

## President's Notebook

By John McDermid

You will find no mention of the next CHCA fund raising casino anywhere in this issue of the View. Go ahead and look if you like, but you won't find it.

Last summer I was invited to participate in the jury that was charged with making a pre-selection of eligible artists who had prepared expressions of interest in creating the public art component of the new Emergency Operations Centre in Rotary Park. You will likely have noticed that the old blue legion building is now gone (as is the old Rotary Park Lawn Bowls clubhouse), the former removed to make room for the new EOC, the latter razed to allow the lawn bowling club to construct its charming new clubhouse on their site.

On March 9th I was invited to join the EOC's landscape architect, a representative from the City's Public Art Program, and the artist selected to create the public art component at the EOC site. From over fifty submissions, a short list was developed, and the artist chosen for the project is Stephen Glassman of Venice, California. It was a bit nippy on

March 9th and a bit wind-blown that afternoon, but Glassman spent a fair amount of time trying to get a feel for the site and its immediate surroundings. He seemed pleased to be informed of the high volume of commuter foot traffic that passes the site on a daily basis, and has since returned to the sunnier climes of southern California to take the project through its next planning stages. If we are able to get any concept plans to share by way of the View, we will in future issues. Meanwhile, we look forward to a significant public art component in addition to the striking architecture of the new EOC: a major public building right here in our community.

I was also able to meet one of Bird Construction's site superintendents on March 9th, and he advised that one of Bird's construction managers who worked on the Wing Kei building will also be on the EOC project. This is good news, I think, because as I recall the efforts of Bird Construction did much to mitigate the adverse effects of a major construction project on the residential community. Let's hope they do as good a job of managing the EOC construction cycle as

they did some years ago in building the Wing Kei.

Having checked with our Planning Director, Joe Nagy, just before sitting down to prepare this item for the View, you will probably see Joe's account elsewhere in this issue of an important public meeting we had on March 10th. It concerned a proposed Land Use Change for the Tigerstaedt block, 900-block of Centre Street North. After having seen several proposals for this site over the years, we now have a credible developer and a credible architectural firm turning their attention to this important commercial site in our community. What is proposed is bigger and better than the C-COR-2 Land Use designation currently in place for the site. The application for a change to C-COR-1 also provides for fewer permitted auto-oriented uses, which may be a more appropriate if the Centre Street corridor is to re-develop in more interesting ways than it has to date, and in ways such as are proposed currently for the Tigerstaedt block. The proposal for the site seeks a higher building height of 22 metres (up from the current 12

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### Crescent Heights Clean-Up

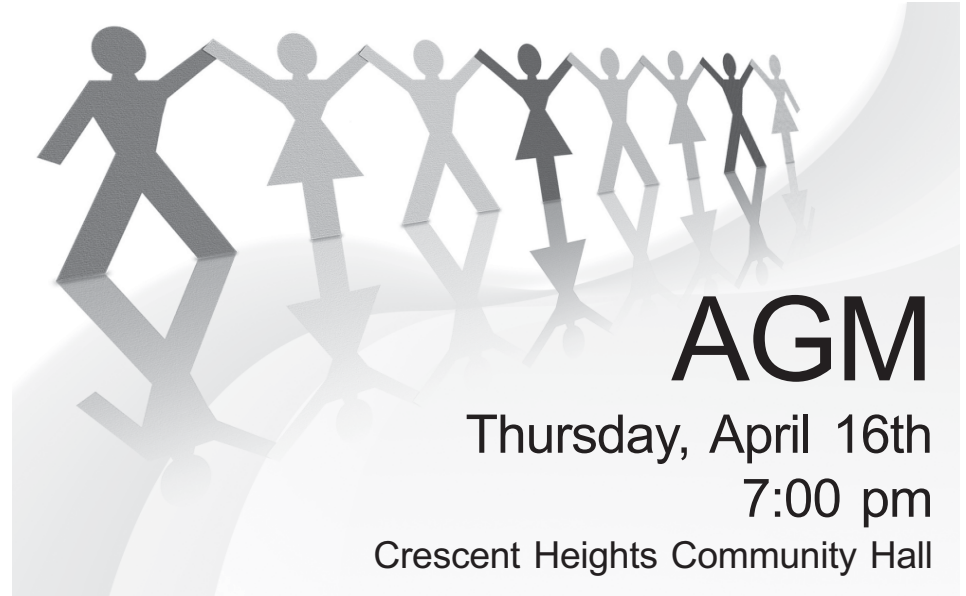
**Saturday, May 23rd**

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Crescent Heights  
Community Hall

