

The Crescent
View

April 2011



NEWSLETTER OF THE CRESCENT HEIGHTS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Crescent Heights AGM

7pm - April 26th

**At the Community Hall
Wine and Cheese Social
to follow**



**Community Photo Contest!
See page 21 for details.**

Photo courtesy R. Johnston

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President's Notebook

by John McDermid

Response to our call for volunteers to staff our fundraising Casino on May 19 and 20 has been very good: once again a strong group of regulars have raised their hands, many of them already assigned to key positions for the two-day event; but we are still a bit short of our goal of fully staffing all of our volunteer complement as we assemble our Casino Licence Application. A huge thanks to all of you who have agreed to work a shift, and we make a further appeal to anyone who might have considered it and decided against volunteering. We have some of our regulars who have agreed to work a double shift if necessary, and our two key perennial count room people, Dave and Diane Ness, have already agreed to work both nights. A casino shift is above and beyond the call for any Crescent Heights resident, but a double shift is almost beyond the pale. Moreover, one of our regular volunteers agreed recently to work a shift and she happens to be in her nineties. Is anyone out there willing to work that particular shift and give this lovely lady a pass on this year's casino? Remember that all volunteers are entitled to a full meal at the restaurant on site at the Stampede Casino. The food is very good and this facility, located at the north end of the Stampede Grounds, is fairly handy to our community with ample underground parking available to everyone. Access to the event could turn out to be a little trickier if the Flames have a play-off game on either night, but we'll burn that bridge when we come to it. Please give me a call at 403-277-8653 or e-mail me at johnmcdermid@shaw.ca if you can help us out with this critical fundraising effort.

As I write this, in addition to assembling our Casino Licence Application package, we are also poised to commence a major kitchen renovation at the Hall. We settled on the last two weeks of March to coordinate this work as carefully as possible to minimize disruptions to daytime and evening user groups. Once again we extend our thanks to Bev Rodgers for assisting us in making some colour and material choices, and to our tenacious Project Manager Nickie Brockhoff. We'll hope to be substantially complete by the end of March, with any little leftover items complete in time for our Annual General Meeting on April 26. By the time you read this we should be through the worst of it. Let's cross our fingers for a smooth renovation!

Please mark your calendars for the AGM and join us for a review of the financial health of our community association, a look at the year in review and a look forward as we prepare to negotiate a change in direction and in focus for CHCA. Our plan is to place greater emphasis on programs in the community. Among other guests expected at the AGM is Constable Dom Laporte of Three District, Calgary Police Service. Dom will provide a quick update of CPS activity and trends in our community, good and bad. There will be time for a Q&A session during the wine and cheese social to follow our business meeting. We have also invited City Councilor Druh Farrell and await word as to whether she will be able to join us on the 26th.

Community Liaison Officer Dom Laporte has also been attending our monthly board meetings of

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TD Waterhouse - M. Kolodnicki

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late, and in March brought us news of several interesting CPS initiatives. First among them is an electronic version of the community crime maps that were pioneered (in some respects) by our own Block Watch program, thanks to Block Watch Crime Cartographer Anne Pointen. Many of you will recall the oversize community maps on which Anne used to plot property crimes, colour coordinated by offence type and plotted by location. They were a huge draw for residents and a significant eye-opener in respect of the nature and frequency of property crimes in our community. The CPS maps, which track person crimes as well as property crimes, are now available at <http://crimemap.calgarypolice.ca>. You can select your date range and see what mayhem is playing out on the streets of our home community. Hey, who's that skulking in the alley?

Another interesting development is the CPS Citizen Online Police Report System. As always, for emergencies or crimes in progress, call 911, but for minor offences (however troubling), such as a property crime of a value under \$5,000, the offence can be reported online. For such a loss or theft of property under \$5000, a vandalism offence of under \$5000, or a vehicle break-in, this is the site to visit and file your report. The allure of the online reporting system is that it can produce the case report number necessary for insurance purposes, and free up CPS members to focus on higher profile crime trends. If a further investigation is required, you will be contacted, but meanwhile you can proceed with your insurance company to make your claim with the CPS case number in hand and move on. Check it out at <http://www.calgarypolice.ca/online-reporting.html>. Should you have occasion to file an online report, you may even have a follow-up call from the CPS's Victims' Assistance Unit. I know that several years ago such a consoling call from a lovely young woman helped enormously in my getting over the after-effects of the brazen theft of a six-mil roll of poly vapour barrier from the garage we were building and about to insulate at the time. I'm over it now, thanks in large part to that call.

