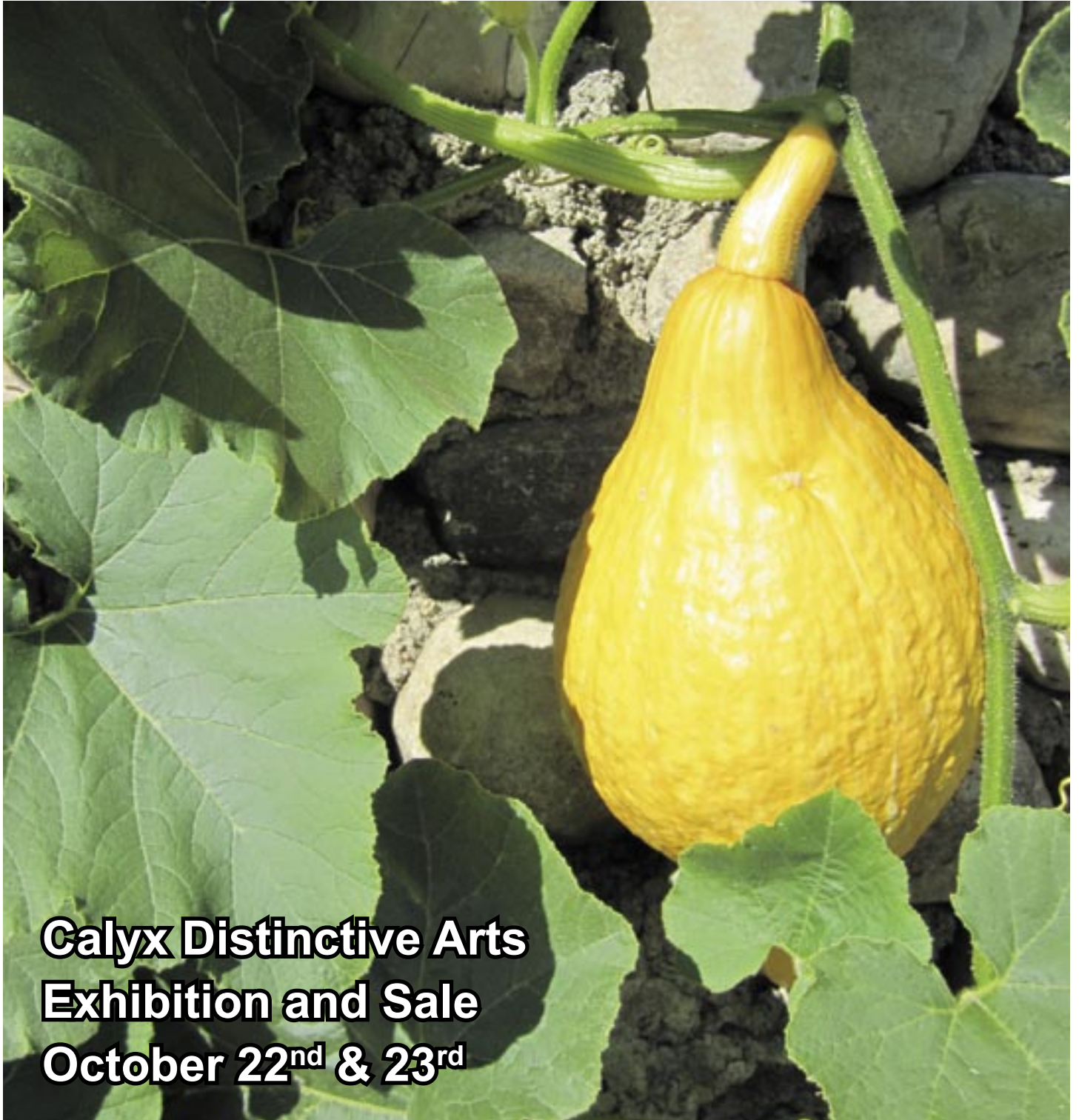


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President's Notebook

by John McDermid

It seems that Autumn is upon us, and but for the evening temperature drop, one would not think so in the midst of this fine stretch of weather in early September as I assemble this item for the October View.

The finer weather that we enjoyed through much of August and into September was hugely valued by many families gathering at the new Splash Pad in Rotary Park. Too bad its season came to an early end right in the midst of a warm spell, but Calgary Parks' reliance on student staffing at many recreational venues such as Rotary Park meant that the water park had to close down even though the warm weather seemed to be here to stay. We are in the very early planning stages of arranging a celebration of the Splash Pad to kick off its first full season in the early summer of 2012. Let us know if you have ideas for such an event, because it's wide open as of now.

