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President's Notebook

by John McDermid

Crescent Heights has been selected as a participating community for the City of Calgary's Community Association Engagement Pilot. The group will meet regularly over the coming months to review and trouble-shoot the City's Development Permit engagement framework for involving CAs in addressing continuing gaps between planning policy and implementation. The engagement pilot will attempt to identify deficiencies and address them through proposed reforms. One of the most promising aspects of the ongoing evolution of the City's practices in circulating development permit applications is the prospect of doing so electronically, which is an initiative to be rolled out early next year. This could have the effect of relieving pressure on CA Planning and Development Committees in having to respond to often, complex development permit applications within tight time frames. We will hope for the best and plan to participate fully in this initiative. I am reminded of former CHCA Traffic Director Morgan Yates' pointed and pithy message to the City on behalf of the CHCA some ten years ago in which a disconnect between transportation policy and implementation was pointed out. It seems that every four or five years it pops up on the City of Calgary's administration calendar to remember to do some engagement, hold some hands and pat some heads among community associations and tick that "Engagement" box on the grand To Do list. A cynic might suppose as much. But we are in good company with other established and inner city communities: the first meeting saw evidence of a certain amount of local axe-grinding, but in the coming sessions we will hope to focus on achievable outcomes that can help make the work of our own Traffic and Planning Committee easier and more predictable for its members.

On April 26 we had another very successful Annual General Meeting. Joining us at different times over the evening were our Community Liaison Officer Dom Laporte from the Calgary Police Service and Alderman (Councillor (!) (but one "L" or two?)) Druh Farrell. We said farewell to three long serving CHCA Board members who are cycling off the board this year: Penny Smith, Sharon Anderson-Marr and Rob Elliott. Many thanks to each of you for all of your contributions of valuable volunteer time, great good sense and prudent management of the resources of our community association, its business affairs and activities over the last several years.

We also welcomed one new CHCA member, Dave Dearborn, to the board. Dave is a long term Crescent Heights resident with a strong background in our Community Block Watch program. Some years ago, Dave had assumed the role of trainer under the original Calgary Block Watch Orientation Program, which continued to be the focus of our twice-yearly crime update and orientation sessions until the end of 2005. That year, despite our best efforts (which were probably never quite on a par with those of our program founder, Keith Johnson), our two sessions in the spring and fall were not well attended, and we reached the conclusion that perhaps our program had reached a kind of saturation point in the community. As many of you will know, the program has been in stealth mode since then, but we do maintain our Yahoo Group for the Crescent Heights Program, which includes

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some 336 members, all ready to raise pitchforks and heat buckets of tar on a moment's notice: Block Captains, Block Members, Camp Followers and Warlords, every one. I am not sure if we might entice Dave Dearborn back into the Block Watch harness or not, but I suspect it will be a topic of discussion at our first meeting with Dave, back on board now in more ways than one.

That first May board meeting following our April AGM is always an interesting one. Apart from our executive committee of President, Treasurer and Secretary, our board roles are not etched in stone, and each year we redefine these board roles based on priorities and on the direction we wish to take in the coming year. I write this on the eve of our 2011 May board meeting, so I cannot yet tell you how our roles and responsibilities will further evolve for the coming year, but by this time tomorrow I expect I'll know Upon Whom the Stampede Breakfast landed. Real maple syrup will be the condiment of record once again. It's budgeted for and we shall not fail you in this important regard. July the 17th (09:00-11:00) is the date set for the Stampede Breakfast this year, so mark your calendars and check, if you would, whether you might be able to pitch in. This is a signature event for CHCA, and it is one for which many hands make light work.

