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President's Notebook

by John McDermid

This seems to be the time of year, with a number of events and initiatives clustered through the months of April and May, when it seems I prepare the same newsletter item for a few months running, noting only when each event recedes into the past and others appear on the horizon.

Our kitchen renovation is just drawing to a close, with only a little paint, clean-up and finishing electrical work to complete, but the new kitchen is cleaner and brighter than it has been in quite a number of years. We again express our thanks to Project Manager Nickie Brockhoff for deftly coordinating the work in a confined space over several weeks in late March and early April. Do drop by the hall sometime soon if you weren't able to join us at the AGM on April 26 to check out the new space. Thanks also to Bev Rodgers for her thoughtful and inventive choices of colours and materials. It was also Bev who chose our color palette for the hall's exterior and interior paint schemes, work that was completed last year. A welcome departure from the former stark white of the interior, the colours we now have in play are warmer and much more welcoming, Thanks again Bev!

The clustering of events in March-April-May this year is certainly no exception, especially with the May 19-20 Casino added into our spring mix. Response to our calls for volunteers continues to be strong: we only have a few evening shift positions to fill, these being chip runners and count room positions. These are typically light duty roles, but we can't show up short staffed, so if you were holding out until our need was acute, this is the time.

Thanks once again to our casino regulars who have stepped forward into key positions for the two-day event; We have submitted a second batch of casino volunteer application forms (required only for our key positions, for anyone stepping in to volunteer later, we don't even need any paperwork!) and as of April 6 we have our Casino Licence in hand. 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. Once we have our last few chip runners, money-counters and some back-ups, I'LL SHUT UP ABOUT IT for another couple of years.

Further to the Ground Hog Day theme, as I write this, the AGM is still a few weeks off, but when you read this it will have come and gone. The 2011 edition will be the eleventh such AGM for me. During that time I have met and worked with some of the most amazing people in our community, but I can't help but begin to think I am fast approaching (or past!) my Best Before date. As we approach the AGM for 2011, the current CHCA board of directors is making inquiries across the community in order to prepare a slate of nine candidates for the coming year's board.

It may be that we are at an important crossroads of sorts for the Crescent Heights Community Association. We will be meeting in May and June with representatives of Alberta Community

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Development in some facilitated sessions intended to help us shift our focus from our facility to programming initiatives. The early brainstorming by the current board has identified a number of program initiatives and funding sources that should help us to make this transition. From our position ten years ago of financial nail-biting, and scrambling to make ends meet, maintain the hall and keep the lights and heat on, we are now in a much healthier position, both financially and operationally. It seems to be consensus of the board that the time has come to change course and try to deliver meaningful programs right here in Crescent Heights for kids, families and seniors. Watch this space as we begin to develop programs and services for the benefit of Crescent Heights residents. That's something you didn't read here last month.

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 particular 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 Wowk is our Traffic Director and their contact information is up front on the masthead (page 3) of this publication. Remember this from April?

You may have seen our notice in the March issue of the View in respect of a public meeting that was held on March 15 in respect of a Change of Land Use for the undedicated road right-of-way adjacent to 102 Crescent Road NW. The land use change and accompanying bid to purchase this parcel of land garnered attention in the media and raised concerns (and hackles) among some residents. It also triggered the invocation of the Green Space policy that CHCA adopted some eight years ago, when a similar homeowner-initiated bid to purchase a contiguous parcel of public land was entertained. Ten people attended the meeting convened on March 15 to review the decision of the Traffic and Planning Committee from last November, which supported the land use change and disposition of the parcel, provided it remained undeveloped (in fact, due to its odd shape and proximity to McHugh Bluff, with steep slopes on two sides of the property, land use rules prevent the construction of any structure on the site in any case). Concerns were expressed about the loss of green space should the parcel move from public to private ownership, but by the end of the evening, there was no consensus to alter the T&P committee's provisional support for the change of use and disposition. Of significance to the discussion was the applicant's proposed development of a landscaped public amenity space and viewpoint at the head of the staircase at the east end of Crescent Road. This amenity space has the potential to take pressure off other public spaces along McHugh Bluff, where visitors congregate, and from time to time behave badly. Over the course of discussions before and since the March 15 meeting, the current year's work plan for the Crescent Road Promenade also factored into the deliberations. With everything else happening on the slope and along the top of the bluff, the city Parks Department did not want to add the parcel to its land inventory. As undedicated road right-of-way, this orphan parcel did not resonate quite the way true public reserve, park land or actual

green space would have. Had it been more unequivocal green space, I suspect it would have invoked our green space policy more immediately. In any event, it appears that our 2003 policy will need to be revisited in light of this application, which exposed some fundamental problems with the policy. For example, it contemplates that the CHCA compel the city to allocate any proceeds of sale to the purchase of replacement green space, and that such revenue be earmarked for the purpose and not flow into general revenues. Very noble objectives (and I was there in 2003 to vote in favour of adopting the policy), but in practice it is a policy that mandates the exercise of powers we do not possess as a community association. In the end it was the consensus of the group that the public sphere improvements at the corner of the site compensated adequately for the disposition of the orphan and overgrown parcel of land.

Finally this month, same as last month, but a good deal tighter in terms of timing for *The Crescent View* publication and distribution, is 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. Or just join us if you can on the route: Sunday May 1, 10:00am to 1:00pm at the Starbucks on Memorial Drive and Edmonton Trail. We'll work the North bank (River Left) from Edmonton Trail westward to the Calgary curling club.

And at the other end of that month (May 29, also a Sunday) is our CHCA Community Clean-up. See Daniel Dang's account of this event in last month's newsletter. I would recite the particulars here again for this month as a Ground Hog Day gesture, but it is Sunday, the sun is shining, the birds are singing and Spring is undeniably upon us. It's the final round of the Master's too. I'm officially out.

Rosedale Playschool Spring Update



Spring has arrived, and Rosedale Playschool students are excited! We had a great time at our annual Hop-a-Thon, and are looking forward to some exciting Spring activities! We have also been pleased to have a practicum student from Mount Royal University.

Volunteers will be working to revitalize our Community Garden after a long winter! We will be planting new perennials and annuals. If you have any perennial plants or herbs that you would like to donate please contact the playschool.

Our second annual Spring Fling will take place on Saturday, May 28 from 9:30 to 11:30am. We're looking forward to a fun morning of crafts, face painting, and other fun activities for the kids! Rosedale Playschool families, friends, and neighbours are welcome. For more information, please e-mail rosedaleplayschool@gmail.com.

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Your participation will be very much appreciated in helping to finance student sports and activities. For more information, please call Andrew at 403-276-6241.

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

This year, the CHCA Community Clean-up day has been 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.

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.

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 5. 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 on the May meeting date and place can be obtained from Robin (403)276 8610.

Wild Rose Events for Crescent Heights Residents:

May 3 – Good Food Box order deadline. All orders must be pre-paid. Delivery to the church is May 12.