Further congratulations are also due to our friends and co-tenants at the Rotary Park Lawn Bowls Club. I mentioned last month that their charming new clubhouse facility had opened its doors this past summer. CHCA had entered into a sub-lease agreement with the club to resolve a policy roadblock whereby low membership numbers prevented the club from entering its own lease of occupation with the city. City policies have been revised in the past year and will go to council this autumn. It is expected that RPLBC will be in a position to enter into its own lease and thus become masters of their own destiny. Although it was a long process to finalize the sub-lease agreement, we made many friends in the Rotary Park Club and hope our two organizations will continue out close relationship, even if under separate leases.

Crescent Heights will again be a host to the City's Leaf and Pumpkin recycling program. By the time you read this, the temporary fenced area should be in place in the parking lot near the hall (with signage), so if you can't compost all your end-of-season garden waste, bring it by the drop site, but no smashing pumpkins please.

It was with some sadness that we learned that Calgary Community Block Watch would close its doors after the launch of many successful community block watch programs, our own included, and after several recent years of re-branding and re-inventing itself. As many of you will know, our program has been all but dormant since 2005, when we held our spring and fall Crime Update and Orientation sessions, which were not as well attended as in past years. I succeeded our program founder, Keith Johnson, as program coordinator, but was never any match for his energy and organizational skills. Nevertheless, our Crescent Heights Block Watch Yahoo Group e-mail list is still very much in place, and is a useful communication and awareness channel as door-to-door scams and other matters of interest visit our community from time to time. I believe there is a future for our Community Block Watch Program, and if anyone is interested in exploring ways to revive Block Watch here in Crescent Heights, please get in touch with me to discuss it further. johnmcdermid@shaw.ca or 403-277-8653. To join the Yahoo group, just Google Crescent Height Block Watch Yahoo and you'll be welcomed aboard by your 336 fellow group members. Remember that the group is always moderated and does not generate junk e-mail traffic, Keith was always very particular about that and I continue his iron-fisted moderator policy.

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A Calgary winter is coming! Are you and your roof ready?

October already! Trees are beginning to change their colours and Halloween candy is in all the grocery stores!

It's time to think about cleaning out the gardens and getting ready for what is coming – Fall and then another Calgary Winter!

2011 has been an unusual year for weather – even in Calgary! The never-ending winter was followed by a long wet spring, then a hot summer with burning temperatures that would drop sharply overnight. There were thunderstorms with spectacular lightning and high winds that dropped tree branches everywhere.

Extremes in weather can cause stress to all roofing products. If you see blistering, curling or cracking roof tiles, it's just a matter of time before you will need a new roof, or face expensive water damage in your home. If there is shingle sheathing or siding decay, poorly installed flashing, moisture in the attic after heavy rains, stains on interior walls/ceilings, or high energy bills, your roof may be the culprit. Winter and cold temperatures will exacerbate existing problems and the spring thaw will bring more chances for water leaks in your home.

Your roof is like the tires on your car. From time to time they need to be replaced. If you look after small regular maintenance items, routinely keep gutters and downspouts clear of leaves, check the flashings and replace the caulking regularly, you can extend the life of your roof by up to 30%.

It may time for a new roof altogether – especially if your house is 25 to 30 years old with an original roof. Older homes have asphalt tiles that had considerably more petroleum and tar resins, and had considerable staying power. Today more options are available. While some of the new tiles are cheaper their life span is considerably less.

Call an experienced roofing contractor, and get references. Have them inspect your roof, flashing gutter and downspouts. If you have skylights or vents on your roof have them pay special attention to those areas as water damage problems often start there.

You may be able to do minor repairs, and continue to enjoy your existing roof. If you need a new roof, be sure to ask to see roofing products that come with 25yr to life-time guarantees.

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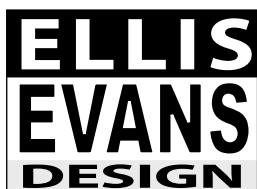
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Please remember to mark your calendars and join us on the afternoon of Sunday, October 23, from 2:00 to 5:00 PM when the Crescent Heights Community Association and the East Crescent Heights Joint Condominium Association will host a Neighbour to Neighbour Safety and Wellness Fair. As reported last month, this will be a gathering to allow Crescent Heights residents to get to better know our neighbours and learn more about the place in which we work, live and play.

The organizing group has made great progress over the late summer, reaching out to local merchants and arranging for exhibitors to be on hand to display the range of services and resources available to deal with many of the sticking points of inner city living. So plan to set aside a couple of hours and join us at St. Vladimir's Cultural Centre at 404 Meredith Road NE on October 23rd. There is ample parking in the tiered lots off Meredith Road, but it's also an interesting stroll down to St. Vlad's through the varied terrain of a colourful corner of our community.

