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President's Notebook

by John McDermid

This month's View deadline came and went over the Thanksgiving weekend and found us in a quiet time in our community, despite much activity at our hall. For the last several weeks our painters have been working around day and evening user groups to carry out much need prep work and to apply our new colour scheme to both the interior and exterior of the hall. The new colours banish the stark white walls inside and warm up the interior with three complementary tones of colour. Following the installation of new siding on the south side of the building, where many years of exposure to the sun and wind had caused much cupping and splitting of the old siding, a fresh coat of paint is now in progress for the exterior of the hall. Work has just begun on applying a lighter, warmer colour to the exterior as well, and the critically important work of scraping, priming, caulking and re-painting the sixty-plus south facing windows that flood our hall with light is also well in hand. Thanks to Dan Shield and our project manager Nickie Brockhoff for coordinating this important work. And thanks especially to Crescent Heights resident Bev Rodgers for carefully working out our wonderful new colour schemes. There was a real danger of painting the whole thing orange until Bev sold us on the much more restrained colour palette. Next on our list of projects are new flooring for our stairways and the upper level, as well as new baseboards that will coordinate with our the paint scheme and stair treads. Then comes the kitchen. Thanks also to Dan for assembling and stick-handling the City of Calgary Capital Conservation Grant application which was submitted to the city on October 1. Here's hoping that our upcoming projects might benefit from grant contributions to stretch our own dollars that much further.

The mild weather that we have been having of late has certainly helped with the work on the exterior of our building. With luck the weather will hold to allow us to complete the painting and repairs before the snow flies. Rink Manager Tim Edwards has already made his first overtures to his crew of rink volunteers, and we all know what's coming. But perhaps the less said about that, especially at a time when we were able to have lunch outside on the patio just yesterday, the better.

CHCA was very pleased to be able to make a gesture of appreciation and thanks to our loyal corps of casino volunteers in the first week of October. Having checked our records back to the 2006 and subsequent events, we found that many casino volunteers had been able to work volunteer shifts for two or more successive casino fundraisers, and these are the individuals we targeted for special thanks this year.

We knew that the timing would be difficult in respect of being able to use last month's View to promote the joint community Safety Fair on October 3, and sure enough the View was just out when the event went ahead that Sunday afternoon. The agencies and organizations represented at the Safety Fair (including the "host" community of Crescent Heights), were able to mingle with residents from neighbouring communities, Member of the Calgary Police Service, Safer Communities and

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Neighbourhoods, the Calgary Homeless Foundation. Watch this space because the important work of thinking and talking about personal and collective safety in our home communities, as well as implementing strategies for dealing with newly-arising concerns, has just begun.

The CHCA Community Garden committee met once again on September 30, and on this occasion we were joined by our City of Calgary Parks Liaison and our garden designer. Some preliminary concept plans were presented and once again I was amazed at the poise and professionalism of our committee members. Their focus on the opposition that has been voiced about the site selection, combined with their awareness of how similar opposition has completely scuttled plans for community gardens elsewhere in the city, has underscored once again their conciliatory approach as they zero in on a final site selection. As autumn advances, it may seem like a long time until Crescent Heights residents without the option of planting a

garden of their own will be able to turn the brand new earth of a garden plot right here in their home community. Even if you do have a garden of your own, I'm certain that there will be opportunities to pitch in once the garden construction begins in time for planting season next spring.

Finally, a great thanks to Elsie Ross for her piece last month updating the progress of the Emergency Operations Center in Rotary Park. The most intriguing piece of the puzzle for me, following a walk by the site just yesterday, is how they will manage to get to two gigantic track-hoes out of the bottom of the hole. I'm sure they have a plan, but I might drop Bird Construction's Owen Moss a note just to see when this might be happening, and whether Crescent Heights residents might be able to be on hand to watch. That will be an uplifting experience.

Snow, if necessary.

Big Happenings at the CHCA Hall

by Nickie Brockhoff, Project Manager, CHCA

As some of you may have noticed, there are big improvements happening at the Crescent Heights Community Association building. Once the improvements are done, the clients of the CHCA will enjoy a warm, inviting and more modern space.

