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**NEWSLETTER OF THE CRESCENT HEIGHTS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**



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## President's Notebook

by John McDermid

As Hammer and Tongs goes the work at our increasingly pretty little community hall. While not quite ready for its close-up, the building is now sporting a nice new coat of paint, inside and out, and we are converging on which direction to take with our upcoming kitchen renovation. As I write this, new flooring on the stairways and upper level is being applied, and the overdue stripping and sealing of the main floor flooring is about to be scheduled. Although it's good to get the ongoing maintenance and improvements done, with the help of our casino proceeds and (fingers crossed) a contribution from the City's Capital Conservation Grant, the question arose at our November board meeting as to whether this is all we are about. Is there more to the CHCA and its membership that ploughing money into the hall to keep it running, heated and reasonably presentable? Should we be investing elsewhere and, with the requisite approvals from our funding sources, pursuing programming opportunities rather than just the physical plant that seems to be the focus of our spending and the principal claimant of a fair number of volunteer resources? It's a conversation that we should have as a community, poised as we are to enter a new year, with the most pressing maintenance demands of the building now mostly satisfied.

The notion of a necessary community conversation resonates of course with the remarkable result of the municipal election, perhaps most notably with the election of our new Mayor Nenshi. One or more of my board colleagues nominated me for a Community Builder award presented annually at the Federation of Calgary Communities' Annual General Meeting. I was surprised and flattered to be presented with an honourable mention at the October 28 meeting. Ever the bridesmaid, I nevertheless got to meet the mayor and have my picture taken with him. These will be exciting times in the city and its constituent communities as new and vital "conversations" begin in Calgary. As I mentioned, I was very flattered by this nomination because several years of FCC AGMs have shown me the rarified atmosphere some dedicated volunteers operate in. The annual winners tend to be the retiree who spends the entire winter at a community rink, flooding with a spray bottle and clearing a heavy snowfall from the ice with a teaspoon. Many thanks to the FCC and my board colleagues for this honour. Now I'd better earn it.

Now that the new Tim Horton's on Centre Street has been operating in our community for a number of weeks, it's disheartening to see a certain category of Tim's customer just throwing their empties on the ground. Nothing like a national brand of litter and a source for it right in the heart of our community. Probably most customers do the right thing in disposing of their Tim's refuse, but there certainly would appear to be a significant segment of their customer base who just can't hang onto the cup with their knuckles dragging on the ground.

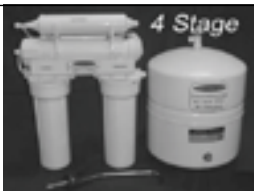
I was working away at home on November 2, minding my own business, when a call came from Owen Moss at Bird Construction. I had inquired of Owen some weeks before in respect of what

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I felt was the abiding mystery of the Emergency Operations Centre construction site: how would they get those huge track-hoes out of the bottom of the excavation? Or would the machine just dig itself a hole at the bottom of the pit, crawl in and entomb itself, never to be seen again? I hinted to Owen that if circumstances permitted, could he give me a heads-up when the machine was to be removed. At about 1:30 that Tuesday, the call

came and the question was "How fast can you get over here?" Pretty fast, it turned out, pausing only to grab my camera. When I arrived at the south east corner of the site, a huge heavy-lift crane was on site ("Whopping Crane Visits Bird Site") and the sole remaining track hoe was resting comfortably, perfectly balanced in its harness, about six inches off the ground. Just after I arrived the lift began, taking about a minute from the bottom of the excavation to the top and its waiting flat deck. I'll be entering these shots on the upcoming community photo contest, so the rest of you can enter if you like, but I think I have the lock on it.



Tuning in to the National on November 7, my lady wife and I are gobsmacked to learn that MP Jim Prentice will be leaving his post at the end of the year. Often a welcome visitor to many Crescent Heights Community events, Jim Prentice was and is in my view far and away the best thing about the Conservative party. It was Jim who secured the funding for a facility to replace the aged wading pool in Rotary Park (as witness the pile of dirt and rubble that now stands where the pool used to). It may be said that other Calgary North Centre communities, with their

needy, aging arenas and more demanding facilities, benefited more from federal stimulus funds, but Jim made sure that our community benefited too, and very probably where it was needed most. So Jim, we wish you the very best in your new venture, and we hope that, as planned, you will be able to split your time between Calgary and Toronto; and remember that you will always be welcome here in your home community.

As this issue of the newsletter will reach into the New Year, it is perhaps appropriate that we look back on the year past. Quiet for the most part, our focus was very much on the building. Headed up by returning board member Dan Shield in his facilities role, we made great gains in catching up on some lifecycle initiatives. Most of the large scale projects will wind down by year's end, with the last big ticket item being a refurbished kitchen, to be scheduled early in 2011. Continuing into next year is a list of projects that will keep us busy but not swamped, so perhaps we can shift our focus toward events and programming for the benefit of residents. Do you have an idea for an event or program that could benefit residents of Crescent Heights? While it not always easy to secure the approvals necessary to embark on a course of action where gaming revenues are involved, we do have funds on hand and are gaining greater expertise in positioning proposals in the approvals sweet spot. After a year of TLC lavished on the hall, it would be nice to shift our efforts to more people-focused activities. What's your pleasure?

