



President's Notebook Return to Fall

by John McDermid

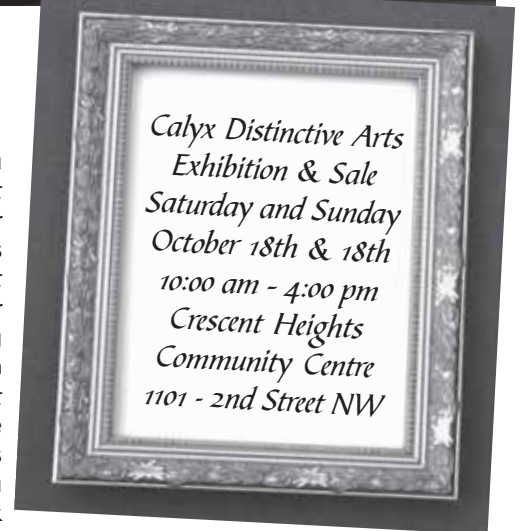
It's a quiet time of year as everyone settles into the new school year and work routines after a fine summer. As I write this, it is mid-September and so far we've had no killing frost, so let's hope that continues to help ripen the last of the tomatoes and allow everyone time to put their gardens to sleep for the coming winter.

The CHCA board reconvened on September 8th after skipping its regular monthly meeting for the month of August, and we are hard at work seeing to the little things that need doing at the hall, including trying to get a few items ready for an early October grant application deadline for a series of municipal grants to help with things that need doing around the hall. Following on the heels of our new roof, most of the pressing items seem more manageable: it's more a matter of inducing tradespeople to take an interest in our smaller-scale projects.

The Calgary Block Watch Councils' next fund-raising Casino will be held on November 26th and 27th. They have filled all but a couple of their volunteer positions for the event, so if you have an eight-hour block of time you might spare them on the 26th or 27th, please contact Lori Winder at Block Watch either through their website at www.calgaryblockwatch.com/ or by phone at (403) 509-2565.

Have you ever considered becoming a Block Parent? The Calgary Block Parent Program www.calgaryblockparent.ca or (403) 269-6460 is looking for individuals or families willing to display a Block Parent sign in their front window in order to offer refuge for kids or others experiencing difficulty in our community. As we learn more about the scourge of bullying, it would be a good thing to have even more Block Parents here in Crescent Heights than we do currently. Particularly if you are a stay-at-home parent or if you work from home, consider making an application to become a Block Parent and make our community even safer for kids.

In Traffic and Planning, September was "Rotary Park Month", at least for our first meeting of the month. (Remember that Traffic and Planning, our most active committee, continues to meet of the first and third Tuesday of each month (provided there are agenda items)). Contact our Planning Director, Joe Nagy (403) 277-1364, if you'd like to be added to our e-mail list for T&P meetings. On September 2nd we reviewed two major projects for Rotary Park: The Emergency Operations Centre for the City of Calgary's Emergency Preparedness group (Police, Fire, EMS) and the new Clubhouse for the Rotary Park Lawn Bowls Club. The EOC's Development Permit circulation was the culmination of over a year's worth of public engagement, which really



set the benchmark for public consultation in the planning of major city initiatives that impact residential communities.

Having been less than well-served by some of the City's public engagement efforts in recent years, the transparency of the EOC's planning and development effort has been refreshing to say the least. And the result will be a most striking and un-bunkerlike major public building right here in the heart of Crescent Heights.

On a somewhat more modest scale is the Rotary Park Lawn Bowls Club's charming new Clubhouse. Having seen the preliminary designs some months ago, we reviewed the formal plans associated with the Development Permit just recently. Small in scale, both the Clubhouse and modest accessory building for equipment storage settle into the West end of the existing Rotary Park site as though it has always belonged in the park. It appears that the DP may be delayed somewhat while the City of Calgary completes a study of Lawn Bowling facilities across the city. It appears that the City's Preventers of Recreation will be proposing to shut down one or more long-standing facilities, even as Lawn Bowling enjoys a resurgence of popularity in Calgary. Lets hope as the 2008 season winds down that RPLBC, with its two greens and growing



**Scotch Tasting Event
Friday, October 10th
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Crescent Heights Community Hall

See article inside for further details

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membership base, survives and thrives as another jewel in the crown of Rotary Park. Watch this space come spring for news on how you and try your hand at Lawn Bowling and take advantage of a unique recreational opportunity right here in our community.

