

President's Notebook

By John McDermid

So it's back to school and back to work come September for many Crescent Heights residents. After a long slow spring the summer's mixed-up weather (hot and cold, wet and dry) made it a challenge for our community's many avid gardeners. The weather held beautifully for our Stampede Breakfast on the last Sunday of the Stampede, which was very well attended once again. The real Maple Syrup, to which we committed ourselves after a trial offering last year, seemed to help seal the deal. Just the previous week, I attended the breakfasts of both David Swann and Jim Prentice, neither of whom served up the real stuff. I truly believe that if the Conservatives are going to make meaningful inroads in the province of Quebec, a commitment to real Maple Syrup would be as good a place to start as any.

Just a week after the breakfast, Sharon Anderson-Marr and her Garden Tour crew staged another in our very popular series of not-quite-annual garden tours. This event was also very well attended, and showed off some of the hidden gems right here in our community, with some newly-sculpted landscapes and some very well established gardens coaxed and coddled into showing their very good bones. Thanks again to all the host gardeners and the organizing committee for inspiring so many others to tackle their own home landscapes with renewed vigour.

Looking back to earlier efforts this spring and summer, we recently received a thank



you certificate from Mayor Dave Bronconnier for our participation in the 42nd Annual River and Pathway Clean-up on May 3rd. Our own Crescent Heights Community clean-up followed on May 23th, this year featuring two men with a truck, whose names escaped me but who traveled the streets and alleys of the community to pick up some items that residents would otherwise be unable to get to the site. Thanks again you guys, and to Daniel Dang and his crew of volunteers. The electronic recycling was another new twist to this year's clean-up, and we have received a certificate of recycling from Technotrash Alberta Limited, the firm that attended our clean-up and packed up all manner of electronics for recycling and disposal. It seems our community delivered up some 1776 kilograms of e-waste on the day of the event, as well as three-trucks-almost-full of regular house and yard refuse. Watch for our fourth annual next May.

Having carefully potted up a number of volunteer plants and surplus perennials in

May and early June, and set them aside for our first ever June plant exchange, I arranged them all for transport on the afternoon of Saturday June 6th for the event I thought was occurring the following day. It was only on the Sunday that I realized that I had missed it. Fortunately, Sharon Anderson-Marr is planning another plant exchange for September, so please see elsewhere in this issue of the View for details. Early autumn is the best time to divide some perennials, so you might be able to trade for some lovely new plants for that gap in the border or for a tricky spot in your garden. There will be Goutweed, you may be certain.

On August 11th, I attended a discussion group with three other inner-city communities on the subject of recreational amenities in Calgary communities. St. Andrews Heights, Highwood, Thorncliffe-Greenview, as well as Crescent Heights, met with a consultant who has been charged with

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Mark Your Calendars

Plant Exchange

Sunday, September 13th, 2:00 pm

Rain or Shine

See inside for details

Crescent Heights Community Association

Lantern Workshop

Sunday, October 4th

Lantern Parade

Friday, October 9th at 6:30 pm

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carrying out a gap analysis for future planning of recreational infrastructure and programs. In preparation for this discussion, I had made a rough list of existing public and private recreational facilities in our community, and had to conclude that we seem to be reasonably well-served by facilities here in Crescent Heights. On the east side, in Rotary Park, we have the vistas of Fish Point, the off-leash park, Mount Pleasant Tennis Club, plenty of green space, the playground and wading pool, as well as our beloved Rotary Park Lawn Bowls Club. The lawn bowling club is enjoying renewed interest within its home and host community, as a number of residents have joined up this year to play in the informal Wednesday night league. On the west side in Crescent Park, there are the public tennis courts, basketball hoop, playground, ball diamonds and the North Hill Curling Club. Add our own little Hall and the skating rinks in winter, and there is a great deal more going on, recreationally, that might just meet the eye.

Among the concerns expressed by the communities that were canvassed on August 11th, however, was the sense that there may be a lack of commitment on the part of the City of Calgary toward maintaining existing recreational infrastructure in the inner city. I learned that there is a collective holding-of-breath each spring when the pool at the Highland Community Association is filled for the first time, and the facility, though well-used and well-loved, is in dire need of significant improvements. Or consider our equally well-loved and well-used wading pool in Rotary Park. It is our understanding that next year, 2010, new provincial regulations will come into force governing filtration and chlorination of water for pools such as ours, and the City has not made any commitment to upgrading the facility

to bring it into compliance.

