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NEWSLETTER OF THE CRESCENT HEIGHTS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

March 2011



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President's Notebook

by John McDermid

So for myself, Planning Director Darlene Jones and Business Liaison Director Daniel Dang, it was off to the "Our Edmonton Trail Main Street" meeting with City Officials, city councilor Gian-Carlo Carra, and Renfrew and Crescent Heights community members on January 18, there to discuss a kinder gentler Edmonton Trail corridor, one that might become more walkable for local residents and a nicer experience for the anchor businesses that have begun the transformation of the commercial corridor into something more like a main street serving the three adjacent communities. We first learned of this from Crescent Heights resident Greg Curtis about a year ago. The initiative is predicated to a great extent on off-peak, on-street parking along certain segments of the Edmonton Trail commercial corridor. Like Centre Street some three blocks to the West, the Edmonton Trail corridor has been evolving in some very interesting ways, much to the benefit of the neighbourhoods on either side of it.

The objective is to alter traffic flows in such a way as to make Edmonton Trail more of a neighbourhood corridor than a commercial and transportation corridor. This is perhaps a tall order for a road that carries an average of 27,000 vehicle trips in a 24 hour period (compare this to 24,000 trips on 10th Street NW). A great potential development that could go hand in hand with on-street parking is the development of a Business Revitalization Zone for the area. One of the breakout groups tackled that idea, but seemed to veer off toward a combined Centre Street / Edmonton Trail BRZ, which would be great, but perhaps too ambitious for the mix of businesses operating in the two corridors now. Daniel Dang has floated the idea to several Centre Street businesses from time to time, but the BRZ idea doesn't seem to get a lot of traction.

One of the City representatives was a man named Merle, whose last name I missed, but he is Coordinator of Parking and Assessment. He noted that the available parking along the corridor is typically 40% occupied at a given time, but that any on-street parking could be expected to generate some congestion, even in off-peak hours. As the hour wore on I began to get the sense that Merle didn't really want to be there, and that the Transportation Department really didn't think this was a good idea. Community representatives from both the east west side of Edmonton trail voiced concerns about traffic stacking in the restricted lane flows, and the inevitable cut-through traffic into the open grid-patterned streets and avenues adjacent. Calgary Transit's representative didn't seem to be enjoying the session much, either. The plan for Edmonton Trail's future from Transit's perspective is to have it served by ten minute service 15 hours per day with the existing transit routes. Nor was it clear from this early session where and how extensive the on-street parking will be. There would appear to be areas in the corridor that would not benefit and could not safely support on-street parking, so the scope of the idea has yet to be defined in many important respects.

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So there is much work to do before the more appealing aspects of this initiative will begin to form part of our Edmonton Trail Reality. Residents of the adjacent communities want very much to see the businesses that have already transformed Edmonton Trail flourish and multiply, but as inner city communities with our residents' quality of life first and foremost, we'll have to identify, anticipate and mitigate any adverse impacts that the proposal might introduce. The prospect of greater volumes of high speed, frustrated cut-through traffic will, it would seem, at least require additional traffic calming measures, which, come to think of it, are needed now.

I write this a little ahead of our February 10 deadline in an effort to get it off to Elizabeth before I leave on vacation. I was going to apologize in advance for how very cold it will be while we are away, but by the time you read this I will have come and gone, so I am actually apologizing after the fact for how very cold it was here while we enjoyed the caress of the Caribbean sun. It just couldn't be helped.

Submitting this early also prevents me from being able to say much conclusive about the recent initiative of the Shaw family to purchase a parcel of undesignated road right-of-way at the far east end of Crescent Road. The intent was to incorporate this orphan parcel into the Shaw family home site, and in exchange for the loss of public land, to construct a landscaped amenity space at the head of the adjacent staircase. Had there been no net gain to the community in the form of this viewpoint, the Traffic and Planning committee could have reached a different conclusion, but the one they did reach, in support of the change of use and potential

sale of the parcel, I think was the right one. But it appears that CHCA will open the question up to wider debate, so keep in touch with your neighbours and inquire of any of the CHCA Board members to see where we go next. You may wish to sign up for our community e-mail list as this will be the likely channel by which we will publicize a CHCA meeting on the subject if that's how our board decides to proceed. I'll be sipping a cool one and trying not to poke myself in the eye with the little umbrella while they decide how best to proceed on this one.

Our long-suffering rink volunteers have had a rough go of it in recent weeks, with widely fluctuating temperatures that result in enviable ice one day, and rather spongier conditions the next. Add to this a busted snow-blower. If you're out using the rink and can spend a few minutes on the friendly end of a snow shovel, please do and you will be a friend to our rink rats forever.

