

President's Notebook September a Double Edged Time of Year

By John McDermid

Welcome back to the View for our September issue, that curiously double-edged time of year: the end of summer is in sight, but it's a time of year that also carries a sense of a fresh start, whether back to school or college or university, or back to work after a summer vacation. It's a time to look forward into the "new" season and a time to reflect on the fleeting summer. This summer saw another successful Crescent Heights Stampede Breakfast, our eighth annual, if I'm counting correctly.

First things first are to thank lead volunteers Dave Dearborn and Rob Elliott for steering the boat and for rounding up a dedicated corps of volunteers. This year's was the best ever and we're only sorry we ran out of Real Maple Syrup and had to resort later on in the morning to the "other stuff". We now have a better sense of how much to have on hand for next year and will hope to avert a potential syrup riot by laying in a more plentiful supply in 2009.

This year we also had all three levels of government on hand for breakfast duty, and our elected representatives were with us for a good portion of the morning. Alderman Druh Farrell, MLA David Swann and MP Jim Prentice stood shoulder to

shoulder at the griddles to meet, greet and feed our guests. More than a few quips about the three levels of government working so well together were heard as the pancakes and sausages just kept coming. Thanks to all our volunteers, including our friends from Sharon Lutheran Church, who swooped in once again at the end of the morning to help clean up. The cooks, runners, servers and set-up people can become a little weary by the end of the event, what with the early start and all. We have many aspects of this year's event documented for future reference in the hope that we can make it even better next year. Thanks again to everyone who came, especially the Crazy Bones Band, who add such great warmth to the breakfast, and also to Sharon Anderson-Marr for her hard work and organizational skills in the lead-up to the breakfast.

If you're near the Crescent Heights Hall anytime soon, look up, waay up and have a look at our brand new roof. Since

obtaining our initial round of estimates last autumn, Anne Underwood has been working with a roofing consultant and the job was completed this past August, just during a spell of great warm weather that allowed the new shingles to set up and bond perfectly. I think you'll agree that the new roof colour is a beautiful shade that should go well with our new choices of colour for the building's siding and trim, the repainting of which is very near the top of our to do list.

Meet Wing Lee: Maintenance Man Extraordinaire! Some of you will remember our call in the last issue of the View for the services of a capable handyman-maintenance person. Former View Editor Glenna Blackbourn was visiting with her neighbour, Wing Lee, who has recently retired from SAIT. A few phone calls later and Wing was on the job, touching up some paint inside and outside the hall, filling cracks, sorting out our storage and mechanical rooms and repairing a variety of busted things. Most recently, with the help of George Day and a very tall rented stepladder, many fluorescent tubes, ballasts and diffusers were repaired or replaced as required. We



From left to right: David Swann, our Member of the Legislative Assembly for Calgary Mountain View, the Honourable Jim Prentice, Minister of Industry and our Member of Parliament and Ward 7 Alderman Druh Farrell flipping sausages and pancakes for the crowd.



**Scotch Tasting Event
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Crescent Heights Community Hall

See article inside for further details

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extend our great thanks to Wing Lee for agreeing to take on what is a perennially long list of odd jobs around our pretty little Hall.

That pretty little Hall is a busy one as well, thanks to the diligence of Marlene Zaharichuk. It's tough to find a free evening or weekend in the autumn, but that's what we're trying to do right now in order to organize the annual Lantern Festival/Bratwurst and Beans event. Last year's was in October and you'll see a notice elsewhere in this issue for a Scotch Tasting on October 10th. We had toyed with the idea of combining these events, but think now that it might not work that well, so watch this space and our community e-mail list for further details of the Lantern Festival. If we can put the event together, we will, but as always, we'll need our regular volunteers.

