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## President's Notebook

by John McDermid

In late May of this year, on somewhat short notice, Calgary Transit held a series of three open houses to showcase two new proposals for the alignment of the future North Central LRT line. On the basic assumption that the line would be built for the principal benefit of existing and future communities North of Beddington Trail (and possibly Airdrie), the original proposal was to run the line up the Nose Creek Valley West of Deerfoot Trail, parallel to the existing rail line there. But that thinking has continued to evolve and two alternate corridors are now under consideration as well: Edmonton Trail North East and Centre Street North. Both of the "new" alignments now in the mix tend to raise serious concerns among many Crescent Heights residents. I was unable to attend but we did send out a notice of the Open Houses through our community e-mail list, and I hope many residents were able to attend one or another of the information sessions. We have also expressed urgent interest in participating in the stakeholders group that will be formed to evaluate the options, and it will be important for our community to have a clear voice in this discussion to prevent the North Central LRT alignment from becoming another "bend over and spread 'em" moment. The City's existing LRT model does not bode well for any community that it slices into, so other transit models are also under consideration, including low-floor tram-like conveyances. It's hard to imagine how a more locally-oriented rail transit model could serve the longer-haul needs of more distant communities as well as existing inner-city ones, but it will be a development of utmost importance. The North Central Line is currently said to be quite a number of years in the future, but as a community, Crescent Heights must be a very vocal part of the dialogue that will ultimately determine the route and how it will affect adjacent communities all up and down the line.

You can see some propeller heads' most recent musings on what's good for us at <http://www.civiccamp.org/2011/03/calgary-transitcamp-the-centre-street-solution-for-calgarys-north-central-communities/>

Much of the rationale for a more urban route is predicated on the fact that no-one lives in the Nose Creek Valley, hence no-one will benefit from the line's transit along it. The next step in the discussion, it seems to me, will be to demonstrate that a rail transit line built for the longer-haul commute from distant communities will be of any net benefit to inner city communities. Done correctly, it could make for a significant benefit to such communities. Done badly (that is, done the way existing LRT lines have sliced through communities), it will have many adverse impacts. Without careful planning and sensitivity to the communities and streetscapes through which it runs, adding rail transit to an already brutal transportation corridor such as Centre Street North will only reinforce its character as a mere conduit through which as many vehicle trips per day as possible are to be forced. Watch this space for further developments over the long term.

Our new CHCA Board colleague Dave Dearborn has agreed to take on the Parks "portfolio" recently

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vacated by outgoing CHCA director Sharon Anderson-Marr. Dave has a long history with Parks, having been involved some years ago in the planning and development of Nose Hill Park. Things should be interesting for Dave and for all of us as the McHugh Bluff Crescent Road Promenade work gets underway in earnest this coming summer.

And further to last month's speculation as to Upon Whom the Stampede Breakfast landed, it has fallen upon all of us. Anne Underwood has taken the lead planning role and we are about to begin taking delivery of Real Maple Syrup. Sunday, 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. Even a few minutes at set-up or clean-up can make a huge difference. We'll cross our fingers in hope for fine weather. Sadly, our beloved Crazy Bones Band has un-banded and won't be on hand to entertain us this year as they have done for so many years in the past. Thanks to Scott and Karin and their third pal for many hours of lovely tunes at our annual breakfasts. The Crazy Bones brought a warmth to the annual event that will be hard to match. We're looking into some alternate entertainments but so far have been unable to enlist City Councilor Druh Farrell to perform an interpretive dance. We're working on it.

With so much work completed on our beloved little community hall over the past year, the CHCA Board is now embarked on some planning exercises and strategy sessions designed to explore whether we have the capacity to develop and deliver programs of interest to residents and families here in Crescent Heights. Building on the solid bases of our volunteer-driven kids soccer and learn to skate programs, we have engaged the services of Alberta Community Development and had our first strategy session on June 9. Another is to follow on June 16, and through these facilitated board workshops we plan to identify program design and delivery opportunities, but are always eager to hear from residents with good ideas about program directions we may want to pursue. If you have an idea for a program or activity for kids, youth, adults or seniors in our community, please let us know and we will add your proposal into the mix.

One such program that remains bloodied but unbowed is the initiative launched over a year ago to develop a community garden here in Crescent Heights. Our eager committee tramped around the community and identified a number of possible sites for the garden, their initial preferred one being a triangular site immediately West of the North Hill Curling Club. Part of the appeal of the site was the potential for capturing run-off from the formidable roof of the curling club, but when this proved unfeasible, coupled with vigorous and sometimes bitter opposition from nearby residents who had been consulted in respect of the proposed site, the team turned its sights to an alternate location, this one immediately south of the tennis courts in Crescent Park. At this point it was the City's turn to pour cold water on the garden. Despite the fact that an old decommissioned drinking fountain is still in place, suggesting that a water supply in right there, thus eliminating the need for hundreds of feet of irrigation line to be run from the hall, the bureaucracy and unresponsiveness of City

Parks people has effectively taken the wind out of our volunteers' sails. So discouraging did the committee find its early planning efforts that the community garden is in abeyance for the foreseeable. With luck, some fresh legs or a second wind might get the project moving again, but for this year, I have just had to inform another resident that no plots are available in a community garden in Crescent Heights. Many thanks to our volunteer committee for all the work already done; it will be of great value once the project is restarted.