Finally, I would be remiss under my hat as "casino-man" if I failed to report that we have been assigned dates for our next casino fundraising event. To our much-valued returning volunteers, please check your calendars and mark them, if you can, for May 19 and 20, 2011, a Thursday and Friday just before the Victoria Day long weekend, at the Stampede Casino. We'll have likely lost a few of our regular, returning volunteers, so if you've never had the strange pleasure of working a volunteer shift at a casino, please consider it. There is a full menu to choose from, and all volunteers are free to have lunch or dinner during their shift (to paraphrase some celebrity chef, "Most people volunteer for casinos because they don't have deep fryers at home"). Join us if you can.

As the holiday season approaches, the CHCA board wishes all of you a safe and happy holiday, and a prosperous, healthy 2011.

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## Newsletter Editorial Deadlines

*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](mailto:elizahancock@shaw.ca).

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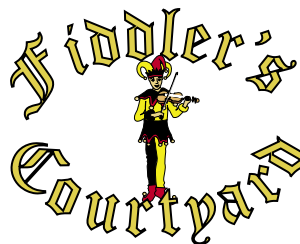
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I have raised many issues in relation to emergency room wait times, rich gifts to PC MLA's and the need for distracted driving legislation. We, along with the Alberta Wilderness Association and many outraged Albertans, blocked the sell-off of grasslands in southern Alberta without due process. We will continue to raise questions in the legislature that are of importance to my constituents and to Albertans. These questions continue to go unanswered.

As always, we love to hear your feedback as to the issues of importance to you. Please contact Mike in my office at 403-216-5445 or by e-mail at Calgary.mountainview@assembly.ab.ca with issues you feel passionate about.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very happy holiday season, may it be spent with friends, family, and loved-ones. I hope 2010 was great for you and I look forward to 2011 being even better. Best wishes and be sure to stay warm!

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# A Man with a Plan, cont. from Nov 2010

by Professor Z

And now on to some of the specific recommendations of Thomas Mawson's plan for Calgary. All civic buildings would be located in either one of two public squares; one at Centre Street South at the base of the bridge and the primary one at 4th Street South where Eau Claire Market is now, with a mall connecting the two. Prince's Island was a key component of the design and contained museums and public gardens, as well as two lagoons on the south side suitable for boating. Bridges spanning the Bow would be built at both 4th Street and at Centre Street. Two plans were provided for the Centre Street Bridge; since Mawson was aware that plans for a high level structure were already in the works in 1914, he provided plans for a high level structure as well as a low level structure. He favoured the latter as he was concerned the former would destroy the sight lines of the Centre Street Plaza, especially when viewed from the CPR terminal at Centre Street and 9th Avenue South. As well, he was concerned that since the high level bridge then under consideration by city council crossed the river diagonally, currents and eddies would thereby be created which would undermine the bridge's underpinnings. (No evidence of this has been seen with the existing Centre Street Bridge, which approaches its hundredth birthday.) The low level structure favoured by Mawson would depart Centre Street on the south bank directly perpendicular to the flow of the Bow River and would have arrived at about 1st St NE, though at the base of the hill. Passengers and vehicles were to be transported to the top of the hill by separate elevators; the vehicle elevator, with dimensions of 50 feet by 12 feet, could accommodate a fully-loaded streetcar. Cost estimates from the Otis Elevator Company were provided: \$46,000 for each vehicle elevator and \$7,500 for each passenger elevator. Travel time to the top was estimated to be one minute. Vehicle traffic also had the option of bypassing the elevator via a road from the north side of the bridge, which ascended Centre Street through a cut in the bank running up to 7th Avenue North, just as it does now. This road passed under bridges at 5th and 6th Avenue North as well. Over time, the Centre Street route would have proved more popular, especially with the tolls proposed by Mawson for anyone opting for the elevator. Another feature of Mawson's plan was a continuous public promenade on the North Hill escarpment extending from the Tom Campbell Hill to about 10th St NW. The points at which the 4th and Centre Street bridges reached the hilltop were also public spaces; the bridge arriving at the top of 4th Street NW passed under the promenade, which



extended through a public area at 4th Street within which a monumental structure (a church for example) was featured. The 4th Street approach to the bridge continued up to about 13th Avenue NW, passing under bridges at 11th and 12th Avenues NW. Upon arriving at the top of the cut, traffic on 4th Street NW would be immediately be diverted around a large public garden extending from 13th to 15th Avenues NW.

Two new shopping districts were proposed for the Crescent Heights area. The first formed a "T" shape on Centre Street and 16th Avenues that looked on paper very much as it today exists: it extended from Centre Street at 8th Avenue North to 17th Avenue North; on 16th Avenue North, it ran from 2nd Street NW to 2nd Street NE. The second shopping district on 4th Street NW was sited just north of the public garden just mentioned, running from 16th Avenue North to 20th Avenue North. Other public amenities proposed for our district consisted of a library at 14th Avenue and 1st St NE and a theatre at 14th Avenue and 1st St NW.

As noted before, Mawson felt that transportation solutions were central to any worthwhile city plan, and there is little doubt that our community would have been greatly impacted were his plan to have been adopted. His ideal city plan called for "radial feeders", resembling wheel spokes, bisecting circular "gyratory" routes. At the 4th Street NW hillcrest, two such radials

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# GREENING UP ! - Watching the Wheels of Change

by L. Burton-Scheer

How exciting to ride the winds of change, and even more exciting when those winds blow positive and visible changes right in one's own backyard! That's how many Calgarians feel about our recent civic election, and how 90% of German citizens feel as a result of their flourishing renewable energy sector! Germany is surpassing all targets, setting new ones, and huge monetary and environmental benefits are accruing directly to its individual citizens, small and medium-sized companies, communities, municipalities, and of course, to Germany as a whole.