Projects in progress include the replacement of damaged siding on the south side of the hall, the interior of the building has been partially painted and with this great weather, painting on the exterior of the building has commenced. There are several more projects that will be completed over the next few months. A complete electrical evaluation will be done, focusing on new main hall lighting, and bringing the hall up to code. The new lighting will be more flexible with options for up lighting, direct lighting and dimming, more suitable for larger wedding and party type events. The damaged flooring upstairs, on the stairs and at the entrance will all be replaced. In addition, the small bar area upstairs will be altered and updated providing a venue for a number of different uses. At the same time, the kitchen will undergo a complete renovation, new cabinets, new countertops, new appliances and new paint. The kitchen renovations will probably be the most vital as improvements we make there will make the hall more appealing to potential renters. We are also looking into sound proof retractable doors for the fireplace space so that space can be made available for other uses while the main hall is in use.

Additionally, your CHCA board has applied for some more grant money so that even more improvements can be made in the hall.

With all these improvements come new responsibilities for those using and looking after the hall. Now that the hall had been freshly painted, we are asking tenants to refrain from putting tacks, nails or staples in any surfaces. Failure to comply with these new policies will result in the forfeiture of their Damage Deposit and payment for repairs.

Another big improvement is the installation of the CCTV system. The cameras cover the entire exterior of the building in an effort to curb vandalism. This system is unique in that it offers a way that the whole neighbourhood can help keep an eye on the community hall. More information on that will come from the CHCA board.

The timeline for completing these projects is on a priority basis. There will be some touch ups along the way but by 2011 the CHCA hall should look every bit the community meeting place that it should.

Please come down and take a look and then I am sure you will then consider the CHCA hall for your next event!

Newsletter Editorial Deadlines

There are new deadlines for submitting articles/events to *The Crescent View*.

The Crescent View is published ten times per year. The July/August issue is a combined-months issue as is the December/January issue. The deadlines for those issues are June 10th and November 10th respectively.

Other than September, articles/events for the Crescent Heights newsletter are now due on the 10th day of each month. Articles for the September issue are due on August 5th. Please email your articles, as an attachment in word document form, to Elizabeth Hancock at elizahancock@shaw.ca.

A special "thank you" to
Grant & Jerrod Sinclair
for helping to deliver *The Crescent View*.
Your volunteer efforts are very much appreciated!

Keeper

Centre Street Bridge Slope Rehabilitation

by Druh Farrell, Alderman Ward 7

A large number of residents living in Ward 7 commute along Centre Street North. The north approach of the Centre Street Bridge was constructed about 1916 using local area fill material. Based on period historical photographs, the fill material was likely placed using side-dumping rail cars, and was likely not compacted to today's standards.

Over time, the slope on the west side near the bridge north of the Bow River has shown slight signs of movement and requires stabilization. The City of Calgary will begin rehabilitation of the slope on the west embankment beside the Centre Street Bridge on Oct. 4, 2010. This work on the slope is required in order to maximize the lifespan of the structure ensuring that it remains a reliable part of Calgary's infrastructure.

In order to do this work, the outside southbound lane of the bridge will be closed to ensure the safety of workers fixing the embankment. The closure will be in effect for the duration of the project.

Work will begin on October 4, and is scheduled to be complete by early December, 2010. There are a several options to get into Calgary's downtown core from the north, including Crowchild Trail, 14 Street W., 10 Street W., Edmonton Trail and Deerfoot Trail to Memorial Drive.

Key Messages

The City of Calgary is performing work on the embankment on the west side of Centre Street north of the Bow River so the bridge remains a viable part of Calgary's transportation infrastructure for years to come. Performing this rehabilitation work maintains the bridge's structural integrity.

Planning seeds to germinate - Updates on the community garden

September saw the community garden planning committee meet with our Parks Community Liaison (from the City of Calgary) and a landscape designer. Among other things, our Parks Community Liaison offers advice and expertise regarding community garden implementation, land use, site location and community impact. With direction from the Committee, the landscape designer will develop professional designs and offer expertise regarding site location, irrigation, materials and budget. By



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Roads will make every effort to carry out the rehabilitation work in a safe and efficient manner. Roads' priority is to keep Calgarians on the move by minimizing the impact on vehicle, pedestrian and transit traffic.

- During the rehabilitation work, a minimum of three lanes on the Centre Street Bridge will remain open to traffic during rush hour. Some additional intermittent lane closures may be required during off-peak hours.

- Lane reversals will remain in effect in a modified format. Instead of three traffic lanes available during rush hours for northbound or southbound traffic, there will be two traffic lanes available.

The sidewalk on the west side of the bridge and the access stairs leading from the bridge to Memorial Drive will be closed. The sidewalk on the east side of the bridge will remain open.

Commuters are encouraged to take transit, walk, cycle or carpool to reduce traffic congestion and delays in the area.