In July we received the required approval from the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission that enabled the CHCA to earmark a small portion of our casino revenue to fund the Crescent Heights Community Garden at Stanley Jones School (6th Street and 8th Avenue NE). The garden and informative plaque are now in place, as is an irrigation system to ensure the garden's continued survival in the school yard, and the project came in well under budget. Take a stroll by some day and admire the efforts of Connie McLaren and the Stanley Jones Parents' Council in creating these little oases in the heart of the city, and see Connie's account of the project elsewhere in this issue.

I had a number of inquiries from residents and former residents eager for news of the 2008 Garden Tour, but had to advise them that the committee did its homework back in May and decided that a year's hiatus would be in order. That gives anyone in the community who may have been bitten by the gardening bug (perhaps while on the Crescent Heights Garden Tour in past years) plenty of time to paint your masterpiece before next summer's tour. Gardens of course are entirely cyclical in nature, and I am constantly amazed at the very good bones of many mature gardens in the community, some of which may have been neglected by a previous owner and are just waiting to be rediscovered, renovated and brought back into full

vigour. We might well be peeking over your fence next spring to add another of those undiscovered treasures to the tour next year.

And finally this month, or more like last month and the month before that, a dispute has arisen in the North West quadrant of our community where the rear lanes are narrow and access and egress at the north end of some such alleys is in a kind of limbo as the new east-west lane south of 16th Avenue has yet to be constructed. I would have hoped enough blood, sweat and tears had already been shed over the VIA 16 Urban Corridor and all the thorny issues associated with it, but some Crescent Heights residents are currently compelled to take their residential garbage to the front street every week, rather than to the lane as has been their practice for decades, until the matter can be resolved.

The CHCA will make every effort to assist in finding a reasonable resolution for residents, who are the innocent bystanders in the dispute, but who are also the only parties to be put at a disadvantage while the problem is resolved. Thanks to those residents who have brought the matter to the CHCA's attention and have persisted in pushing for a positive solution, while maintaining their very professional and diplomatic approach.

Into the Autumn!

Photo of the Month



Stampede Breakfast

By Sharon Anderson-Marr

On Sunday July 13th, more than 300 adults and children made their way to the Crescent Heights Community Hall for our Annual Stampede Breakfast, hosted by the community board members. Attendees ploughed through a mountain of pancakes, sausages, watermelon and gallons of coffee and juice.

Small cowboys and cowgirls whopped it up on some wonderfully creative hobby horses – nothing like a sheet of cardboard from the recycle bin, a length of pipe insulation, some garden twine and a little imagination to amuse the under six set of kids! They rode a little more quietly on the ponies from Horses R Cool Riding School Ltd. at Griffin Valley Ranch, although some of our more expert riders who had taken a week of lessons last summer longed to be able to take a real trot around our hockey rink come paddock without the restraint of the lead rein! A warm thank you goes out to Diane Hickey, her two assistants and her patient ponies Chic, Bandit and Frisky who once again made the day for our small cowpokes.

Diane was grateful for the assistance of Damon Johnston and Wayne Smith who helped kids up and onto the ponies and to our volunteers led by Astrid Hobill who took care of the pony line-up and helmet management. She was thrilled to see some of the riders arriving dressed in western gear!

A couple of young leaders from City Parks and Recreation manned a face painting table and had a steady stream of small customers waiting their turn for a makeover.

Musical entertainment was provided once

again by our own Crescent Heights based Crazy Bones String Band who kept feet tapping with their music – the perfect backdrop to another successful breakfast

This event is made possible by our faithful volunteers including board members who spent the morning setting up tables, griddles and canopies, and generally making themselves useful: John McDermid, Anne Underwood, Penny Smith, George Day, and Daniel Dang. A big thank you to Rob Elliott and Dave Dearborn who stepped in to take a leadership role in helping to organize and run the event, picking up the fixings and making last minute decisions that got sausages thawed, batter mixed and the crowd fed!

Wendy and Bobby Baum, loyal community volunteers who have maintained our membership list over the past couple of years, headed the team at the membership renewal table.