Author and parliamentarian Hermann Scheer, winner of the 'Right Livelihood Award' for his work promoting Solar Energy worldwide, can be largely credited for this positive change. Thanks to the tireless efforts of Scheer, the German government conceded that renewable energy was a priority. Together with a few colleagues, Scheer mobilized the majority of parliament to adopt the "Renewable Energy Sources Act", introduced into law in 2000. The law contains three essential elements:

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It is exciting to imagine that such massive change can be locally inspired and perpetuated, but in fact, local initiatives are perhaps the most potent way of instigating such change.

Would it be prudent to expect the move to sustainable energy to be led by the only industry with an interest in actually postponing such a move? Every other segment of society is, of course interested in speeding up the process, and we would all quickly realize the benefits of such a trend. Did you know that Southern Alberta boasts 20% more sunlight hours and stronger winds than Germany? Not only that, we have tremendous potential for farm 'biogas' that could completely revitalize our rural communities.

Because nothing works without energy, it is easy to imagine how the consequences of a continued dependency on fossil and nuclear energies could even erode our democratic constitutions. Thankfully, it appears that some governments are becoming aware of the ethical, environmental and monetary benefits of a grass-roots trend towards a sustainable future with renewable energy.

Sadly, Hermann Scheer passed away on October 14, 2010. However, find out more about him, his ideas and his accomplishments through his writings, "The Solar Economy", "A Solar Manifesto" and "Energy Autonomy", and the following websites:

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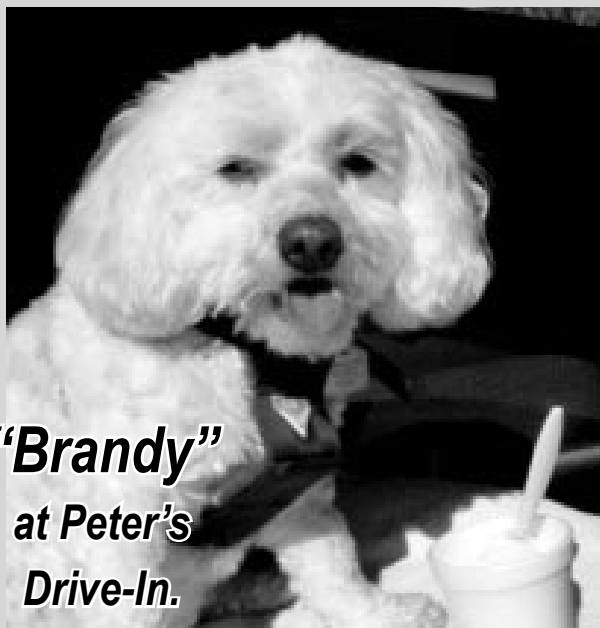
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Marc C.

## A Man with a Plan ,cont. from page 9

departed, one heading northwest and the other northeast, through the 16th Avenue North and Centre Street intersection. Both these routes also carried streetcar traffic as did 4th Street NW and Edmonton Trail. Crescent Road from 10th Street NW to 4th Street NW formed part of a gyratory route extending as far east as Edmonton Trail. Of note is the fact that Centre Street would not have been developed as a main traffic artery under Mawson's plan, which might have made east and west Crescent Heights seem more of a cohesive unit. Also proposed for our area, albeit only when population densities increased, was a railway connection with the main CPR terminal on 9th Avenue.

I'll conclude this article by mentioning both the positive and negative aspects of the Mawson Report, some of which I've already touched on. On the "pro" side, his far-sighted attention to transportation issues could have helped us avoid a lot of the congestion issues that continue to plague us to this day. As well, we would have done well to heed his advice on purchasing land adjacent to our two rivers for public parkways; likewise, his suggestions for a civic nursery and tree planting campaigns were admirable. But by far the biggest negative was the estimated ten million dollar expense (in 1914 dollars) required to effect the recommended changes, considering that in 1914, Calgary's population was just fifty thousand or so and city council was by then struggling with debts incurred during the previous boom years. (Although Mawson suggested his plans could be implemented "bit by bit", there wouldn't have been sufficient capital to make much of a start for many years to come; too, major capital expenditures were then voted on by ratepayers, a parsimonious lot.) Mawson has also been criticized for attempting to impose an imperial form of architecture upon a modest little city on the western Canadian plains. As well, his plan did not make allowances for the periodic flooding that occurred on the Bow River; it was not until much later in the century with the construction of riverbank levees locally as well as with the completion of the Bears paw Dam upstream that this threat was alleviated. Finally, it will be seen that in agreeing to retain his services, city council relied heavily on Thomas Mawson's reputation as a planning "expert" and consequently there was no requirement for any formal public consultations while the plan was being developed. This is however not a criticism that can be directed at Mawson himself but relates entirely to the times in which the report was prepared.

A final point of interest: despite his wealth of planning experience, Mawson had never actually succeeded in completely remaking any cities in Britain either, as his plans there to create new radial streets in certain well-established cities called for the destruction of so many established structures that after reviewing his plans, civic authorities opted not to proceed, thus avoiding any public uproar. Western Canada may have seemed like fertile ground to Mawson by comparison!