And finally this month, another departing friend: for the last couple of years, Wing Lee has handled a long list of maintenance matters around the community hall. With his wry sense of humour, quick wit and endless mechanical aptitude, Wing has been there, month in and month out, to handle the routine maintenance and repairs that were needed to relieve our hall from a tired and run-down look. Not so on Wing's watch. I recall in particular standing atop our sixteen foot stepladder, which was itself standing on a section of the stage, replacing fluorescent tubes on the highest row of lights, when Wing informed me that he couldn't necessarily promise to catch me if I fell. Laughing at that, I almost did. I'll miss you greatly, my friend, and wish you all the best in this, your real retirement. Wing is hereby officially declared irreplaceable, but if anyone would like to try, we have an opening for a volunteer maintenance person, especially one who is good at high wire work.

For this our combined July/August edition, we wish everyone a summer of fine weather and plenty of time outdoors, after a surly, halting and late springtime. With luck, by the time you read this, both the new Splash Pad and the Rotary Park Lawn Bowls clubhouse should be open and operational in Rotary Park. Take advantage of everything our community has to offer and watch this space for even more in the future.

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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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Shorten your wait in line by making sure your community membership is up-to-date! Please contact our membership folk at [curmudgeon9@shaw.ca](mailto:curmudgeon9@shaw.ca) to confirm or renew it. You can also drop a renewal form through the hall mailbox (1101 2nd Street NW). \$20 family membership, \$10 for a single or \$5 per person for seniors is a great bargain to ensure our community activities are supported.

As always, the Stampede Breakfast is free to members. Non-members pay \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Exact change is always appreciated.

Volunteers keep our events running! If you can help out on the morning of the 17th, that would be wonderful. Contact Anne Underwood at [daunderwood@shaw.ca](mailto:daunderwood@shaw.ca). We'll keep shifts short so that you can enjoy the event.

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# “I Can See Your House From Here” (Part Two - 1958)

by Professor Z

Part one of this series consisted of a 1924 aerial view of Crescent Heights as well as a listing of local businesses then in existence along with some insight into the challenging economic circumstances of the 1920's. This month's offering will proceed along the same lines and will cover the year 1958.

To say that the period from 1924 to 1958 would be an interesting time for Calgarians and Albertans would be an understatement.

A slight regional economic warming in the late 20's was extinguished by the 1929 stock market crash and the Great Depression of the 30's. Then came World War Two and at its conclusion, the Baby Boom.

The rise of Social Credit in Alberta was a curious phenomenon, and took place amidst the depressed economic conditions of the 30's. William Aberhart rose to power from his roots as a Crescent Heights School principal. Drawing as well from his avocation as a media-savvy preacher, he was elected premier after promising Albertans that they would each receive monthly dividend cheques in the amount of \$25, a tidy sum back in those days. This promise proved untenable as the Alberta government was then financially in dire straits and was in no position to issue any such dividend. With the onset of war though, Aberhart managed to cling to power, and was succeeded upon his death in 1943 by his lieutenant, Ernest Manning. What really saved Social Credit's bacon in Alberta, however, was the discovery of oil at Leduc in 1947. The result was a stampede of American oil companies and investment dollars; with the ensuing royalties, the province's financial troubles were a thing of the past. Although Edmonton was located much closer to the new oilfields, Calgary had previously attracted large American oil firms wishing to establish a base in Alberta and had already become known as the “HQ” city for the industry. Calgary also had a well-established stock exchange and was thus poised to make the transition from its prior role solely as a farm and ranch supply centre to a city with a big stake in the energy industry.

Unlike the period after World War One, post-World War Two in North America was a prosperous time, and signs of growth were everywhere. While most families were renters during the early 1950's, with increased prosperity home ownership became more common as the decade progressed. Calgary streetcars were phased out by 1950 and replaced by trolley buses; gradually, however, public transit lost much of its appeal when automobile ownership became more widespread. The mobility that ensued in turn facilitated the construction of new suburbs while communities in what we now think of as the inner city, including ours, came to be seen as less attractive places to raise a family.

From the 1958 Henderson's Directory, here are some interesting city statistics with comparative figures from 1924 in brackets, where available: population- 221,500 (76,000); Stampede attendance- 549,336 (167,000); building permits- \$101,564,471 (\$1,030,790); passenger car registrations- 67,219; public schools- 74 (63); separate schools- 21 (13); golf courses- 6 (2)

Prior to our commentary on the 1958 airphoto, we'll first take a look at

some of the local businesses then operating along the 16th Avenue, Centre Street and Edmonton Trail corridors. Our previous article included the names of all 57 businesses then in operation locally; by 1958, 254 businesses were present and unfortunately there just isn't space to include them all. I've attempted to provide a representative sampling of these businesses in an effort to give readers a bit of the flavour of these commercial strips. Those who've resided in our community for many years will most likely spot some familiar names.