Drop off your household  
waste and unwanted  
electronic items

*See inside for details*



# AGM

Thursday, April 16th  
7:00 pm  
Crescent Heights Community Hall

# The Crescent View

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## President's Message cont. from cover

metres), and floor area ratio of 3.4, up from 2.0. This is intended to allow for the economics of the project to work as well as provide main floor retail, two floors of office space and residential above. It is just the kind of mixed use development that is proposed for much of the 16th Avenue Urban Corridor from Centre Street to 4th Street NW, that portion of the Urban Corridor that touches our community.

This may be the project to establish the standard for similar future developments in the Via 16 Urban Corridor and on Centre Street. But there is concern, too, because the change in use is not tied to plans for the building, which are still very preliminary, but suggest shifting the mass toward the Centre Street side of the site and "stepping down" the storeys of the building on the east elevation, which face and interact with the existing adjacent residential development to the east. This is meant to mitigate the shadowing and overlooking effects of the building, something not successfully done anywhere else in our portion of the Centre Street corridor. Trust me as someone who lives in the shadow of the Wing Kei and under the gaze of many its residents on the east side of the building. It strikes me that architects Cohos Evamy are making a genuine effort to acknowledge the adverse effects of massing and shadowing, and to address them in meaningful ways.

The greatest concern is that the successful land use change will allow the additional height and floor area ratio, but does not necessarily translate into a building envelope such as has been shown residents. It may well be that the land

use change allows for the greater height and density, but that no such enlightened building design follows. Instead, we may end up with something more along the lines of 1000 or 1110 Centre Street, with more Crescent Heights residents in shadow and under the gaze of multi-storey neighbours. Now it's getting interesting. Watch this space for further "developments" regarding the site.

By the time this issue of the View reaches our community, we will hope to be out of the grasp of winter. We'll hope it also reaches you in good time to remind you of our Annual General Meeting at 7:00 pm at the Hall on Thursday, April 16th. We are planning to continue the tradition of at least a few years' standing of holding a wine and cheese social on the evening, following the business of the AGM. We hope you can join us for an update on activities of the past year, some plans for the coming year and a financial update on the Crescent Heights Community Association.

Finally, my sincere apologies to the Crescent Heights Playgroup, which meets in our Hall each Wednesday morning. We had finally managed to book our long-overdue two-day floor strip and polish for the 11th and 12th of March, and even re-scheduled our friends the Chinooks Artists from their regular Wednesday to an alternate day, but I forgot to advise the playgroup of the need to close the hall for the floor work. Mea culpa. I forgot all about our treasured moms and tots. We promise to make it up to you in the coming months.

Springtime please.

## Crescent Heights Spring Soccer

Crescent Heights Spring Soccer Program starts Tuesday, May 5th.

Crescent Heights Community Centre

This is a six-week program where participants will learn the basic techniques, ball skills, drills and game play. The emphasis is on fun!

- Ages 4 to 5  
Tuesdays 6:00 to 6:45 pm
- Ages 6 to 7  
Tuesdays 6:45 to 7:30 pm
- Ages 8 to 11  
Tuesdays 7:30 to 8:15 pm
- Cost \$35
- Program is held at the

To register contact Marie Evans at (403) 230-4516 or email: [marieevans@shaw.ca](mailto:marieevans@shaw.ca). Register by April 17th to ensure that the appropriate number of shirts can be ordered.

Groupings and times may change depending on interest and please ensure that your Crescent Heights community membership is up-to-date.

Coach Donna will be back this year and parent volunteers are welcome!

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 [waddellb@telusplanet.net](mailto:waddellb@telusplanet.net).