Responding to our call for help, the following Crescent Heights residents gave a helping hand allowing other members and guests to enjoy their breakfast in the sunshine: Mariane and Steve Cunningham, David Hobill, Lynn Pattern, Judy McIvor, Bev Rodgers, Kelly Knight, Nancy Elliott, Grant Sinclair, Anne-Marie and Bill Dumas, Elsie Ross, and Heather Demish. Nancy and Rob's daughter Nicole Elliott, 12, whipped up some signage while Grant Sinclair's son Jerrod, six, our youngest volunteer, proved to be an expert at scrubbing down tables. Many thanks go to these folks – and apologies to anyone we may have missed!

The political front was well represented at the griddles this year! At one point the Honourable Jim Prentice, Minister of Industry and our Member of Parliament, was flipping pancakes flanked on one side by David Swann, our



Member of the Legislative Assembly for Calgary Mountain View and on the other side by our Ward 7 Alderman Druh Farrell. They all managed to keep stacking those pancakes onto plates while keeping up a steady stream of chat with Stampede Breakfast guests.

A whole-hearted thanks once again to the Second Cup on Centre Street at 13th Avenue NW which generously provided our numerous coffee drinkers with several giant carafes of coffee and all the fixin's – and provided refills as well.

Sharon Lutheran Church sent out a team to help with clean up: Brian and Dianne Henderson, Edward Tse, David Tse, Peggy Chan, Alfred Yuen, and Heide Myrthu. The Board was grateful for all those helping hands. A special note of thanks to Brian and Dianne Henderson who did a wonderful job above and beyond the call of duty cleaning the stovetop!

Stampede is over for another year. If you and your family came out, we hope you had a good time and look forward to seeing you again next year or at our next community event. For those who missed it, we serve up a mess o' good vittles and guarantee great company!

Consider signing on as a volunteer next year and experience what it's like to be on the other side of the griddle – it's a lot of fun meeting local residents and community friends.

The Lantern Festival in the fall is another great Crescent Height family event where you can have fun mingling with your neighbours and have an opportunity to get to know them even better by volunteering before or during the event. See you then!



View Delivery Help Required

Volunteer carriers required for
the Crescent View!

- 2nd Avenue NE between 2nd Street and the Hill
- 4th and 5th Avenue NE between 2nd Street and Edmonton Trail
- 1st Avenue to 4th Avenue NE between 3rd and 4th Street, bottom of the hill

Interested volunteers are encouraged to call Diane Altwasser at 276-7118 or email koblukm@telus.net.

Call for Articles

Crescent Heights View and Rosedale Reporter

To improve our communication network, we are now able to include articles, activities and events in the Rosedale Reporter as well as our own Crescent Heights View. This will ensure that everyone in our two communities will be kept up to date of current activities, and will ensure that course offerings for both communities will be 'a go'.

Articles/events for the Crescent Heights View are due on the 15th day of each month. Please email your articles (as word documents), to Elizabeth Hancock at elizahancock@shaw.ca. Please send any digital photos (scanned at a minimum 300 dpi) as an attachment to the email and be sure to send a caption and any names of people who are in the photo. Everyone deserves their 15 minutes of fame...

Articles/events for the Rosedale Reporter are due on the 10th day of each month. Please email articles only (as word documents), to Bill Waddell at wadellb@telusplanet.net.



R2R Historical Garden Project

As some of you may remember from previous articles in the View, a historical garden project has been ongoing at Stanley Jones Elementary and Alice Jamieson All Girls Academy. Overall the project is a perimeter "historical garden" pathway system around the border of the schoolyard. The gardens' themes all reflect some of the historical significance of the school and community.

Over its lifetime the school has been home to students from Renfrew, Bridgeland and Crescent Heights. The past June saw the installation of three Heritage Gardens, one for each of these three communities who have historically, and continue to this day, attended this beautiful sandstone and granite building, situated at the corner of 8th Avenue and 6th Street NE. The gardens contain heritage plants and vegetables, along with historical plaques detailing the development of those communities.