The River and Pathway Clean-up went ahead as scheduled on May 1 of this year, under near perfect conditions but for a bit of lingering ice along the north bank (river left) of the mighty Bow. Twenty-three Crescent Heights residents met at the Starbucks at Memorial Drive and Edmonton Trail, there to collect their Tim Horton's travel mugs and strike out westward. (It would probably not be quite sporting to be handing out the Tim's mugs inside Starbucks, so we passed them out from the trunk of the car, which probably made it look, but for the number of people gathered at one time, just like another Sunday morning drug deal.) We had the steely spine of our regulars out, plus another pitch-in from many of our Meredith Road friends, as well as some members of Wild Rose United Church. We tackled the River and Pathway assignment itself, plus a good stretch of the Memorial Drive median, and our crew from Meredith Road and the surrounding area tackled McHugh Bluff from Edmonton Trail all the way to Centre Street. This is their front yard in a sense, and many of the problems that are evident along the river reach are also beginning to appear on secluded spots along the bluff, in the form of encampments, drug use, and other questionable activities not in keeping with a tidy riverbank and bluff. Each year organizers warn us in advance to avoid encampments, which can be booby-trapped, and this year I walked the route a week in advance and called in the location of two camps, which Parks and By-law dealt with before the May 1 Clean-up. We did find one other on the day, however, and rather than avoid it as instructed, Professor Z and I assessed the situation, concluded that it had been some time since the camp had been used, and a number of us cleared the area without incident (all in honour of our perennial regular volunteer Deb Melnik, who never came across a riverbank camp she couldn't clear out in under five minutes). At the time of this year's Clean-up, Deb was travelling in Peru and probably kicking butt there too. Thanks to everyone who was able to join us on May 1, and if you missed it, perhaps we'll see you next year.



A further initiative in which Crescent Heights has recently become involved is our Centre City Network, an affiliation of inner city communities joining together to address the rise in social disorder, which seems to be more prevalent in communities adjacent to the downtown core, as the core itself is scoured clean of undesirable individuals and activities. We are there not so much on the basis of any early indication of positive outcomes, but rather because we had far better be at the table than away from it. I attended the network's second meeting on April 20th, at which a long list of inner city issues was pared down to make social disorder the first priority of the network. Bridgeland-Riverside is definitely feeling the pain, and perhaps bearing the brunt, of the downtown core's export of social disorder to neighbouring communities. These affected communities include the vulnerable south-east corner of Crescent Heights, adjacent to Edmonton Trail in the "below-stairs" corner of our community. We have established many new contacts in the area, including the very pro-active and well-connected joint committee of condominium associations on Meredith Road and Second Street NE. We'll keep you posted as to the Centre City Network's progress and any initiatives likely to affect our community arising from its work. That's the corner of Crescent Heights where we begin our River and Pathway Clean-up each year now (and for the last several years), as that's where our clean-up efforts are needed most. Perhaps the scope of these efforts might soon expand beyond the first Sunday in May. Perhaps we need to put some local eyes on the street and boots on the ground, get our Warlords down there. Our boots are thunder.

Newsletter Editorial Deadlines

The Crescent View is published ten times per year.

Deadline: The 10th of each month for the following month. For example: To be published in the June issue, the deadline is May 10. Special September issue deadline: August 5 (to accommodate all the 'back-to-school' material).

The July/August issue is combined into one publication and so is the December/January issue. The deadlines for these two issues are June 10 and November 10 respectively.

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- Bring your plants to the Community Hall (1101 – 2nd Street NW) at 1:40 on Sunday, June 12th for set up.
- The exchange itself will run from 2 – 3 pm.
- Any plants without a new home by 2:30 pm will be available for purchase until 3:00 pm for two dollars with the proceeds going to the Crescent Heights Community Association. Please bring exact change for your transactions.
- Helping hands are welcome to assist with clean-up at the end!

If you have any questions, please email daunderwood@shaw.ca.

Please pass the message on to any friends and fellow gardeners who may be interested but who don't have access to e-mail. Thank you!



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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.

Thank you for your patience.



Join our *Crescent View* enRoute Challenge!

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Picture of Robin and her daughters, with their favourite newsletter, *The Crescent View*, at Del Ray Beach, Florida in April, 2011.



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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 June meeting (the last one until September) date and place can be obtained from Robin (403) 276 8610.

Letter to the Editor

RE: February 2011 article titled:

Fitness Circuit on McHugh Bluff- Project Manager Volunteer Needed

Will this mean even more garbage dumped along our scenic pathway system?

A few years ago I read a cartoon that pictured a senior executive looking at a piece of paper lying on the floor with the caption: "Will someone pick that up!" How often are we irritated the same way and yet why don't we simply lean over and pick it up ourselves. Lets face it, the garbage that is dumped is by a very small percentage of the people who use our great ridge walk and a little effort by each of us could make a huge difference.

In the last number of years a number of residents have started to pick up rubbish that is dropped along Crescent Road and in the neighbourhood. I started helping when I saw Vaughn and a number of other residents picking it up and simply disposing it in the garbage cans. A lot of the garbage was

simply dropped right beside the cans by inconsiderate visitors.