## **16th Avenue NW, moving west from Centre Street (69 businesses present)**

Chesney Hardware, the Beacon Hotel (brand new in 1958), Andy's Grill, Royal Bank, DaSilva World Travel, TransCanada Realty, Picardy's Coffee Shop, Jack's Lunch, Betty Shoppe, Ivan McNabb (optometrist), Dr. Henry Hopkins, Sherwin Williams, Crescent Shoes, Hunt's Tog Shop, Chester's Dry Goods, Brigden's Barber Shop, Tots Toggery, Charm Beauty Shop, Willy's Cafe, Del's Dairy Bar, Blackwell Electric, Beacon Auto Service, Calgary Hobby Shop, Built-Rite Construction, Brooker's Radio, Clarke's Drug Store, Balmoral Confectionary, Canada Safeway, Crescent Bakery, Jenkins Groceteria, North Hill News, Cheerio Coffee Shop, Arn's Sharpening Service, Maple Leaf Garage, Ike's Barber Shop, Rosedale Cleaners

## **16th Avenue NE, moving east from Centre Street (23 businesses present)**

Douglass Drug Store, Calgary Glass, Crescent Lumber, Doctors K. McFadden, P. Foster, and A. Sartorelli, Fry's Lampland, Sun Health Institute, Traders Finance Corp, Alberta Book and Bible House, Dairy Corner, Rennie Motors, Top Notch No. 2 (cafe), Haslam and MacDonald Service Station, Trans Canada Cafe

## **Centre Street North, from 9th to 16th Avenues (81 businesses present)**

The Comfy Nook, Martin's Barber Shop, Kelln's Beauty Parlor, Art Sullivan Homes, Jensen Radio and Television, Bud Brown Rugs, Electrolux Canada, Treks Studio, Tigerstedt Studio, A-1 Beauty Shop, Triplex Coffee Bar, Foothills Clinic, Grant's Drug Store, Crescent Hardware, Stinson Motors, Canada Safeway, Rosedale Auto Service, The Family Clinic, Gordon Sauder Drugs, Dickie's Electric, Willrich Drilling, CQ Bown Wholesale Lumber, Dr. J.W. Moffat (dentist), Heights Real Estate, Anderson Plumbing, Hilltop Service Station, White Rose Service Station, Fowlie Motor Sales, Vic La Vica Photos, Betty and Bobby Shop, Zirk's Cycle Works, National System of Baking, Harold Runion Shoes, Household Finance, The Beehive, Dr. L.F. Schnell (naturopath), Crescent Flowers, Bank of Montreal, Dr. H.W. Gimbel, Crescent Cabs, Alice Leeman (music teacher)

## **4th Street North/ Edmonton Trail from Langevin Bridge to 16th Avenue (81 businesses present)**

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Reflecting more prosperous times and an increase in local population density, business listings for 1958 versus 1924 indicates that there were proportionately more vehicle service outlets, more cafes, more hair stylists and more firms involved in real estate construction and financing. The magnetic pull of the large regional shopping centre wouldn't be seen until much later.

And so on to the 1958 airphoto of Crescent Heights which accompanies this article. By 1958, perhaps the most noticeable change over the 34 year time span had occurred in the vicinity of Centre Street from 8th Avenue

north to 16th Avenue, as not only did a commercial strip gain a foothold there, but adjacent vacant lands on either side of Centre Street had over the years seen residential development as well. Even 16th Avenue between Centre Street and Edmonton Trail had filled in, although none of the houses on 16th Avenue shown in the 1958 aerial photo are present there today. Crescent Heights High School, completed in 1928, is shown along with some additions to the original structure while to the south the second LDS church (built in the early 50's?) had been constructed, although the McArthur home had not yet been demolished to provide parking space for the church. The images of Crescent Park and Rotary Park both reflect a fair degree of development in 1958 and it's interesting in each case to see that the same basic footprint of recreational usage survives to this day. Moving to the southeast quadrant of our community, traffic on 4th Street NE in 1958 moved in both directions north of the Langevin Bridge, as the traffic split and flyovers south of 3rd Avenue NE wouldn't occur until 1972. And in 1958, there was little evidence of the multi-family development in that same sector, most of which wouldn't occur until the 70's.

Will a 2035 airphoto of Crescent Heights include the image of an LRT line running north on either Centre Street or Edmonton Trail? Stay tuned.

References: *University of Calgary Airphoto collection; Leduc, Manning and the Age of Prosperity 1946- 1963-Ted Byfield and Lorne Gunter (1991); Henderson Directories from 1924 and 1958*

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## Crescent Heights Baptist Church Stampede Breakfast

Saturday, July 9th • 9 – 11am in front of Crescent Heights Baptist Church, 1212 - 1st Street NW

Cost is FREE! and everyone is welcome.

## Are You Interested in Rubber Bridge?

We're soliciting feedback to see if there's enough interest to organize regular games at the Community Hall. Please contact Judy at 230-0057 or [judy\\_mcivor@shaw.ca](mailto:judy_mcivor@shaw.ca)

## Neighbourhood Bottle Drive

PLEASE SAVE YOUR EMPTIES and help to support the Crescent Heights High School Football program. Saturday, September 10th from 10:00am – 12:00pm. We'll pick-up at your front or back door. Thereafter, every third Saturday, drop-off bottles at the high school NW parking lot from 10:00am – 12:00pm. Questions? Please call 403-277-4743 or email [debkott@hotmail.com](mailto:debkott@hotmail.com)

Thanks for your support and to North Hill Bottle Depot for all their help!

## The Wild Rose Art Gallery

by Linda Hunter, Minister

In 2005, the Calgary Drop In and Rehabilitation Centre invited Wild Rose United Church into a very special partnership--The Possibilities Project. Recognizing that homeless people need shelter, food and clothing, The Drop In Centre tries to meet those basic needs, 365 days a year. However, homeless people also need a reason to live. In a world that often looks away from the homeless, the clients at the DI need to know that their lives matter, that they are not merely flotsam and jetsam, floating down the river of life. In chaos and uncertainty, the spirit also needs care. And that is what the Possibilities Project is all about--caring for the spirit through art.