## Community Clean Up

By Daniel Dang

This year's CHCA Community Clean-Up event will take place on Saturday, May 23rd between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm at the parking lot of CHCA Community Hall. Community residents are encouraged to participate by dropping off their household waste and unwanted electronic items during the event, sponsored by the CHCA, The City of Calgary's Animal and Bylaw Services, and Technotrash Alberta Limited.

This year's event is expanded to include the participation of Technotrash Alberta, a local Calgary firm who specializes in processing electronic waste in a responsible manner, and is certified by Alberta Recycling Management

## Crosswalk Safety in Crescent Heights

By Daniel Dang

Living close to a major intersection (13th Avenue and Centre Street), I have seen my fair share of pedestrian behaviours that have resulted in miscommunication with drivers and might have ended in far worse consequences.

Centre Street is a busy transportation corridor. There are simply just too much traffic, and too many distractions for the lost souls who have yet to discover the joy of living in our beloved Crescent Heights, who simply have to drive through our community to get back to their sub-urban spread. Even the most careful and considerate drivers have to pay attention to the myriad of cross-walk signs and signals, lane reversal indicators, traffic lights, parked vehicles and their drivers and Crescent Heights pedestrians crossing this busy street. Here's my take what it takes to make a safe crossing of Centre Street:

- Don't ever assume that the driver has seen you and is stopping for your crossing! They can be processing one of the many directional signs, traffic signals and other distractions as outlined above. On top of that, the roadway may be so slippery that the vehicle may not be able to safely stop before the crosswalk.
- If there's a crosswalk signal activator, press it, and check to make sure that you see the yellow lights flashing on the indicator overhead.
- If you find that drivers are not stopping for you at cross-walks, it might be that you are not visible enough to them, or that it's not clear to them that you are intending to cross the road. Extending your arm in front of you as you face the road is the universal sign that you want to use the crosswalk. (Remember to

Authority's electronic recycling program.

This CHCA sponsored event will accept all household waste except tires, batteries, household chemicals, paint, liquids and propane tanks.

For additional information and recycling options, please check our community's website at [www.calgaryareas.com/crescentheights](http://www.calgaryareas.com/crescentheights) and follow the link.

The CHCA is examining the option of renting a truck to pickup larger items from community residents on a cost recovery basis. If you can help on the day of the Clean-Up, or for additional information, please call Daniel at (403) 355-0058. See you there on May 23rd!

thank your elementary school teacher and principal for this crosswalk technique.)

- Take off your earphones and do not talk on your cellular phone when you intend to cross. Most drivers think – rightly – that you can't be looking to cross the road if you are on your cell phone chatting away. Therefore, they will not stop for you!
- Always, always make eye contact with each, and every driver who is slowing down and stopping at for your crossing – on all of the lanes. Do this before you even step off the sidewalk into the roadway.
- Do not step off the curb until the traffic has stopped moving at the crosswalk. Before you cross the next lane of traffic, make sure the traffic in that lane has stopped and that the driver has clearly seen you in the crosswalk.
- Pay attention to oncoming traffic on the other side of the road. Before you reach the centre yellow line, stop to make sure that the vehicles and traffic on the other side of the roadway has stopped.
- Maintain a safe distance from the stopped vehicles at the crosswalk, as the drivers behind them may not be as careful, and may rear-end the stopped vehicles, pushing them into you as you cross.
- When you have safely reached the other curb, stop and thank the drivers who have been considerate enough to stop for your safe journey across our busy roadways.

Crossing Centre Street can be an adventure. However, with some common sense, care and attention, we can all make our daily crossings safe and help build an enjoyable experience of living in a lively and vibrant community such as Crescent Heights.





**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](http://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:**

**Chinook Glass and Screen  
Sharon Lutheran Church  
The Care Group**

**Support Your Community!**

**Thank You, Ms. Karine Rietjens, for the recent financial contribution to the CHCA. Your support is greatly appreciated!**



## Working Out at the Rinks Getting Involved in Community

**By Gail Robinson**

As I'm getting ready for dinner, my thoughts are on the evening ahead. The word has just gone out to the volunteers to shovel snow at our community rinks. My mind is on alert, as I am new at my job.

