President's Notebook

?by John McDermid

As I reported in last month's View, the Crescent Heights Community Association's next casino fund-raising event is now clearly visible on the horizon. We have done the preliminary paperwork to get our foot in the door and now have our casino license application, a stack of volunteer worker applications, and we have firm dates for our 2009 event. Monday August 31st and Tuesday September 1st are ours at the new Stampede Casino on 12th Avenue SE.

As many of you know, we provide volunteer staff for a casino event every 18 months or so, and by doing do we earn a share of the pooled winnings for the calendar quarter in which the event occurs. The funds are far from unrestricted in terms of the uses to which we can apply them, but our prudent spending and continuing accumulation of casino funds provide a cushion again unforeseen eventualities and allow us to explore possible larger-scale capital projects in the future. Moreover, our periodic reporting on the status of those funds is complete and up to date with the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission, so our house in in order.

I spill too much ink in this space drumming up volunteer support for these events, but casinos remain by far our most effective fund-raising tool. I'll try to go on less about the upcoming event and make my discrete inquiries among our returning core of casino volunteers. Once again, if you're curious about the world of casino gambling, contact me at (403) 277-8653, and we can get you a ring-side seat later this summer.

I also touched last month upon our recently renewed invitation from the Rosedale Community Association, where plans proceed apace for the 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. If

you are interested in either or both of these clean-up initiatives, please contact me at (403) 277-8653.

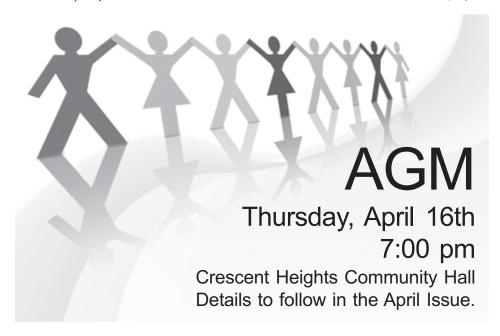
We have also had a complaint on a more micro level from a resident regarding the litter problem along Centre Street North. A recent walk along the block in question confirms the problem. The location is home to two fast-food take-out businesses, and there appears to be no litter container in the immediate area. We'll make our inquiries and hope to find a remedy to the situation. It has been my experience that the business owners tend to be responsible stewards of the immediate are in which they operate, but they are not always able to keep up with the bad habits of their (unthinking young non-resident mostly student) clientèle, not to put too fine a point on it.

Many thanks to Wing Lee, our volunteer handy-man, whose ongoing efforts to effect repairs at the hall keep the place looking nice. Some of our rowdier user groups seem to need to poke the occasional hole in the walls, and Wing is there ready to patch the holes.

After moving our regular CHCA meetings around a little to avoid other user groups on weekday evenings, our CHCA Board and Traffic and Planning meetings have settled back into their usual scheduled times. Traffic and Planning meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM, provided agenda items, and the CHCA Board meets on the second Tuesday of each month, with a start time of 7:30 pm. Remember that these meeting are open to all CHCA members, and we can probably welcome nonmembers as well. Just don't be surprised if we discretely slide a membership application in front of you.

I have it on no less authority than that of Mayor Dave Bronconnier that March is Community Association Membership Awareness Month, which reminds me that I have not yet replied properly to an email inquiry from a resident, the effect of which was, "Why join the Community Association?"

It's a good question, and there are probably as many good answers as there Cont. page 3



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President's Message cont. from cover

are members of Calgary's 139 community associations. For myself, I would say it's mostly for the good fun and the good company of the many Crescent Heights residents I have met since becoming active about eight or nine years ago. Prior to that, we had always renewed our membership when reminded to do so, but we did not play an active role. We did attend a Traffic and Planning meeting many years ago when a nearby neighbour was planning a completely insane addition to his house, but until a major development battle presented itself even closer to home in 2000, we didn't pay much attention to the Community Association or its mandate.

Approaching CHCA in early 2001, I was amazed at the quality of the people around the table, the depth of knowledge of the development process, and the

caliber of the advice, direction and support they provided. Many of those people have since cycled out of active involvement, but I still count them as very good friends. Moreover, most are still here in Crescent Heights, still participating and working to make our community a better place in which to live. I think it's fair to say that we're not an overly ambitious organization: we do a few social events each year based on our volunteer capacity; we have our traffic and planning meetings on a regular basis because there is always lots of traffic and planning in Crescent Heights ("You want to build it how high?!"); we clean up the place from time to time and we have fun. So if you're wondering "why join", the month of March is just the right time to take a chance and meet some new friends. Join us, won't you? There is a secret handshake, too.