May 7 - Gourmet Dinner for Nicaragua at 6pm in Wild Rose Hall. Tickets are \$35 and include 4-course meal, entertainment and silent auction. All proceeds to fund the service project that a Wild Rose team will be working on this July in Managua, Nicaragua.

May 10 – Men's Breakfast at 8am sharp! \$5 (First Timers are free)

May 20 - Reel Meal Deal of a Movie & Spaghetti Supper – contact Betsy at 403-277-5576

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May 28 – Rosedale Playschool Spring Fling (Toy Sale) from 9am to 1pm in Wild Rose Hall

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This Community Stewardship Program engages citizens in research, education and stewardship activities with regards to invasive species. Along with collaborative skills, successful candidates will enjoy learning the natural history of McHugh Bluff from Stewardship Leaders & presenters. Site specific training will be provided and program orientation is required. The time commitment will be 1 – 3 projects annually. Projects are usually 1 ½ hours long.

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I Can See Your House From Here (Part 1 - 1924)

by Professor Z

Following a recent visit to the University of Calgary library and after viewing its extensive map collection (much of which is now online), I thought it might be interesting to use some of the aerial photographs of Calgary taken over the years to illustrate the growth of our community. The two aerial views I've chosen date back to the years 1924 and 1958; I'll cover the oldest one in first. In addition to the airphotos (see next page) accompanying each article, I'll also provide a listing of the businesses then in existence along the 16th Avenue, Centre Street, and Edmonton Trail corridors.

A bit of historical perspective might be useful at the outset.

In 1924, Calgary's population stood in the vicinity of 64,000. Unlike the period that followed the Second World War, there was no boom to be seen and for the early part of the decade at least, the Roaring Twenties were a bit of a misnomer. Agriculture was a heavy contributor toward the local economy back then, and although years of successive droughts beginning in the late teens were relieved in 1923 when the rain returned, it was cold comfort to area farmers then as worldwide wheat prices immediately plummeted following bumper crops worldwide. An epidemic of farm repossession ensued and with it the impoverishment of rural populations in southern Alberta. As well, the heightened levels of international immigration prevalent in the first fifteen years of the twentieth century were no longer present. As a result of all these factors, Calgary building permits for 1924 totalled but \$1,030,790, a number which amounted to just five percent of that seen in 1912; further, between 1915 and 1923, only about 60% of taxable revenue was collected in any single year. Nevertheless, Calgary's population did manage to increase modestly in the 1920's, the result of the forced relocation of many from the depressed rural areas to urban areas coupled with a modest increase in birth rates after the war.

Locally however, the middle part of the decade was not all doom and gloom. In October 1924, the Royalite #4 discovery in Black Diamond launched a second Alberta oil boom. A year earlier, the annual Calgary Stampede and the Calgary Exhibition had become one entity, and chuckwagon racing was introduced that year. Prohibition was repealed on November 5, 1923 and the government sale and regulation of liquor was ushered in with the formation of the ALCB.

With that as a backdrop, we turn to the 1924 Calgary airphotos, and more particularly to those of Crescent Heights. The airplane used for the 1924 project was the Vickers Viking, a British single engine biplane developed for military use after World War 1, and ideally suited to reconnaissance. The local flights attained an altitude of just over 7000 feet during which 138 separate photographs of the Calgary urban area were taken. It was not until 1994 however that the individual photos were combined to form a mosaic which depicts a composite image of the entire city in 1924.

Although readers will no doubt have their own astute observations upon viewing the 1924 aerial photos, I'll provide a few of my own.

The Crescent Heights School in its current location was not constructed until 1928; until it was ready for occupation, the Balmoral School on the north side of 16th Avenue was in use by local students, as was Stanley Jones School for earlier grades. Although the Centre Street Bridge was completed in 1916, very little commercial development is evident by 1924 on Centre Street south of 16th Avenue, probably due to the depressed economic conditions discussed earlier. Similarly, land tracts on 16th Avenue east of Centre Street to Edmonton Trail are not yet occupied. Residential development appears to be well-established not only in the original village of Crescent Heights west of Centre Street and south of 16th Avenue, but in the southeast quadrant- then Mount Pleasant- south of 8th Avenue, west of Edmonton Trail and east of 1st Street NE. In 1924, the Wild Rose United Church (1929) or Sharon Lutheran Church (1931) had not yet been completed, but the photos do include the Baptist and Methodist churches, St. Michael and All Angels (Anglican) church and the Evangelical Lutheran Immanuel Church, as well as the foundation of the 1929 Wild Rose structure, where services were conducted in the basement for five years until construction was complete. The Police precinct and Fire Hall at 16th Avenue and 1st Street NW are shown in the photographs; however, the isolation (smallpox) hospital, which stood at 16th Avenue and 5th Street NE is not shown here. In 1924, the lands now occupied on the east side by Rotary Park had not yet been turned over to the city by the McArthur estate for tax arrears while Crescent Park to the west was only then being developed; both land parcels appear in the photos as wholly vacant land crisscrossed by pedestrian footpaths. By 1924, streetcar routes along Edmonton Trail, Centre Street and 16th Avenue were well-established, and the section of track connecting Sunnyside with Centre Street on the north side of the bridge can be seen, although the eastern section of the track is truncated in this image.

What follows is a listing of businesses along the major traffic corridors circa 1924.

16th Avenue NW, moving west from Centre Street (personal residents omitted)