We will be following up in the coming months with Parks to see what our next steps will be, and what might be required from the community, but it would certainly be a shame to see the pool close and all municipal recreational resources allocated to large regional leisure centers (the stately pleasure domes of the outlying suburbs).

When I finish this item for the September View I will turn to putting the finishing touches to our casino schedule for the fundraising event on August 31st to September 1st at the Stampede Casino. At the time of writing, we are within two count room volunteers of our full ship's complement of volunteer staff. Thank to all of you who have stepped forward, many for the third and fourth time, to help us make these events a success.

The casinos are a vitally important piece in the funding puzzle for our community association, and the proceeds help us to deal with day to day challenges, as well as examine more capital-intensive projects, such as, perhaps, the upgrading of a treasured wading pool or larger-scale upgrades to the Hall.

We are currently discussing strategies to help us position the facility more toward corporate and recreational bookings, which are less likely to create noise and nuisance for residents living close to our Hall. Watch this space in the coming months for news of initiatives made possible by this important source of funding for our community.

So it's out to our yards and gardens to make them ready for autumn, "season of mists and mellow fruitfulness", to fill the composters and ready everything for cooler weather.

Thank You

Thank you, Keiko Hinatsu
and Patricia Salt,
for the recent financial
contribution to the CHCA.

Your support is greatly
appreciated!

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Stampede Breakfast

By Sharon Anderson-Marr

Talk about it taking a community! 30 to 40 community members chipped it to make this year's community Stampede Breakfast, hosted by the community board members, another success! On Sunday July 12th, approximately 325 adults and children lined up for pancakes, sausages and Past President Connie McLaren's amazing baked beans (what is her secret?).

The ponies from Griffin Valley Ranch were a big hit, once again. In how many pictures are those little steeds appearing! The area surrounded by our ice rink boards makes the perfect corral for the pony rides – nice and safe! The grass was in great shape and I saw those ponies enjoying a nibble here and there, but we did get a bit of free fertilizer in exchange! Ride management, including line-up, (free) ticket taking, helmet assignment, and leg-ups was effectively handled by Elsie Ross, Heather Demish, Damon Johnston and the Griffin Valley team. What important responsibilities these are!

A couple of young leaders from City Parks and Recreation manned a face painting table and had a steady stream of small customers waiting their turn for a make-over. The Calgary fire department sent four firemen and a fire truck. They allowed young attendees to thoroughly explore their precious vehicle. These young folk left with a red fire-hat.

Musical entertainment was provided once again by our own Crescent Heights-based Crazy Bones String Band who kept our feet tapping with their music – the perfect

backdrop to another yummy breakfast. Among other volunteers, this event is made possible by the following board members who spent the morning setting up tables, griddles and canopies, and generally making themselves useful: Anne Underwood (responsible for all set-up); John McDermid (President and grill manager); Penny Smith and Sharon Anderson-Marr (project management); Rob Elliott (pancake management and preparation); Darlene Jones (pancake chef extraordinaire); and, Daniel Dang (general event overview).

Alison and Jonathan Martin, community volunteers who maintain our membership list, headed the membership renewal table and handed out paper plates as proof of either up-to-date membership or payment. Bev Rodgers supported them in this critical activity.

Responding to our need for additional help, the following Crescent Heights residents stepped up allowing other members and guests to enjoy their breakfasts: Mariane and Steve Cunningham, Mike Jones, David Hobill, George Day, Laurie Allen, Dennis Marr, Lynn Pattern and Jeff Deering, Nancy Stapeley, Ted and Charlotte Nott, Marion Whiteley and Rune Teigland. Many thanks go to these folks – and apologies to anyone we may have missed!

A whole-hearted thanks once again to the Second Cup on Centre Street at 13th Avenue NW which generously provided our numerous coffee drinkers with several giant carafes of coffee and all the fixin's



– and provided refills as well. This year they even sent Rochelle to pour the coffee!