I attended the Federation of Calgary Communities General Meeting on September 13th which was well attended by community reps from across the city. The event was held at the Calgary Interfaith Food Bank, in part to promote the food bank's and the FCC's support of the Mayor's Food Drive, coming up in December. I know many Crescent Height residents make regular contributions of food and cash to the food bank, but we might try organizing those efforts around the December Food Drive in order to secure credit for our donations as a community as well as from individuals. More to follow on this initiative.

Finally, a welcome to the community to Jonathan and Alison Martin, new residents of Crescent Heights and old friends who have expressed interest in taking on the CHCA Membership "portfolio". In the coming months, as you renew your membership (or become a member for the first time), Jonathan and Alison will be handling the processing of those renewals and the delivery of new

membership cards. Many thanks especially to Wendy Hopkins and Bobby Baum who have handled the membership duties for the last while, and who suffered through the initial migration of our list from a PC to a Mac environment. Once we get the list migrated again in the other direction, we'll be back in business on the membership front.

I have a feeling by the time we read this in the next issue of the View, we will have had a taste of frost or worse. But frost or worse is a necessary step toward the realization of the annual Crescent Heights Christmas Party. Mark your calendars for December 13th and watch this space and our e-mail list for details on this year's event. You will recall that last year's was a little different than previous years, with the food and drink a little more informal that the Turkey with trimmings that we did in previous years. As we gather and consult with our core of volunteers, we'll see what direction we want to go this year and let everyone know in good time.

If you can volunteer for the event in some capacity, please contact any of your CHCA board members listed on page 3 of this issue.

A happy and fruitful autumn to all.



It Takes a Village... Crescent Heights Babysitting Coop

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 a 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.

How it works:

- 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 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 co-op is a venue for you, information on the meeting date and place can be obtained from Robin Strathdee at (403) 276-8610.

Crescent Heights Playgroup

Crescent Heights Playgroup meets every Tuesday from 10:00 to 11:30 am. Any caregiver can bring a child who lives in Crescent Heights and/or is a current member of the Crescent Heights Community Association (Yearly Fee \$20). Bring slippers or indoor foot wear (the floor is cold), snacks and drinks.

The hall is a large open area for children to run around in and there are plenty of toys to play with.

Mothers with babies are also welcome to come out, meet and socialize with other mothers in the community. For more information call Lisa Simic at (403) 685-9367.



Usborne Book Fair at Rosedale Playschool

Rosedale Playschool will be hold their first-ever Usborne Book Fair at the new playschool located downstairs at Wildrose United Church, 1317 – 1st Street NW, on Wednesday, November 5th and Thursday, November 6th.

Usborne Books publishes a wide variety of very high quality books for children – toddlers to teens. Their fiction and non-fiction titles are not available in bookstores. Usborne books are highly recommended by teachers and librarians as books that "make finding out fun". French and Spanish titles are available.

What a great way to get some Christmas shopping done for the younger folk on your list, and help support the playschool at the same time! For further information, contact Helga Shield at (403) 230-5531.

Library News

Louise Riley Library is located at 1904, 14th Avenue NW. Programs are free with a library card. Register in person, by calling (403) 260-2620 or online at www.calgarypubliclibrary.com.

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, October 21st to November 4th, 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.

Drop-In Family Storytime

Drop in for stories, songs, and fingerplays the whole family can enjoy. Ages two to five with a parent/caregiver. Fridays 10:30 to 11:00 am until December 5th.

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.

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.



Calyx Art Sale and Exhibition in Crescent Heights Hall

Calyx Distinctive Arts presents its 16th semi-annual Exhibition and Sale of original artworks by local artists on Saturday, October 18th and Sunday October 19th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, at the Crescent Heights Community Centre, 1101 - 2nd Street NW. Free admission, free parking and free draw.