Finally this month, this just in: the date for this year annual River and Pathway Clean-up has been set for Sunday, May 1st. If you're one of our regulars for this event, or would like to join us for the first time, please mark your calendars. Last year's clean-up was toasted with frosty beverages at the Fiddler's Courtyard Pub on Edmonton Trail and that was a very good idea indeed. It's thirsty work and having the pub to repair to afterward was just the extra incentive we needed. Join us if you can.

Next: Spring.

Rosedale Playschool

The weather has been cold, but we've been doing our best to stay warm with special events, parties and special guests!

In January, all three classes enjoyed a Fiesta Day where the children celebrated the warmer things in life! Our Valentine's Parties were a hit and brought smiles to many faces in our community with a "Friendship Parade" through the neighbourhood. The afternoon class also enjoyed the Crescent Heights Community skating rink, despite the chilly weather!

Two of our classes also enjoyed a special guest from the Inglewood Bird Sanctuary! Cate the Coyote visited in costume and talked to the children about the wildlife that can be seen at the Bird Sanctuary.

We are also excited to announce that our Lead Teacher Rachel Duncan has been nominated for an AACA (Alberta Child Care Association) Award of Excellence! Best of luck Mrs. Rachel!

Mark your calendars for our Information night on March 10 at 7:00pm, and our Registration night on March 17 at 6:30. For more information about registration, please contact our Registrar Todd Houston at 403-230-7987 or email rosedaleplayschool@gmail.com.



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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.

Keeper

A Hughes House History

by Professor Z

When Kelly Smith plunked down the less-than-princely sum of fifty thousand dollars in 1984 to purchase a large semi-derelict two and a half storey Edwardian house in East Crescent Heights, he had no idea what he was in for. Although twenty six years have passed and his initial five year restoration plan remains a work in progress, he is now finally on the homeward stretch.

The Smith residence is known as the Hughes House because of its early occupancy by Dr. Ralph Raymond Hughes, a prominent local doctor who resided in the home with his family from 1918 to about 1941, thereafter moving to Scotland Street in the tony Scarboro district of SW Calgary. Upon his arrival in Calgary in 1912, Dr Hughes first resided- and practiced- at 231-16 Ave NW, where the first two of his four children were born, just prior to the family's move in 1918 to 11th Avenue in East Crescent Heights, which then formed part of Regal Terrace. His only son Donald, who passed away in February 1919 at the age of five, may possibly have been a victim of the 1918-1919 Spanish flu.

Although Dr. Hughes maintained a downtown office at 300, 804-1 St SW during the 1920's and 30's, it would seem that he also saw patients at his residence on occasion.

In addition to his private practice, Dr. Hughes served as chairman of the medical staff of the General Hospital and was actively involved as deacon and board member of the Crescent Heights Baptist Church for over 40 years. Upon his passing in 1959, he was survived by his wife Margaret and two daughters, Shirley and Marjorie.

The Hughes House was constructed in 1914 and was initially valued at \$875 in addition to the three 25 foot lots on which it was originally sited, each valued at \$625, according to the 1914 Calgary property assessment



roll. Its first resident, according to the same document, was one Samuel Barkley, a sales agent for the Barrie Carriage Company. The Barrie Carriage Company, headquartered in Barrie Ontario, sold wagons, carriages and accessories, and was forced into bankruptcy by 1920, partially due to its attempt to diversify into automobile production in 1916.

Following the departure of the Hughes family in the early 40's, the Hughes House became a rooming house, and a variety of tenants resided in the property from then until 1982, when it sat vacant for two years prior to Kelly purchasing it. Tenants' occupations in that interval were varied and included the roles of fireman, nurse, accountant, CPR clerk, car salesman, cab driver, upholsterer, mechanic, AGT repairman, government lab technician, and derrick operator. Some readers will remember Andy's Grill on 16th Ave NE- one tenant waitressed there in the 50's; another resident owned and operated the Dairy Bar at 906-3 St NE in addition to the Dairy Queen at 107-4 St NE in the early 50's.

Kelly Smith first became aware of the Hughes family legacy while chatting with his neighbours, the Martini family, who had first come to live in their home in 1939. Somewhat later, an elderly passerby stopped to relate that

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**Crescent Heights Community Association (CHCA)
Invites You to the
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, April 26th, 2011
7:00pm
at Crescent Heights Community Hall
1101 - 2nd Street NW
Join us after the meeting for wine and cheese.**

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Dr Swann

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Dr. Hughes had been there to provide emergency assistance to her child after he had been scalded many years ago.

