

A Chilly December Fest!

By Sharon Anderson-Marr

Do you remember when Mother Nature dealt us that fierce blow back in December – when the thermometer read minus 30° (we won't talk about wind chill!) for a week or more? That's when the Crescent Heights community held its 2008 December Fest! The event was billed as a Skate with Santa/Pizza Party. A few very brave little ones (not including Santa – but then he's a big one!) donned their blades and took a few spins around the newly shoveled rink. Tim Edwards and his crew had been working day and night (literally) to bring the rink up to its usual extraordinary quality before mid December. Friends from Rosedale noted that our rink was much better than theirs and so early in the season! That was because of our impending event. Just in case there was to be any interest in skating that day, Gord Hobbins, Steve Pannett, Dennis Marr and a few other community faithfuls shoveled the rink preparing it for Santa and Co.

When the decorating crew arrived at the hall to work their magic, John McDermid, our hard working Board President, was already clearing the snow from the entrance to the Hall. Connie McLaren organized a team of decorating experts who transformed the hall into a palace of seasonal splendour. Of course you need a large team to accomplish this and Connie had the Dziuba's, Larry, Laurel and Garrett; Claude and Emma Haslam and Cathy Scott with

Gareth and Ailsa Hobbins.

Despite the cold, approximately 80 members of the community, including lots of little ones did arrive to party hearty. Jennifer Pannett and Cathy Scott organized exotic crafts and kept the children consumed with their activities in the loft of the Hall. At the end there were some extraordinary lanterns and other decorative items to show to admiring parents and others. Amelia from the City of Calgary Community and Neighbourhood Services Department also assisted with helpful hands.

Garth Danyluk (Café Manager) and his team at Second Cup (Centre Street and 13th Avenue NW) supported this event by providing two large urns of hot chocolate and a giant box of Second Cup vanilla bars, free of charge! They were both a big hit; the children loved being able to help themselves to that yummy hot chocolate!

Attendees were very generous and brought many new, unwrapped gifts for the Women's Centre to provide to needy families. The Women's Centre was very appreciative.

Although most partiers had not skated, somehow appetites were hearty. We devoured many pizzas and lots of desserts, provided as part of the potluck dessert portion of this event. Food that wasn't eaten was taken to the Mustard



Seed where it was thankfully received. Marianne Cunningham, a former board member, brought the sound system and Elizabeth Hancock, the Crescent View editor, took many pictures to enhance this article. Bartending shifts were handled by John McDermid and Marion Whiteley.

Santa (David Finch) arrived with many a Ho Ho Ho and listened to each child's wish for Christmas. Laurie Stretch organized the children so that they could visit with Santa in an orderly fashion. Marlene Zaharichuk, our hall manager, ensured that Santa was appropriately dressed in his wonderful costume.

You can't have a party without a clean-up crew and this year was no exception. Anne Underwood, David and Astrid Hobill, Marion and Elizabeth Whiteley, Rune Teigland, Dennis Marr and Sharon Anderson-Marr had the Hall back in shape in no time. You wouldn't know that there had been a December Fest there at all! Just another example of it taking a community to...



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President's Notebook Getting Involved in Community

By John McDermid

When I sat down in October to prepare an item for the View, we had just had our first hard frost. Since then we've had more than a few cold days and nights during our extended cold snap, and only now finally have a bit of a break. Discussions with neighbours suggest that the cold weather may not have been quite cold enough, or have lasted long enough, to put paid to the pine beetles that have recently made their way into Alberta. That may or may not be the case for the Elm Scale insect that have infested many of the American Elms that line the boulevards on some streets and avenues in Crescent Heights. I recall speaking with the City's Urban Forester, Russell Friesen, about these nasty bugs and it seems to me that he indicated that a good cold snap would fix them too. Let's hope so.

December 13th was one of those cracking cold days, and the rink guys had put in extra time in order to have our ice ready in time for the December Fest activities. A few brave souls took advantage of the new ice (for very short periods of time) and a good time was had by all. Many thanks to all who attended, especially our crew of volunteers: those who transformed the hall with decorations and set-up, those who arranged for food and drink (and Santa!) and those who cleaned up after us all at the close of the event. Special thanks once again to Sharon Anderson-Marr who stepped forward to take the lead organizational role.