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# Community Volunteer Extraordinaire – John (The Gem) McDermid

At the Federation of Calgary Communities' AGM on November 28th, John was presented with a runner-up award for the Community Builder. We were disappointed John wasn't selected as the winner this year (the fellow who won appears to single-handedly saved his community association from completely disappearing!) but we were pleased that he was recognized. Our new mayor showed up in time to help with presentations and the FCC forwarded a couple of photos of John being presented with his certificate. The following is the nomination letter that was submitted:

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter nominating Mr. John McDermid, President of the Crescent Heights Community Association, for the FCC Community Builder Award. John is the ultimate believer in community and for years has given wholeheartedly and selflessly of his time in working to make his City and his neighbourhood a better place.

John has been involved with the Crescent Heights Community Association (CHCA) for over 10 years as an active Board member, taking on the leadership role of President for the past six years. John has actively recruited most of the current board members, encouraging members to take on or develop roles that best suit their interests.

As President, John has been especially effective in building strong relationships with the City of Calgary, our alderman, the FCC and neighbouring community organizations. John actively represents the CHCA in many pan-city initiatives, attending city-wide meetings that support both Crescent Heights and other communities. Over the past few years he has participated in meetings that developed the City's new Emergency Operations Centre, and, as a keen gardener himself (though how he finds time we can't figure out), was particularly supportive of the development of the landscape plan.

John is a strong believer in community events, ranging from the ever popular Annual Stampede Breakfast to socials to community clean-ups and Christmas parties. If he isn't organizing the event himself, he is actively supporting the efforts of others by lending a hand to set-up, run and pull-down events. He takes the time to make others feel welcome and to encourage them to participate in whatever way suits them best.

John works tirelessly to ensure that the unique Hall in Crescent Heights is kept in good working order so it can continue to support community events. He has spearheaded grant applications for capital projects as well as ensuring that the CHCA is a regular participant in Casinos to raise the necessary matching funds. We're not sure where he finds the time to help other city organizations, such as the FCC, with their Casinos!

Not only does John recruit volunteers to help maintain the hall, he has spent countless hours over the past six years dealing with pressing issues and working with the volunteers and trades people to keep the hall up and running. Although President, John has no fear of rolling up his sleeves and leading a work crew or taking on the job himself. This spring, John recruited a new Board member to lead the current effort to refresh the hall.



He strongly supports the work of our outdoor skating rink manager and his crews. When there have been complaints about any hall rentals from the neighbours, John has taken it upon himself to directly contact the affected resident, listen to their concerns, and then works to actively bring about a change in policy, if it is needed.

John is a regular attendee at the bi-weekly Traffic and Planning meetings, using his knowledge from long years of participation on this sub-committee as well as the knowledge he has acquired through active participation in the Partners in Planning program at the FCC. He is interested in hearing all points of view and trying to reach consensus positions which support both our community residents and businesses.

As an excellent communicator himself, John has been a strong supporter of the community newsletter, The Crescent View. He produces a regular, and lengthy, monthly column to let our residents know what's happening and to discuss current neighbourhood issues. Many residents pick up the newsletter just to read John's column! Or, they might have it delivered directly to their mailbox by John himself, who gets some of his exercise by taking on one or two of the delivery routes.

Before becoming President, John was the lead in getting the Block Watch program organized in Crescent Heights, participating in city-wide Block Watch meetings as well as recruiting members and holding information sessions in the community itself. A big believer in inner city neighbourhoods, John has worked actively with the neighbouring communities of Renfrew and Bridgeland, and the City, to organize and work annual Safety Fairs.

John loves our river. For a number of years now he has been the Group

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## Emergency Operations Centre Update

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On October 8, 2010, the curb and gutter for the roadway was poured, however, an error in the survey calculations caused a misalignment in part of the roadway which required the curb and gutter to be replaced by the contractor. This work was completed on October 21, 2010 and The City will not incur any additional costs for the curb replacement. Construction on the roadway was completed as scheduled by the end of October 2010, however, the road remained closed for an additional period to complete excavation work that required the use of a mobile crane. The roadway is now opened permanently although road closures for short periods of time may be required as the project continues.

Currently, construction of the new Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) for the City of Calgary continues and is estimated to be occupied by the first quarter of 2012 and site landscaping complete by the second quarter of 2012.

If residents have questions or concerns, please call 311. The safety of residents and minimal impact to the community remain as The City of Calgary's priority.

Thank you for your patience.  
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## December

**NEW in the Community:** If you haven't checked it out already, right behind the Louise Riley Library's Program Center is a new outdoor fitness park for adults! By being able to so conveniently work on strengthening your legs, arms and core – you'll be able to carry home more library books!



**NEW in the Library:** We now have a growing Blu-ray disc collection at the Library. Blu-ray is the new format meant to supersede the DVD format. 'Blu-ray' refers to the blue laser that is used to read the disc. A Blu-ray disc has a storage capacity five times greater than a DVD disc!

**Renewals:** Need that cook book for just one more recipe? Did you know you can now **renew your items up to four times?** Renewals can be made online at [calgarypubliclibrary.com](http://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).



**Worth your salt:** Have you checked out our website lately? Now is a great time of year to do so – especially if you are an epicurean at heart! The holidays are a time for trying out new recipes and new flavours as well as for finding the perfect

traditional recipe to share with friends and family. Check out our "Food Blog" on the main page at [www.calgarypubliclibrary.com](http://www.calgarypubliclibrary.com) it always has something delicious and new to try out as well as sharing the titles and links to the books that contain some of these amazing recipes - which you can borrow! It's definitely "Worth your salt"!