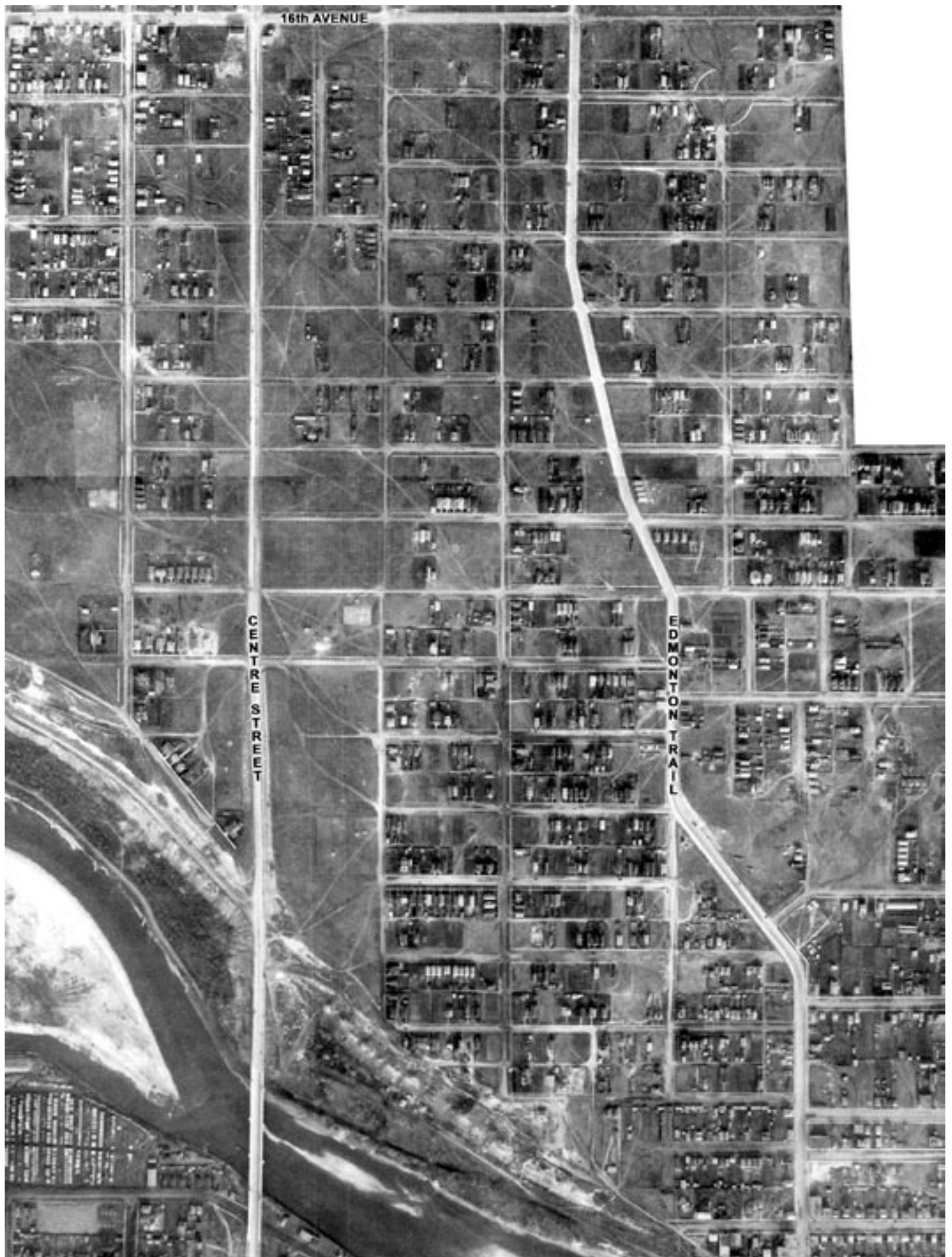
102, 104- George Chesney Hardware; 103- Banner Grocery; 105- Banner Meat Market; 105a- Chester's Dry Goods; 105b- Crescent Lodge IOOF/ Rebecca Lodge/ Loyal Order of Elks; 124- George Jones, shoe repair; 127a- William Currie, tailor; 130- Calgary Toy Works; 135- Anderson Plumbing/ Alberta Electric/ De Laval Co. Ltd; 140- Fire Hall #7; 201- St. Regis Confectionary; 202- Crescent Heights Methodist Church; 210- Crescent Heights High School; 213- Fred Brigden, barber; 219- Woods and Yeo, painters; 233a- Crescent Bakery; 235- Harvey Bros. Grocers; 239- J.J. Johnson, druggist; 305- Groceteria Ltd. No. 9; 324- Herbert's Grocery; 328- Chesney's Storehouse; 334- Peoples Shoe Store; 335- St Michael and All Angels Church; 409- Balmoral Garage

16th Avenue NE, moving east from Centre Street

204a- Hetherington Cleaners and Dyers

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Responsible Dog Ownership

Courtesy of The City of Calgary

All dogs must be licensed by three-months-old.

Dogs are not allowed to run at large in Calgary. This means that dogs must be under the control of their owner or on their owner's property.

All dogs must be on-leash at all times, unless posted signs indicate otherwise, or they are in a securely fenced private yard.

Dogs must still be under the control of their owner in designated off-leash areas. **This means they must respond to sight and sound commands.**

A dog owner must ensure their dog does not:

- Bite anyone
- Injure anyone
- Chase or threaten anyone
- Bark, howl or disturb anyone
- Cause damage to property
- Cause damage to other animals
- Scatter garbage

Dogs are not allowed in:

- School grounds
- Playgrounds
- Sports fields
- Golf courses
- Cemeteries
- Wading or swimming areas

While on a pathway a dog must:

- Be on a leash no longer than two metres.
- Remain on the right hand side of the pathway.
- Not interfere with or obstruct other users.
- You cannot leave your dog unattended while tethered.
- You cannot cycle, skateboard or in-line skate with a dog on a leash while on a pathway.

You must pick up all feces produced by your dog both on and off your property. Ensure that you bring along a suitable means to pick up feces.

Dogs are only allowed to be transported in the back of a truck if the dog is in a fully enclosed trailer, a truck bed covered with a topper, contained in a ventilated kennel that is secured to the truck bed, or securely tethered and not standing on bare metal. **For more information please go to:**

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I Can See Your House From Here, cont. from page 11

Centre Street, moving south from 16th Avenue
Nil

4th Street NE and Edmonton Trail (3rd Street), moving north from Bow River

4th Street south of Centre Avenue (then considered to be southeast Calgary): 304- Riverside Hotel and Apartments; 229- Toronto Store; 222- Riverside Cash and Carry; 220- Riverside Meat Market; 219- Carmichael Drug Store; 218- John Degenstein, shoe repair; 217- New York Dry Goods Store; 213- Armour Building (private apartments on 2nd floor); 212- Silver Service Station, Calgary Motor Cycle Shop; 210- Sang Lee, laundry; 209- Rex Cafe; 207- Riverside Hardware; 203- Reliance Block (private apartments on 2nd floor); 123- Paul Sweder, meats; 122- Jeffrey's Ltd.; 120- N.O. Oldenberg, tailor; 116- Riverside Cartage, Co-operative Feed and Fuel; 101- Evangelical Lutheran Immanuel Church

4th Street north of Centre Avenue: 102- Alberta Furniture Exchange; 212- Calgary Bakery; 217- Gasbarri Domenico, grocer; 219- Italian Consulate; 236- Mariano Carmine, grocer

3rd Street: 619- Geo. A. Miller, grocer; 620- Crescent Cartage; 700- Thomas G. Colvin, meats; 708- Harold L. Stewart, baker; 710- Crescent Confectionary; 718- McIvor's Drug Store; 720a- Albert Hannam, shoemaker; 810- Regal Bakery; 814- David Christie, barber; 824- James E. Grant, grocer; 1012- Fred C. Bent, shoe repair; 1302- Regal Grocery

As we'll see in the next article covering the 1958 airphoto, a significant amount of commercial and residential infilling would take place in Crescent Heights in the thirty or so years following 1924.