January has brought a renewed contact from the brand new Stampede Casino on 12th Avenue SE. That will be the venue of our next volunteer casino event in the third quarter of this year, sometime in July-August-September. The specific date will be determined in early February. Although there is healthy difference of opinion within our community in respect of our participating in casino events for fund raising purposes, for the last several years they have proven to be our most high-impact fund raising initiatives. We provide volunteer staff for a casino event every 18 months or so, and for the last several events our volunteer core has been very much "the usual

suspects". Our thanks once again to those who come forward each and every time to help staff our forty-plus volunteer positions over the two day event.

If you've ever been curious about what the casino fund raisers are all about, watch this space or contact me at (403) 277-8653, and I can tell you all about the curious world of casino gambling and the way in which revenues flow back into communities like ours. Only in Alberta, they say. To that hard core volunteer crew to whom these events are now second nature, please watch this space in the coming months and if you can help us out once again this year in Q3, we will be very appreciative.

We have also had contact from the Rosedale Community Association, our neighbour to the West. They are tentatively planning a McHugh Bluff Clean-up on Saturday April 4th. The date for the City's annual River and Pathway Clean-up for 2009 is Sunday, May 3rd. Also factoring into our squeaky-clean aspirations will be a third annual community clean-up, in association with the City's By-law and Solid Waste Services divisions. This has been a very popular initiative organized last year and the year before by our Business Liaison Director, Daniel Dang. Although the details for our community clean-up have yet to be worked out, we're planning for later in May just after the Victoria Day weekend.

There is the chance that signing on for both the River and Pathway and McHugh Bluff events could stretch our clean-up crew a little thin. We tend to have a returning core of volunteers for the River and Pathway Clean-up too, and many of them will recall that two years ago, due to glitch with our registration, we were in fact assigned the slope of McHugh Bluff from Centre Street to 4th Street. And indeed this would be our assignment again in co-operation with Rosedale and Sunnyside. If you are interested in one or two or all three of our clean-up initiatives, please contact me at (403) 277-8653.

I'll be sending out reminders of these
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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.



Children's Skating Program

We will be offering our winter skating program again this year on our community rinks and we are very pleased that Michelle Ferguson will be back instructing.

The program starts Sunday, January 4th and runs for six weeks (weather permitting) at the Crescent Heights Community Rinks. Cost is just \$25. For more information please contact Marie Evans at (403) 230-4516 or marieevans@shaw.ca

Parent & Tot (age 3-5 years)

Come have fun on the ice with your preschooler. Instruction incorporates basic fundamentals in a fun way so that kids overcome skating apprehension. A parent is required to be on the ice with his/her child. Sundays, 11:00 to 11:30 am.

Group A for Beginners

(5 years and older)

This group is for kids who are comfortable moving on the ice by themselves without parental/adult assistance. Kids will work on skills such as balance, forward movement and stops. 11:30 am to noon.

Group B

(5 years and older)

This skating class is for the young skaters who are confident skating forward, are able to stop, ready for backwards skating and new challenges. Noon to 12:45 pm.

**Please note that because Group A and Group B are skill-based, the instructor may make changes between the class lists based on abilities.

Scrapbooking, Games, Raffles, Bake Sale and Fun for a Great Cause!

Join us on Saturday, March 7th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Crescent Heights Community Hall, 1101 - 2nd Street NW to raise funds for the Weekend To End Breast Cancer 2009.

Lisa Mitchell of Calgary is taking great strides to aid cancer victims by organizing a scrapbooking fundraising event at the Crescent Heights Community Hall. By participating in Weekend to End Breast Cancer® benefiting Alberta Cancer Foundation, she will join thousands of other heroic women and men July 24th to 26th for a

two-day 60 kilometer walk through the streets of Calgary to raise funds for breast cancer.

With one in nine Canadian women diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime, Mitchell makes this bold commitment to The Weekend to End Breast Cancer benefiting Alberta Cancer Foundation, because her mother died of breast cancer and this event is so dear to her grandmother's heart.