Artists will be in attendance to discuss artworks and techniques in painting, photography, sculpture, jewellery, metalwork, woodwork, ceramics, glass, fibre and more. Different artists will be participating each day, so please attend both days! For more information please call (403) 289-2136 or visit our website at www.calyx.ca.

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.

Put the Brakes on Idling

Courtesy Climate Change Central

With gas prices soaring people are looking for ways to improve their fuel efficiency now more than ever. One easy way is to avoid idling.

Of course there are moments (such as when in traffic) when idling is necessary, but more often than not it's something that can be avoided. So, put these four idle-free ideas into practice and reduce what you are paying out at the pump.

- If you are stopped for more than ten seconds, turn off the engine. Idling for more than ten seconds actually uses more fuel than it does if you turn the vehicle off and back on.
- Avoid idling as a method of warming up your car. Idling does nothing to warm up your vehicle's transmission, tires, suspension or steering, and doesn't allow the engine to operate at its peak temperature which results in poor fuel efficiency. The Ontario Ministry of Transportation found that it took 30 minutes of idling to warm up an engine to the same level as driving for 12 minutes did.

- Give up the remote car starter. While nice on those cold mornings, it's too easy to turn your vehicle on with one of these and then let five or ten minutes slip by. Instead use a block heater to warm up the engine when temperatures are freezing.
- Park your car and put those legs to use rather than sitting in drive-thrus. Students at the University of Alberta monitored a Tim Horton's drive-thru in Edmonton last year for 54 hours, during which time they found that 3,756 cars idled in line for at least five minutes each.

If you would like to promote anti-idling in your school or community, the City of Calgary, City of Edmonton and NRCAN all have free resources on their websites to support anti-idling outreach campaigns.

For more ideas and information, subscribe to the free online newsletter [enerclick](http://enerclick.com), visit www.climatechangecentral.com, call 1-866-609-2700, or email contact@climatechangecentral.com.



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

The View is also delivered by volunteers to all households, but is very hard to deliver to any condo's or apartments due to building access, etc. If you would like to have enough copies for units in your condo or apartment building, please call our distribution manager Diane Altwasser at 276-7118.

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:

- Alan Yiu of Edward Jones • Annie's Book Company • ATB Financial – North Hill Chinese Christian Wing Kei Nursing Home Association • Chinook Glass and Screen Crescent Heights Baptist Church • Don's Hobby Shop • Intercept Security Corporation Metz Law Office • Mykonos Greek Restaurant • RE/MAX Central – Bob Dawe, Agent • Santorini • Sharon Lutheran Church • St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Church and Cultural Centre • The Care Group • North Hill Mazda • Peter's Drive-In Video Game Trader • Wild Rose United Church

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!

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.

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

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.

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.

Sudoku

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		2		7		8		3
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Halloween Safety

Calgary EMS reminds parents and Trick-or-Treaters of the following safety tips: choose brightly-coloured costumes that will be clearly visible to motorists. When purchasing or making a costume, look for materials and accessories that are labeled flame-resistant. All costume accessories, such as swords or wands, should be soft and flexible and should not have any sharp edges. Instead of masks, try hypoallergenic, non-toxic make-up kits. Be sure costumes are loose enough to be worn over warm clothing if the need arises, but not so baggy or long that it becomes a tripping hazard (the costume should not be longer than your child's ankles).

The City of Calgary Emergency Medical Services will be on patrol in communities throughout the city on Halloween night to provide a safety resource to parents and Trick-or-Treaters.

Parents

- Be sure younger trick-or-treaters are accompanied by an adult. Older children should stay in groups of three or more.



- Set boundaries for your children before they leave. Explain the importance of staying within those boundaries, and also returning home at a predetermined time.
- Advise your children not to eat anything until they get home. Dispose of any items that appear as though they may have been tampered with, or are not properly wrapped.
- Use extra care on the roads on Halloween night.