**Going away?** Did you know if you're going on a holiday you can **suspend** your holds? This doesn't cancel them, you keep your place in line for the book - it just makes sure that your book doesn't arrive while you're away! Ask about suspending your holds next time you're at the library!

**Seniors A GOGO:** Are back again with another great performance! Seniors a GOGO presents funny and heartbreaking theatrical presentations that speak to the experience of sexuality after 60. Co-sponsored by Calgary Sexual Health Centre. Show @ 2:00 p.m. on Thursday Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ages 50+

**Closures in December:** The Library will be closed on Dec 25<sup>th</sup> and Dec 26<sup>th</sup> We will have limited hours on Dec 24<sup>th</sup>

**Closures in January:** The Library will be closed on Jan 1<sup>st</sup>

See you soon at the Louise Riley Library!

# Area Event and Resource Guide

# Community

## RENREW

### Renfrew Community Association

**Hall: 811 Radford Road NE** Ph: 403-230-7055  
Hall Rentals: Call 403-230-7055 and leave message.  
Newsletter email: mail@renfrewcommunity.ca

### Renfrew Bingo - The little hall with the big payouts!

#### Saturday and Monday evenings.

Nickel Games at 6:20pm, regular games at 7:05pm.

Concession open. 811 Radford Road NE

**Closed Dec 25th, 27th and Jan 1st.**

### RCA Fundrasing Casino - Volunteers needed.

**When: December 19 and 20 Sunday / Monday**

**Where: Elbow River Casino** Transportation supplied if needed, meal provided. If you think that you can help please call Linda H. at 403-277-3626 or e-mail: linda.holt@shaw.ca

**Renfrew Community Pub (Social Room)** Most Fridays from 7pm until close. Non-members welcome - be our guest. Free pool, free shuffleboard, free darts!

### Mr. Music Please!

The Renfrew Social Room is looking for donations of gently used CDs for use in our new music system. If you have some to donate please come by the hall any Friday after 7pm and drop them off. Thanks very much!

### Renfrew 50 Plus Club - 1918 Regal Crescent NE

Daily events and activities. Contact Tina Wilding at 276-4747 or email renfrew50club@shaw.ca for more information. You don't have to live in Renfrew to attend.

## MARLBOROUGH

### Calgary Marlborough Community Association

**Hall: 636 Marlborough Way NE** Ph: 403-273-5894  
Hall Rentals: Call 403-273-5894 or email calmarca@telus.net  
Newsletter email: cmccnews50@yahoo.com

**Jam Session:** Jan 29th and Feb 26th in the Lounge (Fireside Room)

**JELLY BEAN DANCE** Friday, Dec. 10th and Friday, Jan 29, 6:30 - 9:30  
\$3 ADMISSION, AGES 12 AND UNDER

(Parent supervision advised for younger children)  
POP, HOTDOGS & CANDY FOR SALE. LOTS OF DANCE CONTESTS  
DOOR PRIZES. PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### Bingo at the Bingo Barn Volunteers needed:

Please call Marg at 273-7952.

### HALL ACTIVITIES

**MONDAY** - Yoga downstairs - The Valley Room - 7:30 to 9pm  
Info 403-272-0462.

**WEDNESDAY** - The Valley Room

Sparks 6:00 to 7:15pm; Brownies - 6:00 to 7:30pm; Beavers - 6:00 pm

**THURSDAY** - 50+ Club - 1 pm - The Alpine Loft, 2nd level

(Lift available) New members welcome!

Yoga upstairs - Fireside Room - 1:15 - 2:45pm. Info 403-272-0462.

**FRIDAY** - Downstairs - The Valley Room

**SATURDAY** - Lounge - Fireside Room - Open 7pm

### Marlborough 50+ Club

**Whist and Bridge:** Thursdays, 1pm, upstairs in The Alpine Loft  
New members always welcome!

### Attention Seniors 55 and Older - Bowling League

Fun league on Wednesdays @ 10am at the Deerfoot Bowling Alley in the Deerfoot Mall N.E., located at the back entrance near the food fair. We sure would like you to join us. Eva Zapotichny 403-276-4302.

## MARLBOROUGH cont

**Girl Guides of Canada** - Registration on-going, open to all girls aged 5 - 17yrs. Guiding is open to everyone - not just girls, we have plenty of openings for women of all ages! Join us today! Contact Jan McCaghren at 403-219-0533 for information on units in your area.

### Scouting - Scouting is for Boys and Girls ages 5 and up.

November our group is hosting a Fundraising Social for adults on Nov 13. November 21 our Scout group will be at the Fall Holiday Fair @ Marlborough Park. Rovers will be selling concession as a fundraiser.

The East Calgary Scout Group covers 4 areas (Penbrooke, Marlborough, Marlborough Park and Forest Heights and surrounding areas).

## MARLBOROUGH PARK

### Marlborough Park Community Association

**Hall: 6021 Madigan Drive NE**

Hall Rentals: Call 403-248-1775

Newsletter email: marlpark@shaw.ca

**PARK LOUNGE:** The PARK LOUNGE on the upper floor is open every Thursday evening 7:00pm, as well as on Sunday afternoons 2:00pm for Sunday NFL football. Come down and meet new people in the community. Drinks are an incredibly low price of only \$3. Play some pool, darts, table shuffleboard, and enjoy some free popcorn. Non-members welcome.