Throughout the day there will be scrapbooking, games, raffles and a bake sale. Come check it out!



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 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:

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Support Your Community!

St. Angela Elementary School

St Angela Elementary School, founded in 1913, serves the communities of Bridgeland and Crescent Heights. St Angela is a unique school that proves that size does matter when selecting a school. With small class sizes, children receive the focused attention they need to develop and succeed.

Some of the features of St. Angela School:

- Highly diverse student population, enriching the school community and broadening the educational experience.
- Full day kindergarten.
- Comprehensive library of over 10,000 items.
- Technologically advanced classrooms including smartboard technology
- Physical education specialist leads

daily phys-ed programs.

- Strong English as a Second Language instruction.
- Comprehensive School Health program, our Active Living program and our Catholic Community of Caring program

Kindergarten registration is ongoing at this time. St. Angela is proud to offer a full day kindergarten class. Grades 1 to 6 registration is also ongoing throughout the year. If you would like a tour of our school do not hesitate to contact the office and make an appointment at (403) 269-6872. We would be happy to answer any of your questions and we are always happy to show off our terrific school. Check out our website for further details at www.cssd.ab.ca/schools/stangela/.

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events by way of our community e-mail list as plans firm up and the dates draw near.

I attended a Block Watch Presidents' meeting on January 14th to meet the Calgary Community Block Watch Council's new Executive Director, Martin Cull, and vote on a special resolution that adds the word "Community" to the name of Calgary's Block Watch umbrella organization. The Calgary Community Block Watch Council will soon be rolling out its new brand, and what a great opportunity to remove the cloaking device from our own Crescent Heights Community Block Watch Program and revive it.

Our last structured events during the Spring and Fall of 2005 were not well attended. Since then, we've maintained the Crescent Heights Block Watch Yahoo group, but traffic has been light. It was thought back in 2005 that we might have reached a kind of saturation point with the structured updates and orientation session that had been held twice each year. A lot has happened since then, however, and I suspect there is pent-up demand for an update on the nature and scope of criminal activity in our community. We are tentatively planning for an event in June, so watch this space and check out the Yahoo group and www.calgaryblockwatch.com, where you can now register for our

program online. Courage, crimefighters!

Many resident will be happy and relieved to see the disappearance of five abandoned and derelict houses on the West side of Edmonton Trail at the top of the hill. None more so than the nearby residents who viewed the state of the properties and the porous perimeter fences with alarm for many months.

I spoke with one of Calgary Police Service Members who was instrumental in the City finally dispatching these houses, after many months of trying to track down the absentee property owner. I was curious as to whether the province's new SCAN legislation played a role in the eventual demolition of the houses. It did not, but the Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act (SCAN) might well have played a role, had the administrative wheels not already been turning to rid us of these nuisance properties. We will try to have a speaker on hand to talk about the new legislation and how it works at either our AGM in April or at our next Block Watch event in June. Until then, the purpose and scope of the legislation can be found at www.scan.alberta.ca or by calling the toll-free number at 1-866-960-SCAN. The Calgary Police Service is very excited by this important new tool at their disposal to deal with problem properties in otherwise upstanding communities.

It Takes a Village... Crescent Heights Babysitting Co-op

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.

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.

Volunteers Needed

The Calgary International Children's Festival is looking for volunteers for the upcoming festival May 19th through 23rd. We are currently looking for older youth volunteers (ages 14 and up) and adult volunteers.

Please check out our website at www.calgarychildfest.org under volunteer opportunities for specific volunteer positions. You can also contact the volunteer coordinator directly about volunteer opportunities at volunteers@calgarychildfest.org or by phone at 294-7414 ext. 4.

Come join us for five days of fun and imagination!

February is Heart Month

Heart and Stroke Foundation Door To Door Canvassing

Every seven minutes, a Canadian dies from heart disease or stroke. Be a part of the solution – support February is Heart Month. Volunteers across Canada will visit their neighbours to raise awareness of heart disease while collecting donations for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. One of your neighbours may be at your door this February, and we hope you will show your support.