With seed money from Wild Rose, the DI has set up an art studio, a place of peace and solitude where clients can come to paint, draw and sculpt. Volunteer instructors help the fledgling artists awaken their creative muse and supplies are donated from various sources. If you should ever have an opportunity to visit the DI, perhaps as a volunteer, do take a moment to visit the studio. It is a messy place (creativity is not always neat and tidy!), with easels and canvases everywhere, with works of art in progress, with coffee brewing and burning in a nearby pot and music playing the background. It is, in essence, a place of hope.

To help the artists find an audience for their work, Wild Rose has opened up an Art Gallery, in our church facility. When an interior renovation was completed 18 months ago, we had plenty of clean, fresh and EMPTY wall space to fill. The artwork emerging from the Wild Rose studio at the DI has found a home on our walls.

Come in any weekday morning from 9:00 a.m. to Noon over the summer months to browse. The Gallery is also open on Sundays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The coffee is always on around here, so you can pick up a coffee and spend as much time as you like viewing the artwork of our DI friends. As well, all art pieces are for sale, so you can purchase one (or two!) paintings for your living room walls. Come and visit us over the summer months! Our walls reverberate with the forms and shapes and colours of hope.



# Join our **Crescent View enRoute** Challenge!

Take a pic at Stampede, at work, around town, with family, with friends, with a celebrity... just about anywhere!

Send your pic to: [ellisevansdesign@shaw.ca](mailto:ellisevansdesign@shaw.ca)

**From my recent Greek holiday - Phaistos is an ancient Minoan ruin on Crete - Judith U.**

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**Also, if your pet is nominated you could win a **FREE PRIZE PACKAGE** courtesy of **DOGGYWOOD!** Please include a phone number or email address to receive your prize package.**

## Ruka & Peyton

**Best Pets Ever Nominee!**

These are my babies Ruka and Peyton! I know it's true for one - but without each other these dogs are nothing! They're both 'rescues' and, with some love and attention, they became the sweetest companions any household could ask for. They love everyone, especially my boyfriend and I, and are always there when we need some cuddles. They are two very unique puppies that I could definitely not live without!

**Taylor & Alex**

## Rosedale Playschool

What a wonderful year we've had at Rosedale Playschool! Congratulations to our graduating 4 year old students who will be going to Kindergarten in the Fall! Thanks to all who came out to our 2nd Annual Spring Fling at the end of May - we had a wonderful time with a Pirate Ship Bouncy Castle, face painting, and crafts!



Looking ahead, while our 3 year old morning class, and our 3/4 year old afternoon class are full for the 2011/2012 school year, there is still room in our year old morning class (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday). 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, Joanne Meyer at [j.darby@telus.net](mailto:j.darby@telus.net), for more information.

We're already planning out 3rd Annual Tiny Treasure's Sale! Mark October 22 on your calendar, or hand onto your used children's and baby items and contact us at [rosedaleplayschool@gmail.com](mailto:rosedaleplayschool@gmail.com) if you are interested in being a vendor.

Happy Summer! See you in September!



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## Need A Doctor?

Web registry helps people find a family physician

Calgary and area Primary Care Networks (PCNs) have joined together to support patients who do not have a family doctor. The result of this partnership is a web registry designed to address the health needs of people without a family doctor and provide them with increased access to health services in their communities.

The registry is a secure online form used to collect information from individuals and begin a process to attach them to a family physician. To date, three Calgary PCNs have opened new clinics for the purpose of linking patients with a physician. From January 1st to March 31st, 2011, the Calgary Foothills PCN connected over 1500 people in northwest of Calgary and Cochrane with family doctors. People can access the web registry at [www.needadoctorcalgaryandarea.ca](http://www.needadoctorcalgaryandarea.ca)

Patients are attached to physicians from the waitlist in the order they register. Due to the physician shortage in Calgary, the registry is solely for people who currently have no family physician at all. The time it takes to get a physician can vary due to fluctuating physician availability, and registrants are welcome to continue looking for a doctor on their own why they wait.

Calgary Foothills Primary Care Network is an arrangement between a group of family physicians and Alberta Health Services - Calgary to provide primary care services to patients living in northwest Calgary and Cochrane.

For more information on the programs offered through the PCN, visit [www.cfpcn.ca](http://www.cfpcn.ca). For information on all Primary Care Networks in Alberta, visit [www.albertapci.ca](http://www.albertapci.ca)

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## Summer Bible Day Camp

For children ages 4 - 12 years of age.

**Location:** Sharon Danish Lutheran Church • 210 - 10th Ave. NE

**Time:** August 22nd through Friday, August 26th.

Hours will be from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm daily.

**Weekly Cost:** \$50 for the first child, \$20 for each additional child in the same family.

**Activities include Bible stories, music, games, crafts, drama, and an introduction to some Danish heritage and culture. Snacks will be provided twice daily, but children are to bring their own lunches.**

**To register:** call 403-277-5804 or call Lisa at 403-240-1548. (You may leave a message if necessary.) **Deadline is August 15th.**

## HOUSE FOR SALE!

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# Backyard Play Safety



With summer fast approaching, Alberta Health Services EMS would like to encourage parents to ensure their backyard play areas are made safe. Direct supervision is the best method to reduce the chance of injury. It is also prudent to ensure play equipment in your yard is suitable for the age and skill of the children using it. Don't forget to check the equipment often and repair any worn or broken parts. Set up play equipment on 8 to 12 inches of a shock-absorbing surface such as sand, wood chips, or pea gravel. Grass will not adequately cushion a fall.

