



Crescent Heights Gardens Ready for Viewing

The final preparations for the popular Crescent Heights garden tour are complete. A varied selection of gardens on both sides of Centre Street will be open for viewing on Sunday, July 19th, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. To cover costs, the event will be \$2 per person. Pick up a map at the Crescent Heights Community Hall, at 1101 – 2nd Street NW, and enjoy a pretty walk around our historic neighbourhood.

To keep our gardeners from being overrun this year, we are putting a limit on ticket sales, so be sure to come right at 1:00 pm or soon after. As we hope for a lovely warm day, please remember to bring drinking water.

Special thanks go to the following sponsors, local businesses that help us with prizes for our gardeners and refreshments for our visitors:

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- Olympia Liquor (1915 Centre Street North)
- Dennis Marr (Edward Jones, Brentwood Village Mall)

Stampede Breakfast

The ponies are coming; the ponies are coming! Don't forget our annual community Stampede Breakfast – Sunday, July 12th from 9:00 to 11:00 am at the Community Hall. There's going to be music, a great breakfast and lots of socializing with all your neighbours.

Don't forget to bring your own cutlery as we strive to reduce our environmental footprint.

Please ensure that your membership is up-to-date and, if it isn't, please contact Jonathan and Alison Martin at curmudgeon9@shaw.ca to renew it; you'll get those flapjacks with a minimum wait!

Mark Your Calendars

Bourbon Tasting & Mint Juleps!
Friday, August 28th

See page 5 for details.

Crescent Heights Baptist Church Stampede Breakfast
Saturday, July 4th – 9:00 to 10:30 am
1212 – 1st Street NW

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July 12th, from 9:00 to 11:00 am
at the Community Hall

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President's Notebook

By John McDermid

It was another busy Saturday at the Community Hall on May 23rd as our third annual community clean-up unfolded splendidly. Special thanks to Daniel Dang for organizing the event once again, as well as to George Day, Sharon Anderson-Marr and Anne Underwood. Together with By-law Services and the City of Calgary's Solid Waste Services, we had three voracious compactor trucks, which were more than up to the task of crunching up everything residents brought to the site for disposal. Special thanks also to our own Men with the Truck, who were able to travel about the community and pick up some oversized items that residents couldn't carry themselves.

By the time you read this issue of the View, we will hope to have recruited our full complement of volunteer staff for our next casino fundraising event at the spiffy new Stampede Casino, but we always need to plan for unforeseen eventualities or late changes in plans that might prevent some of our committed crew from attending. We have to line up our staff so long before the August 31st to September 1st event, so it is hard to predict what might come up in the intervening months. If you or a family member or neighbour could spare us an eight-hour shift on either of these days, early or late, please give me a call at (403) 277-8653 and we can assign you a position or put you down as an alternate. It is always good to have plenty of alternate volunteers to give us flexibility in the face of unexpected developments.

I was privileged to represent the Crescent Heights Community Association at the Mayor's Groundbreaking ceremony for the new Emergency Operations Centre in Rotary Park. The event was held on June 16th, included a barbecue lunch and

lots of good words about how we, as the host community, were very much engaged in the planning and development of this important new public building.

In addition, in late May, I attended the final jury session regarding the Public Art component, an important part of the new EOC. Artist Stephen Glassman has proposed a serpentine abstract sculpture of steel and native stone, which will be situated at the south east corner of the EOC site. The piece appears to rise out of the ground in a wave-like spiral and will be a stunning piece of modern art, right here in our lovely little park. The current timeline for the completion of the EOC is now into 2012, but work is well and truly underway.

Some residents had expressed concern about truck traffic moving east from the site through our community toward Edmonton Trail, and I was able to inquire of Bird Construction's Project Manager, Don Eckstein, and Site Superintendent Owen Moss. They confirmed that the traffic flows are onto the site from Centre Street North and back to Centre Street: no site traffic should be moving East of the site. They also speculated, based on the timeline that the truck traffic in question may have been City of Calgary vehicles wrapping up work on the utility connections at 1st Street NE. We'll hope for the best and we have good contacts with Bird Construction, in the event that individual drivers lose their way from the appointed path.