References: *University of Calgary Airphoto collection (public access at the MacKimmie Library)*, *Henderson Directories, Calgary- Canada's Frontier Metropolis- Max Foran et al (1982)*

A New Partnership is Formed

by Rev. Linda C. Hunter, Minister

Wild Rose United Church has its roots deeply embedded in the soil of the Crescent Heights Community. Its sanctuary was first opened in 1930 and the building itself has seen many upgrades and renovations since then. Over the years, thousands of people have crossed the threshold of the church, seeking both solace and support during the many seasons of change that come to us during the course of a lifetime. Crescent Heights High School has the same long and distinguished history of service to the community. Thousands of young people have entered its hallowed halls of learning, emerging as leaders in their community and in our world.

At the present time, over 1,700 young people are registered at the school and, sadly, some of those students are falling through the cracks, dropping out before completing their studies. Why? Because they are homeless or "sofa-surfing". Or there are a constellation of problems in the family that make it impossible for a student to stay in school because he or she must work to supplement the family income. Can you imagine trying to solve a complicated math equation when you have no desk at home at which to do your homework. Or perhaps you have no home at all?

To answer this pressing need, The Calgary Board of Education employs Jackie Guy, a social worker, to serve as a Family Liaison Coordinator at Crescent Heights. Ms. Guy is a passionate advocate for her students and is determined to keep them in school, knowing that their future is much more uncertain and bleak without a high school education. So, while she advocates for affordable housing and helps with family interventions, she also takes care of the little things—like toiletries, snacks and bus tickets—little items that go a long way toward keeping a homeless youth in school. They can simply slip into Ms. Guy's office, obtain a healthy snack for breakfast or lunch and mainstream into the rest of the student body.

Wild Rose United Church, upon learning about Jackie's determined struggle to keep these kids in school, decided to lend a hand. Just recently, we launched a "Snack, Soap and Seat" campaign in which we collect nutritional snacks, toiletries and bus tickets for the youth at risk in the high school. The response has been overwhelming, with a virtual cascade of items that fill wicker baskets located in the sanctuary. Somehow, those kids in need have become our kids and we want them to succeed. And we are discovering that it is the "little things" that make a big difference in the world!

Try Lawn Bowling

by Käthe Lemon

For the past six summers I've lawn bowled every week with a team of friends in Crescent Heights, so I can tell you with authority about how much fun lawn bowling is. I could describe the pleasures of relaxing with a game after work, enjoying the camaraderie of fellow players and often a drink in the sun.

I could tell you that there are both competitive and "beer" league groups playing in the city and that the fastest-growing group of lawn bowlers looks more like me (young professional in her early thirties) than the image you might have in your mind of lawn bowlers.

I could tell you that lawn bowling is easy to learn and that you'll be able to play well enough to compete in the league I play in within a couple of nights — first-time teams often win our year-end tournament. Or I could let you know that most clubs have equipment for you to borrow meaning the only thing you need to start playing is flat shoes.

I could tell you about the specifics of play — that the object of the game is to get more of your bowls close to the "jack" than the other team gets and that it's scored sort of like curling. But that wouldn't tell you about how much you'll enjoy lawn bowling, so you should really just come try it out this summer.

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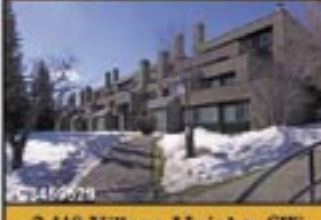
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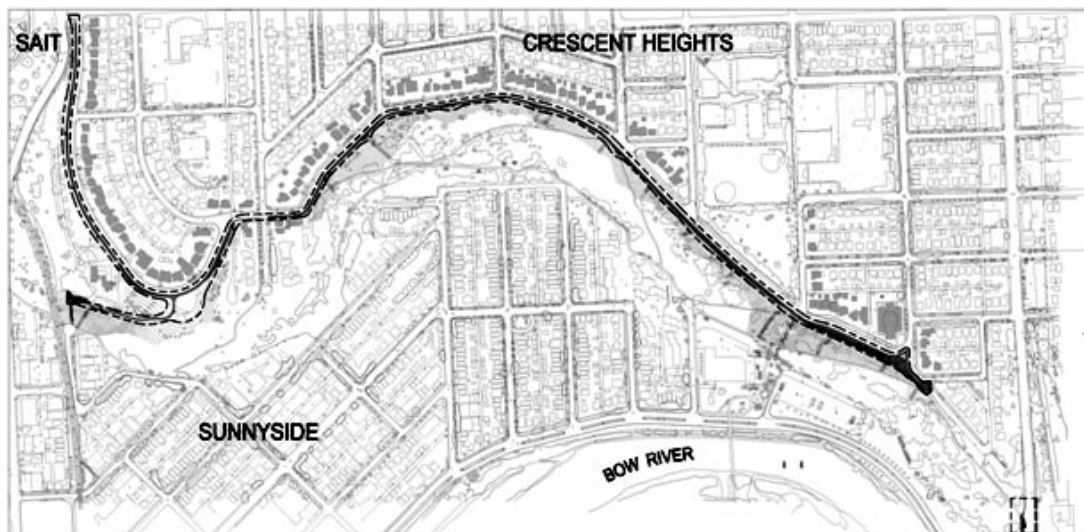
Crescent Road Pathway

Weather permitting, the Crescent Road pathway is scheduled for construction starting early summer 2011. This is a Council-approved park plan implementation for this unique location in the City. This project has been a long-standing initiative and input from previous open houses has been incorporated into the final design. The pathway will be a 2.5-metre-width granular pathway along the south edge of Crescent Road, between Centre Street and 9A Street NW. The pathway will connect with the existing improved trails on McHugh Bluff and will feature:

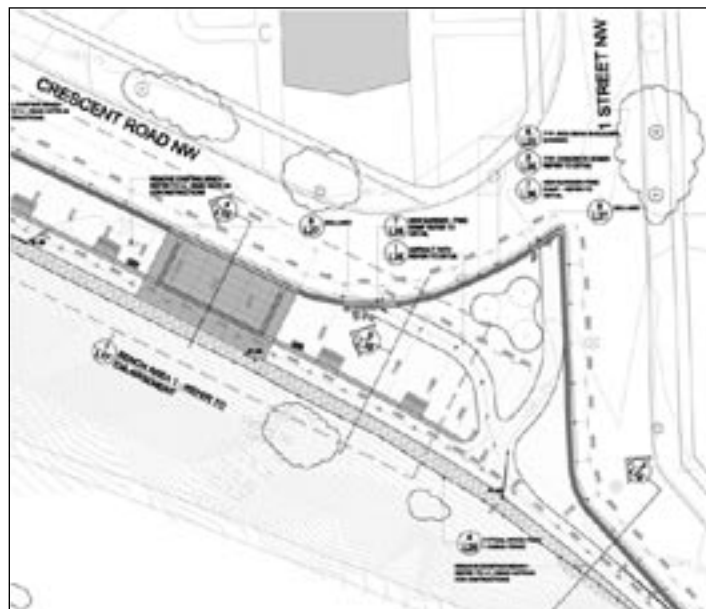
- a re-graded 2.5-metre-width granular surfaced path,
- barrier-free access at street intersections with hard surface paving and, in some locations, benches and waste receptacles,
- the pathway connection to the 9A Street stairway will be paved from Crescent Road and the stairs will be rebuilt as part of lifecycle replacement,
- a box beam vehicular barrier replacing the existing guardrail and post and cable fencing will provide safe separation between the path and the roadway.