With this in mind I was quite surprised when I read about the "fitness circuit" being considered on the new paths on McHugh Bluff. After getting feedback from a number of the regular residents that use the area for walking, we have summarized some of the questions that are being asked. The questions seem to be centred around two issues: (1) Increased Traffic and (2) The impact on the environment. There is also the question about making use of present facilities and the \$100,000.00 cost.

Increased Traffic

- Increased traffic in addition to the increased visitor traffic when we get the "promenade" and speeding is already prevalent.
- Where will these people park? It is already crowded during prime fitness hours with people using stairs and running and classes in the public park and along the pathway. Free fitness equipment/space draws instructors holding classes who pay nothing for the upkeep of the area.
- Has anyone informed the residents of Sunnyside there will be more cut through traffic with people going to the bottom of the hill?
- Slope erosion – this slope is unstable. How long before this affects residences on Crescent Road? There already is a path running beside the stairs that gets deeper and more pronounced each year.

Impact on the Environment

- New existing pathways have increased noxious weeds immensely because of disturbing the soil. City always looking for community "volunteers" to do weed control. Was this an unexpected and unwelcome outcome of the new pathways? Will the city provide workers for appropriate non-toxic weed control?
- Slope erosion – this slope is unstable – how often will the "fitness stations" be repaired? The pathway down the side of the hill that is paved needs frequent replacing due to slope movement. Who will pay for this?
- Although none of the stations will be "visible" from residences on Crescent Road – the traffic and parked cars and coming and going of fitness classes certainly will.
- Existing wildlife will be further displaced – this is a moderately natural area that is already being used for off-road cycling and group fitness classes.
- Increased noise pollution.

Present Facilities

There are a number of residents who use the various playground facilities for fitness work after their run by doing chin-ups, stretches, etc. One person in particular said that there is nothing you can't do for various stretches, etc. We can count at least six playground facilities in the immediate area. Why can't we encourage runners and other athletes to make use of these under-used areas that are already available without any additional expense?

We have lived in Crescent Heights for the past ten years and love the view and the area. It would be a shame if we were to overlook the full impact of adding these new fitness facilities without considering all the implications.

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Thursday, July 7

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Thursday, July 14

Harvest Hills - Harvest Lake Dr. NE (by the lake)

Thursday, July 21

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McHugh Bluff Community Stewardship Project

The City of Calgary Parks has identified McHugh Bluff as one of six parks in the City where they are running the Community Stewardship Pilot Program. Our target invasive species again this year is the Western Salsify or Goatsbeard (*Tragopogon dubius*) which is ideal for hand pulling in June. Our hope is, with a dedicated group of volunteers, to work with prevailing winds and remove the weed from the Bluff over a number of years.

The communities of Crescent Heights, Sunnyside and Rosedale are invited to join the McHugh Bluff Community Stewardship Project in two weed pulling work sessions:

June 11 – Saturday, 9:30-11:00 a.m. Meeting spot at the south end of 7A St in Rosedale.

June 25 – Saturday, 9:30-11:00 a.m. Meeting spot at the corner on Crescent Rd just East of 7A St.

Gloves, bags, drinks and Tim's cookies will be provided. Please join us in this bid to control this weed on McHugh Bluff.

Ward 7 Update

Our beautiful Nose Hill Park has been undergoing an improvement program over the past few years in order to protect the natural flora and fauna that live in this area. The proposed changes aim to create a balance between recreational use and environmental protection. This spring and summer, the Parks department will continue the improvements, as was outlined in the Nose Hill Trail and Pathway Plan created in 2006.

Last year, the Calgary Parks Department, in partnership with the Nose Hill Parks Foundation, fabricated and installed 30 new benches. Existing benches were replaced and new benches were installed in areas where they would not intrude upon the natural park experience or damage sensitive features.

In 2011, visitors to Nose Hill Park will start to see upgrades as the Park Education and Signage Program commences. Interpretive, wayfinding, and park use information signs will indicate major and minor entry points, show off-leash areas, and help all visitors use the park in an environmentally safe way. The Calgary Parks Department will also continue their restoration of native vegetation such as rough fescue, and the removal of existing invasive species such as caragana that threaten the native vegetation.