This will be our combined July/August edition of the View, so we won't be back until September. Meanwhile, join us at the Stampede Breakfast, then at the Garden Tour the following week, And do give some thought to the casino, won't you? Have a wonderful summer.





Healthy Yards Event a Success

Last month, our Community Hall was filled with members from more than 50 Crescent Heights households attending the Healthy Yards education session, sponsored by the City of Calgary. Chantel Svitekoff and Amanda Allaire from the City discussed water-wise gardening and the merits of composting.

They provided instruction, supported by overhead slides and detailed hand-out material. All households received a free rain-barrel and composter to support us in maintaining our healthy yards.



Bourbon Tasting

Towards the end of the summer, on Friday evening, August 28th, the Community Association is offering a bourbon tasting event for adult members at the Community Hall.

This will be an opportunity to get together with others from the community to sample four different bourbons. If there is enough interest, we will offer mint juleps to significant others who would like to attend for the social side of things but who don't want to sample all four bourbons. Interesting snacks will be provided to accompany this informal tasting, once again run by complete amateurs! Participants are strongly encouraged to walk to and from this community event.

The number of participants, including the mint julep crowd, will be limited to 18 and there will be a charge of \$30 per person, payable in advance, to ensure all costs are covered. Contact Anne Underwood by email at daunderwood@shaw.ca or by snail mail at 1428 2nd Street NW, T2M 2W1 to reserve your seat, first come, first served. Include your email or a phone number you can be reached at in the evening so I can confirm your booking.

If your community membership isn't current you will be able to complete a membership form at the event itself. Please let us know if you want to participate in the full range of bourbon sampling or if you would like a taste of just one bourbon followed by a summery mint julep!

Lantern Parade

Mark your calendars! The popular Lantern Parade will be returning to the Community Hall on Friday, October 9th and the Community Association is looking for volunteers to help pull together a successful event. Previous years included a dinner, a lantern parade and a post-parade dance with live music, all organized by a very energetic and resourceful team. Last year our wonderful lead volunteer had other obligations and the event fell temporarily by the wayside.

This year the Board will be hosting a more modest event with the main focus being on the Lantern Parade, in the hopes that a fresh group of volunteers, perhaps some with past experience, will step up to assist this year and to take the event on into next year. The current plan is to hold a lantern-making workshop the previous Sunday afternoon, October 4th, at the Hall. If there are any community artists or lantern-making experts out there who

would be willing to help with the workshop, or to put their minds to making their own spectacular lantern for the event itself, that would be wonderful! On Friday, October 9th, we will gather at the Hall around 6:30 pm, carrying lanterns made either at the workshop or at home, and head off on the lantern parade at sunset around 7:00 pm, returning to the Hall for warm drinks and cookies before heading home around 9:00 pm.

If you are willing to help out with planning and organization over the summer and into September, or would like to volunteer to help with either the Sunday workshop or with the event itself on Friday, October 9th, please contact Anne Underwood at daunderwood@shaw.ca or pop a note into the mailbox at the Hall. Otherwise, mark the date on your calendar and plan to create your own magic lantern in time to join the festivities in early October! This would be a great event to attend with a group of your neighbours!

Route to Roots – Historical Garden Update

By **Connie McLaren**

To review, for those of you who are new to this project, this undertaking was initiated in the fall of 2004. Originally the plan was for a naturalization project (www.mb.ec.gc.ca/community/ecoaction), but that evolved into a Historical Garden project. Basically the undertaking is a perimeter pathway system around the schoolyard and the school itself. Spaced along this walkway are various gardens, all with their own unique tie to some historical aspect of the school and the communities who attend (Renfrew, Crescent Heights and Bridgeland). This gives rise to our project name: Route to Roots (R2R). Several gardens have been installed to date such as the outdoor classroom called the Healing Garden (historical connection is the school was used as a hospital during the 1918/19 Great Flu epidemic). In the shape of a labyrinth (a healing shape itself), the plot contains plants which continue to, or have in the past, been used for medicinal purposes. Other gardens installed are the Sensory Garden (historically tied to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing program at the school, Calgary's first, which continues to this day) and the community Heritage Gardens (perennial and vegetable), one each for Renfrew, Crescent Heights and Bridgeland. Below is the wording on the plaque for the Renfrew Heritage Garden (authored by Peter Holt).