For more information or to donate online, please visit heartandstroke.ca or phone 1.888.HSF.INFO. With your help, we can secure a healthier future!

Crescent Heights Playgroup

Crescent Heights Playgroup meets every Wednesday from 10:00 to 11:30 am. Any parent or caregiver can bring their children to the Community Association Building for some indoor play. It's an opportunity for children to play and moms to meet and socialize with their neighbours. The hall is a large sunny open area to run around in and there are plenty of toys to play with.

If you would like to join us, you must have or purchase a Crescent Heights Community Association yearly membership for \$20. For a membership contact John or Alison Martin at curmudgeon9@shaw.ca. For more information call the key holder to playgroup, Lisa Simic (403) 685-9367 or email lisasimic@hotmail.com. The building address is 1101 - 2nd Street NW (with free parking).



Rosedale Playschool

Rosedale Playschool is located in the lower hall of Wild Rose United Church at 1317 1st Street NW.

Registration for the 2009/2010 school year is fast approaching. Rosedale Playschool will be hosting its Information Night on Thursday, March 5th at 7:00 pm, followed by Registration Night on Thursday, March 12th starting at 6:30 pm. Registration packages may be picked up on information night or by contacting Sue Webber, tjswebber@shaw.ca. For more information call (403) 703-2156. New this year, all registrations forms must be completed in full and all documentation and tuition cheques provided at time of registration.

Tickets are still available for the silent auction on February 7th at Q Haute Cuisine. Tickets are \$35 each and include entrance to the event and a variety of appetizers. Cash bar. All proceeds from auction go directly to the playschool. All are welcome! Contact Michelle Lombardo, misiachick@hotmail.com or (403) 277-0018 for tickets.

Rewriting History: Early Street Names in Crescent Heights

Prepared by: Professor Z.

In the late nineteenth century, most of Calgary's streets were identified by names rather than numbers. During the city's expansion in the early part of the twentieth century, it became civic policy to reclassify streets and avenues by number wherever possible. Given that the roadways in the city business district and most surrounding residential districts had been developed in a basic grid pattern, the commercial advantages of such a policy shift can readily be seen. There were of course exceptions to this policy; for instance, areas where topography dictated non-grid road layouts (Mount Royal being an obvious example). Locally, Edmonton Trail would have been another non-grid exception, although it was originally given the name Barwis Street by James Barwis, ex-NWMP officer turned property developer, who in the 1890's had significant land holdings in Bridgeland/Riverside.

In more recent years, a number of inner city BRZs in conjunction with their affiliated communities have taken steps to pay homage to their historical named streets; street signs in such locales have been produced indicating both the street number and previous name. In the Mission/Cliff Bungalow area, such a street sign, for example, is headed: "19th Avenue SW, formerly St. Mary's Avenue".

So, was our sleepy little community ever favoured with any colourful street names? The answer: yes, but with an asterisk. Before presenting the evidence however, a bit of local history is in order. The area we now know as Crescent Heights contains, first, the original village of Crescent Heights, which existed as a corporate entity from 1908 until January 1st, 1911, when it was annexed

by the City. The village itself was initially centered on 16th Avenue North and its eastern border was 1st Street NE. The other components of our present community would have included a portion of the district of Beaumont, to the east of 1st Street NE and just south of 16th Avenue (think "Peter's Drive In"). South of that was Regal Terrace, which ran to about 8th Avenue and which of course still exists, but is bounded to the east of Edmonton Trail.

Further south still was Mount Pleasant, annexed by the city in 1907, which extended from 8th Avenue NE south to the brow of the hill. For some readers, this might clear up the mystery as to why the Mount Pleasant Tennis Club bears such a moniker when it is far removed physically from the community which currently carries that name.