And finally, trail rehabilitation and the closure of informal, non-designated routes is expected to start this summer on a geographical basis. The existing gravel trails will be subject to ongoing maintenance repairs throughout the spring and summer months.

Enjoy your Nose Hill Park everyone!

Comprehensive Cycling Strategy and Pathway Study!

We are building momentum on the Cycling Strategy, and I have to say I am very excited by the level of community engagement demonstrated by all regarding the motion I brought forward to Council in 2010. We have an opportunity to shape the way we build our cycling network – to encourage not only today's cycling commuters, but also those who would cycle if our on-street system was safer.

I'd like to thank everyone for your ongoing commitment to this important initiative. Please see the information below from CivicCamp to find out more about important dates and how you can have an impact on the strategy. See you on the pathways!

Do you want to ride your bike safely and more often?

If you want a better long term plan to support cycling in Calgary, watch for the release of the City of Calgary's new Comprehensive Cycling Strategy. Developed with the support of a citizens' committee and public surveys, it will be available for public review starting on Friday, June 10th and will go to the City's Standing Committee on Land Use, Planning and Transportation for public comment on Wednesday, June 15th. Next stop? City Council.

How can you get involved?

A group of cycling enthusiasts and CivicCampers are organizing events to help you:

- Learn how other cities support cycling as transportation
- Get information about the Comprehensive Cycling Strategy
- Provide feedback about whether the strategy works for you
- Show your support to the City for a properly funded, long term cycling strategy

CivicCamp Public Information Sessions and Workshops

CivicCamp will be holding public meetings for those interested in the City's new comprehensive cycling strategy. Learn more about the strategy and offer your feedback about what does or doesn't work for you.

CivicCampers and cycling enthusiasts will be on hand to walk you through the strategy, answer your questions (where they can) and guide a discussion to solicit your input. Information will be collected from the meetings and brought forward to the Standing Committee on Land Use, Planning and Transportation. Watch out for more information at <http://www.civiccamp.org/paving-the-way/>

If you want to comment directly and publicly to Council members about the strategy, the LPT committee is the place to do it. Appearing in person before the LPT committee makes a powerful statement but if you can't attend, be sure to write/email/tweet your Alderman beforehand to give your feedback.

What are other Calgary cycling organizations doing?

With activities like Bike to Work day and all the great bike-related activities at the Library May and June are Calgary's de facto bike months. Many other great Calgary organizations are holding activities in June to promote cycling for transportation and recreation.

Here's a sampling of other upcoming activities:

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Rosedale Playschool

Another successful school year at Rosedale Playschool is coming to an end! We've had a great Spring, busy with teddy bear picnics, our end of the year field trip to the Telus World of Science, and enjoying the beautiful weather in the Children's Garden! Thanks to all who came out to our 2nd Annual Spring Fling! Also, a huge congratulations goes out to our graduating 4 year old students who will be going to Kindergarten in the Fall!



Looking ahead, our 3 year old morning class, and our 3/4 year old afternoon class are full for the 2011/2012 school year. If you are interested in registering a student in the morning 4 year old class, there is still room! We will also be opening up our Friday afternoon class to 4 and 5 year olds. This is a great opportunity for preschool and kindergarten aged kids to play, learn, and grow in a fun environment! Please contact our registrar, Todd Houston at toddhouston@shaw.ca, for more information.

Rosedale Playschool is also excited to share that our lead teacher and program director, Rachel Duncan, was awarded a Certificate of Recognition by the Alberta Child Care Professional Association as a Finalist for the Child Care Award of Excellence!!! Way to go Mrs. Rachel!!!

For more information or enquiries about Rosedale Playschool, please e-mail us at rosedaleplayschool@gmail.com.

Wild Rose United Church

Events for June 2011

Church address: 1317 - 1 Street NW

June 4th – Saturday, **Men's Breakfast** at 8am sharp! \$5 (first timers are free)

June 7th – Tuesday, **Good Food Box** order deadline. All orders must be pre-paid. Delivery to the church is Thursday, June 16th

June 10th – Friday, **Choir Concert** "Some of My Favorite Things" at 7:30pm. Free will donation. Refreshments. All welcome.



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June 11th – Saturday, 10am to 11am, **Meditation in the Crescent Heights Park** on Crescent Road is taking place at the west end of the park, south of the ball diamond. Free introductory session. Bring a yoga mat or blanket. All welcome.