Renfrew Community

Renfrew Community was originally established in 1949 to house the veterans of WWII. To qualify for a house, a veteran's family needed a minimum of two children. The resulting 'baby boom' made Renfrew a great community to live, establish a home and raise a family.

Local landmarks included Calgary's first airport, located north of Stanley Jones School, at the corner 6th Street and 12th Avenue NE. The original hangar, established in 1929, is now a historical site. An air control building was to become the Community Hall. In 1949, Renfrew Community Association, the heart and soul of the neighbourhood, was organized. Over the years, volunteers have dedicated many hours, and years organizing and supporting sports programs, community activities and family functions. One of those functions is the long-running Bingo, more of a social event than gaming! Its fun atmosphere

keeps patrons returning year after year.

Renfrew Kindergarten, originally located in the Community Hall in 1958 later transferred to Stanley Jones School. Stanley Jones is now teaching Renfrew's third generation of children. Renfrew community rallied to keep Stanley Jones open when school closures were taking place. Now a historical site, this "majestic building of learning" continues to teach the neighbourhood children, following a tradition that will continue long into the future.

Did you know, Albert Jackson, the first boy born in the Province of Alberta, September 1st, 1905, along with his wife Thelma, raised their family of five here in Renfrew.

Upcoming this fall is the installation of the Historical Playground, complete with a full-size tipi, the outline of a sod hut and hitching rails. Each of these installations commemorate several firsts such as the First Nations, the settlers and the students, who rode their horses to school. A new sandpit was put into place last summer and it has been a big hit with everyone in the community as well as the students. The bridge over the sandpit will eventually be part of the connecting pathway system, joining all the gardens together.

The past winter months have not been idle ones for our committee. We have authored a comprehensive document entitled "Stewardship and Sustainability Plan". This 64-page paper will be used by the CBE as the document to follow for any school venturing into a Naturalization Project. We have acquired the services of two grant writers; Damon Johnston and John Gilpin. Funding has been our biggest hurdle as no one on the committee had this background. Therefore we are very pleased to have Damon and John on board and excited about the project.

Many of you have seen the colourful mural on the west side of the gym wall; well, this year a second mural will be installed on the east side. As with the first mural, this was designed and painted by the students themselves, under the direction of artist Dean Stanton.

Upcoming in the next few years are the Literacy Garden, the Wildlife Garden and more formal gardens surrounding the

school itself.

A separate phase of the project will involve the school itself, which will be undergoing restoration. Drop ceilings will be removed and the original molding and ceiling will be revealed and restored. The main doors, permanently closed since the 1970's, will be reopened, and refurbished. This and much more!

In addition we are starting to plan for the 100th Anniversary of Stanley Jones School (originally called Bridgeland School). The party, slated for summer/fall of 2013, is expected to be a big affair. More about this 100th Anniversary in a separate article in this newsletter.



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

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

Stanley Jones School

By **Connie McLaren**

As some of you know, the year 2013 will mark the 100th Anniversary of Stanley Jones School, where the education of our youngsters continues today, as it did 100 years ago.

In preparation for this historic event, a partial committee has been formed to plan and carry out the festivities. Current plans include finishing the Historical Garden Project, renovating the school building and to mark the occasion, the research, writing and publishing of a historical book.

The Historical Garden Committee (Route to Roots or R2R) has contacted John Gilpin, a noted Calgary Historian, to help us in the 100th Anniversary endeavor. To that end we are looking for any historical documents, pictures or stories from anyone connected to the school and this includes any age and generation. Much of the material will be included in the historical book, to be published to honour the event. Please spread the word to everyone that has some connection with the school such as students, teachers, custodians, support staff, volunteers, community members and anyone else interested.

Regarding stories for the book, we are looking for anything of interest (and that

Dear Neighbour

By a **Concerned Crescent Heights Resident**

I have lived in the Crescent Heights area for over 30 years and I have seen all the changes that have been made over the years. Most of them are for the better, but we still have work to do to beautify it. Check your alley, is it clear of weeds?

As the spring arrives we get busy buying plants to beautify our yards and gardens. We throw away the unwanted weeds and soil so they no longer infest our yard. What about our alleys, do we ever stop



means pretty much anything) of yours or your parents/grandparents/children, regarding Stanley Jones.