Picture
pending

engaging these parties the committee hopes to ensure that all garden planning elements are carefully considered, making the execution phase as efficient as possible.

As a resident of Crescent Heights, this is your garden. As the garden design concepts take form we will solicit community feedback by publishing concepts in The Crescent View and by hosting an Open House.

As a committee, we are very proud to be part of an initiative that supports sustainability and localism while enhancing the vitality of our community. Through its professional design and integration with the existing green space of Crescent Heights, the garden will surely become a gathering and meeting place for residents. Thanks again to the Crescent Heights Community Association for their ongoing support of this project.

If you are interested in joining the planning committee or would like to share your thoughts with the team, please email us at: crescentheightsgarden@gmail.com.

Crescent Heights Playgroup

MILK CRATE DONATIONS NEEDED

In November the playgroup is planning on doing a little fall cleaning to get ready for winter (our busy time) and we need your help. We would really appreciate your clean milk crates in which to store our toys. If you have been in the Crescent Heights community hall office you may have noticed that it is a bit of a mess with toys and we would like to get them off the floor and onto the shelves. We are also looking for a clean area rug that the kids can play on in the winter and an easy to disassemble play structure – nothing too large, as storage is at a premium. If you have any of these items that you would like me to pick-up or that you can drop-off please contact me below.

About the Playgroup:

The playgroup's aim is to provide caregiver/parent supervised unstructured free play for pre-school aged kiddos (0-4 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.

When: Wednesday 10am -11:30am

Where: At the Crescent Heights Community Hall

Cost: FREE to Community Members and Associate Crescent Heights



Members (folks outside Crescent Height are welcome to join for 20\$/year)

Who: Parent and/or Caregiver with any number of children at any age – babies included. What to Bring: There are toys and books at the center, so just bring yourselves, indoor shoes for running if the weather is nasty, and snacks for your kids.

Questions? Contact Stacie Banks at 403-670-6872 or stacie_banks@yahoo.ca

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**PROGRESSIVE
OPTOMETRY**

A Man with a Plan

by Professor Z

Thomas Mawson was a respected English landscape architect and town planner retained by the city in 1913 to analyze the city's current physical layout and to devise a template to allow for future population growth. With the collapse of the local real estate market in 1913 in conjunction with the onset of the Great War in 1914, his proposed plan was never enacted; his name was largely forgotten until 1977, when his original working drawings were discovered in a garage in Sunnyside, where they had been used as wallboard since 1935. This serendipitous discovery coincided with a renewal of public interest in the subject of urban design in Calgary.

In this article I'll review some of the elements of Mawson's plan for our fair city and will then move on to provide a glimpse at what our own community might look like today had his vision been realized.

Thomas Hayton Mawson was born in Lancashire in 1861. At the age of 12, he was apprenticed to the building trade to learn architectural drawing, then to a horticulturalist and finally to a landscape architect. In his early 20's, he and his brothers established a nursery with the intent of later expanding to include a landscape design business. This soon came to pass and by 1901, business had grown to the point that the company could maintain two offices, one in London; by 1911, the firm's focus had expanded to include that of town planning. Mawson was influenced heavily by the European "Garden City" movement and by the American "City Beautiful" movement and his urban renewal plans drew upon the experience of New Delhi, Vienna and Paris. His reputation was aided by a few of his wealthy clients, most notably Andrew Carnegie, and through such contacts he was ultimately able to work internationally.

By the spring of 1912, Thomas Mawson was a man in his early 50's with an impressive resume in the fields of landscape design and town planning. Accompanied by Canada's Governor General, he embarked on a cross-Canada lecture tour promoting city planning ideals to receptive audiences. His April 1912 speech sponsored by the Women's Canadian Club was entitled "The City of the Plain and How to Make it Beautiful". In the transcript of his first Calgary speech, Mawson recommended that women should be encouraged to become involved in city planning: "*You may not agree to give them a vote, but if you really wish your city to*

become beautiful you had better ask their help (Applause)." Of course it's quite possible that Mawson was playing to his audience here, the majority of whom were female. And he was nothing if not a persuasive orator. Can you imagine the jovial response of our city fathers when, during one of his early speeches, Mawson asserted that "*The eyes of the whole Dominion are upon you, and not only of the Dominion itself, but of all interested in City Planning both in the States and Europe*". Perhaps Santiago Calatrava read up on some of Mawson's epistles prior to making his "Peace Bridge" pitch to city council a few years ago!