June 14th – Tuesday, Noon – 1pm **Meditation in the Crescent Heights Park** on Crescent Road is taking place at the west end of the park, south of the ball diamond. Free introductory session. Bring a yoga mat or blanket. All welcome.

June 26th – Sunday at 8am – **STAMPEDE BREAKFAST** on 1st Street beside the church, 1317 1 St NW. Live music! Dress western! Join us for the service after and hear the Alberta Gold Singers!

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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

Seniors Week 50+ Bar-B-Q: Thursday, June 9, from 11am - 2pm at the Crossroads Community Hall, 1803-14 Ave. NE Food, door prizes and information booths to learn about things to do and who to call, in and around Crossroads. Presented by The Calgary Seniors Resource Society and the Crossroads Community. For more information call Shannon Keetch at 403-266-6200.

Alex Heath Bus: Mobile Health Services - Doctor, Nurse, Outreach Worker. Come check out this great new service on Wednesdays, from 10am to 1pm at Vista Heights School 2411 Vermillion Street NE. Call (403) 689-9196 for questions or an appointment.

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts: Early Registration, June 16, at the hall

School's Out Family Jelly Bean Dance: June 24, 7 to 9 pm at the hall

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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: June 24, 7:30 pm at the hall.

See our Facebook event page at www.facebook.com/event.php?id=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

Park 'n Play, Stay 'n Play: FREE drop in children's programs

Thursdays only; starting July 7 to Aug 25

Stay 'n Play: 10am to noon, ages 3 to 5, compulsory adult required

Park 'n Play: 10am to 3:30pm, ages 6 to 12

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.

FREE STAMPEDE BREAKFAST: Sunday, July 10th, 9:00-11:30am

At: La Brezza Ristorante Parking Lot EVERYONE WELCOME!

Face Painting and More for Kids! Sponsored by Gateway International Church in partnership with Centre Street Church

Family Fun Day and Soccer Wind-Up: June 11th

Soccer and a surprise activity will take place during the day

Family Fun activities: 4 to 8pm; Pub Nite running from 5-8pm

For more info contact Carla events@brccalgary.org and to volunteer (please) contact Helen volunteer@brccalgary.org

Bridgeland Riverside Playgroup: We will be meeting Wednesdays from 10am 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.

BRIDGELAND cont

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.

Creating Your Own Tote Bag: June 1, Wed, 6-8pm

Yoga Basics (Beginner): June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Thurs, 6:30-8pm

Yoga Flow (Intermediate): June 6, 13, 20, 27, Mon, 2-3pm

Watercolour Basics: June 6, 20, Mon, 6-8pm

MS Excel Basics: June 15, Wed, 6:30-8pm

Photography Club: June 27, Mon, 6-7:30pm

TUXEDO PARK

Tuxedo Park Community Association

Hall: 202 29 Avenue NE

Ph: 403-277-8689

Newsletter email: sam@cherubconsulting.com

Old Fashioned Canada Day Breakfast: July 1, 9am to Noon
Pancakes, Sausages, Bacon, Scrambled Eggs, Homemade Baked Beans, Coffee, Juice. Entertainment, door prizes, Kids Candy Toss
Adults: \$2 each, Kids 6 years and under - FREE
Entertainment, door prizes, Kids Candy Toss

UPCOMING 2011 EVENTS - at the hall

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

(NOTE: The June Craft Night will be on Wed. June 15th at 7pm)

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

Crescent Heights Plant Exchange

Sunday, June 12th, 2 to 3pm (rain or shine!)

Bring your plants to the Community Hall (1101 - 2nd Street NW) at 1:40 on Sunday, June 12th for set up.

The exchange itself will run from 2 - 3 pm.

Any plants without a new home by 2:30 pm will be available for purchase until 3:00 pm for two dollars with the proceeds going to the Crescent Heights Community Association. Please bring exact change for your transactions.

• Helping hands are welcome to assist with clean-up at the end!

If you have any questions, please email daunderwood@shaw.ca.

HIGHLAND PARK

Highland Park Community Association

Hall: 3716 - 2nd Street NW

Hall Rentals: Call 403-276-6969

Newsletter email: highlandparkeditor@gmail.com

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. 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.

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 foosball.