### Marlborough Park PreSchool Christmas Craft Fair

Where: Marlborough Park Hall - 6021 Madigan Dr. NE

When: Sunday, Dec. 5 at 10am - 3pm

Call the hall at 403-248-1775 for more details.

### NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY 2010

TICKETS: \$70/couple for members, \$80/couple for non-members

DINNER AT: 7:00pm, DANCE AT: 9:00pm

INCLUDES DINNER, PARTY FAVORS AND DOOR PRIZES

TICKETS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE AT THE HALL NOVEMBER 15.

### Marlborough Park Block Watch

Next meeting Wednesday, January 5, 2011 at the hall.

### Marlborough Park PreSchool

Ongoing Registration. Please call Monica at 403-235-2996.

**Canadian Blood Services** In the MPCA gym on Thursday, December 23 from 9am to 2pm.

**Loma Seniors** Wednesday afternoons at 1pm. Please call Tony at 403-273-4534 for more information.

**Adult Drop-in Volleyball** Drop in Volleyball is held every Wednesday night from 8:30 to 10:30pm. Join us in the gym at the Marlborough Park Community Centre for fitness and fun!

**Seniors Crib Club** Seniors crib Club meets Fridays at 1pm. Join us at the Marlborough Park Community Centre. New comers are welcome. To learn more please call Virginia Savage at 403-366-3062.

**Drop-in Crib** Join us at the Community centre for adult drop-in Crib every Monday night starting at 7:00pm. Everyone welcome.

**Drop-in Tai Chi** Drop-in Tai Chi is held at the Marlborough Park Community Centre every Tuesday from 9:15 to 10:15am.



## WINSTON HTS - MOUNTVIEW

### Winston Hts - Mountview Community Association

**Hall: 520 - 27 Avenue NE**

Hall Rentals: Call 403-276-5474

Email hallmanager@winstonheights.ca  
Newsletter email: newsletter@winstonheights.ca

### WHMV Centennial Garden - Fall 2010 Events and Workshops

**Decorating the Garden for Xmas** - Sunday, December 05, 1 - 3 p.m.

Fun activity with hot chocolate. Everyone welcome.

For registration or enquiries about the Garden Workshops or Events please contact: Yvette at (403) 698-1075 or garden@winstonheights.ca

### Santa Claus Breakfast and Craft / Bake Sale: Sat, Dec. 11th

Breakfast starts at 10am, Santa comes at 11am, Craft Sale 10am - 2pm

Breakfast is \$2 for members, \$4 for non-members, \$1 for children

Avoid the crowded malls and check out more than 26 craft tables!

Call Leanne for information 403-283-1751

All proceeds will raise money for our Community.

Bring a non-perishable item for the Food Bank if you wish.

## MOUNT PLEASANT

### Mount Pleasant Community Association

**Hall: 602 - 22nd Avenue NW**

Hall Rentals: Call 403-230-9091 or email:

hallrentals@mpca.ca

Newsletter email: publicity@mpca.ca

### Pleasant Times - Upper Hall, 602 22 Ave. NW

**Adults-only gathering.** Meets at 2 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month in the Upper Hall for conversation, games, and refreshments. We also organize adults-only day and evening trips. Please e-mail lohanlon@telus.net or call Linda at (403) 289-8390.

### Annual Mount Pleasant Community Christmas Party

Saturday, December 4th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the upper hall.

A photographer will be available this year for pictures with Santa. The cost will be \$12 for one photo and \$20 for two photos.

### Mount Pleasant Fire Nights

Friday night Campfire news events will be posted in the Mount Pleasant community pool bulletin board. Thanks to Dee for hosting!

**Book Club** - Interest has been expressed in forming a Mount Pleasant book club. If you'd like to get together with your neighbours in a casual atmosphere, share your thoughts on a good book, and enjoy some refreshments, e-mail lohanlon@telus.net or call Linda at (403) 289-8390.

## CROSSROADS

### Crossroads Community Association

**Hall: 1803 14 Avenue NE** Ph: 403-277-6201

Hall Rentals: Call Marlene at 403-277-6201

Newsletter email: convenor.editor@gmail.com

### Annual Winter Festival, 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm at the hall

Time: 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm at the hall. This year's Annual Winter Festival will be better than ever. Some of the activities include: make a holiday card table, face painting, balloon animals, kids colouring table, bean bag toss and, of course, an appearance by Santa Claus.

### BRING ON THE ADVENTURE! SCOUTING OPPORTUNITIES

For more information please call James or Marilyn at 403-207-0272.

**Scout Bottle Drive:** The Crossroads 36 Beavers, Cubs, Scouts & Venturers are having a bottle drive in Belfast and Mayland on January 8, 2011. If you cannot wait until then for a pick up or would like to ensure we make it to your house please call Inga at 403-286-1249.



# Connections

## Area Event and Resource Guide

### CROSSROADS cont

#### **Meet Your Neighbours Pub Night**

Jan. 21 at 7 pm . For details see our Facebook event page at [www.facebook.com/event.php?id=154485491256515](http://www.facebook.com/event.php?id=154485491256515), or search Crossroads Community Association.

#### **Crossroads Community Preschool**

Now accepting registrations for the 2010/11 school year.  
Call 403-277-2168 for more information.