The Crescent Heights plaque reads: In 1906, Archibald John McArthur, Crescent Height's founding father, assumed two mortgages totaling \$3300, to purchase land from 16th Avenue south to the Bluff and Bow River. Within a month, he filed a sub-division plan for Crescent Heights with the province. The next year, local residents met and started a petition to incorporate as a Village. Incorporation gave them the right to collect property taxes and to organize a much-needed school district.

The Crescent Heights School District No. 1768 got underway in the local Baptist Hall with Miss Kate Lowry hired to teach at a salary of \$50/month. In 1909, the Board approved rental of a piano at \$7/month. The first graduating class from Crescent Heights Collegiate Institute was on the move for a number of years as their campus was built. They spent the 1914-15 school year here at the

Bridgeland School (as Stanley Jones was first named), then on to the Balmoral School building, the last of nineteen sandstone schools built in the City before WWI, and finally to their current location at Crescent Heights High School in 1929.

Crescent Heights old-timers have many fond memories of Stanley Jones School: the WWI Victory Gardens, the huge outdoor skating rink, playing fields as far as the eye could see, and, most especially, the thrill of being next door to Calgary's first official municipal airport. The Renfrew Airfield boasted a fleet of ten prop-driven monoplanes and biplanes when it was inaugurated September 12th, 1929. A revolving beacon was erected on top of the school. While the School Board requested all hangars and equipment be kept 600 feet away from Stanley Jones, the children delighted in the sight of open-cockpit craft zooming overhead. Etched forever on their memories is a leaflet drop over the school that caused quite a stir and the nearby crash of an early air-mail plane. The age of space, the very future, was before them.

Today, children from Crescent Heights, continue the tradition of walking to and from Stanley Jones School, echoing the footsteps of others who went before them.

Thanks very much to Helga Shield for researching and writing this wonderful tribute. Thanks also to the Community Association for funding the garden, without your support this couldn't have happened.

The schoolground and gardens are open for all to wander through, please feel free to do so... please also feel free to weed should the mood strike you!

"Nature is the cure of all illness"
-Hippocrates



Hey! Where can I pick up a copy of this GREAT newsletter?

The Crescent View is published monthly and is available for pick-up at Gardens Grace on Edmonton Trail, as well as The Riverside Coffee House, The Urban Baker, Pints & Half Pints, Boogies Burgers, The Country Kitchen, Subway, Joshua Tree, Crescent Heights Convenience, Second Cup on Centre Street, Center Convenience, Peter Pan Convenience Store, Lamda Centre and New Asian Market

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If you would like access to the newsletter on the web, you can visit www.calgaryarea.com/nw/crescenthts/crescent.htm and you will see the View PDF underneath the Block Watch Logo on the right side of the screen.

Business Membership

The CHCA would like to recognize business members in good standing:

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Support Your Community!

Crescent Heights Scotch Tasting Planned for Friday, October 10th.

This fall the Community Association is expanding its social offerings to adult members with a Scotch tasting event on Friday evening, October 10th at the Community Hall.

No, we're not advocating cannibalism but rather providing an opportunity to get together with others from the community who appreciate the occasional wee dram to sample six single malts. Suitable snacks will be provided to accompany this informal tasting run by complete amateurs. Participants are strongly encouraged to walk to and from this

community event.

The number of participants will be limited to 20 and there will be a charge of \$40 per person, payable in advance, to ensure all costs are covered. Contact Anne Underwood by e-mail or snail mail, on or after September 15th, at daunderwood@shaw.ca or at 1428 2nd Street NW, T2M 2W1 to reserve your seat. Include your e-mail or a phone number you can be reached at in the evening so a confirmation of your booking can be made. We look forward to raising a glass with you!

Library News

Louise Riley Library is located at 1904, 14th Avenue NW. Programs are free with a library card. Register in person, by calling 260-2620 or online at www.calgarypubliclibrary.com.