Crime in Crescent Heights

By Heather & John Pallas

We have always praised, along with other people, this neighborhood for its sense of community,

neighbours looking out for each other, and it is part of the reason why we live here. This is one of those moments to show it. Two weeks ago on our street (7th Avenue NE) a neighbour had their house broken into in the middle of the day. The burglars kicked in the front door, took the TVs and computer and in less than ten minutes were gone out the back into the alley.

It's time to admit to ourselves that the crime rate has risen sharply in our community. In January, police handcuffed a car thief, on the run and trying to hide, right in the front porch of a neighbours home, another neighbour had their car broken into while garages are also being broken into. It is time to fight this crime wave! Crescent Heights is a beautiful place to live and we need to make sure we are making it difficult for crime to happen.

Are you doing everything you can to keep

your house safe? Are you watching your neighbour's homes for unusual activity? Are you stopping people who look suspicious and questioning them or phoning the police?

The police emphasized with us that if we see anything that looks suspicious, regardless how paranoid you think you might be, just call (403) 266-1234 and make a report. With the Cecil Hotel being closed, it has probably caused more people to be up in our community. There are drug deals going down in our alleys and we need to make sure we are making it difficult for these activities to happen!

Our street will be looking to formalize the neighbourhood Block Watch Program and we encourage you to do the same. Instead of turning a blind eye to unusual activity and not getting involved, start taking action to ensure that Crescent Heights remains a place where families want to raise their children and that we keep our close knit community alive – something that we all value living here.

For more information about the Calgary Block Watch for Crescent Heights contact John McDermid (403) 277-8653 and check out the website at www.calgaryblockwatch.com.

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 elizhancock@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.



Pub Night March 14th With Coyote Moon

Mark your calendars for this exciting pub night. We are pleased to present local roots-rockers Coyote Moon for a dance/ concert.

Coyote Moon are the house band of the Bow Valley Folk Music Club. They are a great local band specializing in roots music (folk, rock, country), with a specialty in 60's rock. They do amazing covers of everyone from the Beatles to Johnny Cash to Jimmy Buffet to Herman's Hermits. They not only play top ten hits, but plenty of more obscure songs. They are also

great entertainers, with lots of humorous stage banter and joke-telling. This is a full six piece band including a talented female vocalist, and a smokin' lead quitarist.

Tickets are \$15, available at the door, or from Don Bruton, at (403) 803-3860 or Marlene Austen at (403) 282-9758. Cash bar.

Join us March 14th at 7:00 pm at the Rosedale Community Hall, 901 – 11 Avenue NW.

Membership Awareness Month

The Federation of Calgary Communities would like to announce that March is Membership Awareness Month. As proclaimed by Mayor Bronconnier March is the time of year that Calgary celebrates the value of belonging to your Community Association. Membership in your community comes with many benefits like discounts on your home and automobile insurance not too mention opportunities to meet your neighbours, participate in social programs and make sure that your interests are represented on local and Citywide matters. Being part of your community is an important step to improving neighbourhood life.

Also as part of March membership awareness month the Federation of Calgary Communities has partnered with different organizations to offer discounts to Community Association members, including discounted Calgary Roughneck tickets! For more information contact the Federation of Calgary Communities at (403) 244-4111 or go on-line www.calgarycommunities.com.

Remember building a friendlier, safer Calgary begins in your own backyard; join your Community Association today!

Purchase Your Crescent Heights Community Association Membership! See page 15 for details!



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:

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!



North Central United Juventus Soccer Club

NCU Juventus offers youth soccer for North Central Communities of Calgary. Age groups from U6 through U18 for both girls and boys are offered.

The U6 and U8 house league program is a recreational program designed to introduce your child to the game of soccer, and most importantly, have a lot of fun! Games are scheduled for each Tuesday and Thursday, and teams are typically mixed. This format provides children the opportunity to play in a fun, non-competitive environment. We offer technical training sessions for these groups throughout the spring to assist the kids and their coaches in basic skill development

The U10 to U18 age groups are entered by NCU into Calgary Minor Soccer Association (CMSA) leagues. The CMSA leagues are city-wide leagues with competition at some levels leading to inter-city championships. Depending on registration numbers we offer both competitive level and premier teams at these age groups. Evaluations for these teams may be required to ensure kids are placed on teams appropriate for their skill level.