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, June 25, 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: FREE drop in children's programs

July 18 to 22nd at the Renfrew community centre

Stay 'n Play: 10am to noon, ages 3 to 5, compulsory adult required

Park 'n Play: 10am to 3:30pm, ages 6 to 12

Connections

Area Event and Resource Guide

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

JELLY BEAN DANCE: June 24, \$3 ADMISSION, AGES 12 AND UNDER
(Parent supervision advised for younger children)
POP, HOTDOGS & CANDY FOR SALE. LOTS OF DANCE CONTESTS
DOOR PRIZES. PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Jam Session: June 25, July 30 in the Lounge (Fireside Room)

FREE Stampede Breakfast - Sat. July 16 - 9to 11 am
Pancakes and sausages, Juice and coffee. Cowboy Bouncer, Face
Painting, Live Music. Put on your dancing boots and bring your hat
and sunglasses. Looking forward to seeing you there!

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

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 NE
gymnasium on Saturday June 25th, 2011 from 9am to 2pm.

1st Annual Lego Contest: September 24 at the hall
Sponsored by the East Calgary Scout Group. All age groups are invited
to participate in the contest. Bring in your Lego creations (2 per person)
in the following categories: Animals and Figures, Transportation and
Vehicles, Buildings and Structures, Creative Inventions

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.

MARLBOROUGH PARK cont

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

Annual Centennial Garden Spring Clean-up: June 12, 9 to 11am
The WHMV Garden Committee invites you to join our Spring Clean-up
of the Centennial Garden. Come and see how the garden has fared
over the winter and observe the native landscape as it wakes up for
spring and summer. Refreshments will be served. If you are interested
in volunteering to help with the garden cleanup please email Yvette at
garden@winstonheights.ca

Annual Plant Exchange: June 12, 11am to 1pm

Exchange Guidelines:

- 1) Known invasive or noxious plants are not allowed. Common
examples are white daisies, creeping bellflower, yellow clematis.
- 2) All plants must be weed free, individually potted or bagged, watered
and be in reasonably good condition.
- 3) Mark the plants as best you can. If you don't know the name,
definitely list what type of light and soil conditions the plant was
growing in.
- 4) Exchanges are straight across one for one.
- 5) Plant sale will take place at approximately 12:30 p.m.
If you are interested in volunteering to help with the plant exchange,
please email Yvette at garden@winstonheights.ca

Stampede Warm-Up BBQ and Dance! - June 25th, 6 - 12pm
Members: \$15, which includes steak dinner, a drink and admission to
the dance. Non-members: \$20. Contact Lenore at (403) 483-1924 or
lpeaton@shaw.ca for tickets.

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

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!

Park 'n Play, Stay 'n Play: FREE drop in children's programs
July 11 to July 15 at the Rundle community centre
Stay 'n Play: 10am to noon, ages 3 to 5, compulsory adult required
Park 'n Play: 10am to 3:30pm, ages 6 to 12

Park 'n Play, Stay 'n Play: FREE drop in children's programs
August 3 - August 26 at Prairie Winds Park, 223 Castleridge Blvd. NE
Stay 'n Play: 10am to noon, ages 3 to 5, compulsory adult required
Park 'n Play: 10am to 3:30pm, ages 6 to 12

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 euche 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.

MOUNT PLEASANT

Mount Pleasant Community Association
Hall: 602 - 22nd Avenue NW
Hall Rentals: Call 403-282-1314 or email:
hallrentals@mpca.ca
Newsletter email: publicity@mpca.ca

Family Fun in the Summer Sun! Mount Pleasant Outdoor Pool opens
June 18 for the 2011 summer season!

Swim Lessons: Swimming lessons available in 8 separate week-long
sessions throughout summer. Private lessons are available upon request.
Rentals: For private pool rental inquiries, please email Jen Zacharias at
mpsupsupervisor@gmail.com For rental times see the Pool Schedule.
Public Swim: various times, please see the Pool Schedule.
Call Mount Pleasant Outdoor Pool at 403 221-4288, inquire at the front
desk or go to www.mppca.ca for more information and registration.

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.

July/August 2011: Historic Calgary Week is generally held the last
week of July and the first week of August. Once this year's schedule is
announced we'll plan trips to selected events.