StoryPALS

Trained Pet Access League Society volunteers and their highly socialized dogs provide a calm, accepting presence for struggling readers to practice reading aloud. Ages six to 12. Thursdays, October 2nd to November 6th, 7:00 to 8:00 pm.

Parent and Child Book Club

Explore some of the best children's novels with your child, then meet for a lively discussion of the book and author. Ages nine to 12 with a parent/caregiver. Tuesdays, October 7th, November 4th and December 2nd, 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

Baby Storytime

Enjoy age-appropriate songs, rhymes, and stories; and learn ways to share books and language with babies. Ages six to 23 months with a parent/caregiver Tuesdays, September 16th to 30th, 10:15 to 10:45 am.

Preschool Storytime

Join us for stories, songs, and fingerplays especially for preschoolers. Ages three to five independent of a parent/caregiver. Thursdays, October 2nd to November 6th, 10:30 to 11:00 am.

The World Lives Here: Grow Readers for Life!

Celebrate International Literacy Day with this fun and interactive family Storytime. Ages two to five with a parent/caregiver. Saturday, September 6th, 10:30 to 11:00 am.

Parking Permit Renewal Time

Residential Parking Zone M permits expire October 31st. You may obtain your 2008/09 permits beginning September 1st from the Calgary Parking Authority. Calgary Parking Authority is located at 620 9th Avenue SW, T2P 1L5. Phone (403) 537-7000, fax 403-537-7001. They are open Monday to Friday, 8:00 am to 4:15 pm.

restricted zone as well as a copy of some other proof of address, such as a cable or utility bill. Please don't forget your vehicle registration.

The permit may be picked up at our office. The bylaw required that you present a valid Alberta vehicle registration for each vehicle requiring a permit, showing the correct address within the

Alternatively, you may mail or fax a photocopy of your entire valid vehicle registration(s) along with a copy of some other proof of address, such as a cable or utility bill (Drivers' license does not fax well). We will mail your permit to you. Be sure to allow enough time for mailing. It is your responsibility to renew your permits in a timely manner in order to avoid receiving a parking violation.

Creeping Bellflower – Not Just Another Pretty Flower

By Glenna Blackburn and Isabelle Jankovich

We have noticed a lot of Creeping Bellflower (*Campanula rapunculoides*), in our neighbourhood gardens this year and thought it would be a good time to remind everyone that this guy is not just another pretty flower. This bellflower is actually a very hardy perennial weed that spreads very quickly throughout gardens, and even happily tries to establish itself in lawns and any other place it deems suitable.

This plant is extremely invasive and requires almost superhuman strength and determination to eliminate. In Alberta, it is classified as a "noxious weed". It grows by underground rhizomes, almost resembling the look of a long, white carrot. All the root hairs, and there are many, also have to be painstakingly removed to ensure complete removal. These are the "creepers". Leave anything behind and it will grow into a new plant.

Another effective way is to make sure you pull the leaves off the baby plants, ouch, as this will stop their growth. But if you pull the older plants you will get the stalk and a few creepers without the rhizome. The rhizome will send out creepers in all directions to start new plants and your problem will spread. Oh, and just to let you know, this plant is resistant to 2,4-D and most other broadleaf weed killers. That should let you know how invasive this guy really is. The only way to control it is to dig it out.

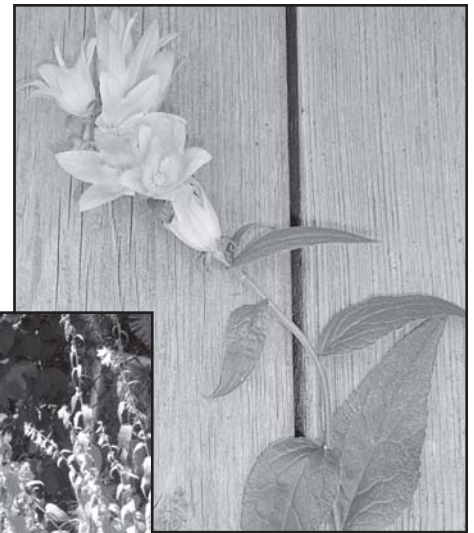
When they first poke their heads through the soil, they are very handy at making themselves look like violets, as their new