After taking possession of the home in 1984, Kelly continued to rent out rooms in the upper part of the house, while at the same time gutting and re-insulating the basement and main floor. A room which had probably served as Doctor Hughes' office on the main floor was opened up with the effect of expanding the living room. Throughout the remainder of the house, Kelly has endeavoured to preserve as much of the original woodwork and features as possible and the home's exterior retains its original siding and trim. In the 1990's, renovations to the second and third floors began, and updates continue to this day. This work was accomplished in addition to Kelly's full-time occupation as a self-employed contractor as well as his parental responsibility as a single father raising a son in the house, which might help to explain the timeline deviation from the five years that he first envisaged for the renovation.

About eleven years ago Kelly, being a gregarious chap, decided to open a Bed and Breakfast on the premises in an effort to make the best use of all the extra living space he and his son enjoyed. Since that time, he's had a number of interesting visitors; some are seasoned travellers who prefer the more intimate experience only a B and B can offer, and some are relatives who are visiting family in the area. One of his more interesting guests was a female in her 30's who contacted him after viewing a picture of the Hughes House on the B and B's website. She claimed to have lived

in the house in a previous life, and upon arriving at the property was able to identify pre-renovation interior details that Kelly had first seen upon taking ownership in 1984. While there are many possible- and certainly less ethereal-explanations for this, it might just be that the Hughes family's Scottish maid Elaine had been reborn and had come back for a wee visit!

For the past five years and about every three months or so, the Hughes House has also welcomed visitors to small house concerts, featuring individual folk/soul/jazz performers and small combos based mostly in western Canada, details of which can be found at hugheshouse.ca. A focal point of many of these performances is a restored 1876 Rosewood Grand Piano purchased by Kelly about the same time he moved into the house.

Since Kelly has now resided in his house for twenty six years and has thus managed to eclipse the Hughes family's twenty three year occupancy, perhaps sometime soon the house should be renamed the Smith House to reflect that accomplishment!

References: *Henderson Directories, 1913 through 1984; Calgary property tax assessment rolls from 1910 through 1919, Calgary Corporate Archives; 1916 Prairie Provinces federal census (online); obituaries for Donald Hughes (1919) and Dr. Ralph Hughes (1959), both from "the Albertan" newspaper; personal interviews with Kelly Smith*

International Women's Day Celebration

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Unlocking Alzheimer's disease: *More than memory loss*: Monday, Mar 14 from 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Healing with Home Remedies: Learn how to prepare rejuvenating remedies with everyday household items at minimal cost. Monday, Apr 11 from 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Programs for Adults

Medications Used in Child and Adolescent Mental Health: Gain an understanding of medications used for common mental health diagnosis, common side effects and how to manage them. Presented by the Community Education service, Child & Adolescent Addictions Mental Health Program. Wednesday, Apr 27 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Register online at www.fcrc.sacyhn.ca

Programs for Families

Coffee & Conversation for Parents: If you like the songs and rhymes you learn in the library's baby storytime, and Mother Goose programs come and practice at the library! Bring your baby or a toddler and enjoy an hour of socializing with other parents. Tuesdays up until Mar 29 from 11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Programs for Kids & Teens

Game On!: Hang out with other teens at the Library and test your skills at games like Rock Band, Guitar Hero, and more! We've got lots of room to swing those controllers around! :) Ages 13 to 17. Tuesday, Mar 29 from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

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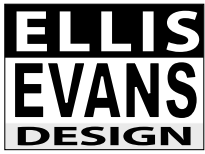
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Burns and Scalds



Every month Alberta Health Services EMS responds to emergencies where a young child has sustained severe burns or scalds. These incidents often occur inside the child's own home. Common causes include a child accidentally tipping hot liquids onto themselves, touching a hot surface, or making contact with an electrical outlet. Fortunately, incidents such as these can be avoided by taking simple preventative measures.

Degrees of burn

- **1°:** Affects only the top layers of the skin; appears red like a sun burn; discomfort is generally tolerable.
- **2°:** Deeper and much more painful than 1° burns; broken skin or blisters commonly develop.
- **3°:** Severe: the deepest layers of skin and tissue are injured; may appear charred or leathery.

First Aid for burns

- Skin may continue to burn if not aggressively cooled. Immediately douse burns with large amounts of cold water.
- Cover the burn with a sterile dressing, or any clean, non-fluffy material to protect from infection.
- Over the counter medications may be used for pain. Adhere to directions given on the label.
- Seek further medical attention from your doctor as required.