Finally, an item of interest to frustrated observers of traffic in our community (because we certainly do have traffic in Crescent Heights) there is now available a Traffic Service Request Form online. This is an online resource by which to report persistent traffic violations observed by members of the community. Individual offences can be reported through this system, but be advised that using it to file a report of a single incident makes you the complainant, and you need to be willing and able to provide a plate number, a statement, and attend court if necessary. Constable Laporte advises us to be careful with reports of speeding traffic, as this can be deceiving to a stationary individual on a sidewalk, but chronic high speed cut-through traffic is certainly worth reporting and probably a visit and look-see by the Traffic Division. Access this service at <http://www.calgarypolice.ca/sections-traffic-service-form.html>. Let's be vigilant and pro-active, but use these resources prudently so we're not seen to be crying wolf.

Please also remember that our most active community sub-committee is our Traffic and Planning Committee, which meets twice each month on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 pm at the Hall, but if there is a traffic or planning and development issue you would like to discuss, call first to make sure

we have agenda items as we don't meet unless we have matters before us. Or we can convene just for your matter. Darlene Jones is our capable Planning Director, George Wovk is our Traffic Director and their contact information is up front on the masthead (page 3) of this publication. We all live here and share many of your concerns.

We have received an update on construction progress at the Emergency Operations Centre in Rotary Park. After some early construction setbacks, the project is back on track and here are the particulars. I paraphrase, but more I steal outright from the update message: "Construction continues at the work site . . . future home of the City of Calgary's Emergency Operations Centre. The shoring wall around the site is secure allowing for more work to be completed on the eastern half of the facility where the basic structural components are expected to be fully in place by early April. Work on the western portion of the facility continues as expected. Currently, occupation of the building is scheduled for the first quarter of 2012 and site landscaping is set for completion by the second quarter of 2012. Construction progress will be communicated quarterly through these public notices until further notice. 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."

Many of you will recall that on the south side of the EOC site, the major public art component of the project will be a sculptural piece by California artist Santiago Calatrava. No! That's not him, it's one Stephen Glassman. I was privileged to participate in the jury that selected Glassman's proposal for the site, and will try to get an update from him on his progress on the piece by this time next month. If you happen by the site anytime soon, you'll see that the main roundhouse media centre near the front of the building is starting to take shape. It's in this circular area that many of the laminated wooden roof beams salvaged from the old Rotary Park Legion building will be re-used in a striking spiral pattern. Huzzah.

Rivaling the architectural excitement of the EOC in Rotary Park these days is the continuing progress on the Rotary Park Lawn Bowls Clubhouse. Take a turn by the site soon and view the progress on their charming clubhouse, just one of the beautiful and exciting developments in our beloved Rotary Park.

Finally this month, a further reminder of this year's 44th Annual River and Pathway Clean-up: the event is set for Sunday, May 1. If you're one of our regulars for this event, or would like to join us for the first time, please mark your calendars and contact me at 403-277-8653. The success of last year's clean-up was toasted with frosty beverages at the Fiddler's Courtyard Pub on Edmonton Trail. That gathering was an award-winning very good idea from our friends on Meredith Road, some of whom will join us again this year. It's thirsty work and having the pub to repair to afterward was just the extra incentive we needed. Join us if you can. I'm headed to the annual Orientation Session on April 21, but I go mainly for the t-shirt. So far I have six and I'm going for a seventh. Clean to the Core, as they say, and on this side of the river too.

Spring is here!

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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.**



Calyx Distinctive Arts

Calyx Distinctive Arts presents its 21st semi-annual Exhibition and Sale of original artworks by local artists on Saturday April 30 and Sunday May 1, 2011, from 10 am - 4 pm, at the Crescent Heights Community Centre, 1101 - 2nd St NW Calgary. Free Admission, Free Parking, Free Draw.

Artists will be in attendance to discuss artworks and techniques in painting, printmaking, sculpture, jewellery, metalwork, woodwork, ceramics, glass, fibre and more. Different artists will be participating each day, so please attend both days. There is normally a line-up of customers waiting for the doors to open at 10 am, so come early for the best selection!

For more information please visit our website at www.calyx.ca

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Community Clean-up

**5th Annual Crescent Heights Community Clean-up:
Sunday, May 29th, 2011.**

This year, the CHCA Community Clean-up day has been tentatively scheduled for Sunday, May 29th, 2011, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Please note that this is a change from our normal date of Saturday after the Victoria Day long weekend.