#### **Bingo Fundraisers:** Bingo Barn, 10 - 1107 33rd St NE

Tuesday, Dec. 28 from 4:45 to 9:30 pm  
Saturday, Jan. 22 from 4:45 to 9:30 pm or 9:30 pm to 1:30 am  
Friday, Feb. 18 from 4:45 to 9:30 pm or 9:30 pm to 1:30 am

**If you can help out for these bingos, please call Sandy at 403-277-0841 or Ann at 403-276-1716.**

**Crossroads 50 Plus Club:** 6:45pm at the Crossroads Community Centre. Join us for fun times and meet your neighbours. For information call Lorna at 277-7710 or Anne at 276-1716 or visit our website at: [www.crossroads50plusclub.com](http://www.crossroads50plusclub.com)

#### **GIRL GUIDES OF CANADA**

Join today! There is something for ALL ages! For more information, contact Jan McCaghren at 403-219-0533 or [angelj@shaw.ca](mailto:angelj@shaw.ca).

#### **Connect with your Crossroads**

Crossroads Community Association has now introduced online social media as a way to connect with residents and members. You can find us at: LinkedIn: <http://www.linkedin.com/in/crossroadscommunity>  
Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/larrytheadman#/group.php?gid=118048868249237>  
Twitter: @CrossroadsComm  
YouTube: CrossroadsCA  
Follow us and keep up to date in the very latest information on events and goings on in Crossroads. You can contact our Publicity Director Larry Leach at [larrytheadman@gmail.com](mailto:larrytheadman@gmail.com) for more information.

### BRIDGELAND-RIVERSIDE

#### **Bridgeland Riverside Community Association**

**Hall: 917 Centre Avenue NE** Ph: 403-263-5755

Newsletter email: [newsletter@brcacalgary.org](mailto:newsletter@brcacalgary.org)

Visit our web site at: [www.brcacalgary.org](http://www.brcacalgary.org) for a complete listing of programs and classes.

**Bridgeland Riverside Playgroup:** We meet 3rd Friday of each month. The playgroup runs from 9:30-11am. Participation is free, but current BRCA membership required. For more information please email: [info@brcacalgary.org](mailto:info@brcacalgary.org).

#### **Bridgeland Riverside Walking Group**

Get out. Get active. Get connected! We've been meeting at the BRCA hall parking lot and taking a one hour walk through Bridgeland and neighbouring communities. Christine our walking guide fills us with tidbits of information. To participate or for more information contact: [bridgelandrunwalk@gmail.com](mailto:bridgelandrunwalk@gmail.com)



### TUXEDO PARK

#### **Tuxedo Park Community Association**

**Hall: 202 29 Avenue NE**

Ph: 403-277-8689

Newsletter email: [sam@cherubconsulting.com](mailto:sam@cherubconsulting.com)

#### **Programs at Tuxedo Park**

A variety of programs and courses take place at the hall, please call or visit the hall for more information.

#### **UPCOMING 2010 EVENTS - at the hall**

Nov 06 & 07 ..... Community Garage Sale  
Nov 11 ..... TPCA Community Meeting  
Nov 19 ..... Community Supper, Corn Beef and Cabbage  
Dec 04 ..... **Breakfast with Santa**  
Dec 09 ..... TPCA Community Meeting  
Dec 17 ..... Community Supper, Turkey/Ham  
Jan 13, 2011 ..... TPCA Community Meeting  
Jan 21, 2011 ..... Community Supper, Supper Spaghetti

**NOTE:** Community supper is at 6pm and costs \$14 per person, children 6 years old and younger - \$7 each.

**Our events are open to everyone: members, residents, family and friends of Tuxedo Park both in and outside our community.**  
For more information please call Kelly at 277-4723 or Bev at 277-8689.

#### **Craft Nights at Tuxedo Park**

Second Wednesday of the month. 6:30 to 10pm in the upper hall at the community centre. You can sit uninterrupted and work on your craft. There is no fee for the evening, but we ask that you purchase a current community membership (\$5 for singles, \$10 for families), which are available at the hall. Hope to see you there with your craft!

#### **Guiding Program in your Area**

Please contact Sandra Williams at 403-295-3840

or email: [sandra\\_williams@shaw.ca](mailto:sandra_williams@shaw.ca)

### CRESCENT HEIGHTS

#### **Crescent Heights Community Association**

**Hall: 1101 - 2nd Street NW**

Hall Rentals: Call 403-804-5600

Newsletter email: [elizhancock@shaw.ca](mailto:elizhancock@shaw.ca)

**Wild Rose United Church - Upcoming Events** Visit our new website at [www.wildroseunited.ca](http://www.wildroseunited.ca) and click on our calendar of events for further details.

- **Fall Supper** - November 6th. Wonderful turkey dinner and great company. Call the church office at 403-277-5576 for tickets.
- **Mindful-Eating Course** - Explore the connection between healthy eating and spirituality. Contact the church office to register.
- **Rainbows Course** - Sunday afternoons, 7-week sessions. Education and skills to help children. The sessions foster emotional healing for those grieving the loss from a life-altering crisis such as separation, divorce, death, incarceration and foster care. If your children may be interested in the program please contact the church office.
- **The Good Food Box** - Contact the church office for deadline dates or to place your order.

#### **Crescent Heights Playgroup** - Wednesdays 10am - 11:30am

Crescent Heights Community Hall. Community membership required.

Children at any age welcome - babies included.