Construction is expected to begin in late June or early July. For more information, contact 3-1-1.

Overall pathway configuration



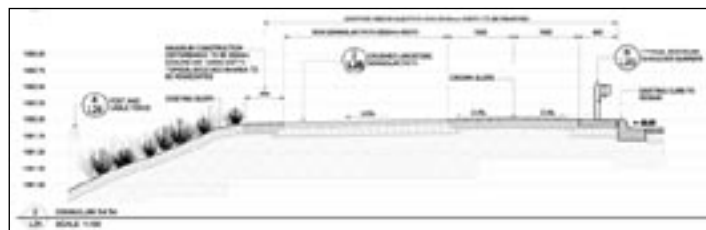
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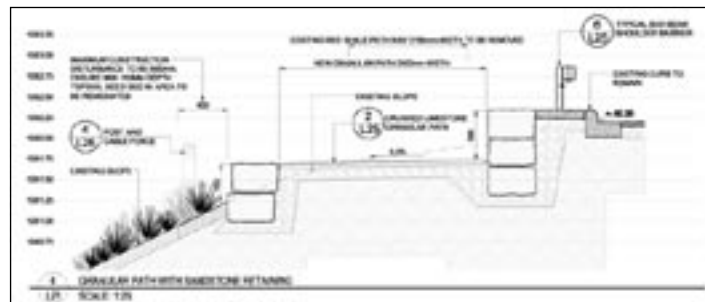
4th Street detail



Typical granular pathway detail



Typical pathway detail with retaining wall



STANLEY JONES ROUTE TO ROOTS PROJECT AND 100TH ANNIVERSARY UPDATE

by Connie McLaren

Route to Roots (R2R) Historical Garden Project

Best news first! *The Route to Roots Historical Garden Project* won "Honourable Mention" (2nd place) in the City of Calgary's Lion Award in 2010. This award recognized citizens and groups who have undertaken initiatives in support of heritage conservation in Calgary. We were thrilled by that recognition and thoroughly enjoyed attending the award ceremony in July.

A big hit again, as always, was the harvesting of the vegetable gardens. The students were absolutely amazed to see how big the carrots grew and how many potatoes there were under each plant. Some of these students had never seen where a vegetable comes from. I've attached a few pictures of their experience (the faces have been faded due to issues with Freedom of Information).

As many of you noticed 2010 was the year of the dandelion, quack grass and thistle invasion and our gardens were not spared. In an effort to gain an upper hand in weed control and maintenance of our gardens, we made some design changes. These changes included a revamping of veggie gardens, amalgamation of some smaller gardens, use of all the sandstone boulders and a second, smaller amphitheatre around a willow tree.

This revamping allowed us to divide the project into two phases. Phase one is the finished gardens to date (Community Heritage, Sensory, Healing, Amphitheatres, Sandpit, Aspen Forest and Vegetable Gardens). Phase two consists of the gardens yet to come such as Formal, Historical Peoples, Wildlife and Literacy Wetlands. We made two CIP applications in 2010, for funding of these four gardens but were turned down both times (~\$100,000, half of which was matching funds for volunteer hours). This year we will submit again, but for only one of the gardens; hoping that the smaller individual price tag will be to our benefit.

The R2R Committee was pleased to have several of new community volunteers join our group in 2010. Rose Balez, a community resident with horticultural training and experience will act as the Curriculum liaison. This will give the committee a point person to work with the teachers and students throughout the year. Yvonne Gaudet, another community member, came forward and is helping us with work on the 100th Anniversary project (more about that later in this update). Jean Hittel has contacted us and offered whatever assistance she could. We'll be in touch soon, Jean.





Our R2R Committee will be seeing some fundamental changes this year as the majority of parent volunteers will see their children leaving the school for higher grades. This is my circumstance as well; however I will be staying on as the Community Rep for the Parent Council, to see things through till the 100th Anniversary in 2013. I am however, reducing my time spent on the garden project. To this end we are actively searching for additional volunteers to take over some of the positions which will be vacated at the end of June. Among them are Project Manager and Maintenance Person(s). If you think you may be interested, please call Connie at 403 230-0224, and we can talk. Rose and Yvonne will also be staying on and Karen Tewnion (paid employee) continues in her role as well.

Stanley Jones 100th Anniversary Celebrations

2013 may seem a long way off, but when planning for this big of an event, it needs to be started NOW! Are you aware that there are not very many buildings that are a100 years old in Calgary; it is even rarer that that building continues to serve the same function for all those years? This is the case with Stanley Jones School.

In 2010 we seriously undertook an initiative to have Stanley Jones School designated a Provincial Historical building. A new committee was formed "The Stanley Jones Preservation Society". Our goal was to prepare a submission to the Calgary Board of Education (CBE) to gain their support and agreement for this proposal. We applied for and received a grant from The Calgary Foundation. These funds were well spent on research into all

aspects of the history of Stanley Jones School as well as the Designation process. We are currently scheduled to present to the CBE Board of Trustees on May 3rd, 2011. Many thanks to Laura Golebiowski for this research.

It is interesting that having a Provincial Historical designation does not prevent a building owner from upgrading or renovating the interior of the building. As long as certain historical elements are preserved (in a display cabinet for instance) modernization can go ahead. Even exterior upgrades can be made, as long as they look like the original.

Calgary historian John Gilpin will be authoring a history book about Stanley Jones School and its place in the lives of Calgarians during the past 100 years. John will be conducting interviews with many of you to add the human touches to Stanley Jones story. I can relay to you just one of the interesting tidbits to come out of his research to date. While researching the National Archives in Ottawa John came across transcripts from pilots coming in for landing at the Renfrew Airport (Calgary's main airport at the time). The airport was located where the Boys and Girls club is today. Apparently the pilots were concerned about the kids playing on the landing strip! Things have certainly changed; now kids can't even throw snowballs....sigh.

If you have any memories of Stanley Jones, have some information to add, comments to make, or time to volunteer please contact Connie McLaren at 403-230-0224. Thanks.



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Programs for Tweens (ages 10-14)

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LEGO Contest! (Ages 6 to 17): Create something fun or spectacular with LEGO at home. Bring it to the Library and you could win a prize! Saturday, May 28 from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. make sure you register!