Game and practice times are dependant on scheduling by CMSA (games) and typically include at least one practice and one game per week.

The spring season runs from April through June. Playoff formats and schedules are determined by CMSA. For more information visit www.calgaryminor soccer.com.

NCU Juventus is a non profit organization run entirely by volunteers. For more information visit our website at www.ncusoccer.ca.

2009 Outdoor Soccer Registration Details

Registration is available either in person or online at our website. Each player is required to sign a CMSA and NCU waiver form, available for download on our website. Online registrations are processed through a secure website administered by ITSports.net

Registration will be held:

- Wednesday, March 4th 6:30 to 9:30 pm Thorncliffe Greenview Community Centre
- Saturday, March 7th
 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
 North Haven Community Centre
- On-line Registration www.ncusoccer.ca

Fees vary by age group and level of play. Payment is accepted by credit card or cheque. Fees include jersey (returnable at season end), socks, and technical training sessions run by a third party soccer academy.

Registration Fees

	Year (Competitive*	Premie
Age	Born	Fees	Fees
U6	2003-04	\$70	_
U8	2001-02	\$70	_
U10	1999-00	\$135	_
U12	1997-98	\$170	\$175
U14	1995-96	\$190	\$220
U16	1993-94	\$220	\$225
U18	1991-92	\$240	\$250

*Fees include technical training sessions run by third party soccer academy. Premier teams will arrange technical training on a per team basis, subject to extra fees or fundraising.

For additional information please contact Mark Spink, President – NCU Soccer at (403) 276-9697.

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 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 oncea-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 nonrefundable fee to participate.

And voila! Your own local Mary Poppins(es) can give you a few hours to vourself.

If you would like to see if joining the coop 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!

Volunteer Park Rangers

Parks volunteer rangers are working hard to sustain our parks and pathways. Volunteers include dog owners, nature enthusiasts and cyclists. They act as positive role models for park and pathway stewardship, promote responsible park user etiquette and encourage bylaw compliance. They work hard to educate users about environmental park issues and to foster a spirit of awareness and cooperation among different groups.

The Parks Volunteer Ranger Program is recruiting new volunteers for the 2009 season. If you are interested in this exciting program, please visit our website at calgary.ca/parks, call 3-1-1 or email volunteerrangerprogram@calgary.ca.

Crescent Heights Playgroup

Attention all pre-school aged kiddos out there. Are you itchy for spring? All that mud, those flowers, puddles, and the return of playground time? Well there is a place for you to run and play inside to get all those spring wiggles out. Then when it is nice outside we even go to the playground!

The Crescent Heights playgroup gives pre-school aged children a place for free play. It also gives moms, dads and caregivers a chance to visit with other adults and get to know the community.

Join us Wednesdays, 10:00 to 11:30 am at the Crescent Heights Community Hall. Free for Crescent Heights Community Association members. If you are not yet a member, bring the membership form and a cheque to the group and we pass it along.

This program is for parents and caregivers with any number of children at any age – babies included. (There are three babies under the age of one at present.)

There are toys and books at the Hall, so just bring yourselves, snacks and indoor shoes.

If you have questions please contact Stacie Banks at (403)670-6872 or stacie_banks@yahoo.ca.

Climbing Mount Everest

Join Andrew Brash, Rosedale Playschool parent and Calgary teacher, for an evening slideshow presentation at 7:30 pm on Thursday, April 30th. Brash cut short his 2006 attempt on Mt. Everest when, 200 m short of the peak, stopped to rescue a dying climber who had been abandoned by his team. In 2008, he returned and conquered the world's highest mountain. The venue for the slideshow will be announced at a later date. If you would like to be wait listed for tickets to this exciting evening, please send an email with your name and phone number to rosedaleplayschool@gmail.com. All proceeds from this event will support Rosedale Playschool.



Soak Up the Savings

Courtesy Climate Change Central

With laundry being a daily activity in many homes, upgrading a standard clothes washer to a high-efficiency, ENERGY STAR®-rated model can really help out in the savings department. The average family of four can save up to \$150 on utility costs, 33,000 litres of water and one tonne of greenhouse gas emissions a year.