The timing of Mawson's visit seems propitious in retrospect; only 6 months prior, Calgary's mayor had appointed a planning commission to develop an urban plan to deal with the explosive population growth that was occurring at the time. Following Mawson's second speech in October 1912, the planning commission recommended to council that a planning "expert" be hired to report on current conditions, and to prepare a report covering "traffic and housing problems, and a comprehensive scheme of parks, playgrounds, boulevard drives, a proposed civic centre and such matters as generally come under the head of 'city planning'". Applications were solicited and it could hardly be considered a surprise when in January 1913, Mawson's firm with its British pedigree was the successful applicant. The agreed fee for developing a complete preliminary plan was \$6,000, and the Mawson Report, entitled "Calgary, Past, Present and Future" was ready by April, 1914. The plan assumed a target urban population of 500,000 plus a staggering 3,000,000 in adjacent rural areas. City fathers made much of the fact that Calgary was the first western Canadian city to retain a city planner; the resulting planning documents were put on public display at the Hudson's Bay store downtown.

Initial sections of the Mawson Report dealt with Calgary's growth to that point as well as its current physical condition. Even in 1913, downtown Calgary streets were crowded with pedestrians, streetcars, horses and buggies, and increasing numbers of automobiles. As well, in Mawson's words, "your grid-iron system of planning leads to great loss of momentum owing to all fast-wheeled traffic having to pull up every time it approaches the end of a block". He also couldn't help but notice the negative influence the railway tracks had upon past development and planning. Mawson felt

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**Thank you to Marilyn Johnson and
to Brian and Mary Ann Smith for recent
donations to the community association.
Your support is greatly appreciated!**

Wild Rose United Church

All are welcome within the walls of Wild Rose United Church where a wide range of programming and events for all ages can be found around the theme of *Eat, Pray, and Love*.

Eat

At Wild Rose there is always plenty of opportunity within our community for eating!

- Fall Turkey Supper: held the evening of November 6th. Tickets available from the church office beginning October 17th. Be sure to get yours before they sell out!
- Soup's On: Join staff and volunteers at Wild Rose each Wednesday at noon for a bowl of homemade soup and discussion of a spiritual question.
- Nursery Parent Group: Parents of Nursery age children are invited to share lunch and spiritual conversation bimonthly after church. Child care provided. Contact the church office for available dates and to register.

Pray

Wild Rose offers options for spiritual development for all age groups.

- Sunday Worship: All are welcome to join us for worship at 10am every Sunday morning
- Bible Study on a Slant: Bible study sessions are available every Friday at the church from 10-11:30am
- Faith Discovery Zone: Sunday School for children ages 4-12 is available on Sunday mornings. Contact the church office to register.
- Youth Group: A variety of youth programming for grades 8-12 is available on Friday evenings and Sunday mornings is available. Please contact the church office for further information.

Love

Wild Rose is committed to sharing love within the community through dedicated social justice and charity work.

- Art Gallery: As part of our ongoing partnership with the Drop In Center every six months, twenty five new pieces of art created by the clients and staff of the Drop In Center will be displayed on the walls of the church. Feel free to come by and browse the beautiful art and if any pieces intrigue you they are for sale with proceeds going to the individual artist and the Wild Rose Art Studio that is located in the Drop In Center.
- Nicaragua Trip: The church is offering the opportunity to participate in an intergenerational learning, faith, and service travel experience to Managua, Nicaragua from July 22-31, 2010. The trip is open to adults and youth accompanied by a responsible adult.

For a full listing of programming and events happening at Wild Rose, please visit our calendar of events on our website or contact the church office.

Wild Rose United Church
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Web: www.wildroseunited.ca



Animal & Bylaw Services

Trees and Alleys

With the roll out of the new black carts by Waste & Recycling Services that started mid-October, this is a good time to remind homeowners to keep their trees trimmed to allow for proper garbage collection and the passage of vehicles accessing the alley.

Under the Street Bylaw 20M88, no owner or occupant of a premises can allow trees, hedges or shrubs that overhang their property, to interfere with vehicles using the alley. This allows trucks to properly collect your garbage, as well as the unobstructed passage of other City or emergency vehicles if required. Animal & Bylaw Services asks that any overhanging vegetation be trimmed back to the property line up to a height of 4.6 metres or 15 feet.

Animal & Bylaw Services and Waste & Recycling Services thanks Calgarians for their cooperation.