I saw the rally for volunteers in The View to help at the rinks and thought – hmmm... this would be good exercise and a way to get involved.

My first night out, I eased in to the task at hand. My assignment was to push the snow to the edges around the kids' rink. A bit lonely until those from the other rink came over to help finish up. I left thinking, this is well organized. I wonder who keeps all this volunteer effort going.

My thoughts were answered the following week when I met the team lead, Tim Edwards. He had organized the group for the Monday evening. Introductions were made, and I found out there are several who have helped on a regular basis, including: Dan Shield, Grant Sinclair, Don Wieslow, Larry Dziuba, Dave Strathdee, and Mike Jancovic. There are also other volunteers who, hopefully, as we go along, I'll be able to meet as well.

This time the task was greater. We shoveled off the snow from a big dump – a call had gone out by email for anyone available to lend a hand. And our work was cut out for us. While Tim maneuvered the snow blower around the hockey rink, the rest of us shoveled to the sides so the machine could pick up the snow and throw it over the boards.

My greatest sense of volunteering and teamwork came one evening when it was minus 29° with the wind chill. I had to push myself out of the house on such a cold evening. But when I got to the rink,

the person in charge was in full swing with his shovel, and I again felt part of a team, with an important job to do. There's little chat, you just put your head down and begin to shovel. Then, the hose came out to spread the water across the rink. Now I really got to experience the action. I helped ensure the hose was properly positioned so the flood could begin – and the real exercise came as we finished off. The hose was emptied as best we could as it was frozen; we wound it up, and then made sure everything was in place for the next team.

As I walked to the parking lot with Dave at the end of the evening, I found out this volunteer had not only come out to help, but he had taken the time to scope things out in the morning on the way to work – to ensure the team was prepared for the conditions. He explained that his wife had a baby the week before and here he was still at his volunteer job, making sure everything worked, as usual. When asked how often he came out, he admitted that he had to miss three times during the winter. What a track record and what a volunteer.

I was inspired to write this story, not as much from my experience, which I found very worthwhile. But for the people who work behind the scenes anonymously, so that others benefit. They are real troopers, doing their jobs with pride and camaraderie. With a slow start to this year, I only made it out a few times. However, I'm already looking forward to next winter. And if there are any women or guys out there who would like give it a try, I'd highly recommend a way to get involved with the community – and the exercise.

If anyone would like to be added to the list of volunteers for next year, please contact Tim Edwards at (403) 606-9303 or email [tim.edwards@shell.com](mailto:tim.edwards@shell.com).

# Tigerstaedt Block Development

By Joe Nagy

## Review of the Development Application for the Tigerstaedt Block (LOC-2009-0004)

The application is a land use and has three components; change of use, change of density, and change of height. Lets look at each one of the Planning Committee's positions.

**Change of Use:** Centre Street is designated a commercial corridor or C-COR-2. The C-COR designation is appropriate as it requires 20 per cent of the building or the ground floor as retail oriented. Of the three districts in C-COR, 3 is car oriented – think McLeod Trail. C-COR-1 is pedestrian oriented, think Kensington. C-COR-2 is a mix. A change to C-COR-1 reduces some of the auto-oriented uses and allows reduced setbacks on the front of the building to allow the building to be more pedestrian friendly. The change to C-COR-1 is also consistent with our Area Redevelopment Plan (ARP). The CHCA supports the change of use from C-COR-2 to C-COR-1.

**Increased Height:** The current building is 12 metres. In talking about height one needs to be consistent in terms of metric or imperial and not talk about stories or floors. While the number of stories is helpful in visualizing mass, floor heights are variable and getting higher. Think of a single story Earl's Restaurant that is actually 7 metres tall!

The buildings at 1000 and 1110 Centre Street are not considered good additions to the community, as they show minimal transition to the residential area and have considerable shadowing. The ARP and Centre Street North Study included a number of re-zonings and limited the height of a number of parcels including this one. While we acknowledge that a height increase could have minimal impact on the community if done properly,

we do not support the proposed height increase to 22 metres.