leaves look like small hearts. How cute. Not. Then they grow very quickly and have very pretty nodding blue to purple bell-shaped flowers, their leaves elongate, and they form nice clumps. By the time you realize what they are, you start digging them out and feel embarrassed by what havoc they have wrought! You must dig down at least 6" and get all the white root hairs – if you are 'lucky' you will actually find a tuber, and trust me, you will be extremely proud to tug this out of soil, holding it high above your head and waving it in the air, as a feeling of elation overcomes you. And you smile and keep digging for more. In a long established bed, you may have to dig much, much deeper. Rhizomes can be 12" and longer! Make sure you get it all. Any piece left behind will grow a new plant!

Fall is a good time to dig up these plants. In the spring they will be easier to control as they come out of the ground. In a patch that has been established for a few years, it will take a year or two of persistent effort to get it under control.

Remember to dispose of the plants and roots in your garbage can, not in your compost bin. The last thing you want is to incorporate this guy back into your soil when your compost is ready to be added back to your garden.

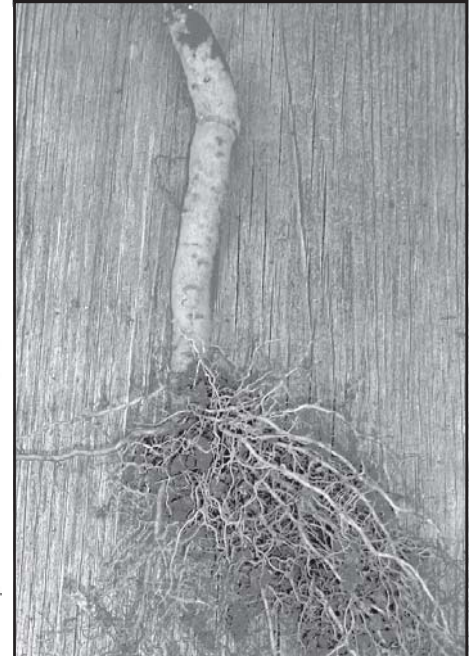
So, be on the lookout for this tricky plant. Now is the time to start elimination, before it happily seeds itself for another year and runs rampant through our neighbourhood of beautiful gardens.



Top: Bellflower in bloom. Note elongated leaf pairs. Inset Left: Mature clump of creeping bellflower with developing seed pods. Bottom right: Immature bellflower leaves with creeping rhizomes. Bottom Left: Mature bellflower rhizome with creepers at bottom.



Bottom right: Immature bellflower leaves with creeping rhizomes. Bottom Left: Mature bellflower rhizome with creepers at bottom.



Crescent Heights Wine Tasting

By Joe Nagy

On June 20th we held our first wine tasting at the Hall. We are trying to have some adult only events and will follow up with a whiskey tasting in October.

Eighteen brave souls turned out to taste seven wines and nibble on some cheese. As the View was late and I neglected to get the information out on the community emails, my apologies to those who would have liked to attend but did not learn of the event until after the 20th.

We started the evening with a sparkling wine, Schlumberger Blanc de Blanc Non Vintage, Austria, 11.5% alcohol and priced at \$14. This wine is made of Welschriesing Grapes. It has a fresh scent of apricots, intensive aromas of green apples, delicate hints of yeast and it's dry, fresh and fruity. In an oil town like Calgary it is important to mention this wine is from Austria and is not associated with the Oilfield Service Company. The Oilfield Service company family is from Alsace and is a large producer in the Alsace region.