Together with CHCA volunteers, Calgary Community and Bylaw Services is teaming up with Calgary Solid Waste Services to bring you this annual event. It is an opportunity for our community residents to maximize their spring cleaning by disposing of larger items and yard wastes which would otherwise require a trip to the landfill.

At this event, residents will have the opportunity to donate gently used, unwanted items to local charities. Additionally, electronics recycling services will also be provided in association with the management and staff at Technotrash Alberta Ltd. Home electronic items will be accepted for environmentally responsible recycling under Alberta's Recycling Management Authority.

Stay tuned to the May edition of the *Crescent Heights VIEW* for additional information regarding the event.

As always, we are looking for volunteers on the day of the event to help with on-site activities. If you have a couple of free hours, come on out and meet your neighbours and help us in cleaning up our community. If you have any question, or require further information, please call Daniel at 403-355-0058.

Crescent Heights Spring Soccer Program

Starts Tuesday, May 10, 2011

This is a six-week program where participants will learn basic techniques, ball skills, drills and game play. Emphasis is on fun!

Ages 4-5: Tuesdays 6:00-6:30 pm

Ages 6-7: Tuesdays 6:30-7:15 pm

Ages 8-12: Tuesdays 7:15-8:15 pm

(Groupings may change depending on interest)

Location: Crescent Heights Community Centre

Parent volunteers are welcome!

Cost: \$25.00 (plus an additional cost for those who require jerseys)

Please register by April 26th.

To register contact: Marie Evans at 403-230-4516 or e-mail marieevans@shaw.ca

Please ensure that your Crescent Heights Community Association membership is up to date.

Special thanks to Neil and Marilyn for taking on another route and to Brad (a new Crescent Heights resident) for becoming a newsletter carrier after the previous volunteer moved out of the area.

Thank you!

It Takes a Village...Crescent Heights Babysitting Co-op

The Babysitting Co-op continues to expand. We have lots of new members this year and a whole crop of kids under the age of five. The Co-op is a not only a great network for babysitting; it is also an excellent way to meet new people, make play dates and ensure that you have a safety net if you should ever need short-notice or emergency care. If you are new to the neighbourhood or the city, and especially if you don't have family nearby, the Co-op can be an invaluable resource! Come join us at our next monthly meeting - we look forward to getting to know you.

How it works:

- Using a system of chits, members arrange and exchange babysitting amongst themselves on an as needed basis.
- All members and their families (all adults in the home) are required to participate in the Block Parent program and go through the Calgary Police Service's security screening process.
- Moms (and dads!) can attend the once-a-month informal evening meeting (sans kids) to get to know one another. Meetings are held each month between September and June rotating at various members' homes. It's a great place to talk about parenting challenges, neighbourhood news, new things in your life and enjoy munchies and wine.
- Community Association members in good standing pay a \$25 non-refundable fee to participate.

And voila! Your own local Mary Poppins(es) can give you a few hours to yourself.

If you would like to see if joining the Babysitting Co-op is a venue for you, information about the April meeting date and location can be obtained from Robin at 403-276-8610.

McHugh Bluff Adopt-a-Park Work Session

Saturday, April 30th from 9:30 - 11:00 am

Spring litter and dog clean-up between 1st and 7A Streets NW

Meet at 4th Street and Crescent Road NW

Bags and gloves will be provided, along with a cold drink and Tim Hortons cookies!

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Programs for Tweens (ages 10-14)

Pirates of the Caribbean 4: Stranger Tides Adventure Party! Get ready for the new movie by joining the crew for adventure on the high seas, including buried treasure, a scavenger hunt & prizes for best dressed pirate! Thursday, May 19 from 7:00 – 8:30 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

Introduction to Social Media: These unique sessions provide a basic introduction to websites such as Facebook, Blogging, Twitter, YouTube, and more. Tuesday, Apr 19 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Everything's Coming Up Springtime: Skip or splash your way to springtime stories and rhymes for the whole family. Ages 2 to 5 with a parent/caregiver. Wednesday, Apr 20 from 7:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Programs for 50+

50+ Coffee & Conversation: Join us for coffee, conversation, and informal presentation of interest. Monday Apr 25 from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 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.

See you soon at the Louise Riley Library!

Mark your calendar!

Crescent Heights Community Clean-up
will be on Sunday, May 29th, 2010

A special “thank you” to
Vicki & Dale
for helping to deliver *The Crescent View*.
Your volunteer efforts
are very much appreciated!