**Increased Density:** The current FAR (Floor Area Ratio) is 2.0, which combined with the height of 12 metres translates to a 40 foot high 4 storey box. The proposed increase is to a FAR of 3.4, which means a potential of a 22 metres or 72 foot high ceilings on the ground floor. The purpose of the increase in FAR is to get a mixed-use building – however there is no guarantee, so a repeat of 1000 Centre Street could be built. Like the increase in height, we acknowledge that a selective increase in density, if applied to a mixed-use building, could be appropriate for the community. However, given this application, the CHCA does not support this increase in density.

**Dawson Property:** The lack of integration of the Dawson Property at the south end means the development of the block will not be complete. The CHCA would like to see the block develop as one development, however we can't force anyone to sell or to buy. If the site redevelops, without the south end, there is the possibility the Dawson site could be stranded, which is unfortunate.

**Development Tied to Plans:** Most people in the community, including the CHCA Planning committee, would like the site to develop, since the existing building is not very pretty. If the developer was to propose a similar type development with a re-zoning tied to plans, where the community is safeguarded from getting a big box built to the by-law maximum, then the CHCA would be interested in listening to the developer. However at this time we are not commenting on a set of plans, we are commenting on a land use change. Given the potential negative impacts these changes could inflict upon Centre Street and our community, we do not support this application.

## Parenting Expert Barbara Coloroso

You are invited to an evening with Barbara Coloroso world renowned author and parenting expert who will speak on bullying, a problem that affects one in seven children in Alberta.

This presentation will educate the audience on the impacts of bullying and how to break the cycle of violence.

Join us Monday, April 20th at First Alliance Church (12345 40th Street SE). Doors open at 6:30, presentation 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Cost is \$29 plus GST per person. Visit [www.ticketweb.ca](http://www.ticketweb.ca) or call 1-888-222-6608 for tickets.

This is a fundraising event for the Federation of Calgary Communities.

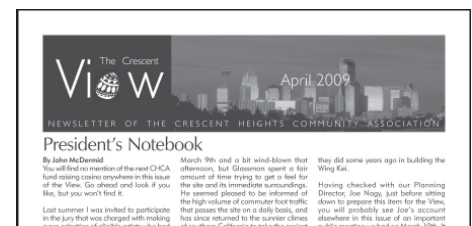
# Crescent Heights Playgroup

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 to Community Members (or bring the membership form and a cheque to the group and I can pass it along.). This is open to 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](mailto:stacie_banks@yahoo.ca).



## Deliver This Wonderful Publication to Your Neighbours

Delivery routes for the Crescent Heights newsletter have just become available.

People are needed to deliver The Crescent View to the north west side of our community. If you are looking to add 15 minutes or more to your monthly exercise routine, this is for you!

If you can help out, please contact Sharon Anderson-Marr at (403) 276-1831 or [sandersonmarr@shaw.ca](mailto:sandersonmarr@shaw.ca).

# Calgary Reads

"It's amazing how far a little confidence can go," says Angela Knight, a Calgary Reads volunteer about the changes she has observed in her Grade 2 buddy since she began tutoring him in October. Calgary Reads, formed as a charity in 2001, is an early literacy initiative that changes the lives of struggling Grade 2 readers and their families in Calgary and area schools. The core program, Calgary Reads at Home, has more than 400 tutors working with over 500 students in 65 schools in Calgary and surrounding communities. Calgary Reads is holding its annual book sale from May 1st to 3rd in support of its programs.

Most reading problems are preventable through effective early literacy programs. There is an ideal window of opportunity, Kindergarten to Grade 2, in which a student's basic reading skills must be developed. Calgary Reads is dedicated to improving the confidence of struggling young readers through its programs.