We tasted two whites, comparing an Old World Sauvignon Blanc with a new world one. Wine #1, Chateau de Sancerre White 2006, France, Loire Valley, 100% Sauvignon Blanc, 13% Alcohol, \$21 compared to Wine #2, Kim Crawford Marlborough New Zealand, 100% Sauvignon Blanc, 13% Alcohol, \$20. When we asked about preferences it was split at nine votes each.

For the red wines, we tasted four different syrah/shiraz grapes. Syrah and Shiraz are the same grapes, and myth has them originating in Shiraz, Iran. Unfortunately, genetic testing and DNA samples have found the grape originating in the south of France. One of the nice things about the wonderful world of wine is the amount of misinformation available. The Iranian connection is mentioned in enough articles with enough frequency to be credible. The attitude of the industry professionals seems to be as long as we can charge more for less – then misinform away!

Wine #3 was a classic French Syrah. 2005 M. Chapoutier "Petite Ruche" Crozes Hermitage, Northern Rhone,

100% Syrah, 13% alcohol, \$21. Wine #4 was an 2006 Italian Syrah, Spadafora Monreale Syrah, Sicily, Palermo region, Syrah Nero d'Avola, 14% alcohol and priced at \$17.

The final two wines were new world versions of Shiraz. Wine #5 Montes Alpha Syrah 2006 Chile, The Apalta Valley, 90% Syrah, 7% of Cabernet Sauvignon and 3% of Viognier 14.5% Alcohol, \$23 and Wine #6 Hugh Hamilton "The Rascal" Shiraz 2006 Australia, McLaren Valve 100% Shiraz (Syrah), 14.5% Alcohol, \$25

Sometimes it was hard to believe we were drinking the same grapes. In any wine tasting, the order of the wines is important. The goal is to taste the lightest to heaviest, recognizing that powerful tastes overwhelm softer ones. A day-to-day example of this is chewing Clorets gum. Eating any food five minutes after popping four Clorets kills the food. The same principle goes for wine. Better yet, have a taste of whiskey and then wonder if the wine doesn't taste like water!

The preference of the group was that six people liked the Australian and French the best, five liked the Chilean and one person the Italian. Now to be fair, Italy is not really known for Syrah.

We then finished up the remaining wine and sampled four cow's milk cheeses: Grizzly Gouda from Alberta, Apenzeller (a hard cheese from Switzerland), Piave from Italy, and Ossau-Iraty (a medium soft cheese from France). Strangely enough, Ossau-Iraty is suitable for lactose intolerant people.

The moral of the story is if you are having someone from the neighborhood over for dinner, then your guests will likely prefer the New World wines. Hope to see you at the whiskey tasting on October 10th.



Helga Shield tells a story about Bible Bill Aberhart, Alberta's Social Credit Premier and former principal of Crescent Heights High School.

The Village with Heart

By Helga Sheild

Despite the pouring rain, thunder and lightening, over a 100 brave souls joined in the "Village in the Heart" historic walk July 26th. Fortunately the rain quit in short order, and tour-goers spent a lovely evening taking in local built heritage and sharing stories of by-gone heroes and characters.

Many thanks to Dennis and Heidi, our gracious hosts at the Sharon Lutheran Church, Daniel Dang of the Anderson Block, and Wild Rose United where tour-goers got to peak in at the pipes while the organ was being played (who knew church organists take requests!).

Police Commission Public Meeting

Calgary Police Commission will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, September 15th, 6:30 pm at the Triwood Community Centre (2244 Chicoutimi Drive SW). The agenda includes presentations on policing in District 3 and articulation of grounds: ensuring a bias free approach to policing. Members of the public are invited to attend and ask questions.

More information is available on the Commission's website at www.calgary.ca/policecommission or by calling 403-206-8914.