Last issue we welcomed home Tim Edwards, our Rink Boss, who had just completed a lengthy work sojourn in Portugal. Although there is not a snowflake in sight, Tim and his crew are already mobilized to secure the dismantling and relocation of a few set of hockey rink boards from the Strathcona Community Association. Strathcona's plans to build a new rink made their boards available, and Tim quickly determined that theirs are much more substantial than our own. It will take some doing to get the new rink up to our site, and build a solid foundation for them to sit on, and as I write this I am dodging the work bee on September 10 that will have salvaged 6x6 timbers from the construction of the Crescent Road Promenade to serve as a foundation for our new rink. Editorial deadlines are serious deadlines however, so I'll hope to make amends by pitching in when the time comes to begin construction of the new rink (Saturday October 1: contact Tim if you can help (tim.edwards@shell.com)). If this issue of *The View* reaches you after October 1, there will still likely be follow-up work on the new rink, or if you'd like to join the in-season rink crew, Tim is the man to talk to.

And finally this month, news reaches us of the approval of a Development Permit (DP) for the space formerly occupied by Blockbuster Video on Edmonton Trail between 7th and 8th Avenues NE. We reviewed the development permit in August of this year but were concerned about the absence of the by-law check that normally accompanies our DP circulations. That followed, but it was only shortly before the approval that we learned that the facility, a medical clinic, would be seriously deficient in its parking requirements. If the facility were something other than a medical clinic, which presumably, hopefully, might open under the banner "now accepting new patients" we would probably have appealed the approval. But we will hope that the facility will benefit the local community and thus be a welcome addition to Crescent Heights. To deal with parking pressures for the near term, I suggest that residents of the 300-block of 8th Avenue, north side, review their current parking restrictions, and decide if they find it necessary to stiffen the restrictions in anticipation of additional short term on-street parking that may be generated by the clinic. Currently, the south side of 8th Avenue NE is two-hour parking, while the

north side is Residential Parking Permit, Zone M, permit only, no ands, ifs or buts (as is 7th). Visit the City's website and learn about the process for changing the terms of parking restrictions within our residential Zone M, block by block, then bend over and cough.

With the help of a resident who has proposed the program, we are currently exploring whether we might be able to offer family yoga instruction commencing this autumn. Watch this space and sign on to our community e-mail list for further details and updates.

Onward.

Calyx Is Coming!

Calyx Distinctive Arts presents its 22nd semi-annual Exhibition and Sale of original artworks by local artists on Saturday October 22 and Sunday October 23, 2011, from 10am - 4pm, at the Crescent Heights Community Hall, 1101 - 2nd Street NW, Calgary.

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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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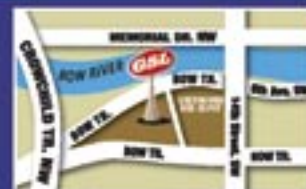
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Alberta Health Services EMS would like to remind parents and trick-or-treaters of some basic Halloween safety tips as October 31st approaches. As a member of the *UNICEF Partners for Safety*, ambulances, along with police, fire, bylaw, transit, and Shaw Cable vehicles will be out patrolling communities on Halloween night to provide a visible safety resource for parents and trick-or-treaters.

Trick-or-Treaters

- Remember: all regular pedestrian rules still apply. Be sure to cross the road at marked cross walks or well lit corners only. It is safest to work your way up one side of the street and then cross once to the other side.
- Stay away from houses that are not well lit and do not accept rides from strangers or enter any home you feel is unsafe.
- Let your parents know where you are going to be at all times and advise them if you will be late returning.

Parents

- Be certain that young trick-or-treaters are accompanied by an adult. Older children should stay in groups of three or more.
- Pre-determine boundaries to trick-or-treat within and establish a firm time to return home.
- Advise children not to eat anything until they return home. Dispose of any items that appear to have been tampered with, or that are not properly wrapped.

Costumes

- Choose bright colored costumes that are highly visible. Adding reflective tape to costumes further increases visibility.
- Consider sending your children with a flashlight for additional safety and increased visibility.
- When purchasing or making costumes, look for materials and accessories that are labeled flame-resistant.
- All costume accessories, such as sticks, rods or wands, should be soft and flexible with no sharp edges.
- Consider using hypoallergenic make-up kits instead of masks that may impair vision or breathing.
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It's hard to believe that fall is suddenly upon us. With children returning to school and trying to get back into the swing of our routines, we can often find ourselves stuck for childcare. That's where the Babysitting Co-op can come in handy! This past year, the Babysitting Co-op gained some new members and are always looking for a few more.

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.
- 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 can be obtained from Robin at 403-276-8610.