Responsible Gifting Fosters Responsible Pet Ownership

We've all heard the stories of friends or family members getting a cat or dog as a gift or for a special occasion. Sometimes it works out, but sometimes it doesn't. Often, the recipients of such gifts find out their fuzzy friends are not what they expected. Perhaps they were not prepared for the time commitment and cost or perhaps the pets were not good matches for them or for their lifestyles.

With the holiday season approaching, Animal & Bylaw Services strongly encourages you to give Animal Services' gift certificates instead. We believe that choosing a pet is an important personal decision. Owning a pet is a responsibility for the lifetime of that animal therefore, a lot of time and care should be taken when entering into a decision. Our gift certificates are valid for one year from the date of purchase in order to provide potential pet owners with the time to choose the cat or dog that best fits their home and lifestyle.

Not only are Animal Services' gift certificates available in any denomination, they don't have to be used solely for adopting a pet. They can also be used for the purchase of cat or dog licences. All cats and dogs in Calgary must be licensed at three months of age. Part of being a responsible pet owner is licensing your pet and providing permanent identification. A licence helps to ensure that Animal Services is able to reunite a lost pet with his owners. Licence fees also support all the work we do such as our adoption program, volunteer program, drive home program, educational programs and the operation of our clinic.

Gifting in a responsible way will help to lessen the number of unwanted animals in our city and will encourage your loved one to be a responsible pet owner.

For more information on our gift certificates, adopting an animal or licensing a pet, call 3-1-1, visit calgary.ca/animalservices or visit the Animal Services Centre at 2201 Portland Street SE, during business hours.

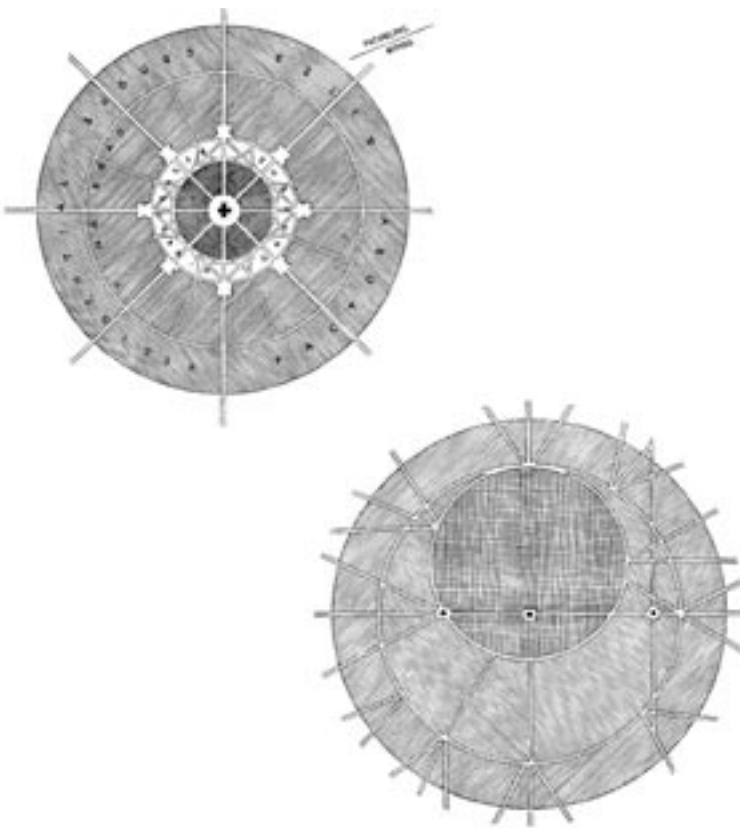
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that Calgary was ideally positioned as a young city to fully engage itself in redevelopment as it wasn't burdened by the existing infrastructure to the same extent that many European cities were: "where we propose the demolition of a few Chinese shacks to make way for your Civic Centre, Cardiff and Exeter are clearing away old and valuable buildings, including even churches, to make such a centre possible." By today's standards, such comments are of course racist, but a quick perusal of local newspapers dating from that time suggests that similar sentiments were then common; it's therefore doubtful that any eyebrows were raised by his comments.