Playschool Set to Bloom

By Helga Shield

Whew! It has been a very busy summer for Rosedale Playschool. In June we bid farewell to the Rosedale Community Association Hall and made our move into Crescent Heights where we have been warmly welcomed by Wild Rose United Church. At our new location we have a larger, dedicated space, daily access to a huge gym, and the use of the front green space outdoors. We'd certainly accumulated a lot of stuff over the last two decades! Fortunately, many trucks and hands showed up to help on moving day.

The summer has been spent painting, installing a new bathroom, new cloakroom and lovely black iron fence around the front yard to create a play space. We've also been very, very busy securing all the required permits and licenses in time for the first day of class on September 8th.

It hasn't been all work, though. Perhaps the most fun this summer for the very busy teachers and Board was meeting with neighbourhood artist Linda Côté. Linda volunteered to update our logo and did a fabulous job. A fresh look for a fresh start!

We feel it truly represents children learning through play which is at the heart of our program. Linda is an accomplished artist and samples of her beautiful paintings, block prints, and wood carvings can be viewed on her website at www.lindacote.ca.

The playschool offers three classes:

- MWF 9:00 to 11:30 am
4 year olds (22 children)
- T/Th 9:00 to 11:30 am
3 year olds (18 children)
- MWF 1:00 to 3:30 pm
3/4 year olds (12 children)

For registration please contact Sue Webber at 403-703-2156 or rosedaleplayschool@gmail.com. Board member Helga Shield is our community liaison, and can be reached at 403-230-5531 anytime.

It Takes a Village

The Babysitting Co-op continues to expand. We have lots of new members this year, and a whole crop of kids under the age of five. The Co-op is not only a great network for babysitting; it is also an excellent way to meet new people, make play dates, and ensure that you have a safety net if you should ever need short-notice or emergency care. If you are new to the neighbourhood or the city, and especially if you don't have family nearby, the Co-op can be an invaluable resource! Come join us at our next monthly meeting – we look forward to getting to know you.

Using a system of chits, members arrange and exchange babysitting amongst themselves on an as needed basis. All members and their families (all adults in the home) are required to participate in the Block Parent program and go through

Farmer's Market

By Glenna Blackburn

Our famous farmers' market may well be in the way of a yet another new development in our city. I, and more than a few of fellow Crescent Heightsians, frequent this market and love it for its ambience, people watching, and food to either purchase or to eat on site. This is such a wonderful place to go on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday – to amble about and have a cup of your favourite coffee and perhaps some breakfast before you start your shopping route.

This land is owned by the federal

the Calgary Police Service's security screening process. Moms (and dads?!) can attend the once-a-month informal evening meeting (sans kids) to get to know one another. Meetings are held the last week of each month between September and June rotating at various members' homes. It's a great place to talk about parenting challenges, neighbourhood news, new things in your life, and enjoy munchies and wine. Community Association members in good standing pay a \$25 non-refundable fee to participate. And voila! Your own local Mary Poppins(es) can give you a few hours to yourself.

If you would like to see if joining the Babysitting Co-op is a venue for you, information on the September meeting date and place can be obtained from Robin at 403-276-8610.

government – naturally as it resides on the former army barracks. What most of us don't realize, is that petitioning the city regarding this possible closure, is fruitless. Pardon the pun. We need to contact our MLA, Dr. David Swann and our MP, Mr. Jim Prentice. These are the two people who can actually help us to keep this very valuable resource in our city. So please contact them and let them know how important it is for us to know where our food comes from, and to be able to support our local business people who have decided to go it on their own and produce food that our grandparents ate.

Crescent Heights

Crescent Heights Community Association
Membership Application Form

Please mail this form
with your cheque to
C.H.C.A.
1101 - 2nd Street NW
Calgary, Alberta
T2M 2V7

Voting (Residents)

Single (\$10) Household (\$20) Senior (\$5/per person)

Non-Voting (Business and Non-Residents)

Associate (\$20) Business (\$50)

Names : _____

Address : _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone : _____ E-mail: _____

Yes, Send Me Community Emails Yes, Send Me Blockwatch Emails

New Membership Renewal Date _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____