## Water hazards

- Ensure all backyard swimming pools are fenced. The fence should be at least 1.5 metres (5 feet) high and have a self-latching, self-closing, lockable gate;
- Drowning is the leading cause of unintentional injury-related death among children ages one to four;
- Children can drown in just a few centimetres of water if it covers their mouth and nose.

## Lawn and garden tools

- Keep young children away from outdoor power equipment. Serious burns may result from touching hot engine surfaces;
- Ensure that all tools, fuel, chemicals, and other hazardous substances are stored in a secure, locked area. A simple latch may not be sufficient.

## Insect bites and stings

- Minimize the risk of attracting insects by not wearing strong perfumes or scented lotions;
- Avoid wearing brightly coloured clothing outdoors;
- Destroy or re-locate hives and nests situated near your home;
- To avoid a bite in case of accidentally stepping on a stinging insect always ensure you child wears shoes or sandals;
- If your child has received an 'EpiPenJr' prescription from your physician (for serious anaphylactic emergencies only) ensure they understand when and how to use it;
- If your child experiences a severe reaction to an insect sting, seek medical attention or call 9-1-1.

# Area Event and Resource Guide

# Community

## BRIDGELAND-RIVERSIDE

### **Bridgeland Riverside Community Association** **Hall: 917 Centre Avenue NE**

Ph: 403-263-5755, Hall email: hall@brcacalgary.org  
Newsletter email: newsletter@brcacalgary.org  
**Visit our web site at: [www.brcacalgary.org](http://www.brcacalgary.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

### **Pooch Pancake Breakfast at Doggywood! FREE!**

Serving Pooch Pancakes for pets only! Sunday, July 10 from 12 - 3 pm.  
616 - 1st Avenue NE. Call 403-229-DOGS for more info.

**Bridgeland Riverside Playgroup:** We will be meeting Wednesdays from 10am to Noon at the Gateway International Church, 235-8A St NE. For more information please email: events@brcacalgary.org.

**Eco Art Camp at the Bridgeland Riverside Community Centre**  
August 15th-19th. Exciting and fun art camp for every eco-friendly young artist! Projects include Paper Maché Animals, Painted Glass Sculpture/Vases, Nature Collages, Daily Outdoor Sketching and more!  
For ages 10-14. For more info or sign up - go to [www.GetSetArt.com](http://www.GetSetArt.com)

**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.  
Intercultural Cooking / Women's Issues - Nigeria: July 7, Thurs, 6-8pm  
Yoga Flow: July 11, Mon, 2-3pm  
Photography Club: July 11, 25, Mon, 6-7:30pm  
Intercultural Cooking / Women's Issues - First Nations: July 14, Thurs, 6-8pm  
Introductory Bicycle Mechanics: July 18, Mon, 6-8pm  
Intercultural Cooking / Women's Issues - East India: July 21, Thurs, 6-8pm  
Canadian Family Law - Getting Divorced: July 26, Tues, 6-8pm  
Intercultural Cooking / Women's Issues - Latin America: July 28, Thurs, 6-8pm

### **Fall Skateboard Program** - Sept 12 - 16, 3 pm - 6 pm

917 Centre Ave NE in Parking Lot. City of Calgary program for skateboarding and in-line skating. No entry fee to skate at the park but signed waivers are required for all participants prior to using the park and a helmet must be worn by all participants.  
For more information call 3-1-1 or visit [Calgary.ca/skateparks](http://Calgary.ca/skateparks)

## 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

### **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](mailto:sandra_williams@shaw.ca)

## TUXEDO PARK cont

### **UPCOMING 2011 EVENTS - at the hall**

July 1 ..... **Canada Day Breakfast**  
July 15 ..... Community Supper - Hamburgers/ Trimmings Pot Luck  
Aug. 12 ..... Community Supper - Cold Plate  
Aug. 27/28 ..... Dog Agility Trials  
Sept. 16 ..... Community Supper - Pork Chops  
Sept. 24/25 ..... Community Garage Sale

**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.

## CRESCENT HEIGHTS

### **Crescent Heights Community Association**

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

Hall Rentals: Call 403-804-5600

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

### **Crescent Heights Stampede Breakfast - YAHOO!**

Sunday, July 17th, 9 to 11am at the hall.

Free to members. Non-members: \$5 adults, \$3 children

We encourage our guests to be kind to the environment by bringing their own plates, utensils and cups.

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

**Crescent Hts. High School Football Program Bottle Drive** - Please save your empties and help support our program. Sat. Sept 10 from 10 am to noon. We'll pick-up at your front or back door. Thereafter, every third Saturday, drop-off bottles at the high school NW parking lot from 10:00am - 12:00pm. Questions? Please call 403-277-4743 or email [debot@hotmail.com](mailto:debot@hotmail.com)

### **Possibilities Project - caring for the spirit through art**

Wild Rose United Church has opened up an Art Gallery in our church facility. Artists from the Drop-In Centre invite you to visit any weekday morning from 9am to noon over the summer months. The Gallery is also open on Sundays from 11am to 1pm. Coffee is always on around here, so you can pick up a coffee and spend as much time as you like viewing the artwork of our DI friends. As well, all art pieces are for sale.