For instance, does anyone know where the barn once stood? Were there really WWII Victory Gardens? Did any of your classmates or students become famous (or infamous, for that matter)? Did you become famous (or infamous)? Did any weird and wonderful things happen? What about air shows, sports victories, sudden school closures, weather incidents or awards? Are you in the strap book? How about memorable teachers or sad events (such as the passing of a student, parent or teacher); pigtailed in the ink wells or where was the skating rink located; just to name a few things to jog your memory.

We are also looking for volunteers to serve on the 100th Anniversary Committee. Time commitments will be small to start but will increase over time depending upon your tasks but remember, many hands make light work!

Please contact Connie McLaren at (403) 230-0224 or email connie.mclaren@encana.com with any questions, concerns, suggestions or volunteering. In the near future a website link will be set up on the Calgary Board of Education's Stanley Jones site at www.cbe.ab.ca.

and think about them? What are we doing to keep them free of weeds and unwanted garbage? Maybe some of you say 'out of sight out of mind'. In my neck of the woods, the weeds are so tall they reach up one quarter of the height of the fences.

I am proud to live in this neighbourhood and try to keep it clean and free of weeds. Some people figure that the alley is not for us to maintain, but we all are responsible for our part of the alley. We expect the City to do their part by grating the alley, but only after we destroy it with lack of maintenance. Do you treat your alley as though it was part of your property? If not, you should because it is part of your property. You have the responsibility to keep the area behind your fence just as clear as in front of the fence.

Why don't we as responsible citizens of this beautiful city and community of

It Takes a Village

The Babysitting Co-op continues to expand. We have lots of new members this year, and a whole crop of kids under the age of five. The Co-op is not only a great network for babysitting; it is also an excellent way to meet new people, make play dates, and ensure that you have a safety net if you should ever need short-notice or emergency care.

If you are new to the neighbourhood or the city, and especially if you don't have family nearby, the Co-op can be an invaluable resource! Come join us at our next monthly meeting. We look forward to getting to know you.

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.

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 phone (403) 276-8610.

Crescent Heights, take a walk down the back lane (which is part of your area) and just see how well you keep your lane. Would you be proud to walk down there as if it were a road? If not then it is time for you to clean up your portion of the alley. Encourage your neighbors to do the same if necessary.

It is important for all of us to do our part, so let's get started, let's clean up the alleys and keep them clean. People should take pride when it comes to maintaining their property.

Summer Playgroups

Summer is here and the playgroup is hopping – you should see these kids hop! We will be playing most of the summer with a short break for the month of August. We will be up and running (literally) again for the first week of September.

The playgroup's aim is to provide caregiver/parent supervised unstructured free play for pre-school aged kiddos. Older siblings out of school are welcome in the summer. We encourage older kids to come with a soccer ball for some time in the rink or other activities they enjoy. Most of the toys are for the younger crowd and the big kids will need to watch-out for little babies and toddlers running/crawling after or around them.

We are very excited to see so many new faces in the group and with such variety in languages and cultures the group is really growing. New members are always welcome. The group isn't just about play; it also gives parents and caregivers a chance to see other adults and get to

know the community.

Over summer, the annual toy purge will be on and we will be in need of replacement toys and books. If you have any new or gently used toys or books that you would like to donate, please give Stacie a call. Over the summer we will be looking for suggestions to improve the group in the fall, so bring your ideas to group or send Stacie an email.

The playgroup is open Wednesdays from 10:00 to 11:30 am, but will be closed for August. It will be held at the Crescent Heights Community Centre and is free to Community Members and Associate Members (folks outside Crescent Heights are welcome to join). Parent and/or Caregiver with any number of children at any age – babies included. There are toys and books at the Hall, so just bring yourselves, indoor shoes for running in the Hall and snacks for your kids. For more information, call Stacie Banks at (403) 670-6872 or email stacie_banks@yahoo.ca.

Chill Out Without Plugging In

Courtesy of Climate Change Corner

In a typical Alberta summer, there are only a couple of weeks that are uncomfortably hot. So, is it worth purchasing an air conditioner, and consuming the electricity needed to run it, for such a short amount of time? Instead, we're offering some techniques to help you tough out those two weeks. Here's how you can cool your inside air without contributing to the global warming of the outside air.