In his report, Mawson made a number of general recommendations that it is difficult to find fault with. He suggested that Calgary establish an experimental nursery to determine the hardiest trees and shrubs that

would survive in our climate, and to then embark on a planting campaign using such specimens. He encouraged city fathers to secure as much riverfront land as possible so that such areas could be developed as public parks. Well-equipped playgrounds were a key planning element as "the boy without a playground is father to the man without a job". Mawson believed that solving transportation issues comprised fully two thirds of a good city plan, a core belief that would resonate well with today's citizenry. Although his ideal city plan resembled the outline of a wagon wheel, with a central hub and radiating spokes, he recognized that it wasn't feasible to tear the city down and rebuild; instead he modified his plan to incorporate radial streets within the suburbs. The attached diagram compares Mawson's ideal city plan (top) with his amended plan for Calgary (bottom). Back in 1913, the word "suburbs" meant Crescent Heights and other similar communities now considered to be "inner city". To ease the traffic situation downtown, Mawson recommended widening existing streets to the property line by demolishing existing sidewalks; all downtown buildings would then be required to build frontal arcades to accommodate pedestrian traffic in a manner similar to that which can still be seen at the downtown Bay. He was further in favour of creating auto thoroughfares with higher speed limits as well as wide road allowances to facilitate future expansion of heavily-travelled routes. On the topic of public buildings, Mawson had good things to say about the design of many of Calgary's existing structures, he however felt that since they were scattered all over the city, the buildings should be relocated to central squares where they could become focal points (I wonder what it would cost these days to move City Hall over to, say, Eau Claire?). Factories near the city centre were to be relocated far to the southeast, and shopping centres were to be established in the suburbs to alleviate the traffic pressure in the central core. In 1910, Calgary had undergone a huge expansion of its physical boundaries, and Mawson warned that since it could not now possibly provide adequate public services to all areas, multi-family residences should be encouraged where possible to improve efficiencies. Within suburbs, community centres were to be grouped together with schools and away from churches to discourage cultures and religions from congregating in certain areas, as this would only encourage the formation of slums.

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Crescent Heights Community Archives at the Glenbow Museum



We have put our inventory of the Crescent Heights Community Association records held by Glenbow on our website.

It can be accessed at:

<http://www.glenbow.org/collections/search/findingAids/archhtml/crescent.cfm>

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November is GO GIRL month! Girls ages 10 to 16 years can get movin' with activities in arts, dance, self-awareness, sports and more! Register at calgary.ca/recreation for a program close to home.



- Ages: 10 to 16 (females only).
- Registration: begins on Aug. 3. Space is limited, so register early.
- Fee: \$15 (fee assistance is available).
- For a listing of dates, locations and course numbers go to calgary.ca/recreation.

Go Girl returns in November 2010!

Go Girl is an annual event for girls aged 10 – 16 where girls can learn new sports, participate in engaging activities and make new friends. This year girls can choose from a variety of event locations close to home. Get moving with activities in arts, dance, self-awareness, sports and more. Choose to be healthy, invite new choices into your life and discover your inner goddess!

- Registration Information:**
- Ages 10 to 16, females only
 - Registration begins August 3, 2010
 - Space is limited so register early. Groups of friends are welcome.
 - Fee: \$15 (fee assistance is available)

Beltline Aquatic & Fitness Centre - 221 - 12 Ave. SW
 Saturday November 13
 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
 Barcode #285600

Village Square Leisure Centre - 2623 - 56 Street NE
 Saturday, November 13 • 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 (After program pool time/open swim: 3 p.m. onward)
 Barcode #285602

Stream A	Stream B	Stream C	Stream D	Stream A	Stream B	Stream C	Stream D
Stomp (dance)	Mendi	Aqua Bootcamp	Cheer Squad	Hip-Hop	Tag Rugby	Wrestling	Diving
Urban Art	Aqua-Yoga	X-treme Skilltastics	Ballet	Facebook Safety & Yoga	Spiritual Awareness & Tai Chi	Nutrition & Pilates	Healthy Body & Mendi
B-ball Skilltastics	Bollywood	Duct Tape Art	Synchro-swim	XRKade	Kick Boxing	Bollywood	Ultimate Frisbee
Snorkelling	Floor Hockey	Kick Boxing	Jewellery Making	Mask Making	Urban Art	Theatre Games	Cheer Squad
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Cell Phone Towers

CAN THEY PUT A CELL TOWER NEAR YOUR HOME?

Yes they can! With hundreds of towers coming in the near future there is a good chance one will be going up close to your home, possibly right next door! Some have landed, without notice, 30-100m from homes.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

The wave of towers soon to be built in Calgary is infrastructure to serve 3G technology; cell phones with television and internet capability. In order to provide seamless 3G service, antennas need to be placed about every 500 meters, but because not all service providers will share towers with competitors often several towers are built where one would suffice. If you live near commercial property there is a greater likelihood that a tower will be placed close to your home. The non-resident owners are well paid for the lease of their land.