Jack FM also came forward contributing to our event by providing Tetley Iced Tea. It proved to be a perfect complement to our hearty breakfasts. We thank Mother Nature for granting us a perfectly beautiful day after a week of rain! The next day, Monday, the 13th, it absolutely poured. We owe you big time, Mother Nature!

Stampede is over for another year. If you and your family came out, we hope you had a good time and look forward to seeing you again next year or at our next community event. For those who missed it, we serve up a mess o' good vittles and guarantee great company!

Consider signing on as a volunteer next year and experience what it's like to be on the other side of the griddle – it's a lot of fun meeting local residents and community friends.

The Lantern Festival, coming up in the fall, is another great Crescent Heights family event where you can enjoy mingling with your neighbours; get to know them even better by volunteering.



It's Time to Renew Your Residential Parking Permits

This is a reminder that Residential Parking Zone M permits expire October 31st. You may obtain your year 2009/10 permits beginning September 1st from the Calgary Parking Authority. Your permits may be renewed in one of the following ways.

The permit may be picked up at our office at the address listed below. The bylaw requires that you present a valid Alberta vehicle registration for each vehicle requiring a permit, showing the correct address within the restricted zone as well

as a copy of some other proof of address, such as a cable or utility bill.

If you wish, you may mail or fax a photocopy of your entire valid vehicle registration(s) along with a copy of some other proof of address, such as a cable or utility bill (Drivers' license does not fax well). We will mail your permit to you. Be sure to allow enough time for mailing. It is your responsibility to renew your permits in a timely manner in order to avoid receiving a parking violation.

Lawn Bowls

By Cinda Chavich

It's a warm July evening and we're out with friends in the neighborhood, tossing an odd-shaped black ball across a manicured lawn as dense as a putting green. The opposing team has a toddler in tow – and the smack of flip-flops is almost as ubiquitous as the thunk of take-out shots and the hiss of pull-tabs.

Wednesday night lawn bowls in Rotary Park is in full swing. There are close to 100 people here, teams of four playing two short games before the sun sets, sipping beer and coolers and enjoying the friendly banter and jibes that come with of winning and (unfortunately for us) losing.

I could be at home in my office, typing away like I am now, but this year I discovered the joy of lawn bowling, a convivial sport that I, like many, thought was confined to the senior set. Luckily, there's been resurgence in the game among a youthful crowd, and at our weekly Wednesday night games the 20- and 30-somethings definitely outnumber the 40 or 50 somethings. We have a couple of fun-loving, token seniors, too. But there's nothing stodgy about our nights out on the neighborhood green. No, we are not the serious, white-clad, expert, competitive league bowlers who come out on other summer evenings here and at other community bowling greens

across Calgary. But we may be, someday, when we actually hone our skills.

Right now we're all just having fun, learning to bowl in a social, non-threatening atmosphere, which makes it the perfect sport for me.

Unlike golf or tennis, lawn bowling is neither expensive nor difficult to learn. We each paid a mere \$60 for our annual membership – including weekly bowling from May to September, free tickets for refreshments and an end-of-the-season party – and the club supplies the equipment (sets of chunky bowls, balls, and measuring sticks). We wear what we like (plenty of sun dresses and shorts this warm week night) and more experienced players happily help new ones like me.

The game is like curling on grass. The heavy bowls are weighted on one side, so they curl as they slow on their trajectory down the grassy lane. You pitch out a white ball (the jack) that acts like "the button" on a curling rink, and then each player rolls the bowls, trying to end up closest to the jack. That's it – just like curling or bocce, those closest to the target, count.

There is a grand history of lawn bowls in Calgary. With roots in Scotland (like curling) it's no surprise that lawn bowling is a quintessential Calgary sport, the city itself named for a bay on the west coast of Scotland. There's a photo of the members of the Calgary Lawn Bowling Club, circa 1914, in the Glenbow archives that shows a group of men in shirts and ties, with apparently the same simple equipment we still use today. The Inglewood Lawn Bowling Club green, across the street from the historic Cross House (now Rouge Restaurant), was originally donated by Mrs. A.E. Cross, wife of the famous Calgary Brewery owner and Big Four Stampede patron, and is now a registered Calgary historic resource. There are greens throughout the inner



city – The Calgary Lawn Bowling Club still plays on its circa 1927 green in the Beltline, and the Bow Valley Lawn Bowling Club has a lovely green and clubhouse in West Hillhurst.