Prevention of burns

- Check the temperature of your hot water tank. Many homes keep hot water temperatures as high as 60°C / 140°F. This temperature will scald a child in just seconds.
- Use placemats instead of tablecloths. Tablecloths can be yanked downward causing hot drinks or food to spill on a child.
- Turn pot handles to the back of the stove and ensure cords from kettles, slow cookers, and other electrical appliances cannot be reached.
- Avoid picking up a child while holding any hot liquids.
- Ensure electrical outlets are made secure by installing commercially available safety devices that prohibit access.

If you require immediate medical attention for a burn, **call 9-1-1.**

Letter to the Editor

Regarding Sue Beugin's article in the February 2011 View re the proposal of a Fitness Circuit on McHugh Bluff. As a resident in the immediate area that she is proposing the fitness circuit, her idea is premature and ill conceived. How she is describing what she is envisioning and her comment that the "fitness stations built along the pathway system would be built in as an environmentally low impact" and "they would not interfere with Crescent Road residents' sight lines over the City.

I have lived in Crescent Heights, west of Centre Street for over 27 years and have seen a lot of undesirable things happening to our once quiet neighbourhood. Mrs. Beugin is living in an area not immediately confronted with the problems we as residents along the pathway in Crescent Heights are facing.

These are:

1. Shortcutting through 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 Avenues to avoid turning left on 12th Avenue and on 16th Avenue NW.
2. Drug peddling along Crescent Road and side streets.
3. Drug house on 1st Street NW frequented by the Calgary Police Service on a monthly basis.
4. Stretch limousines and party busses bringing revelers to openly drink and party at the top of the 2nd street stairs.
5. Littering the pathway in the evening hours throwing alcoholic beverage bottles, some glass that get broken out the window, coffee cups, milk shake containers, leftover Peter's Drive Inn boxes, etc.
6. Urinating and defecating on the hill and in the park's bushes.
7. Increased number of dog walkers who don't pick up their dog's poo.

And finally:

8. Influx of exercise clubs holding fitness programs on a daily basis resulting in:
 - a. Higher than normal traffic compounded by the short cutters;
 - b. Crescent Road is a parking lot with over 100 parked vehicles after work during warmer weather;
 - c. 2nd Street Stairs were built for commuters but are now a fitness prop for fitness clubs working out of their vehicles;
 - d. Crescent Road Park between 2nd and 3rd Street NW is a base of operations for fitness clubs using bungee cords on the park's tree branches, the picnic benches for their step up and step down exercises;
 - e. Pedestrians coming home from work are over run by exercisers who sometimes carry weights up and down the stairs during peak travel;
 - f. Exercisers block the top and the bottom of the stairs with fitness mats, water bottles and towels;
 - g. Advertising fitness posters illegally taped on power poles and in the park;
 - h. Holding noisy exercise classes in the early morning hours on the weekends when we cherish the ability to sleep in; and
 - i. Once classes have ended, the exercisers return to the stairs but they will drive their vehicles across town to exercise on the stairs.

As residents in the area, we were not consulted and have not seen or heard of a feasibility study which Mrs. Beugin has indicated has been completed.

Further, who will maintain the equipment and will the City be liable or the community association be liable for anyone getting injured by its mere presence on the hill? A number of Crescent Heights residents purchased and planted perennials in the park with the City's blessing to maintain the gardens. Eventually numerous wedding parties would grace the park. Two years ago the city stopped maintaining the gardens and the flowers are now gone.

by S. Ho Lem
February 10, 2011

Traffic & Planning Meeting

On Tuesday, March 15th, the Traffic and Planning Committee will be discussing Development Permit LOC2010-76 in regards to the proposed change of use from road right-of-way to private ownership. Interested and affected community members are encouraged to attend and voice their opinion. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. and will be held in the community hall at 1101 - 2nd Street NW.

Wild Rose United Church

Activities & Events

Tuesday, March 8th Celebrate Shrove Tuesday with us!
Family Pancake Supper at 5pm. Activities for the children.
Adult \$5, Senior \$4, Child \$3, Family \$12.
Reserve your tickets at 403-277-5576.

Sharing Talents – Every Tuesday in March beginning at 9:30am for tea, conversation and handwork. It is surprising how many projects are completed! Find those unfinished articles and bring them to work on. Help and suggestions are available. Everyone welcome.

SOUP'S ON – along with a spiritual question to ponder. Every Wednesday at Noon. Everyone is welcome. No registration required.
\$2 donation is appreciated.