Book Club - 7pm in the Lower Hall, 602 - 22 Ave. NW. June 14 (A
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She has two sisters, Julia and Sarah, who both love her like crazy and lye on her. She gives them kisses whenever they come home. She used to walk Julia to Rosedale Playschool and now she walks with us to Elementary School. She knows many of the children there and has helped some of them get over their fear of dogs.

Rider lives on her stomach so if you see her and you happen to have a cookie, hide it or she will eat it right out of your hands.

Robin S

P.U.P.P.Y. Initiative Update

P.U.P.P.Y. (Pick Up Pooch's Poo Yourself), an initiative from The City of Calgary Parks, in partnership with Animal & Bylaw Services, got off to a snowy start at Southland Park. Although the snow compromised the park clean-up portion of the event, organizers were thrilled to see nearly 100 Calgarians willing to brave the elements in order to learn about responsible pet ownership and park sustainability.

The P.U.P.P.Y. initiative engages citizens, educating them about the importance of picking up after their pets and proper off-leash park etiquette through interactive activities and models. Participants tested their knowledge about the differences in appearance and behaviour of coyotes and dogs, witnessed how dog feces can enter our water system, and grilled the experts on hand with their questions.

If you were unable to join us at the Southland event, you still have three more opportunities to participate in the P.U.P.P.Y. initiative.

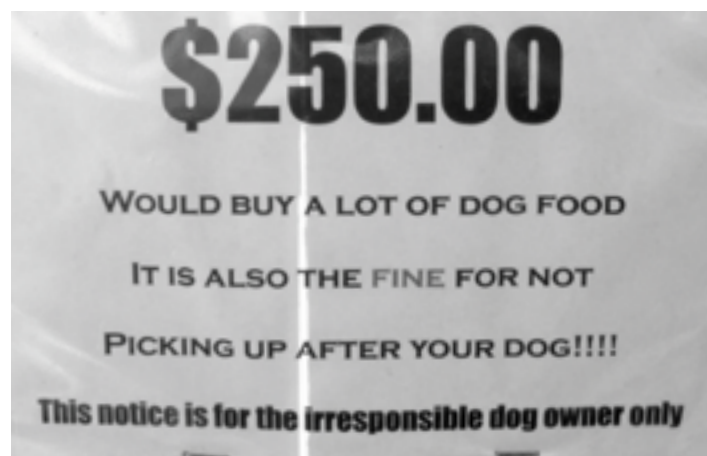
Sunday, June 12, 1:00pm – 4:00 pm – River Park: Dog poop left in parks is not just unsightly; it can be unhealthy, too. Come learn how sickness and disease can spread to both animals and humans if pet waste is not picked up.

Sunday, September 25, 1:00pm – 4:00 pm – Nose Hill Park: It is a reality that Calgarians must learn to live in harmony with wildlife, such as coyotes. Come explore how the habituation of wildlife can occur if pet waste is left behind.

Sunday, October 16, 1:00pm – 4:00 pm – Bowmont Park: Calgary's parks are multiuse spaces. Come learn more about how to share these spaces in a manner that is respectful of pets, wildlife, bicyclists and all users of green spaces.

Stop by the next P.U.P.P.Y. special event and have some fun while gaining a deeper appreciation of how to use parks and green spaces in responsible ways. Show how you take pride in your parks by assisting with a park clean-up and learn how to protect your parks for shared use today and in the future!

For more information about the P.U.P.P.Y. initiative, please go to calgary.ca/parks or call 3-1-1.