Our history lesson concludes. In seeming contravention of the corporate policy shift outlined in the first paragraph, a map prepared by the City Engineer's Office in 1910 sets forth a plethora of new names for city roadways, including most of the territory annexed in the expansions of 1907 and 1910. It's probable that most of these proposed names were never actually in use. That said, beginning on the east side of present-day Crescent Heights at 1st Avenue NE and working northward, the avenue names indicated on the map were: Louisa, Wallace, Montrose, Thompson, and Lonsdale. Starting at 6th Avenue, designated names applied to both the eastern and western quadrants of our community; 6th Avenue was Somerville, followed to the north by Lincoln, Hubbard, Houghton, Holly, Haworth, Hickory and Hildroth. Over to the west side: 14th Avenue was Dudley and 15th Avenue was Castell. 1A Street NW was La Beca and 2A Street NW, Canso.

As a separate point of interest, the communities of Balmoral (formerly the north half of Crescent Heights) as well as Mountview to



the east were to feature only biblical names, as the map would have it. If you resided on 1st Street NE north of 16th Avenue, you would be living on Judas Street! This wouldn't have been a popular address for a commercial enterprise of most any sort.

Before one dismisses the 1910 map mentioned above as an engineering flight of fancy – if it's indeed possible for engineers to have such flights – there is evidence to indicate that for a very brief period, at least some of the names indicated above were in use in our area.

I would first draw your attention to the concrete sidewalk stamps at the intersections of 1st Street NW at both 6th and 7th Avenues, both of which have somehow survived our recent sidewalk upgrades. Pictures are attached for the benefit of those who've never noticed these little gems whilst strolling about in our community. We will have to pardon the misspelling of "Lincoln" as Spellcheck didn't exist when these sidewalks were poured in 1910. Too, as Calgary's population had more than tripled in the 1906-1911 interval, it's unrealistic to expect that mastery of the King's own English would have been an employment prerequisite for sidewalk contractors during such boom times.

To corroborate the above concrete evidence (pun intended) is the fact that City tax assessment rolls for parts of present-day Crescent Heights in 1912 permitted the use of either the street number or the name when recording assessed values and taxes collected. However, it could be supposed that in 1912, as now, whether or not taxes were collected (and not address details) would have been the most significant item to be recorded on such a document.

As the city continued its growth beyond 1912 and with the advent of the Great War, the previous policy of numbering streets reasserted itself. It would not be until the 1950's, with the ascent of the modern suburb, that the use of street names rather than numbers in residential districts would once again be officially encouraged.

Sources: city maps - Glenbow Archives; assessment rolls - City Corporate Archives



Planning Report

By Joe Nagy

Planning has been slow for most of 2008. There are several reasons for this and some reasons to expect an up tick in activity in the next year or two. Due to the 16th Avenue project, there has not been any development on the 16th Avenue corridor in the last two years. We expect this to change going forward as the roadway work is completed and the zoning has been changed, making the conditions suitable for development. We also have a new set of land use by-laws that represent some significant changes, such as increased density and allowing suites. As the new by-laws are more density friendly, and since developers seem to want to build the biggest property they can, there was no rush to get developments in under the old by-law. We expect the opposite, with some commercial developments getting dusted off.

The kicker here is the state of the economy. Calgary is still highly dependent upon oil and natural gas prices, so it will be interesting as to whether or not we can escape worldwide trends. Is this downturn structural or cyclical? Our political leadership is hoping and praying it is cyclical then it can be business as usual. One thing we expect to see is more residential in-fills

Library News

Louise Riley Library, located at 1904 14th Avenue NW, is open Monday to Thursday, 10:00 am to 9:00 pm, Friday and Saturday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and Sundays noon to 5:00 pm. Programs are free with a library card. Register in person, by calling (403) 260-2620 or online at www.calgarypubliclibrary.com.

Homebound Readers

Customers who are unable to visit the library due to illness or disability can arrange to have a library volunteer regularly select, deliver and exchange materials. This free service is available to customers who live in their homes, continuing care centres, auxiliary hospitals, or seniors' residences. To arrange homebound library service call (403) 260-2702.

New Eco-Friendly Bags

The Calgary Public Library is playing their part in helping to make us a plastic bag

as the prices for construction fall. Another trend we expect to see is more development along 16th Avenue, Edmonton Trail and Center Street as the scale of the projects is more suitable in a restrained real estate market.