We are a Good Food Box Depot. Next deadline to order a small, medium, or large box of produce is March 29th for delivery on April 7th. Payment due on ordering. Contact the Church Office at 403-277-5576.

Nursery Parents Group meets on March 13th and 27th at 11:15 am for lunch and discussion. Child care provided.
Contact Betsy at 403-277-5576.

Prayer Shawl Ministry – would you like to make a prayer shawl (yarn provided) or receive one? Stop by the Church Office. Hours are:
Monday – Thursday from 9am – 3pm and Friday from 9am – Noon.

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Families and students will explore our dynamic Earth with local geoscientists from May 8th to 10th at Earth Science for Society

About 2,000 junior high school students, as well as families and interested Calgarians will visit the Earth Science for Society Exhibition (ESfS), a vibrant showcase of the Earth Sciences with hands-on activities and exciting demonstrations for all ages and interests.

Last year, exhibition participants cracked rocks to find rare trilobite fossils, watched a dynamic presentation about coal mine explosions, looked through microscopes, and got up close with a large meteorite. The exhibition shows how Earth Science plays a critical role in our society and makes the connection between responsible resource development and the things we use every day. Some may even be inspired to pursue a geoscience career!



“ESfS was such a success last year that it is happening again this year and we are very excited,” said an ESfS volunteer. “Geoscientists love what they do and want to share their enthusiasm with others. This is a wonderful opportunity to make the connection between our everyday belongings and Canada’s natural resources”.

Join us for a fun and educational outing discovering the earth sciences. This exciting exhibition will be open to the general public on Sunday, May 8, from 12–5 pm and Monday and Tuesday, May 9th and 10th, from 9 am – 3:30 pm. It will be held at the TELUS Convention Centre, located downtown 2 blocks from the C-Train. Admission is FREE to this family-friendly event and all ages and interests are invited to attend. This year we will be offering complimentary giveaways to celebrate Mother’s Day. Earth Science for Society is an outreach initiative of the annual geoscience convention recovery 2011.

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Candace & Jesse C.

Heritage Matters

Heritage Futures for the City of Calgary with Dr. Nancy Pollock-Ellwand

Learn why we should care about the city's heritage, what we have learned from our past achievements and failures, the value of heritage to the community, and future trends.

Friday, March 11, 5:15 pm

Main Floor, Central Library, Downtown

Beverages and food will also be provided.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Please register online at <http://calgarypubliclibrary.com/programs.aspx> (search for Heritage Matters) or by calling 403-260-2620.

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1. Digital photos only so they can be emailed to us.
2. Pictures should have family or community content.
3. Pictures should be large (at least 1 MB in size).

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Off the Shelf

Book Review by Judith Umbach

They Fight Like Soldiers, They Die Like Children *By Roméo Dallaire*

To read the first part of *They Fight Like Soldiers, They Die Like Children* is almost unbearable. So why recommend it? Because what the children suffer is actually unbearable. Yet children bear the brunt of forcible recruitment into adult fighting, and unless we do something about it, what we won't bear, they will. This is premise of Roméo Dallaire's second book.

Dallaire speaks from his painful experiences as a professional soldier facing child soldiers shooting weapons. "Shoot or not to shoot?" is the question Dallaire is spending the rest of his life trying to eradicate. He cannot rest while adults on every continent (saving the uninhabited Antarctica) regard children as a cheap, easily manipulated weapons system. He insists on the term "weapons system" to make us who are at peace understand the comprehensiveness of the identification, recruitment, drugging, training and exploitation of children. Not absolving "Western" countries, he points to the clandestine use of children by drug gangs and organized crime. And, he points out that although Canada was one of the first signatories of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, there is no legislation to implement it, allowing us to ignore its provisions.



The second part of Dallaire's book is much easier to read. Here he outlines what he is doing to help military forces, NGOs and governments develop an effective process for preventing the recruitment of child soldiers. Even during peace, rehabilitation is traumatic and difficult in most post-war zones; only crippling the economics of using children can end their abuse by adults. A telling example is the continuous effort by arms manufacturers to make weapons light and easily used – but bullets are still relatively expensive. Dallaire proposes, among other ideas, an arms control protocol restricting ammunition.

They Fight Like Soldiers, They Die Like Children focuses its advocacy on Canadian youth, the 18 – 35 year olds. He urges them to vote and he urges them to act. He even provides a framework, through the Child Soldiers Initiative www.childsoldiersinitiative.org. His motto is "Zero Force: Even One Child Soldier is Too Many". Hard to disagree.

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