DAVID E. MACPHAIL

Alderman's Message

by DruhFarrell

For many years, a large share of the cost of suburban growth has been covered by all Calgarians through their property taxes and utility rates. A large portion of your tax dollars is directed to new growth, rather than reinvestment and renewal in our established communities. Last July, City Council passed a set of principles to guide the new levy negotiations with the suburban development industry. These principles recommended development levies that would more closely reflect the true costs of growth.

The discussion around the cost of suburban growth has become an urgent one. Calgary has grown by 250,000 people (the population of Saskatoon) over the last decade and during this time, growth-related debt has ballooned to \$1.5 billion. If left unchecked, utility debt alone is projected to rise to \$2.5 billion by 2018.

It takes many years for a new community to fully build out, and yet these new communities still require the amenities afforded to all Calgarians, before there is a tax base to support the services. Improper timing of new development puts a huge burden on both the operating and capital budgets.

The principle of allowing housing choice – where you want to live in Calgary and in what type of dwelling – is an important one. It is equally important that the true costs are associated with the choices that we make and that they are not based on a public subsidy.

Recommendations on the proposed development agreement will be debated at the Land Use Planning and Transportation Committee on April 20 where the public has the opportunity to comment. I encourage you to participate.

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Gutter Doctor

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Our City. Our Budget. Our Future.

City Council approved a three-phase public engagement process to review core services and The City's business planning and budget process. In Phase One, we asked citizens and City of Calgary employees what information they needed in order to participate in the process. Phase Two consists of gathering information from citizens, employees and Council about values and priorities related to City services. Finally, in Phase Three we are asking how budget dollars should be allocated to provide the services Calgarians want now and for the future.

The information obtained will be provided to City Council in June, 2011 for our consideration as we confirm priorities for the 2012-2014 business plans and budgets. This will build the foundation for future planning and budgeting.

The response from citizens during Phase One was encouraging – community workshops engaged over 80 community organizations, associations and civic partners. The next two phases are where we really need citizens to tell us how to make the city we all want a reality – what is important, what is not. The focus is on City services, your values and priorities and how they relate to the services that touch your lives. Dates and locations for all forums can be found at www.Calgary.ca/ourfuture.

This is an exciting time in Calgary, a time to let us know what is important to you. Please help us by participating.

Support local kids

Help support your local kids with no cost to you. Really!

By buying Co-op or Safeway Gift Cards you can help raise funds for the Rosedale students to go on the West Coast Sailing Trip next year. It's easy, once you have made out your post-dated cheques, the cards will be delivered to your house every month and we will receive 5% of the profits. We sure would appreciate your support. As we all know, a few hundred dollars on groceries is nothing. To sign up, phone or e-mail Eldon Kearl at 403-453-5494 or kimkearl@shaw.ca



Keep your garden – and your back – healthy!

by Jo-Ann Scott, Physiotherapist

After a long and very cold winter, Spring is just around the corner – or so we hope!! It will soon be time to get out and tend to your gardens and yards. How wonderful will it be to finally be outside working again?

Remember though, you will be doing a lot of tasks that you haven't done in about a year so your body may suffer, especially if you do too much too soon. Lifting and carrying, bending over or shovelling can cause back pain – but they don't have to!!! Here are some quick tips to help you enjoy your garden again without suffering afterwards.

- Do a light warm up before you tackle the garden. Remember that gardening is still work to your body. You will be asking your body to get into positions that it is not used to as well as exerting yourself though lifting, carrying and shovelling. A light warm up allows the blood to flow to the muscles and “loosens them up”. A warm up can be anything, arm raises, back bends, stretching – it is just important to get your blood moving and “warn” the muscles that you are going to expect them to do their job!
- Try not to stay in a stationary position. If you are kneeling down weeding, reverse the position every 15-20 minutes. Staying in the same position puts a continuous strain on the soft tissues and may prevent the blood flow that these structures need to work efficiently.
- Be aware of your body mechanics. Kneel rather than stoop to plant flowers or seeds; stopping over for a long period can put excess strain on your back.
- When you are lifting and carrying things around the yard, keep the object against your belly button. This will ensure that in almost all instances, you will have to use your legs to lift and lower as well as move your feet rather than twisting the back to place the object down.
- Never throw over your shoulder. This forces the spine to be twisted as you are loading it and places you at risk of injury.
- Stay as upright as possible when shovelling or raking. Grip the shovel or rake at least 12 inches apart. This increases your leverage AND will prevent you from stooping over to shovel.
- Always push if you can. Pushing puts far less strain on the spine than lifting.

We're on the Web!

If you would like access to the newsletter on the web, you can visit

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3. Pictures should be large (at least 1 MB in size).