Our Rotary Park Lawn Bowling Club, up on the hill above Centre Street, lost its club house last year, when the City of Calgary began construction of its new Essential Public Services building on the site next door. But the club has \$500,000 of funding in place to build a new architecturally designed clubhouse next to the green on 1st Street NE, as soon as the City grants its final approvals. As our community president John McDermid noted in the last newsletter, the community has signed an agreement with the lawn bowling club and looks forward to the City clearing away "any impediment's to the club's construction of its beautiful new facility" which will "truly be one of the jewels in the crown of our community." The plan is to begin construction this summer, so hopefully our club will have a new improved home for the 2010 season.

After so many years in this community, I'm so pleased that I finally discovered lawn bowling. I've met some cool people – the young bar manager at the Unicorn pub, staff from Avenue magazine, computer programmers, young moms, old friends from the neighbourhood, and new ones, too. It's a great place to come out for some fresh air and exercise, and learn a new skill. If you have a set of lawn bowls in your basement, dust them off and come out – or consider selling them to me. I'm totally hooked on bowling in the 'hood!



Rise and Fall of the Buena Vista

By Professor Z

Anyone who has resided in Crescent Heights for the past ten-odd years will likely remember the day in February 1999 that one of the neighbourhood's most distinctive homes – the venerable Buena Vista – was destroyed by fire.

The house was built during the 1906 to 1912 period by Thomas Clouston, a house painter/decorator of English descent. The three-storey 6000 sq. ft. Queen Anne Tudor-style home originally occupied three city lots overlooking the city at 102 Crescent Road NW and was constructed of brick trimmed with sandstone. The interior trim was of oak, and ceilings were ten feet in height. The architect is believed to be Leo Dowler, a Calgary resident who was also responsible for designing the nearby Archibald McArthur residence. Building materials were most likely transported north of the Bow River via either the Louise Bridge or, once it was constructed in 1907, by way of the original Centre Street Bridge, a more direct route.

At the time the home was completed in 1912, it was possible to walk directly from the escarpment at Rotary Park across to the western side of Crescent Heights, where Crescent Road (originally Crescent Boulevard) begins. This would all change once work on the new Centre Street Bridge began in 1915. In order to build the north approach to the bridge, city engineers excavated a deep channel through the escarpment along Center Street, running north up to 7th Avenue. In doing so, it was necessary for the City to encroach upon a portion of the Cloustons' property. A legal action was subsequently brought by the Cloustons against the City alleging structural damage to their home from the blasting operations during construction and further requesting compensation for Elizabeth Clouston's temporary relocation due to nervous troubles, no doubt a direct result of the same activities. A financial settlement was reached in 1917, and the City therein also agreed in perpetuity to remedy any future erosion of the land surrounding the home.

In the mid-1920's, the Cloustons began to develop suites in the Buena Vista, so named for its commanding view of both the city and the mountains. In all, seven suites would eventually be built, including the one in which the owners resided. Mrs. Clouston passed away in 1928 and that

same year- just prior to his own demise- Thomas Clouston sold the property for \$28,000 to Edna Atkinson, a single schoolteacher at Crescent Heights High.

Edna Atkinson, born circa 1890 at St. Mary's, Ontario, had taught at Brooks, Lloyminster, Fort McLeod and Coleman prior to her assignment in Calgary at Crescent Heights in 1928. She was able to pay cash for her new home as a result of her previous successful forays into oil and gas investing; with the assistance of her sister and brother-in-law, Emily and Alfred Lytle, Miss Atkinson was able to continue the suite rentals already in place in addition to meeting the demands of her full-time teaching job. Within a year of purchasing the Buena Vista, Miss Atkinson met Leonard Jordhoy, a farmer of Norwegian descent with land holdings northeast of Drumheller. In 1930, Jordhoy took up residence in one of the Buena Vista's suites with his four year old son John; his wife having passed away when John was an infant. Miss Atkinson continued teaching at Crescent Heights until 1943 when she retired. That same year, she married Leonard Jordhoy; although their relationship was established well prior to that date, school board policy was such that she would have risked losing her job had the couple married earlier. It was not only the Calgary School Board that followed such a Draconian directive; many employers across Canada followed similar guidelines during the Depression years. Such policies continued to be enforced by some companies well into the late 1950's.