Splash! TD Summer Reading Club: Join us as we kick off Splash! Celebrate summer with the 2011 TD Summer Reading Club. Drop in for a scavenger hunt and other fun activities. Dress up as a pirate, mermaid or fish - or anything to do with "Splash!" come to the library and collect your activity booklet and read all summer to win great prizes! Big "Splash!" Kick Off - Saturday, Jun 18 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



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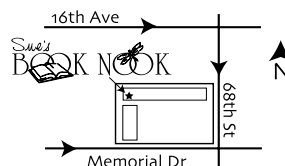
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Last year, exhibition participants cracked rocks to find rare trilobite fossils, watched a dynamic presentation about coal mine explosions, looked through microscopes, and got up close with a large meteorite. The exhibition shows how Earth Science 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.

For more information please visit <http://www.geoconvention.com/earth-science-for-society> or email esfsinfo@geoconvention.com

The benefits of ballet for all ages

by Candace Rusling and Sara-Lynne Dewar

Whether you are looking for an activity for yourself or your child, ballet is a beautiful tradition that provides numerous health benefits. This engaging pastime is a total body workout that not only challenges your physical body, but also your focus, determination and artistic creativity. Since ballet is taught in a group setting it is also a great way for your child to socialize with dancers their own age, or for you to meet like-minded individuals in a calm setting. Some of the many benefits that ballet provides are:



Posture: It is no secrets that ballet dancers have great posture. This is trained from day one of dancing and is consistently reinforced throughout every level of training. The entire torso is trained and strengthened in order to provided stability to the spine. Proper alignment carries over into the daily lives of dancers, helping to prevent common injuries that are often associated with poor posture or weak back and abdominal muscles.

Sculpt and Tone: Ballet offers a great way for children and adults alike to develop strength in their muscles. As an added benefit, the muscles that are created are long and lean due to the way dancers bodies function while in movement. The strength is built without the bulk providing long elegant lines while dancing.

Body Awareness and Poise: Children benefit greatly from exercises that promote special awareness and dexterity. They will have a greater understanding of the way their bodies can perform tasks thus allow them to demand more from their physicality. Poise is a wonderful side effect of ballet that can be seen on young girls and boys who are novice to advanced or in the movements of adult dancers just beginning their journey. This is a unique characteristic that only ballet can provide.

Promotes Creative Expression: The beauty of ballet is playing classical music and watching a pre-school aged dancer twirl across the floor in every which way. This is something that is not taught, but rather is nurtured and developed so that when required to perform with artistry dancers already have the tools they need to express every emotion.

Fun!: The most important part of ballet is having fun! Dancing is a social activity that introduces you to lifelong friends and creates a passion that will feed every area of your life. Ballet is a wonderful activity for boys and girls to grow up with, as well as, a great experience for men and woman from all walks of life.

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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.

Lunchbox Theatre, May 10, 2011, "Shopaholic Husband Hunt"

If 10 people join up for a performance, we can purchase group tickets at a 20% discount. Otherwise, tickets are \$18 for adults and \$15 for seniors. Please contact Linda at lohanlon@telus.net or (403) 289-8390 if you'd like to come along. We take public transit to the theatre at 160, 115-9 Ave SE.

Book Club - 7pm in the Lower Hall, 602 - 22 Ave. NW. Upcoming book club dates are May 10 (Stanley Park, Timothy Taylor) and June 14 (A Reliable Wife, Robert Goolrick) then will be the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more info e-mail lohanlon@telus.net or call Linda at (403) 289-8390.

Playgroup Annual General Meeting: Thursday, May 12 at 7pm in the lower hall. Please contact playgroup@mpca.ca for more information.

General Inquiries - please contact playgroup@mpca.ca.

Registration - please contact our registrar at playgroupregistrar@mpca.ca

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

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

Canadian Tire Money: We are collecting Canadian Tire Money to help purchase equipment for our July 2011 Scout Trip to Vancouver Island. If you would like to donate please call 403-207-0272.

Cookbooks: The Crossroads 36 Scouts are raising money for our July 2011 Scout Trip to Vancouver Island, as a fundraiser we created a cookbook that we are now selling. The cookbook is \$10 and contains favorite recipes from our families to yours. Please call 403-207-0272 if you are interested in purchasing a cookbook.

Meet Your Neighbours Pub Night: May 29, 7:30 pm at the hall.

See our Facebook event page at www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=154485491256515; search Crossroads Community Association

Crossroads 50 Plus Club: 6:45pm at the Crossroads Community Centre. Join us for fun times and meet your neighbours. For information call 403-277-6201 or visit our website at: www.crossroads50plusclub.com

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE: Sat. May 28; 9am - 3 pm
Rent a table at the hall. Each table costs \$10.

Crossroads Community Association Multicultural Festival

Saturday, May 14, 2011, 11am-4pm. Are you a musician or an artist? Do you have traditional clothes or traditional dance? We welcome you to come out and showcase your culture! **Are you a non-profit group, association or school? Profile your culture for FREE!** Do you have a cultural based business? For \$20 fee, you can profile your cultural business. Contact Shannon at 403-880-9639 or ccmulticulture@gmail.com before April 30, 2011

BRIDGELAND-RIVERSIDE

Bridgeland Riverside Community Association
Hall: 917 Centre Avenue NE

Ph: 403-263-5755, Hall email: hall@brccalgary.org
Newsletter email: newsletter@brccalgary.org
Visit our web site at: www.brccalgary.org for a complete listing of programs and classes.

Main Dish Celebrity Burger Cook-off and Community Walk: Raise money for Ronald McDonald House and take part in the Community Walk! **Date:** Saturday, May 14, 2011 **Time:** 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm
Meet us across the street from the Main Dish (903 General Ave. NE). Maps will be distributed for the Community Walk.

Scotiabank Calgary Marathon: On Sunday, May 29th, 10,000 runners and walkers and thousands of spectators have a chance to experience the spirit of Calgary in the communities along the marathon route – show them your Neighbourhood Spirit! Join us in Bridgeland for the start and finish of this special race.

Bridgeland Riverside Playgroup: We will be meeting Wednesdays from 10 AM until noon at the Gateway International Church, 235-8A St NE. Participation is free, but current BRCA membership required. For more information please email: info@brccalgary.org.

Women's Centre - The Women's Centre is an information and resource centre for women in Bridgeland. We are open to any woman. We are run by women and we are a safe space for women.