THERE ARE ALTERNATIVES TO UGLY TOWERS:

In many Calgary communities antennas have been hidden inside church steeples or clock towers (see Kincora Tower). An excellent alternative is small "light pole" antennas which are widely used in many US communities where ugly towers are not tolerated. These have the added advantage of dispersing a less powerful microwave beam as the signal is transmitted from light pole to light pole. Another option is the Femtocell, a small personal antenna purchased by the 3G customer.

WHAT DOES THE CITY OF CALGARY SAY ABOUT CELL TOWERS:

Does a cell tower installation need a development permit?

No, a development permit is not required. Cell towers are a federal jurisdiction and cannot be interfered with by a junior government process (such as a development permit application). The submissions by the carriers to the City are not development permit applications, and the City administration does not "approve" or "refuse" these submissions. Rather, the City indicates its support or lack of support for each proposal based on an evaluation of each proposal.

Can I appeal the proposed installation of a tower?

No. Once again, as cell towers are federally regulated and licensed, and, as there is no development permit issued by The City of Calgary, there is

no appeal procedure for proposed cell towers.

DO CITIZENS HAVE ANY CONTROL?

Federal legislation, drafted in consultation with the telecommunication industry, has given cell phone providers surprisingly free reign. They can erect towers without local building permits and if civic governments object, Industry Canada can overrule them. In spite of this, many cities have extensive cell tower policies with which the telecommunications companies will try to work within. These policies specifically discourage cell towers being placed in residential areas. Unfortunately Calgary has a minimal cell tower policy, which imposes virtually no restrictions on telecommunication companies. To stop an unwanted cell tower you need your alderman on your side. Some aldermen are effective at getting towers placed in locations agreeable to their communities.

HAVE TOWER PLACEMENTS EVER BEEN STOPPED BY COMMUNITIES?

Yes, it is rare but they have been stopped through massive community action.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- Tell your alderman that you want Calgary to have a cell tower policy in line with those of Edmonton or Toronto, which specifically discourages towers being placed in residential areas.
- Tell your M.P. that you want control over cell tower placement to be given to local authorities.
- If you think that an unwanted cell tower may be going up near your home, you must act quickly. Contact your community association, alderman, MLA, and MP immediately.
- Become informed. This issue is of growing concern to Calgarians, if you would like to be kept up to date or have any questions, please email: support@celltower.ca

A MESSAGE FROM CALGARIANS FOR THE RESPONSIBLE PLACEMENT OF CELL TOWERS

Langevin School Playground

The Langevin Parent Society is fundraising for a new playground structure to be opened Summer 2012. The current playground is approximately 19 years old and in needed replacement. As a committee we want to provide a more up-to-date place for our children to play thus encouraging a more active lifestyle in the children at Langevin. Since Langevin is a K to 9 School, we also want to provide a play area that will promote an active lifestyle for all ages of students.

Playhouse Raffle: Handcrafted 8' X 8' X 6' tall Child's Luxurious Playhouse will be raffled off. Prize includes a \$250 Gift Card for Toys R Us and a \$250 Gift Card for RONA so that you can customize your child's dreamhome. Total prize valued at over \$5000.

Draw Date: November 16, 2010

Location of Draw: Langevin Parent Society

Meeting held at Langevin School Library

Tickets are \$3 each or 4 for \$10



Prize includes delivery of the Playhouse or should we say Dream house by Chariot Express to your home within Calgary limits. If you are interested in purchasing tickets please contact the langevinplayground@gmail.com. All proceeds will be used to build the new Langevin School Playground.

We would like to thank Chariot Express for their backing of our project.

*Prize may not look exactly like shown.

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Connections

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Auto**

**Build
Art**

Dawe - Cafe



We're on the Web!

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

Massage Hts



Join our *Crescent View* enRoute Challenge!

Take a pic at school, at work, around town, with family, with friends, with a celebrity... just about anywhere! Send your pic to: ellisevansdesign@shaw.ca

Fore! A little light reading before I hit the links at a local area Calgary golf course.

Classified Ads

Area News and Events

10th Annual Delectables & Arts Show

Avoid shopping madness this year and enjoy a pleasurable shopping experience at the Delectables & Arts Show. You will find 65 artisans with unique and diversified products including a specialized variety of food products to carry you right into the Christmas season, and help with all of your holiday entertainment needs. 100% of all admission proceeds will be donated to Inn from the Cold.