Relatively late in life, the Jordhoys adopted a two year old daughter, Linda, in 1951. In 1975, Leonard passed away, and Edna continued to reside in the property until her death in 1984, at which time it was sold by John and Linda. As part of our research for this article, we were fortunate to be able to meet with John, who resided at the Buena Vista for most of his childhood and early adulthood. John notes that during his tenure there, the tenants were, for the most part, stable long-term residents. Over the years, he enjoyed a front-row seat for many city festivities, including a number of the annual fireworks displays in Chinatown. He remembers as well a "barnstorming" incident during World War II, when the Buena Vista's radio tower was clipped by a stolen airplane. The young pilot, out to impress his girlfriend,



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was later killed when he crashed the airplane into a house on 13th Avenue North.

John made no mention of the two ghosts rumoured by some tenants to haunt the Buena Vista; one, a 15 year old girl and the other, an 86 year old woman.

The 1984 purchaser of the Buena Vista was Dr. Francis Chan, whose stated intent was to eventually renovate and extend the home. His wife, also a doctor, was apparently less enthused with the project, and the building's condition continued to deteriorate after Dr. Chan took possession. By the late 1990's, the structure was occupied by just one tenant as the other suites had become uninhabitable; it increasingly fell prey to vandalism as well as occupation by squatters. On Wednesday, February 18th, 1999, one month after Dr. Chan's wife had passed away, fire ravaged the building. Dr. Chan subsequently elected not to attempt reconstruction and the Buena Vista was thereafter demolished. The property was sold in 2004 for its land value of \$1,100,000.

From 2004 through 2006, a new 6,800 sq. ft. home arose on the site of the Buena Vista. The home's design proved to be a controversial issue in the community as some felt the new structure should have been more traditional in appearance, in keeping with the site's historical significance. If they were even aware of it, this past controversy likely didn't faze the subsequent purchasers, Jim and Margaret Shaw (yes, THAT Jim Shaw!); in June 2008, the home sold for the princely sum of \$7,500,000, thereby establishing a new Calgary MLS record.

References: March 24, 2009 interview with John Jordhoy; February 18, 1999 Calgary Herald article by Sasha Nagy; 1993 City of Calgary Heritage Inventory document on Buena Vista; historical property searches at Calgary Land Titles.

Back on Tour: Crescent Heights Gardeners

By Laurie Stretch

After a hiatus in 2008, the Crescent Heights Garden Tour returned in 2009, to an enthusiastic response from both local residents and plant lovers from across Calgary. About 180 people came on July 19th to enjoy an afternoon stroll around our tree-lined streets and historic homes, visiting seven lovely gardens on the self-guided tour. The weather held out for us, as alarmingly dark clouds rolled in just as the tour was coming to a close.

The committee that organizes the garden tour is grateful above all to the host gardeners, who kindly agreed to open their gardens to a steady stream of people. The gardeners reported that as in previous years, visitors appreciated seeing such a variety of gardens. Some were new, some more mature; some featured rockeries, arbours or ponds; some were neatly manicured while others were untamed. What the Crescent Heights tour gardens have in common is that they are planted and tended by homeowners, not by professionals. Gardeners and visitors spent the afternoon remarking on unusual flowers, comparing notes on what grows well in Calgary, and complaining about the aphids that have plagued the city this year.

The garden tour relies on the generosity of a number of sponsors – local businesses that provide goods and services to offset the costs of presenting the tour. We are very grateful to all of them:

- Plantation Garden Centre
- Second Cup on Centre Street
- Kevin Bassett of Ross Smith Energy Group
- Lina's Italian Market
- Richard Palibroda, Realtor
- Dennis Marr of Edward Jones
- Garden's Grace
- Olympia Liquor
- Urban Baker

We already have a few new gardens lined up for 2010, so we hope to continue the garden tour tradition. We also added community plant exchanges this year, to general enthusiasm. Watch the View for next year's events for green thumbs and garden lovers.

Lantern Parade and Workshop

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 email 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!