- Those decorative curtains really do have a purpose. In the heat of the day, close the windows and sliding doors, close the blinds and pull the curtains. White blinds and curtains are best at reflecting the sun's rays. The theory of keeping everything open to get a breeze does not work. The sun's heat entering the house gets stored within the contents of the house until it's slowly released in the evening. Once you've made it through the warmest part of the day, that's the time to open everything up and enjoy the cooler breeze.
- Many ceiling fans on the market are designed to operate in both directions, one for winter and one for summer. To test which direction your fan is set to turn it to high speed and if you feel air blowing on you, the fan's running in the

right direction. Remember, fans cool people, not places.

- Landscaping can go a long way to help passively cool your house. Adding shade trees to the south and west of your house will help act as an umbrella, preventing the sun's rays from penetrating to the house. Only use trees that lose their leaves. In winter, you want as much sun hitting your home as possible. You can also have a tinted coating put on your windows, which is like putting sunglasses on your house.
- Think about what generates heat in the home. Lots of indoor activities can counteract your efforts to cool your house. Cooking dinner in the oven adds lots of indoor heat. On hot summer days, think about eating more cold foods or using the outdoor barbecue. Turn off computers when not in use, run your dishwasher later in the evening when the house is cooler and switch those incandescent light bulbs to compact fluorescent lights.

For more ideas and information on energy-efficiency, subscribe to our free online newsletter [enerclick](http://enerclick.com), visit www.ClimateChangeCentral.com, call us toll free at 1-866-609-2700, or email contact@climatechangecentral.com.

Louise Riley Library

We're Renovating! You can look forward to self check out machines, more space, a new computer area, fresh décor and layout, new flooring and ceiling, new furniture and shelving, a new window, and new meeting space. Everything in the Library will be moved, changed and in general disarray. We pledge to do our very best to help during the transition. We ask for your understanding, sense of humour and patience while things aren't quite right.

Check out www.calgarypubliclibrary.com for our spring program guides. Programs are free with a library card. Register in person, by calling (403) 260-2620 or online at www.calgarypubliclibrary.com.

Calling all adults who enjoy a summertime read. Calgary Public Library is offering its first-ever adult summer reading program, Just for Adults – Read All Summer! Discover new reading interests and enter to win weekly book prizes! Drop by any library location until late August to find out more and join the program. Make Calgary Public Library part of your summer reading!

The Calgary Co-op Summer Reading Adventure 2009 – Eco-Heroes: The Adventures of Captain Capable starts June 18th! Enter to win weekly prizes and complete all five chapters to enter the grand prize draw for a Mountain bike, behind-the-scenes tour of the zoo (family pack) or a back-to-school prize pack!

Summer Fun Kidz Camp

There will be two sessions this year at the Crescent Heights Baptist Church, the second being a repeat of the first. The first camp is from July 20th to 24th and the second from August 10th to 14th. The camp runs from 9:00 am 'til noon daily and is for children ages four to 11.

The cost is \$15/week per child or \$5 daily drop-in. The theme is "Wildwood Forest" – Discovering the Untamed Nature of God. To register please call Hannah Clarke, Day Camp Instructor, or Louanne Haugan, CHBC Office Administrator, at (403) 277-1831, or email cheights@telus.net.

Creeping Bellflower – Not Just Another Pretty Flower

By Glenna Blackbourne
and Isabelle Jankovich

This article was previously run in the September issue of the View. Due to interest in the subject at the Healthy Yards presentation at our Community Hall on June 11th, we thought it would be timely to re-run this again. If you have any questions regarding identification of this invasive plant, please feel free to contact Glenna Blackbourne at (403) 277-1364.