Angela is part of the Calgary Reads at School program where trained adult volunteers are paired with struggling Grade 2 readers. Each volunteer tutors the student twice a week for 30 minutes during the school day. Since being paired with her buddy in October, Angela notes,

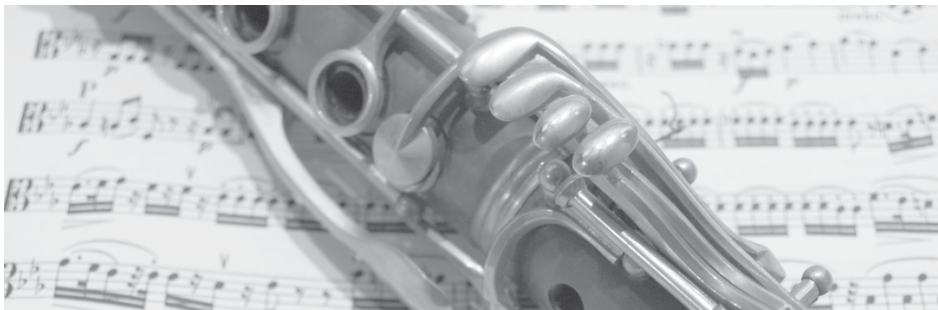
"he is now more animated when he reads which shows that he really understands what he is reading. He is no longer just reading words, instead he actually comprehends."

To support its programs, Calgary Reads partners with CBC to host an annual book sale with all proceeds directly benefiting Calgary Reads students, their families and the schools involved. Last year, the CBC – Calgary Reads Book Sale was a huge success, raising over \$68,000. The core tutoring program costs approximately \$400 per student.

Come to Calgary Reads annual book sale and help give new readers the confidence they need May 1st to 3rd at the Triwood Arena, 2244 Chicoutimi Drive NW. Borden Ladner Gervais will be sponsoring the "Kids Fun Zone" again this year.

Donate your quality used books for all ages at any RBC branch in Calgary from March 30th to April 10th or at CBC (1724 Westmount Blvd NW) April 13th to 28th (8:00 am to 8:00 pm).

For more information on the book sale or to volunteer, please visit [www.calgaryreads.com](http://www.calgaryreads.com) or call (403) 777-8254.



## Youth Volunteer Instrument Drive

**By Ron Nguyen**

As one of the initiatives of the Crescent Heights Youth Volunteer Corps, we are organizing an Instrument Drive for Crescent Heights High School and surrounding communities. We are asking people to donate an instrument, in fairly good condition, to youth in Calgary. Through the Legacy Children's Foundation, these instruments will be distributed to children and youth who seek music lessons, but don't have the financial resources for the instrument.

If you are interested in donating an

instrument you can drop them off at the Crescent Height High School main office. Please be sure to attach your name, address and phone information.

Additional information can be found at [www.legacyfoundation.ca](http://www.legacyfoundation.ca) and if you require more information, please contact me at [ronnguyen09@gmail.com](mailto:ronnguyen09@gmail.com) or (403) 462-3817.

If you have any friends that would be interested in donating an instrument, please have them contact me – it will be greatly appreciated!

# Climbing Mount Everest

You are invited to a very special event being hosted by Rosedale Playschool: Multi-media presentation by Andrew Brash about his Everest adventures.

Andrew is a climber and teacher based in Calgary. He has been chasing his climbing dreams for over twenty years in some of the world's most impressive mountain environments, including Tibet, western China, Pakistan, Kazakhstan, Alaska, Chile and Nepal. In the spring of 2006, he found himself two hundred metres from the top of Mt. Everest and faced with a life-changing decision – whether to press onto the summit and achieve a lifelong dream, or stop and try to rescue a fellow climber who had been left and presumed dead.

This event will be held on Thursday, April 30th at 7:30 pm in the Downtown Library Theatre. Tickets are \$15

To purchase tickets, please contact [rosedaleplayschool@gmail.com](mailto:rosedaleplayschool@gmail.com). This event is expected to sell-out, so please list for tickets so you are not disappointed at the door.

For more information about Andrew, check out his website at [www.andrewbrash.com](http://www.andrewbrash.com).



## Calyx Distinctive Arts Sale

Calyx Distinctive Arts presents its 17th Semi-Annual Exhibition and Sale of original artworks by local artists on Saturday, April 25th and Sunday April 26th, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, at the Crescent Heights Community Centre, 1101 - 2nd Street NW. Free admission, free parking, 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 call (403) 289-2136 or visit [www.calyx.ca](http://www.calyx.ca).