Yoga Basics (Beginner): May 5, 12, 19, 26, Thurs, 6:30-8pm

Basic Car Mechanics: May 16, Mon, 6-8pm

Creating Your Own Tote Bag: May 18, Wed, 6-8pm

Yoga Flow (Intermediate): May 30, Mon, 2-3pm

TUXEDO PARK

Tuxedo Park Community Association

Hall: 202 29 Avenue NE

Ph: 403-277-8689

Newsletter email: sam@cherubconsulting.com

UPCOMING 2011 EVENTS - at the hall

May 14/15 **Community Garage Sale**

May 20 Community Supper - Corn Beef / Cabbage

June 10 Community Supper - Stew'n Bread Bowl

June 25/26 Dog Agility Trials

July 1 **Canada Day Breakfast**

July 15 Community Supper - Hamburgers/ Trimmings Pot Luck

Aug. 12 Community Supper - Cold Plate

Aug. 27/28 Dog Agility Trial

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. 7 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

CRESCENT HEIGHTS

Crescent Heights Community Association
Hall: 1101 - 2nd Street NW

Hall Rentals: Call 403-804-5600

Newsletter email: elizhancok@shaw.ca

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

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

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.

HIGHLAND PARK

Highland Park Community Association

Hall: 3716 - 2nd Street NW

Hall Rentals: Call 403-276-6969

Newsletter email: highlandparkeditor@gmail.com

FREE Playgroup - Tuesdays, 10 to 11:30am. Drop-in - toys for children - meet other parents. Please drop-by or contact Margo by calling 403-714-7994 or email margo@weconnectyou.ca for more details.

Afternoon Adventures - Grades 1 to 6 (ages 6 – 12) Thursdays, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Jan 13 - May 26. Highland Park Community Centre. Come join us as we participate in games, crafts and activities after school! For more information contact Jen @ 403.221.3983

Canadian Blood Services

Donor Clinic Location: 3716 2 St NW - Highland Park Hall. The next clinics will be held on Thurs June 9 and August 18 from 3:30 to 7:30pm. It takes less than an hour from start to finish.

Seniors' Luncheons: Noon at the hall. Be sure to put the following Mondays on your calendar for 2011: May 16th • June 20th (Potluck)
Time: 12:00 noon. Cost \$5/person for members, \$10/person for non-members. Please contact Anne K. at (403) 277-3388 to confirm your attendance.

Buchanan School Reunion - The graduating Grade 6 Class from 1961 is having a class reunion June 4, 2011. The event will be held at the Highland Park Community Hall commencing at 2pm and will include a BBQ. For further info please contact Diane Jacobson at 403 720-3033 or (cell) 403 862-8967

RENFREW

Renfrew Community Association

Hall: 811 Radford Road NE Ph: 403-230-7055

Hall Rentals: Call 403-230-7055 and leave message.

Newsletter: newsletter@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

Renfrew Community Pub (Social Room)

Most Fridays from 7pm until close. Non-members welcome - be our guest. Free pool, free shuffleboard, free darts!

Family Pub Night - Friday May 13 from 7pm-close in the Social Room

Annual Community Garage Sale! May 14, 2011 from 9-2 pm at the Renfrew Baptist Church, 1204 Renfrew Dr. NE.

Your community needs... YOU!

Connections

Area Event and Resource Guide

RENREW cont

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.

Community Bottle Drop-off: Sat, May 28, 10am to noon at the hall. Don't throw your returnables away! Donate them to the RCA and to worthy community causes! Drop-off only.

Park 'n Play, Stay 'n Play: July 18 to 22nd at the Renfrew hall

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

Ladies' Night Out - May 5th: 6th Annual fun filled LADIES NIGHT OUT, Thursday May 5th, 2011 at the Calgary Marlborough Community Centre, This an evening with NO KIDS, NO HUSBANDS, NO PRESSURE to shop, browse or book a home party as well as a great evening to visit.

Spring Boot Fair - Sat. May 28th, 9:00am to 3:00pm

Car Boot Sale - "An outdoor sale where people sell Garage sale and commercial items from the truck of their vehicles."

Cost per Stall - Community Members \$15, Non Members \$20 Each

For vendor information and to book your spot email steve.hurley@shaw.ca

Jam Session: May 28, June 25 in the Lounge (Fireside Room)

JELLY BEAN DANCE: Next dances - May 13, June 24

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Bingo at the Bingo Barn Volunteers needed:

Please call Marg at 273-7952.

HALL ACTIVITIES

MONDAY - Yoga - Fireside Room - 7:30 to 9pm. Info 403-272-0462.

TUESDAY - Social walking - downstairs, 9:00 - 11:00am

WEDNESDAY - The Valley Room

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

Pickleball in the gym - 7:30pm

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.

Marlborough 50+ Club

Whist and Bridge: Thursdays, 1pm, upstairs in The Alpine Loft

New members always welcome!

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.

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

NEW at the hall! ZUMBA: Tuesday nights from 7:30 to 8:30pm. Registration May 3rd at 6:30. Cost: \$50 per person for a six week session.

JELLY BEAN DANCE: June 10th, 2011, 7 to 10pm for 6 year to 12 year olds. \$3 per child. Tickets available at the hall 10 days prior to dance.

Blood Services: The Canadian Blood Services will be in the Marlborough Park community centre, 6021 Madigan Drive N.E. gymnasium on Saturday June 25th, 2011 from 9am to 2pm.

Marlborough Park PreSchool:

On-going Registration. Please call Monica at 403-235-2996.

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

Container Gardening for Adults & Mother's Day Children's Workshop

Fees: Adult Class \$5.00, Children's Class \$1.00 (Fees include supplies)

The WHMV Garden Committee invites you to join our Container Gardening Workshop on May 7th at 9:30 a.m. at the WHMV Community Hall Sportsplex building. At the same time, a separate session will be conducted for a children's Mother's Day Container Class, designed for the young ones.

Rain Barrel Sale - \$40 ea. - May 15 from 10am - 2pm at the hall Rain barrels sold at a reduced price, made possible by the generous support of Coca-Cola Canada. Similar barrels sell for more than \$60.

Annual General Meeting: May 17, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.

Winston Heights-Mountview Community Hall

7th Street Playground Build - Volunteers Needed!

May 26-29, 2011. Come for a few hours, a day or the full weekend! No experience necessary. To volunteer or to receive information on the playground please contact Alex Reed, Playground Committee Chair by email at: playground@winstonheights.ca or by phone at 403-276-9311.

Healthy Yards Program - June 2nd: Location: WHMV Community Hall, 520 - 27th Ave. NE. Time: 7:00 p.m. Hosted by the City of Calgary's Healthy Yards Program. This free one-hour seminar is your guide to a healthy and beautiful yard! To be placed on the 2011 Healthy Yards Seminar registration list email Yvette at garden@winstonheights.ca

RUNDLE

Rundle Community Association

Hall: 2409 - 50 St. NE

Hall Rentals: Call 403-280-4752

Newsletter email: rumbles@shaw.ca

Annual General Meeting - May 30 at 7pm

Pancake Breakfast & Carnival - June 4 at the hall

Join us in the morning on Saturday, June 4 from 8 to 10am for delicious pancakes, sausages & coffee. 2409 - 50 St. NE

Bring the kiddies between 10am and 2pm for our annual CARNIVAL - entertainment, games, prizes, food... Lots of fun to be had!

Summit Pub - Rundle's best kept secret!