Contact Stacie Banks at 403-670-6872 or [stacie\\_banks@yahoo.ca](mailto:stacie_banks@yahoo.ca)

### HIGHLAND PARK

#### **Highland Park Community Association**

**Hall: 3716 - 2nd Street NW**

Hall Rentals: Call 403-276-6969

#### **FREE Playgroup** - Tuesdays 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.

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Please drop-by or contact Margo by calling 403-714-7994 or email [margo@weconnectyou.ca](mailto:margo@weconnectyou.ca) for more details.

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# Volunteer Extraordinaire, cont. from page 13

Leader for a crew from Crescent Heights who participate in the City's Pathway and River Cleanup. He's a bit of a neat freak, and supports our Board member who organizes our own Community Cleanup by showing up and lending a hand the day of that event as well.

A good example of John's community spirit and love of getting involved in his neighbourhood is how he spent countless hours helping to develop and review a sub-lease for the Rotary Park Lawn Bowls Club, to allow this group to continue to use and upgrade the lawn bowling facility in Rotary Park. Within a few months, John had joined the Lawn Bowls Club and was out bowling himself!

It's hard to imagine how John finds time for his own full-time work with the hours he puts into leading the CHCA and to participating in various

community events, both in the neighbourhood and in the City. John represents the best of community involvement and leadership, and has been instrumental in making Crescent Heights a stronger and healthier community, both encouraging and leading the involvement of his fellow residents.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if additional information or detail on John's effort is required. We'd be thrilled to have John publicly recognized as a Community Builder.

*Anne Underwood  
Secretary, Crescent Heights Community Association  
on behalf of Board Members, past and present*

## Community garden planning continues

The community garden planning committee met again in October to further discuss site location, size, design and irrigation for the community garden – all within the context of community feedback. Through the engagement of a professional landscape designer and our Parks Community Liaison we aim to present the community with a professional and well-thought-out plan, facilitating efficient construction and planting phases for Spring 2011.



Within the next few months preliminary garden design concepts will take form. Through an Open House and publication of concepts in The Crescent View we will keep you engaged in the planning process. Continue to follow the newsletter for updates and Open House dates.

Through its professional design, integration with the existing green space of Crescent Heights and careful consideration for beautifying elements, the garden will surely become a gathering and meeting place for residents. We hope that, as a resident, you are as proud to support this sustainable and local initiative as we are. 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 [crescentheightsg](mailto:crescentheightsg)

## Rosedale Playschool

Rosedale Playschool has had a busy fall! From Halloween celebrations, school and family pictures, and an Usborne Book Fair, to our AGM, both the teachers, kids and caregivers have been enjoying playschool and keeping busy!

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# Mayor's Annual Food Drive

It is that time of year again when communities all over Calgary participate in the Mayor's Annual Christmas Food Drive.

The Federation of Calgary Communities and all of the community associations that it is comprised of was a founding member of the Mayor's Annual Christmas Food Drive over 20 years ago.

Over the past two years the Federation opted to take on a bigger role in rallying community associations to participate in this annual event.



Volunteers at the food bank work hard to keep the wheels moving and the hungry fed.



Thousands of cans are collected every month, each one can mean a meal for someone going hungry.

The result has been a huge jump in the number of communities participating in the last two years. This has led to a big increase in the amount of food and cash donations collected by community associations.

This year we hope to increase on these numbers and are looking for an even better showing of community support for this important cause. Sign your community up at [www.calgarycommunities.com>events and workshops](http://www.calgarycommunities.com/events-and-workshops).

Communities are free to participate at their own pace and in their own way.

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# Off the Shelf

Book Review by Judith Umbach

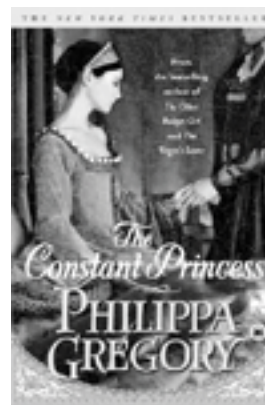
## The Constant Princess

By Philippa Gregory

In *The Constant Princess*, Philippa Gregory imbues her fictional Catalina with the infuriated patience of the actively ignored. As the youngest daughter of the imperial Ferdinand and Isabella of Spain, and known as the Infanta, Catalina from Aragon has always embraced her contracted identity as Princess of Wales and Queen of England.

The first unexpected jolt in achieving her destiny is the cold meanness of England after luxuriating in the warm, lush Alhambra for most of her young years. Nevertheless, her training as the daughter of conquerors stiffens her resolve to embody the alliance of Spain and England.

For a short while the sun of teenage love shines on her and her new husband, Arthur, Prince of Wales and son of King Henry VII. But, Arthur dies young and without heir. Catalina sinks into an almost unbearable slough of despondence, poverty and desperate waiting to fulfill her regal destiny. Stubbornly resisting every contrary suggestion, Catalina emerges victorious as Queen Katherine upon her marriage to Harry, Arthur's younger brother and suddenly King Henry VIII. The sun shines again – for a while.



Philippa Gregory focuses on the protagonists in their youth. Catalina was fifteen when she was sent from her home in Spain for her marriage in the court of England. Harry was seventeen when he came to the throne and married contrary to his elders' wishes. He had been carelessly raised as a second son. She had been raised from birth in the state-craft of her conquest-avid parents. As a consequence, their court was dizzy with high spirits and youthful indiscretions, which Queen Katherine tried to dominate in order to restore the crumbling alliance with Roman Catholic Spain.

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