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Urban Wildlife

In the city of Calgary, we are blessed with an abundance of parks, natural areas, river valleys and green spaces. These areas are not only attractive to the citizens of our city, but also to our urban wildlife. Animals such as badgers, deer, skunks and especially coyotes are a fact of life in Calgary. We share these spaces with them and therefore, we must learn to co-exist.

As Calgarians, we all play a key role in keeping our communities safe by ensuring that wildlife do not find food, shelter or water in our neighbourhoods or backyards. As spring approaches and wildlife become more active and visible, we need to remember some important tips:

- Don't take garbage out until collection day.
- Don't litter.
- Don't leave pets unattended.
- Keep cats indoors.
- Keep your yard clear of animal feces.
- Avoid having birdfeeders in your yard.
- Keep garbage/compost in containers with secure lids.
- Don't let fallen fruit from trees accumulate.
- Trim bottom branches on trees and shrubs.
- Keep your yard free of accumulated materials.
- Close off crawl spaces under decks and patios.
- Don't leave pet food outside.
- Keep your yard tidy.

Never feed or approach wildlife. They can become bold if they are taught that people will feed them. And although it is rare for most of our urban wildlife to be aggressive towards people, there is always a risk of a negative encounter when interacting with wildlife.

Wildlife management in Calgary is under the jurisdiction of the provincial government. Animal & Bylaw Services supports Fish & Wildlife Management to track and understand coyote migration in the city of Calgary. Please assist us by reporting all coyote sightings to 3-1-1.

For wildlife such as badgers, deer or other large wildlife, call 403-297-6423. If you encounter animals such as bears, moose, cougars or wolves please call 9-1-1 immediately.

UJAMAA GRANDMAS – Annual Unused Fabric Sale

Support Grandmas helping African Grandmas at the 4th Annual Unused Fabric Sale. Saturday, April 9 from 9:30am – 2:00pm. Woodcliff United Church. 5010 Spruce Drive SW

All types of fabrics- quilting, denim, home decorating, knitting wool, patterns, notions, buttons and much, much more! For information or to donate fabrics, please contact: carla.lorring@live.ca All proceeds go to the Stephen Lewis Foundation's Grandmothers To Grandmothers Campaign.

City of Calgary Waste/Re- cycling Service

Twenty years at 525 feet

The Alberta Wilderness Association will be hosting its 20th annual Climb and Run for Wilderness at the Calgary Tower on Saturday, April 16. Be part of the best Earth Day event in the West and join walkers and runners aged 2 - 102 in climbing the 802 steps and 525 feet of the Calgary Tower to help increase public awareness of wilderness, wildlife and wild water in Alberta.

The Wild Alberta Expo will be back this year, with great entertainment and wilderness exhibits, and the tower stairwell will feature this year's new murals as we transform it into the tallest gallery in the West. Visit <http://climbforwilderness.ca> for more information or to register or sponsor a climber or call 403-283-2025.

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.

Off the Shelf

Book Review by Judith Umbach

Kingston By Starlight by Christopher John Farley

Who is tops on the most-piratical-scale: those who fly under the black flag, or the colonial governors who run their own fiefdoms, or the European governments who legalize slave ships? Or, perhaps the men who abandon their families to dire poverty?

In *Kingston By Starlight*, Christopher John Farley uses humour and history to challenge our acceptance of civilization's moral centre. As he describes in the afterword, called "Conversation", he steeped himself in Jamaican lore about female pirates memorialized in songs and tales. Then he soaked up all the stories and records in historical documents. Finally, he let the creative juices flow to entice us into the "truthiness" of the life of Anne Bonny.

Anne Bonny started life in Ireland in a dysfunctional, not entirely legal family at the end of the seventeenth century. Over the course of her early years, she was serially abandoned by members of her family, as well as societies on both sides of the Atlantic. In horror of her "inevitable" fate of falling into prostitution, she created her own destiny on a pirate ship – disguised as a man, of course. Pirate ships were cursed if a woman were aboard, so Bonn had be vigilant lest his real nature be discovered.



Like other women who escaped the strictures of social norms by joining male enterprises in disguise, Bonn succeeded as a pirate. Exercising extreme discretion about his person helped him take great care in executing his responsibilities on the ship.

While pursuing the golden dream of a valuable ship's cargo, the crew of colourful characters considered any ship with food and drink well worth capturing, even at risk to their own lives. And when fortune finally shone on them, the thrill of one more adventure lured them to the harsh judgment of the colonial legal system.

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