Trick-or-Treaters

- Don't criss-cross back and forth across the street. It is best to work your way up one side of the street, and then start on the other. Cross at marked crosswalks or well-lit corners.
- Stay away from houses that are not well lit. Never go inside a stranger's house, or accept a ride from a stranger.
- Let your parents know where you're going to be at all times and advise them if you will be late returning.

Homeowners

- Turn on outdoor lights and keep your yard clear of debris or obstacles that children could trip over.
- Keep lit candles away from trick-or-treaters. Use battery powered jack-o-lanterns where possible.
- Because some children have food allergies, you may want to consider giving treats other than candy, such as stickers, erasers, or yo-yo's.
- Keep pets inside and away from trick-or-treaters and lit candles. They may become frightened or over-excited in the presence of strangers.



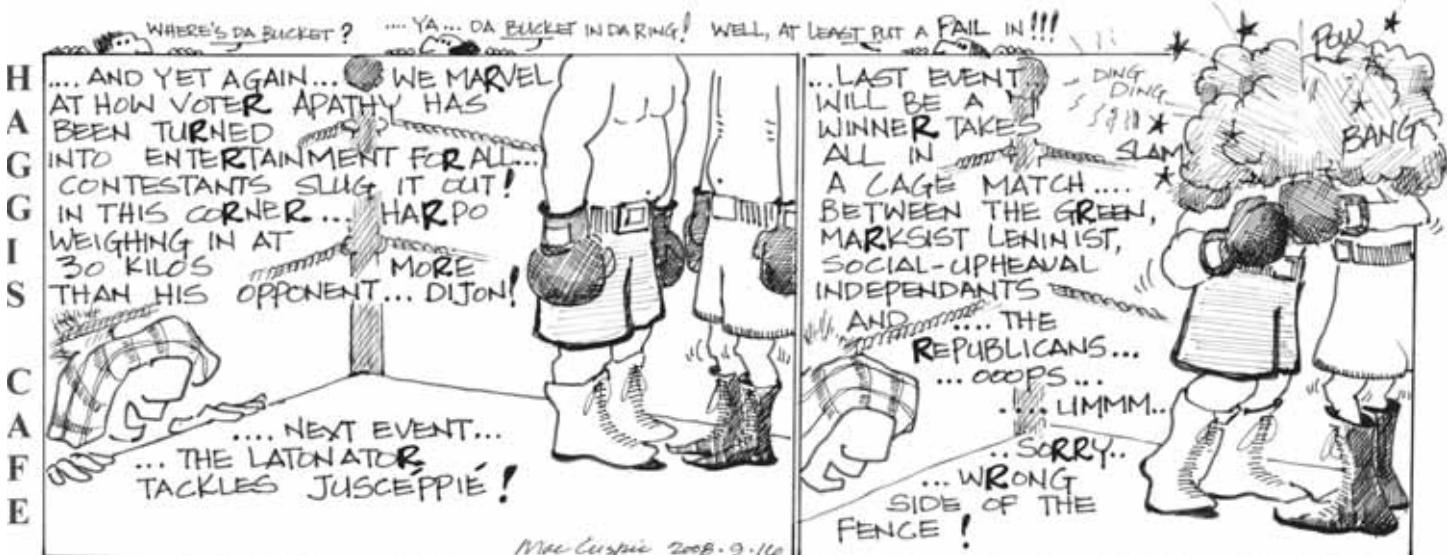
Purses for Africa Annual Sale Bags and Babies

Purses for Africa annual sale Bags and Babies will be held on Saturday, October 18th, 10:30 am to 3:00 pm at the South Calgary Community Centre, 3130 16th Street SW.

We have a selection of unique sewn, knitted and felted purses, bags and accessories as well as some wonderful baby and toddler items.

All proceeds of this sale are donated to the Grandmothers Campaign of the Stephen Lewis Foundation assisting African women raising their grandchildren orphaned by HIV/AIDS.

For more information call (403)931-3539, email pursesforafrica@platinum.ca or visit us online at www.pursesandprojectsforafrica.org.





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Deep
colours like
Red or
Purple used
on a white
shirt give
striking
contrast!