There are many things you can do, both when purchasing and using a clothes washer, to maximize its efficiency and

- Look for an ENERGY STAR® machine. These use less energy, and according to the Office of Energy Efficiency, can save you up to \$955 over their lifetime compared to a conventional washer.
- Opt for a front-loading model. The agitators in these have been removed, which provides for greater load capacity while using less water. Compared to traditional washers, they can save enough water to fill up three backyard swimming pools over the course of their life span.
- Choose the right size machine for your

needs and look for a model with a high Modified Energy Factor (MEF) and low Water Factor (WF). This will help reduce the amount of energy and water used by the machine.

- Wash clothes in cold water. According to ENERGY STAR® about ninety per cent of the energy used to wash clothes comes from heating the water.
- Wait until you have a full load. It takes almost the same amount of energy to wash half a load as it does a full one.
- Select a high spin speed. By wringing out as much water as possible, you reduce the amount of time and energy needed for drying.
- Use high-efficiency detergent. Highefficiency machines are designed to need less suds and regular detergent can cause them to perform inefficiently.

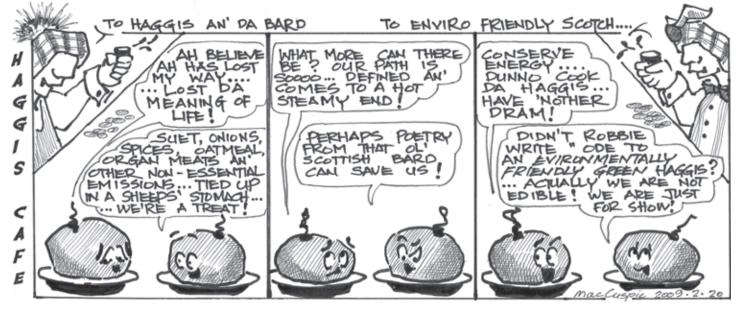
For more ideas and information on energy-efficiency, subscribe to the free online newsletter enerclick, visit www.climatechangecentral.com, call 1-866-609-2700, or email contact@ climatechangecentral.com.

Finding New Life and a New Home

For more than 25 years, Hospice Calgary has provided compassionate end-of-life and grief care, support, education and hope to people of all ages whose lives have been altered by an anticipated or sudden death. Children with terminally-ill parents, parents grieving the loss of a child, new immigrants looking for support as they face a lifethreatening illness, seniors wishing to prepare for their final days surrounded by comfort and kindness - whatever the circumstance, Hospice Calgary offers support to those who need it, wherever they need it, for as long as they need it.

Now, with an aging and rapidly growing Calgary population, Hospice Calgary is planning ahead. In March, Hospice Calgary's Outreach and Education Centre moves from a downtown office tower to its own permanent building in the Deerfoot Meadows area at 1245 - 70th Avenue SE. Outside of the downtown core, support during some of the most difficult times in people's lives is now more accessible than ever. Terminally-ill clients and grieving families have greater wheelchair access, lots of free parking, green spaces and a safe, comfortable place to grow and heal.

You can help bring them home through the Holding Hands, Healing Hearts campaign. For more information about Hospice Calgary's services, or to make a donation call (403) 263-4525 or visit www.hospicecalgary.com.









What You Need Crayon Shavings Black Crayon Wax Paper Yarn Easy Ages 6-8 Adult Help



Place a sheet of wax paper on top of your "pattern". (Large colouring pictures work well - or you can draw your own). Trace over the lines of your pattern using a black crayon making bold, thick lines. Arrange shavings on the wax paper, keeping well away from the edges. Cover with a second piece of wax paper.

Ask an adult to help iron the waxed paper to melt the crayons. Trim the excess wax paper off your hanging, and punch a hole at the top and add a loop of yarn for hanging in your window!



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)





Library News

Louise Riley Library is located at 1904, 14th Avenue NW. They are open Monday to Thursday, 10:00 am to 9:00 pm, Friday and Saturday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and Sunday from noon to 5:00 pm.

Winter Programs

Programs are free with a library card. Register in person, call (403) 260-2620 or visit at www.calgarypubliclibrary.com

Hero Storytime: Firefighter

Join us for books and stories, then meet a firefighter, try on some gear, and see a fire truck! Ages five to 12. Saturday March 14th, 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 6 to 12. Thursday, February 26th through April 2nd, 7:00 to 8:00 pm.

Picturing Calgary's Past

Enjoy a slideshow presentation on Calgary's most fascinating historic buildings and the intriguing stories of the people behind them. Ages 50 and up. Wednesday, March 25th, 1:00 to 2:30 pm.

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

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