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

Crescent Heights Community Hall. Community membership required.

Children at any age welcome - babies included.

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

## HIGHLAND PARK

### **Highland Park Community Association**

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

Hall Rentals: Call 403-276-6969

Newsletter email: [highlandparkeditor@gmail.com](mailto:highlandparkeditor@gmail.com)

### **Rides n' Rods Car Show - Sunday, July 24th, 10am to 3pm**

Highland Industrial Park - 40th Ave at Edmonton Trail NE. Fun for the whole family. Centre Street Church hosts a BBQ lunch, there will be music, lots of classic cars, fun for the kids, prize give aways and tons of fun! All the money we raise on the day of the event goes to our neighbour the Calgary HandiBus Association.

### **Canadian Blood Services**

Donor Clinic Location: 3716 2 St NW - Highland Park Hall. The next clinics will be held on August 18 and October 22 from 3:30 to 7:30pm. It takes less than an hour from start to finish.

## 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](mailto:newsletter@renfrewcommunity.ca)

**RCA 2011 Stampede Day:** Saturday July 9. Family Fun all morning: 9am-11am **Free Pancake Breakfast.** 10am-1pm **Kids Carnival.** 9am-noon **Show and Shine Car Show.** Live Music, Canteen.  
**Beer Garden - Best Stampede value in town!** Adults only.  
Fun all evening: 3pm-late Beer Gardens, BBQ, Live Music and Dancing.

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

**Saturday and Monday evenings.** Nickel Games at 6:10pm, regular games at 6:50pm, Satellite at 8:45pm. 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+ Club - 1318 Regal Crescent NE**

Daily events and activities. Contact Tina Wilding at 276-4747 or email [renfrew50club@shaw.ca](mailto:renfrew50club@shaw.ca) for more information.

**Community Bottle Drop-off: Sat, July 23, 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 city-run outdoor 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

**Community BBQ on the RCA Deck:** Friday, July 22. Friday, August 19. 6pm-10pm. Burgers, Hotdogs, Beverages for purchase. Everyone welcome!

**Mobile Skateboard Park:** This RCA sponsored, city-run program will run September 26-30, 3:30-6pm daily, in the parking lot of the Renfrew Aquatic and Fitness Centre. No entry fee to skate at the park but signed waivers are required for all participants prior to using the park and a helmet must be worn by all participants.

For more information call 3-1-1 or visit [Calgary.ca/skateparks](http://Calgary.ca/skateparks)

## 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](mailto:calmarca@telus.net)

Newsletter email: [cmccnews50@yahoo.com](mailto:cmccnews50@yahoo.com)

### **FREE Stampede Breakfast - Sat. July 16 - 9t o 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!

### **Jam Session:** July 23, Aug 27 in the Lounge (Fireside Room)

**Park 'n Play, Stay 'n Play:** FREE city-run outdoor drop-in children's programs. Aug 15 to 19th at the 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

### **CMCA and Memorial FC Indoor Soccer Registration!**

Sat. Aug 27, 1 to 3pm; Thurs. Sept 1, 7 to 9pm; Thurs. Sept 8, 7 to 9pm  
CMCA Centre - 636 Marlborough Way NE

More info? Phone Peter at 403-272-0462.

# Connections

## Area Event and Resource Guide

### **MARLBOROUGH** cont

**JELLY BEAN DANCE:** Sept 23, \$3 ADMISSION, AGES 12 AND UNDER  
(Parent supervision advised for younger children)  
POP, HOTDOGS & CANDY FOR SALE. LOTS OF DANCE CONTESTS  
DOOR PRIZES. PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Bingo at the Bingo Barn Volunteers needed:**  
Please call Marg at 273-7952.

**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

**Park 'n Play, Stay 'n Play:** FREE city-run outdoor drop-in children's programs. July 4 to 8th at the 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

**Blood Services** : The Canadian Blood Services will be in the Marlborough Park Community Centre gymnasium on Saturday July 15th 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.

**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

### **RUNDLE**

**Rundle Community Association**  
**Hall: 2409 - 50 St. NE**  
Hall Rentals: Call 403-280-4752  
Newsletter email: rumbles@shaw.ca

**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 serving pizza!**  
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 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 mpsupervisor@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](http://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.

**Book Club** - 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Lower Hall  
July 12 - *Girl With The Pearl Earring* by Tracy Chevalier; August 9 - *Nikol-ski* by Nicolas Dickner. For more info e-mail lohanlon@telus.net or call Linda at (403) 289-8390.

### **CROSSROADS**

**Crossroads Community Association**  
**Hall: 1803 14 Avenue NE** Ph: 403-277-6201  
Hall Rentals: Call Marlene at 403-277-6201  
Newsletter email: convenor.editor@gmail.com

**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.

#### **BRING ON THE ADVENTURE! SCOUTING OPPORTUNITIES**

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.