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Easy
Ages 6-12

What You Need

T-Shirt (100% cotton) or other garment to dye
Fabric Dye (Hot water soluble, RIT is a good choice)
Paint Roller Tray
Rubber Gloves

Mix fabric dye according to package directions, and pour into the deep end of a paint roller tray. Place in the bottom of a bathtub.

Dampen the shirt with cool water, then dip the collar of your shirt into the dye in the deep end of the tray. Spread the rest of the shirt over the top of the tray (out of the dye) and let stand for three to four hours. If you check on your shirt periodically you will see how the dye slowly works its way up your shirt. If the dye has not seeped far enough up the shirt give it more time.

Lift the shirt out holding it upside down and wearing rubber gloves, gently wring out the excess dye. After the shirt has finished dripping, rinse it well under a faucet until the water runs clear. Hang your nifty new shirt upside down to dry.

A nifty T-Shirt to
make at home!



Time for Calgarians to Speak Up for Change

By Cheri Macaulay

If you've opened a Calgary newspaper or turned on the local news in the last few months, you'll know that a lot of people are talking about Calgary's rapid growth and the strain on our infrastructure. Our city is facing issues of sprawl, fast-paced growth, car dependency, lack of affordable housing, low voter turnout, marginalization of people who don't drive and of those living with low incomes and the largest ecological footprint in the country. Things are not sustainable in Calgary.

The City of Calgary is currently working on a long-range land use and mobility plan through Plan It Calgary, a project which will influence the direction of our City's growth for the next 60 years. As Plan It Calgary prepares to make recommendations to Council, many of the best and brightest thinkers in Calgary are prodding their fellow citizens to sit up and take notice. According to Colleen McCracken of Sustainable Calgary, "this is a pivotal moment for sustainability in Calgary and a time for citizens to think about the kind of future they want and then stand and speak up for a sustainable future."

In January of this year, council adopted 11 Sustainability Principles for Land Use and Mobility, principles which have provided the direction for Plan It Calgary to develop a plan for Calgary's long term land uses and transportation networks. The first phase of the Plan It Calgary project focused on three city-wide scenarios, each with different land use patterns and transportation networks.

Roughly speaking the "Dispersed" scenario would see the City continue to grow outwards, the "Compact" scenario would see densification of land use within our existing footprint and the "Hybrid" scenario falls somewhere between Dispersed and Compact. Next an appropriate direction – likely a synthesis of the three scenarios – will be identified and incorporated into City strategy and policy. Heady stuff and even a little overwhelming to an average Calgarian like me who is only just waking up to the implications of this work.

Wanting to better understand these issues, I turned to Sustainable Calgary's website at www.sustainablecalgary.ca and took a look at their online Charter for Change petition. Then I had a conversation with SC's Colleen McCracken who has some suggestions for steps a concerned citizen like me might take next.

Here are a few ideas: Talk to friends and neighbours about what kind of city they would like Calgary to be and encourage others to take action, too. Download a print version of the Charter for Change and share it with others who are not online. Call or write your alderman and the mayor

and tell them you are concerned about the impact of Calgary's future growth on every Calgarian. Attend the October 15th City Hall meeting on Land Use Planning and Transportation where Plan It Calgary is expected to present their Key Directions and seek approval to continue. (The meeting will take place at 1:00 pm in the Engineering Standards Room in the basement of the Old City Hall at 800 Macleod Trail SE.) Make a two to three minute statement or simply be there to show your support for a sustainable future in Calgary.

After doing some research and asking many questions, I have come to see this as a watershed moment in our city's history. Council is about to make decisions that will set the course for generations to come and this is a critical time to let our aldermen and mayor know we need a change in the direction that growth and development has been taking in Calgary. In the words of Noel Keough, Assistant Professor of Sustainable Design in U of C's Faculty of Environmental Design and researcher for Sustainable Calgary, "for a fair, healthy, fiscally viable city – a city built for everyone – choices have to be made and now is the time to make them."



Crescent Heights

Crescent Heights Community Association
Membership Application Form

Please mail this form
with your cheque to
C.H.C.A.
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Calgary, Alberta
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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 \$ _____