We do have one significant development in our midst right now; 900 Centre Street NE or The Tigerstadt Block. We have seen several proposals for this property over the years, and they have all been terrible. Over height, commie-block looking buildings that make the Wing Kei look like a work of art.

The current proposal looks more promising than the last ones. The architect is Cohos Evamy and it is refreshing to see quality architects work in the community. Apparently our luck changed with the EOC so let us hope this is a continuing trend. The development process will be done in two stages. The first stage is a land use re-designation, and the second stage is the development permit.

Under current land use the developer can build a building with Floor Area

free world – our rich purple eco-friendly bags can be purchased for \$1.25 at any of our locations.

Hero Storytime: Nurse

Share some books and stories with us, and then learn what it's like to be a nurse. Ages five to 12. Saturday, February 21st, 10:30 to 11:00 am.

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, February 26th to April 2nd, 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

Wii for Seniors

Get some exercise trying tennis, bowling, and golf on the Nintendo Wii video game system. Ages 50 and up. Tuesday, February 10th, 10:30 am to noon



Ratio of 2.0 or a 40 foot high box. Due to overlooking we would likely get a blank wall to the community like 1000 Centre Street or 1110 Centre Street.

The proposed development is unique to Calgary as that it is truly mixed use with retail, commercial and residential. The building is going to have four distinct sides, which means the alley will be an integral part of this development. The idea is to stagger the building, with the mass moved towards Centre Street as the developer plans to use the City right of way on Centre Street. The alley then gains this right of way as an increased buffer with the community. An example of a staggered building is our City Hall. The purpose of this is to reduce shadowing and reduce the impact on the east side of the building. The proposed building is going to have an increase of density somewhere approaching double the allowed density. I hesitate to use specific numbers as the discussion has been preliminary up to this point. Note at this time the Dawson property is not included.

The result for the community and more importantly the residents adjacent is the proposed building will have less shadowing than a 40-foot box built on the existing site. This is an important point.

There are many issues that will need to be addressed. Issues like parking, increases in traffic, building access and overall dimensions will need to be ironed out. Cohos Evamy are willing to meet with us towards the end of February when the land use re-designation comes out. All affected residents are encouraged to come to the meeting and get involved in the process. Watch the community email for specifics.



Recycle!

City of Calgary Recycling Depots are located at
Confederation Park
2807 – 10th Street NW
 (North Side of the Rosemont Community Centre Parking Lot)

North Hill
1901 – 16th Avenue NW
 (East Side of the Mall Parking Lot)

Bridgeland
7 – 11th Street NE
 (Rehabilitation Society Parking Lot)

Renfrew
16th Avenue & Russet Road
 (Renfrew Athletic Park)



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Courtesy Climate Change Central

As they watched their utility bills creep ever higher, Chandra and Kalpana Jangam realized they had to make their 31-year-old Calgary house more energy efficient. The question was who could they trust for reliable advice?

Their answer was the ecoENERGY Retrofit program. It offered them the best of all worlds: a professional energy assessment, rebates on energy-efficiency improvements, significant long-term savings on utility bills and substantially reduced greenhouse gas emissions.

Operating since April 2007, Natural Resources Canada's (NRCAN) ecoEnergy Retrofit program offers grants to residential property owners who improve the energy efficiency of existing homes. To qualify for the grants, homeowners must take these three steps:

1. have a licensed, independent energy advisor do a detailed energy evaluation of your home;
2. undertake one or more approved energy-efficiency upgrades;
3. have the energy advisor do a follow-up evaluation to verify the upgrades and help you apply for any grants.

Grant amounts are tied to the energy

efficiency of specific upgrades. Examples include \$30 for a window replacement, \$50 for a low-flow toilet replacement, up to \$500 for a high-efficiency furnace and up to \$600 for significantly improved attic insulation. For a detailed list of available grants visit the NRCAN website.

The ecoENERGY Retrofit homeowners' program is available for existing, low-rise residential properties, including single detached and attached homes (e.g. row housing, duplexes and triplexes) and small multi-unit residential buildings. Newly-built homes occupied for less than six months are not eligible, nor are any energy-efficiency upgrades started prior to an initial energy evaluation.

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