# Louise Riley Library

## 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.

## Winter Programs

Programs are free with a library card. Register in person, by calling 260-2620 or online at [www.calgarypubliclibrary.com](http://www.calgarypubliclibrary.com)

## Be Water Wise Outside

Learn how to design your yard for water conservation. Plant lists and sample garden plans will be provided. Co-sponsored by the City of Calgary Water Services. Saturday, April 18th, 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

## CyberSeniors

Learn how to use a mouse, search the Internet, use e-mail, and about the components of a computer. Ages 50 and up. Wednesdays, April 8th to 29th, 10:00 am to noon.

## 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 caregiver. Tuesdays, April 7th to 21st, 10:30 to 11:00 am.

# Beautifying McHugh Bluff

By Sonia Gonsalves

Due to the late spring, the first 2009 work session on McHugh Bluff has been changed to Sunday, April 19th. That day has been set aside by the City as Scooby Doo Day in the various Calgary adopted parks. (See [www.calgary.ca](http://www.calgary.ca) - education and events under the parks department).

Rosedale has invited Crescent Heights Community to join them and clean-up our section of the Bluff between 4th Street NW and Centre Street. The City supplies gloves, bags and hand sanitizer and Rosedale Community Association will supply Tim Horton's cookies. So, all you dog walkers, come out and join us. If there is still snow or a lot of mud on the Bluff we will delay everything until May 9th which is the next scheduled work session. We will meet at 4th Street NW and Crescent Road at 9:30 am.

We have a full season planned for beautifying the Bluff. This year, we will spend the second Saturday of each month until September, except for June which will be on the 20th. That way, we'll avoid holiday weekends. We will tackle litter, dog clean-up, weed control and hopefully some planting. We are also very, very pleased to announce that we have a \$3000 Neighbourhood Grant from the Calgary Foundation for the McHugh Bluff adopt-a-park program. Most of this grant will be used by Rosedale Elementary School to fund a nature education program run by Calgary Parks Department, geared specifically to McHugh Bluff. This will be happening during the fall and winter.

See you on Sunday, April 19th and meet at 4th Street NW and Crescent Road at 9:30 am.

# It Takes a Village... 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:

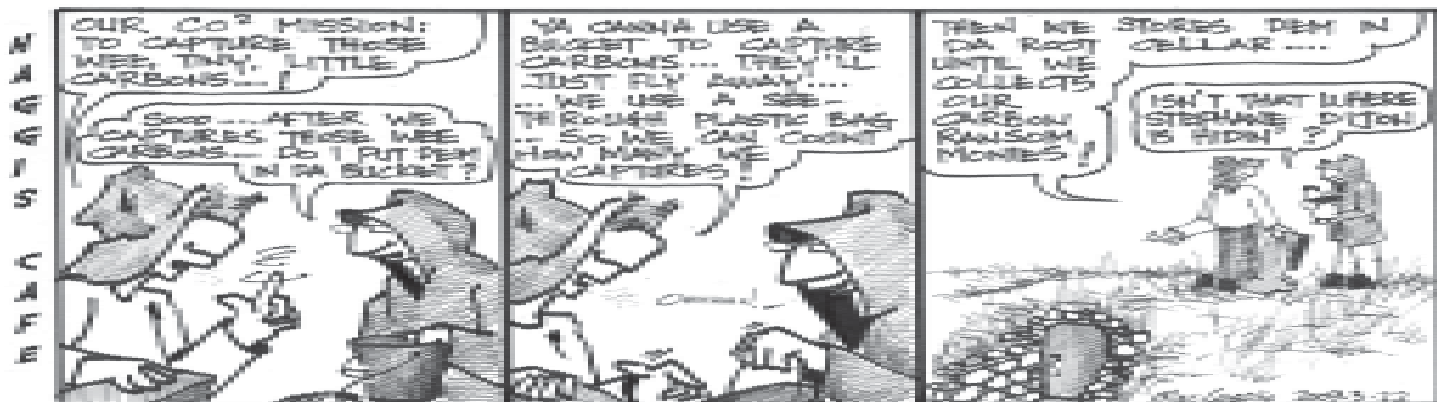
- Using a system of chits, members arrange and exchange babysitting amongst themselves on an as needed basis.
- All members and their families (all adults in the home) are required to participate in the Block Parent program and go

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.