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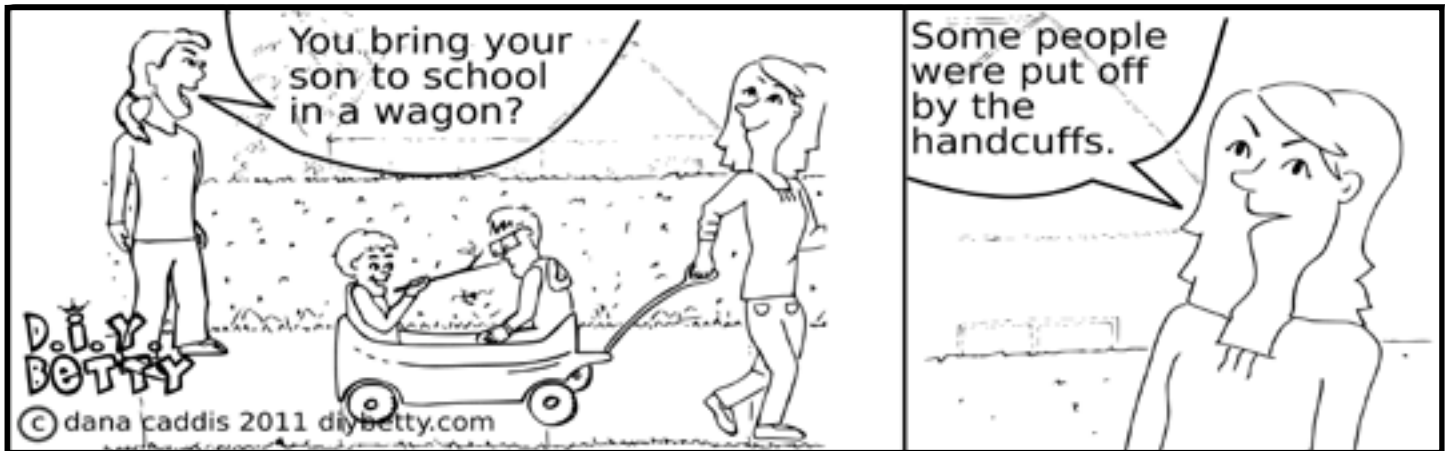
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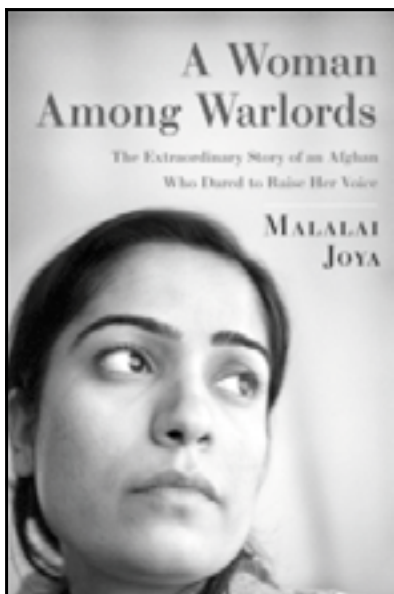
A Woman Among Warlords by Malalai Joya

Malalai Joya was the youngest person elected to the Afghan parliament in 2005. Such a distinction was not achieved by being a shrinking violet. In every aspect of her life, Joya is outspoken and blunt.

Her critique of President Hamid Karzai makes tough reading for Canada and other NATO countries with troops in Afghanistan. The parliament suspended her in 2007, contrary to the constitution, for her direct, non-diplomatic criticism of powerful warlords, many of whom were also representatives in the parliament.

In *A Woman Among Warlords* Joya gives the reader specific details about many contentious incidents and she names names – except when the security of her supporters is at stake. Her language is both direct and passionate, especially when she quotes from her own comments to parliament, media, opponents and supporters. (For the text of the book, her co-author is Canadian writer, Derrick O’Keefe.)

Malalai Joya grew up in refugee camps in Pakistan and Iran. Educated,



well-read and with a supportive family, she began early to campaign for women’s rights. After grade twelve, her family could not afford university, so she joined the Organization for Promoting Afghan Women’s Capabilities and on their behalf went to Herat during the Taliban era to start classes for girls. When her actions began to draw the attention of extremists, she adopted a different surname to protect her family. (She now lives apart from her husband for the same reason.)

The impoverished people she helped as a teen encouraged her to run for the Loya Jirga that would develop the constitution of Afghanistan and later to run for election to the parliament. Throughout, she became notorious for denouncing warlords, corrupt politicians, and military occupation. She is infuriated by the poverty and violence that prevent girls and women from realizing any of their aspirations. Her grasp of Afghan history is illuminating which helps her readers understand the events that brought Afghanistan to its current state of turmoil.

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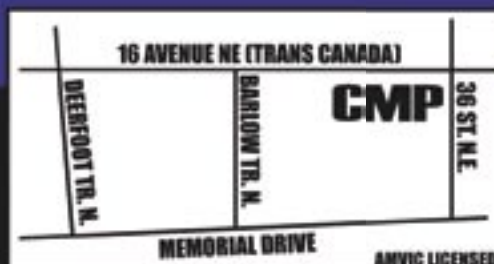
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