**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](http://www.crossroads50plusclub.com)

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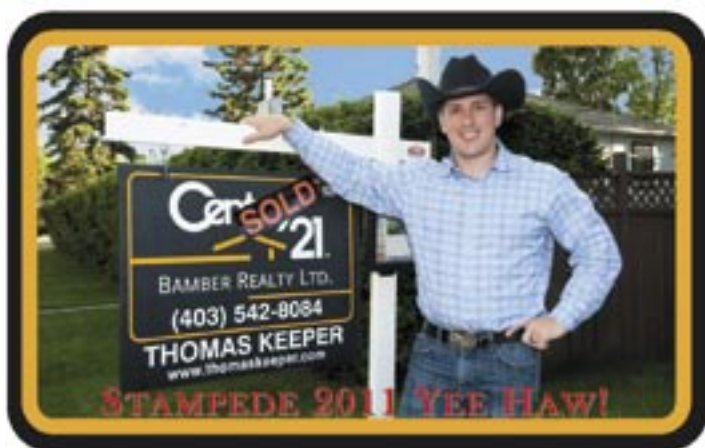
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# St. Joseph/Hillcrest Care Centre Grandparent Program

by Debbie Heikkila, Parent volunteer

In October 2010, St. Joseph School welcomed 4 seniors and Karen, a Recreation Planner from Hillcrest, to our school for our first Grandparent Program. 5 excited grade 8 students, Debbie Heikkila, parent volunteer and Mrs. Chang, gr 8 teacher happily escorted the seniors to our school library where we would be meeting once a month for the school year.

Debbie Heikkila who would be facilitating the monthly gatherings had lofty goals for the group. In planning the program, she envisioned a writing project! Each student would interview a senior about his/her life and then the student would compile the information and write the senior's life story-maybe throw in a few computer graphics to show off their computer skills and ten proudly present it at the end of the year to the seniors. Not so...



The students and their "grandparents" had other plans. They wanted to talk, to visit, and to tell stories. The first group discussion yielded the following ideas - read together, bake together, talk as a group about a number of topics, have the students tour Hillcrest where the grandparents live, and have the grandparents attend Mrs. Chang's class with the students.

During the months when the grandparents could come the St. Joseph via Handibus (we missed a couple of meetings due to the very, very cold and snowy winter) we met and talked as a group. And talk we did!

We talked about Calgary, its growth and the changes over the years. One of the grandparents, Terry, told us that she served the first meal out of the Calgary tower when it first opened June 30, 1968. Terry also served a meal to Royalty – the Queen - when she dined at the Palliser Hotel.

We talked about who was born in Calgary, and if not, where? John and Margaret were the farthest, from Ireland and England respectively.

We talked about streetcars and buses. How in our grandparents day to ride the streetcar it cost 25 cents and how a rider would put their coins in a metal box upon boarding. How the streetcars were attached to cables and how noisy the streetcar was to ride. How the floorboards moved beneath your feet and how you could see the street below as you traveled to your destination.

We talked about hats. How every man used to wear a hat and would tip his hat and say "good day" to all who he passed or who passed him. How there were no sunglasses and the hats helped keep the sun out of the

eyes as well as protect the head. How men took off their hats to enter a church and women put hats on entering the church, hatted and dressed in their finest.

We talked about toques, Stetsons, bonnets, fezzes, caps, with and without flaps, fedoras, top hats, mushroom hats, baseball caps, and cloches (flapper hats common in the 1920's).

Around Eastertime, the students from St. Joseph were invited to Hillcrest to help make Easter bonnets. The seniors proudly "showed off" their home and introduced the students to their friend and fellow residents. There were a lot of pleasantries that day.

We talked about typewriters and computers. The students took turns banging away on an old 1942 typewriter while the grandparents told about carbon copies, white out and correction tape. Beryl recited the keyboard letters by memory and we all marveled at how strong the

fingers and wrists of the secretaries from days past must have been.

Dorothy, one of the seniors brought in her vacation photos from the many places she has traveled to in her lifetime. We looked at maps and "googled" countries. We learned some geography!

Our visits became the highlight of the month for the students, the grandparents, and the school. Younger children noticed the grandparents, greeted them so kindly, and asked why they were there. When told about the program, most said they wanted to join when they were in grade 8.

A big thank you to all the grandparents and students: John, Margaret, Terry, Dorothy, Beryl, and to Karen from Hillcrest. And to Lexi, Emily, Lauren, Anna, Lucy, Georgia, Soraya, Mrs. Chang and Mr. Durante (St. Joseph Principal). It was a great year!