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 at (403) 276-8610.



# House History Research

## Submitted by: Professor Z

Have you ever been curious about those who've lived in your home before you? Housing stock in Crescent Heights ranges from that of the modest dwellings constructed in the first decade of the 20th Century to the mini-mansions built in more recent boom times. Most of us who reside in older properties in our neighbourhood are probably not aware of the many resources to obtain information on not only the history of our own homes, but on the changes in the community itself that have occurred over the years.

Three primary sources for such research are the Calgary Public Library, the Glenbow Museum and Archives, and the City of Calgary Corporate Records and Archives departments. Both the Library and Corporate Archives provide their own resource directories for house history searches. With the exception of title searches at Calgary Land Titles, there is no cost to access any of the sources listed below; for most people, time restraints would be the biggest hurdle.

What follows is a summary of available public information on this subject, which is not intended by any means to be exhaustive in scope.

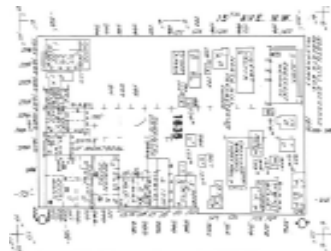
- Henderson's Directories cover the years from 1906 to 1991 inclusive. Each directory contains a listing by street name, of occupants' names and in many cases, their occupations. These publications are held at the Library as well as the Glenbow Archives.
- Assessment rolls, maintained by the City's Corporate Archives department, date back to the early 1900's and contain for any given year the owner's name and property address, as well as land value plus any improvements to the land. This source would be of great assistance in arriving at an approximate construction date for older homes.
- Assessment History Cards, located at Corporate Archives, cover the period from 1935 to 1999 and contain a brief property description, as well as building dimensions and construction materials of assessed land and dwellings.
- Building permits, held at the City's Corporate Archives, provide the applicant or builder's name, the name of the architect in some cases, and the purpose and value of construction. Before using this resource, it's best to obtain an idea of the actual year your home was built

as listings contained in the permit register for any specific year are recorded by date of application rather than by address, making the search process quite time-consuming.

- Calgary Land Titles has information on individual properties dating back to the date a title for a specific property was first issued. On file would be ownership details, mortgage/lien information as well as changes in lot size. Since a new title was produced for every land title transaction, be aware that ordering a full "Back to Patent" search on a given property can be a relatively expensive proposition as Land Titles levies a fee for each title abstract produced.
- Historical street maps, dating as far back as the late 19th century, are held at both the Library and Glenbow Archives, and are useful in tracking such items as community name and boundary amendments as well as street name changes.
- Fire Insurance maps on file at both the Glenbow and City Corporate Archives, date back as far as 1908, and were used by insurance companies until the 1980's to assess individual policy risk. On a street-by-street basis, these detailed urban maps provide graphic information on individual building layouts, property lines, numbers of storeys, and construction materials. Since both residential and commercial structures are included, such maps provide a historical streetscape perspective as well as insight into the growth and evolution of the community

itself.

The map portion shows the west side of



Centre Street near the 16th Avenue intersection as it existed in the early 60's.

- Air photos, held at the U of C and at the Library, are useful in providing a comparative snapshot of both community and city development at a given point in time. A 1924 city air photo, for instance, shows very little commercial or even residential development on Centre Street south of 16th Avenue, although the Centre Street Bridge had been completed some eight years previously. The U of C has digitized many of its air photos and the collection may be viewed online at [www.ourfutureourpast.ca/airphotos](http://www.ourfutureourpast.ca/airphotos). When visiting the same site, a 1948 city air photo is also worth a look.
- Federal Censuses can contain a surprising amount of information on a home's occupants. The 1911 census covers all persons then resident in our community and includes sex, age, nationality, date of immigration to Canada, occupation, religion, and even annual income of all family members at any given address. While this particular census is available online, other census information is still stored on microfilm at Archives Canada, and is currently awaiting digitization.

Hopefully the above will give anyone interested a headstart with their research.

## 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 Block Watch Emails

☐ New Membership    ☐ Renewal    Date \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_