AKA Wine Bar Review

by Hound Ferret

Off we went on a rainy Thursday evening to visit the new AKA Wine Bar on Edmonton Trail and 7th Avenue NE, highly recommended by a friend and neighbour. A quiet night, no doubt due to the foul weather, with featured specials including beef flank, pan-seared pickerel as well as St-Louis style pork ribs finished with a coffee barbecue sauce. I decided to make it all bones, all evening.

For starters, I chose the mustard-crust lamb riblets with baby greens and pine nuts, which were lovely, moist and tender, with a beautiful flavour and a bit of a kick. She who must be obeyed opted for the daily soup, an asparagus cream soup with an added dollop of sour cream and bacon. Very smooth, very tasty with bright flavours and a slight spice kick as well. Classic bistro fare is well represented on the main menu, which is succinct and well focused: a chicken leg confit was highly recommended by our friend, and three versions of steak-frites (a Roquefort jus, green peppercorn jus or mushroom jus, with pommes frites so crispy and light they could make you cry). The special pork ribs from an heirloom breed had a deep and satisfying pork flavour, the barbecue sauce just right with a bitter-

sweet smokiness and served with star anise scented rice and beautiful asian greens. A bowl of roasted mushrooms as a side dish (for only five dollars!) also had a lovely woody depth of flavour and complemented the steak-frites and the ribs perfectly, and disappeared quickly. A party leaving just after our arrival vouched for the pan-seared pickerel, one diner saying it was the best fish she had ever eaten. The wine list, as one might hope, is equally well-focused and sensibly priced. We had a bottle of New Zealand Merlot which was a good complement both to the ribs and the excellent steak-frites. Wines by the glass are well-priced, thoughtfully chosen (as is the whole list) and appear to be a generous pour.

So another jewel is added to the emerging crown of Edmonton Trail dining. The path so ably blazed (braised?) and tended by Duane and Alberta Ennist with their Diner Deluxe, Big Fish and Open Range, now offers an additional and commendable option, and a little serious competition for our established favourites. Go soon. The place is smart, intimate and friendly; the food is beautifully prepared and presented. The prices are attractive and it's right here on our doorstep. Don't even think about not trying the frites.

Crescent Heights Plant Exchange

Is it time to thin out some perennials to make space for something different next year? Would you like to add some new plants to your garden? The Crescent Heights Plant Exchange will assist with these plans! Due to the success of our spring exchange and popular demand, Crescent Heights is holding a fall plant exchange. For those who plan to thin out your perennials, divide them; plant them in small pots; label them; and, bring them to the exchange. We will have reference material available in case you are not sure what your plants are.

Please bring your plants to the Community Hall (1101 – 2nd Street NW) at 1:50 pm on Sunday, September 13th for set up. The exchange will run from 2:00 to 2:45 pm. Any plants which have not found a new home by 2:45 pm will be available for purchase until 3:00 pm for only \$2 with the proceeds going to the Crescent Heights Community Association. Please bring exact change for your transactions. For more information, please call Sharon Anderson-Marr at (403) 276-1831 or email sandersonmarr@shaw.ca.

Rosedale Playschool

Rosedale Playschool is looking forward to our second year in the Wildrose Church. We have been warmly welcomed by the Crescent Heights community and are enjoying all that they have to offer.

This spring we created what we call the "Children's Garden" with the help of many community members, parent volunteers and children. The garden is looking fantastic with many colorful flowers, a beautiful gate and a gravel pit where the children can play. With the help of a grant from the Crescent Heights Community Association, we look forward to adding something special to the garden in the near future.

Playschool starts on September 14th (for the three to four year olds) and the 15th for the 3's. There is space available in the afternoon class. If interested please contact Sue Webber at (403) 703-2156.

Crescent Heights Playgroup

After our August break the playgroup will be up and running (literally) for the first week of September (Wednesday, September 2nd). The playgroup's aim is to provide caregiver/parent supervised unstructured free play for pre-school aged kiddos (zero to four years). We love to see babies and encourage moms to come for some social time; even if there babes are not "playing". There is a great variety in languages and cultures in the group and new members are always welcome. The group isn't just about play; it also gives both moms and caregivers a chance to see other adults and get to know the community.