The general public is most welcome to attend.

When: Wednesday, November 17, 10:00am - 8:00 pm

Where: Calgary Winterclub, 4611 - 14 Street NW

Admission is \$2.00 (children 12 and under are free)

AP Village Winter Craft Fair & Bake Sale Fundraiser

An assortment of locally handmade crafts and gifts. For babies, children and you! Coffee, tea and delicious baked goods. Over \$500 in Raffle Prizes to be won.

November 21, 2010

10am - 3pm

Winston Heights Community Center

520 - 27 Ave NE

ATCO Gas Works for You

Calgary, Alberta — ATCO Gas will now be reading meters until 8:00 p.m. Monday to Friday and 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays in the City of Calgary. ATCO Gas staff visiting customers' homes will wear photo identification that includes the company logo.

If customers do have a question, they can contact ATCO Gas at (403) 245-7888.

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LOUISE RILEY LIBRARY

1904 14 Ave NW

Hours

Mon - Thurs 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

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Sun 12 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Starting September 13)

Programs are **FREE** with your library card.

Register in person, by calling 260-2620 or online at www.calgarypubliclibrary.com

One Book, One Calgary

November marks the start of Calgary Public Library's first city-wide book club and the first selection is *Mavericks: An Incurable History of Alberta*, by local author Aritha Van Herk. Pick up your copy at the Louise Riley Library and join the conversation! For more information on **One Book, One Calgary** programs and events, check the Library's Web site (calgarypubliclibrary.com), call 403-260-2620 or visit us at Louise Riley.

City of Destiny: A Revisionist History of Early Calgary

Local historian and maverick John Gilpin presents a startling view of Calgary's early development, uncovered in his research on Calgary Parks. Ages 50 and up. Monday, Nov 29 from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

You can also discover the history of Calgary using 21st century tools. Explore historic spots referenced by Aritha Van Herk using handheld **Global Positioning (GPS) Units**. GPS units are available at the Library in partnership with The City of Calgary Parks.

Just for Teens!

Express yourself in our teens only performance space! Bring your guitar, poetry, writing, jokes -- whatever. Come watch, perform, or both at **Teen Open Mic Night**. Ages 13 to 17. Tuesday, Nov 16 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Calgary Teens: Write Now Hear from great local writers! Get ideas about different kinds of writing and publishing. Lunch and prizes provided. Call 403-260-2657 for details. Ages 13 to 17. Saturday, Nov 20 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Renewals

Did you know you can now **renew your items up to four times**? Renewals can be made online at calgarypubliclibrary.com (you'll need your Library card number and pin number) or by calling 403-262-2928 (you will need to provide your card number over the phone).

See you soon at the Louise Riley Library!

At *your* Library

Off the Shelf

Book Review by Judith Umbach

The Fifth Woman *By Henning Mankell*

If you watch PBS Masterpiece Mystery, you know that Kurt Wallander is a gritty police detective who obsessively focuses on solving murders. *The Fifth Woman* is the first Mankell novel I read, and two weeks later I started my second. The novels are that good – tightly written, packed with relevant details, and realistically paced to an actual investigation.

Kurt Wallander is actually happy at the beginning of this story. He has just spent a week with his father in Rome, rediscovering their once close bond. To his own surprise, he is contemplating marriage. Perhaps he will buy a house.

After a few hours back on the job, he returns to drinking too much coffee, eating sporadically and losing sleep. Nothing personal stands in the way of trying to find patterns in a labyrinth of facts. Hypotheses are foundational to his approach to solving crimes, because they suggest lines of investigation. Sometimes the investigative team hectically pursues clues, and sometimes they sit in conference rooms trying to cut through the murderer's hidden intentions.

Wallander's colleagues work as hard as he does, putting in almost more hours than there are in a day. One colleague loses his confidence when his daughter is attacked on account of his being a police officer. Another mixes detailed analysis with finding care for her children while her husband is away on business. Wallander himself must come to grips with personal grief, while agonizing over his failure to prevent another in the murderous string of attacks. They all complain about the poor pay, oppressive schedule, and the rise of interfering vigilante groups. They trust each other completely.

The Fifth Woman is a convoluted mystery set in a Sweden that is dark and dangerous. The social commentary threaded through the story pulls the reader into the emotional moral dilemmas that entangle both the culprit and the upholders of the law.



Support your Community!

Buy Your Membership Today

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 : _____

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- Yes, Send Me Community Emails** **Yes, Send Me Block Watch Emails**

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