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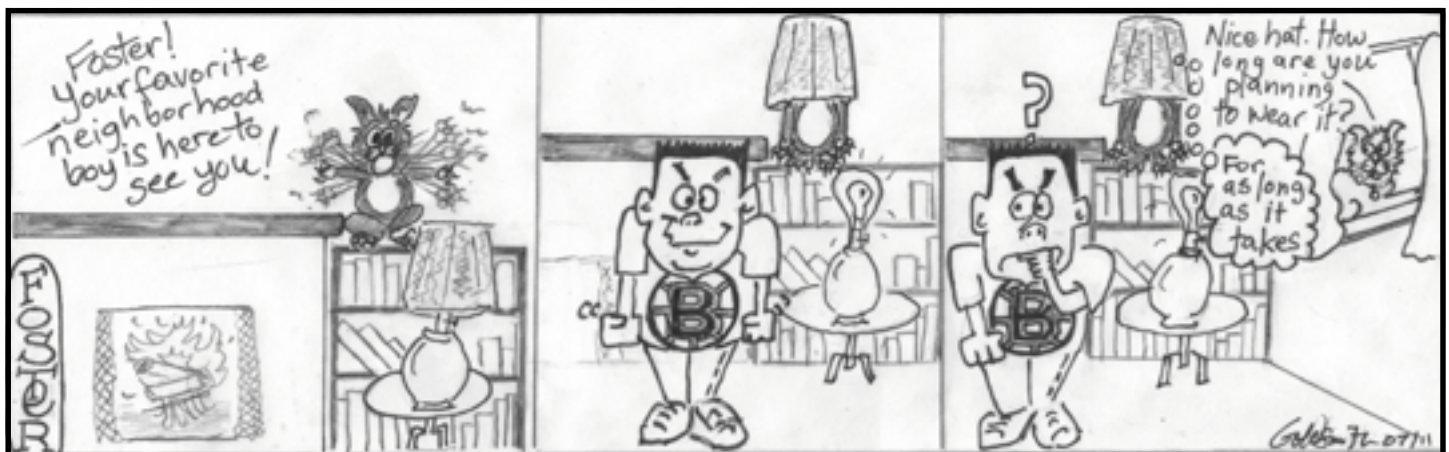
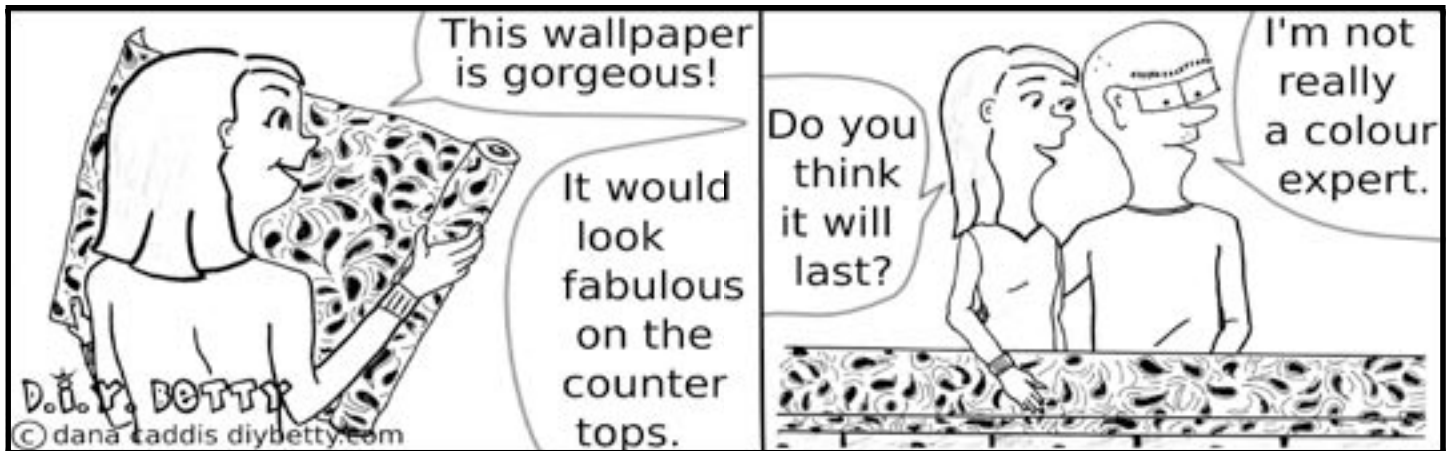


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# Off the Shelf

Book Review by Judith Umbach

## *Juliet, Naked* by Nick Hornby

With fine contemporary humour, Nick Hornby draws us into several lives in which nothing seems to happen; yet, by the end of the story, the characters' very selves have changed irrevocably. The title of the novel, *Juliet, Naked*, is also the title of a band's "break-up" album, revered by a dedicated or perhaps obsessed scattering of fans who chat on the internet. Duncan is one of the leaders, minutely dissecting every word and possible allusion in the works of the reclusive musician, Tucker Crowe.

Rather, Crowe's absent persona misleads his fans into the interpretation that he is reclusive. Actually, having given up on music and the attendant life-style, he just doesn't respond to his fans or the media. Almost without thought, Annie writes a review of one of his albums to annoy Duncan. Annie and Duncan have lived together for fifteen years in a small, depressingly middle-class, seaside town in Britain. From across the ocean of internet connections, Tucker responds to Annie's post on the Tucker Crowe fan site.

What should she do? This is the central question of Annie's current existence. She doesn't like her job much. Her relationship with Duncan has faded into living in the same house, not living together. She has lost her motivation and sense of direction. Author Nick Hornby's admirable skill is to find universal yearnings and disappointments in the dilemmas of the friendly but rather pathetic Annie.

Tucker Crowe and the website fandom form wonderful commentaries on the rock scene and the ability of people to connect in very superficial ways on the Web. Although excessive analysis of artists and their work has plagued every age, fleeting fame has its own "long tail" on the internet. Nothing is too trivial and nothing disappears. But are the fans wrong? Unlike Tucker himself, they hurt no one. Only people who are interested read their articles and posts and emails. They do "talk" to each other, which is somewhat better than possibly an even more depersonalized isolation without Web connections.

Or is it better? Nick Hornby leads us through the labyrinth of modern human relations. Some people get on with their lives. Some people just live where they are. In this novel, Annie must decide which kind of person she is.



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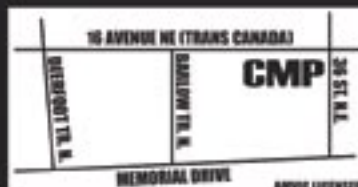
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