Wednesday 10:00 am to 11:30 am

It Takes a Village Babysitting Cooperative

Once a month, after their children are tucked into bed, a group of neighborhood moms meet at each other's homes to share stories about childbirth, teething, potty training, and playschool. Over a glass of wine a network of women develops to trade babysitting and arrange play-dates.

A great way to get to know other moms in the neighbourhood, the Babysitting Cooperative is an invaluable resource for short-notice or emergency childcare. All members of the Babysitting Cooperative must hold a current Crescent Heights Community Association membership and all adults in the home must be registered as Block Parents and have obtained Calgary Police Service Security Clearance. We will provide you with the appropriate paperwork to help you obtain these.

There is a one-time non-refundable membership fee of \$25 to join the Babysitting Cooperative, which is limited to a total of 25 members. Using a system of chits, members arrange and exchange babysitting among themselves on an as-needed basis. If you would like to join the Babysitting Cooperative, information on the next meeting date, time and location can be obtained from Tonya Fleming at (403) 260-7037.

Starting September 2nd at the Crescent Heights Community Hall. Free to Community Members and Associate Crescent Heights Members (folks outside Crescent Heights are welcome to join for \$20/year). 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 if the weather is nasty, and snacks for your kids.

We are still looking for suggestions to improve the group for the fall, so bring your ideas to group or send Stacie an email. Questions? Contact Stacie Banks at (403) 670-6872 or stacie_banks@yahoo.ca.



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, New Asian Market, Video Game Trader, and St. Vladimirs Ukranian Orthodox Church.

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 (403) 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.

Louise Riley Library

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. The library is open from Monday to Thursday from 10:00 am to 9:00 pm, Friday and Saturday, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Sunday from noon to 5:00 pm, starting September 13th.

Coffee and Conversation for Moms

If you have a baby or toddler at home, bring them along and socialize with other Moms! Thursdays, September 10th to December 3rd from 1:00 to 2:00 pm. No registration required.

50+ Coffee and Conversation

Join us for coffee, conversation, and informal presentations of interest. Ages 50 and up. Mondays, September 14th to December 7th from 10:30 to 11:30 am. There will be no program on October 12th. No registration required.

We're Still 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. Over the next few months, 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.

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NCU Juventure Soccer Club

Summer is in full swing and for some of our soccer teams, the season is not yet over. September brings the CMSA city finals tournament and some teams will be heading to the intercity playoffs. For our two women's teams playing in the adult league, there is lots of soccer still ahead.

This season, NCU fielded a strong contingent of teams ranging in age groups from house league (U6 and U8) to U18. In addition, we continue to sponsor our two adult ladies teams playing in the CWSA league. We are happy to report that our registration numbers were significantly up from the past indoor season, with almost 300 total minor age players comprising a total of 25 teams. With almost one third of our registration made up of house league (U6 and U8) players, we fielded a total of 12 house league teams who enjoyed weekly games on Tuesday and Thursday nights at Egerts Park. Our U10 program also showed strong numbers with a total of 5 teams entered into the city leagues (CMSA). We were also represented in CMSA with a strong showing from our Competitive BU12, BU14 (two teams), GU14, BU16, and GU18 teams, and our premier BU14 and GU16 teams. At time of writing it is looking like our BU16 and GU18 teams will be heading to intercity playoffs in September.

Congratulations to all teams! I would like to thank our dedicated executive, all outdoor coaches, volunteers, parents and especially all players for their enthusiasm and fair play exhibited, and look forward to seeing everyone back in the fall for the start of our indoor season. Registration for the 2009/10 indoor season is available for all ages U6 to U18 and NCU offers both competitive and premier levels.

Register on our website or in person on Wednesday August 26th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm or Wednesday, September 2nd from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Both indoor registration sessions are at Thorncliffe Greenview Hall.

If you are signing up to do bingos for a fee reduction you must attend one of the in person dates. For more information please call Mark Spink, President of NCU Soccer, to (403) 276-9697. To register, visit our website at www.ncusoccer.ca.

Lost Cockatiel

Name: Angel. Grey wings with some white lighter grey, chest grey crown, yellow face with orange patch. This bird has been missing for two months but has been recently sighted in the Sunnyside/Hillhurst area the past month. If you see her, please call (403) 283-5757 or (403) 852-8540.

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