We have noticed a lot of Creeping Bellflower (*Campanula rapunculoides*), in our neighbourhood gardens this year and thought it would be a good time to remind everyone that this guy is not just another pretty flower. This bellflower is actually a very hardy perennial weed that spreads very quickly throughout gardens, and even happily tries to establish itself in lawns and any other place it deems suitable. This plant is extremely invasive and requires almost superhuman strength and determination to eliminate. In Alberta, it is classified as a "noxious weed". It grows by underground rhizomes, almost resembling the look of a long, white carrot. All the root hairs, and there are many, also have to be painstakingly removed to ensure complete removal. These are the "creepers". Leave anything behind and it will grow into a new plant. Another effective way is to make sure you pull the leaves off the baby plants as this will stop their growth. But if you pull the older plants you will get the stalk and

a few creepers without the rhizome. The rhizome will send out creepers in all directions to start new plants and your problem will spread. Oh, and just to let you know, this plant is resistant to two, 4-D and most other broadleaf weed killers. That should let you know how invasive this guy really is. The only way to control it is to dig it out.

When they first poke their heads through the soil, they are very handy at making themselves look like violets, as their new leaves look like small hearts. Then they grow very quickly and have very pretty nodding blue to purple bell-shaped flowers, their leaves elongate, and they form nice clumps. By the time you realize what they are, you start digging them out and feel embarrassed by what havoc they have wrought! You must dig down at least six inches and get all the white root hairs – if you are lucky you will actually find a tuber, and trust me, you will be extremely proud to tug this out of soil, holding it high above your head and waving it in the air, as a feeling of elation overcomes you. You smile and keep digging for more. In a long established bed, you may have to dig much, much deeper. Rhizomes can be a foot and longer! Make sure you get it all. Any piece left behind will grow a new plant!

Fall is a good time to dig up these plants. In the spring they will be easier to control



as they come out of the ground. In a patch that has been established for a few years, it will take a year or two of persistent effort to get it under control.

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

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



First Annual Plant Exchange

It was a very cold day on June 6th. We woke up to snow falling! That didn't deter the plant exchange organizing team of Sharon Anderson-Marr, Jennifer Pannett, Stacy Petriuk, Penny Smith, Laurie Stretch, and Wanda Weber. They donned their parkas and mittens and headed for the Community Hall to set up the tables (outside, of course) for the plant exchange.

Gardeners arrived to arrange their perennials on either the "Sun" tables or "Shade" tables for trade. In minutes, the exchange was in full swing. If you didn't have anything to swap, you could purchase a tried and tested perennial for a mere \$2, with the proceeds going to the Crescent Heights Community

Association. Reference books were available and often there was lively discussion as to what exactly a specific plant was. Approximately 100 gardeners provided plants and/or simply purchased them.

The event was over in about an hour, and with the exception of a handful of small plants, everything went off to a new home. This was a true testament to recycling; the few remaining orphans went into the compost of a committee member.

Given the success for this exchange and the enthusiasm expressed by the participants, it looks like this will be an annual event! Keep this in mind, as you plan for next year's garden.

Community Footprint Program

By Darlene Jones

The Community Footprint Program began in May with a series of roundtable discussions and will culminate in September at a sustainability summit where priorities and actions will be determined. The goal, of course, is to reduce Calgary's ecological footprint.

As part of this initiative, the Community Sustainable Group has provided a way for Calgarians to calculate their individual/household footprint using local data. This is significant, since it provides a more accurate measurement of our impact on the environment.

Ecological footprints are measured in global hectares (gha): visually, picture one Canadian football field equal to one gha. The ecological footprint is a measurement of the amount of biologically productive land and sea area required to produce the resources consumed and absorb the waste generated. This can be measured by individual, population or activity. Based on global biocapacity, each person should not exceed 2.1 gha to maintain a sustainable existence. In 2008, Calgary measured 9.4 gha per person: 1.8 gha more than the average Canadian.

So, does it really matter? It does, if you consider that humanity consumes 40 per cent more resources per year than the Earth can regenerate. If we use water consumption as an example, we can readily see that our choices are not sustainable. Of all the water on the Earth, 97 per cent is saltwater. Of the three per cent that is fresh, two per cent is frozen. The one per cent available for consumption has suffered some pollution, leaving only .2 per cent potable. In stark contrast to these facts however, we know that in the 1990's, global population increased two times, while water consumption increased six times.

It is with this understanding that we must approach our own ecological footprint. Every choice we make, every product we buy has a 'trickle down' effect'. Until now, we haven't had a relevant way to measure it. I would encourage you to calculate your footprint and begin the journey of measuring your choices.

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