Now booking smaller parties and summer out-door BBQs.

The Summit Pub also offers pool tables, dart boards, as well as cribbage games on Tuesday and euchre on Thursdays. Wing night is still on Wednesdays. Families are welcome!

Rundle Playschool: Next Registration Night - June 14th, 7 to 9pm

Playschool continues to register on an ongoing basis. Please contact the Playschool Office at 403.293.7643 if you are interested in registering your child or if you have any questions regarding the program.

Rundle Scouting - Registration is on-going - Call today!

Beavers: Ages 5 - 7, Cubs: Ages 8 - 10, Scouts: Ages 11 - 14,

Venturers: Ages 14 - 17, Rovers: Ages 18 - 26, Leaders: 21+

The 719 N Properties Scout Group relies on donations of cans and bottles, which is used to offset the cost of running the program. If you would like to donate yours, please contact us at 403-285-6682.



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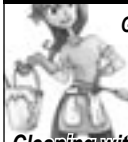
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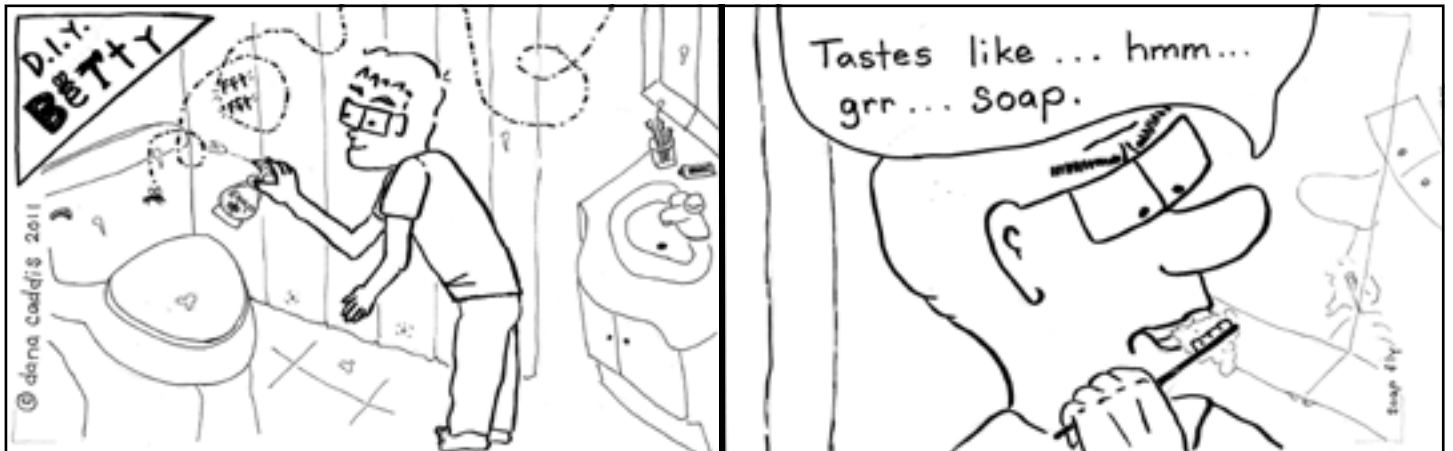
By grade 2, it was clear that Anna was struggling to read. Through Calgary Reads, an early literacy initiative, Anna was matched with a trained volunteer for individual tutoring. Her mother, Nancy, recognized the effectiveness of Calgary Reads in bolstering literacy levels and soon became a volunteer tutor herself. Eventually she became a volunteer with the annual CBC/Calgary Reads book sale.

As a tireless advocate of the fundraising event that she feels perfectly reflects the mission of Calgary Reads, Nancy logs countless hours as a member of the book sale's Operations Committee, in addition to sorting, setup, and sale day duties. And just as Nancy once followed her daughter into the Calgary Reads program, Anna, now in grade 11, has joined her mother as a book sale volunteer. It was a natural progression, since Anna is now an avid reader, who frequently recommends books to Nancy. Together, mother and daughter characterize the multi-generational commitment of a family that has been touched by Calgary Reads.

The CBC/Calgary Reads book sale is the major annual fundraiser for the program, and an essential event for book lovers. In 2010 the book sale raised \$125,000 for the early literacy initiative, while thousands of book lovers returned home with high quality used books.

This year the book sale promises to be even better, with a larger location and expanded hours. Join us at the annual CBC/Calgary Reads book sale on May 13 (noon-9pm), May 14 (9am-6pm) and May 15 (9am-4pm) at the Calgary Curling Club, 720 – 3rd Street NW.

You can also help by dropping off quality used books at the Calgary Curling Club, starting April 27, weekdays from 8am-8pm and weekends from 9am-4pm, or at any RBC branch from April 11 - May 4.



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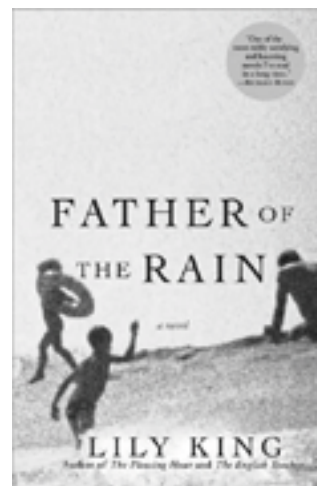
Book Review by Judith Umbach

Father of the Rain *by Lily King*

In *Father of the Rain*, Lily King explores why we stay in relationships that seem counterproductive and why we leave them. Daley's father is an alcoholic, a behaviour easily sustained in the heavy-social-drinking small town where he lives. Her mother stays too long with him but does leave and takes Daley with her. As a conflicted daddy's girl, Daley literally and emotionally seesaws between her parents. She never quite abandons one to fully support the other in the never-ending low-scale guerilla war between the two households.

Her older brother left home before his parents split, and he remains emotionally uncommitted to his family despite occasionally paying cursory visits. As an adult, Daley has perfected detachment. Her mother's sudden death causes a rift in Daley's relationship her father, although her father is clueless about the reason for it, even when Daley confronts him with her hurt.

Pursuing anthropology has been successful for Daley, and as the novel opens, she is on her way to UCLA Berkley for a tenured position. But much to the dismay of her devoted lover, Jonathan, she decides to take a brief side-trip to visit her father after many years of alienation.



Daley wants her father to become sober; her father wants Daley to take care of him. So begins a symbiosis that befuddles both Daley's friends and her father's friends. Why has Daley embarked on such a hopeless quest? Why has her father agreed to such socially awkward abstinence in a community that socializes over liquor? And, who will crack first? Because no one but Daley thinks this is going to work.

Over time, community is what saves her, and she learns much about herself as a part of community. By casting Daley as an anthropologist studying children in community, Lily King veils the whole story with a delicate and delightful irony. The deft handling of strained relationships is what makes *Father of the Rain* such a good novel.

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