made them acceptable pitchers and outstanding heroes in their own homes. Bernstein went on to plan Season Two!

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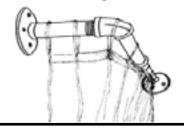
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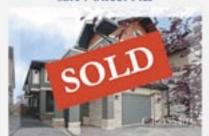
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