New Ward 7 Website

by Druh Farrell

Welcome to our new Ward 7 website, www.druhfarrrell.ca. This is just Phase 1, created as part of the upgraded, user-friendly City website www.calgary.ca

In order to communicate with you better, and to keep our website interesting, we need your help!

- Like my Facebook page for a chance to win a City of Calgary fleece blanket or roadside emergency kit, perfect for the upcoming winter season. You will then get updates as we post interesting information.
- Don't forget to send us your photos of cool Ward 7 stuff for our website! Submissions before October 15th are eligible to win a City of Calgary picnic blanket. Photos should be emailed to Ward07@calgary.ca.

We hope you enjoy our new communication tools, and stay tuned for Phase 2 of our website, coming soon!

Snow Routes coming to Calgary

Calgarians have asked for better safety and improved snow clearing on City streets and Council has listened. Council approved the release of funds to improve Snow and Ice Control (SNIC) levels of service during the second half of the 2011 program and have expanded the snow fence program from a total of two to four kilometres of snow fence for the next three years. Council also asked Administration to develop parking restrictions on Priority 1 and Priority 2 routes to be put into effect during 2011/2012 winter storm events.

Snow Route parking restrictions are not a new concept. In fact, they are currently in effect in other cities like Edmonton and Lethbridge. By restricting vehicle parking on the major roads and bus routes, the City can quickly and effectively remove snow from curb to curb. This would eliminate several problems, such as snow building up beside parked cars and being moved back onto the road, and reduced road widths due to parked cars and "wind-rows".

Snow Route parking restrictions will not only help The City remove snow from major traffic corridors more effectively, but will also enable crews to start snow clearing on Priority 3 and 4 routes faster. This will benefit all Calgarians and will help make travel a little safer this winter.

Administration is currently reviewing the details and will present a report on September 20 at the regular Land Use, Planning and Transportation Committee meeting.

Stay tuned this fall for more information on the Snow Route parking restriction initiative.

Thank You

A special "thank you" to Pat Salt for the recent contribution to the CHCA. Your support is very much appreciated!

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www.calgarypubliclibrary.com

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At the Library you can get your paws on a great book!



Story Pals: Trained Pet Access League Society volunteers and their highly socialized dogs provide a calm, accepting presence for struggling readers to practice reading aloud. Ages 6 to 12. Thursdays, Oct 20 to Nov 24, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Using the Internet for Career Planning: Learn effective strategies using websites and databases for career planning. In partnership with Alberta Employment and Immigration. Thursday, Oct 20, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Coffee & Conversation: Join us for coffee, conversation, and presentations of interest.

Ages 50 and up. Mondays, Sep 26, Oct 17, Oct 31, and Nov 14, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. No registration required

Artist Within: History Under Construction: Join 'Living Book' Judith Umbach for an exploration of Calgary's buildings through the Library's Local History photographic collections and digital photographs of Calgary construction sites. Monday, Oct 03, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Flipbook Animation for Teens: Learn to make your own cartoon animation by creating a take-away flipbook. Presented by Quickdraw Animation Society. Ages 13 to 17. Saturday, Nov 05, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Teen Movie Night! Enjoy a feature length film at the Library. Call branch for movie title. Ages 13 to 17. Tuesday, Oct 18 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.



The Library will be closed on October 10 - Happy Thanksgiving!

See you soon at the Louise Riley Library!

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There will also be a Halloween themed carnival and a bake sale as a fundraiser for the East Calgary Beaver Scouts.



ANIMAL & BYLAW SERVICES

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To everything, there is a season...

Fall has arrived and now is the time to get your yard ready for the winter so that the spring clean-up is less tedious and the lawn, plants, trees and shrubs are healthier.

Grass: Grass must be less than six inches (15 cm) tall according to the Community Standards Bylaw, but three inches is optimal. Late fall is the best time to apply fresh seed to renew a lawn; the seed lies dormant under the snow and germinates the following spring with the moisture of the melt.

Leaves: Raking the lawn ensures your grass won't suffocate under a burden of fallen leaves. Remember that under the Community Standards Bylaw, it is illegal to burn leaves and yard waste in Calgary.

Weeds: According to the latest version of the Alberta Weed Control Regulation, weeds are now divided into two groups: noxious and prohibited noxious. The growth of noxious weeds must be controlled and prohibited noxious weeds must be destroyed. Dandelions are not considered weeds but grass, and should be dealt with accordingly. The Oxeye Daisy (see photographs) is an example of a noxious weed commonly found in Calgary yards this year. Fall is the best time to get rid of weeds so they don't surprise you in the spring.



Plants: Leave perennials standing until next spring, but remove fallen fruit and leaves as these may house disease-causing organisms that can rise again next spring for a renewed assault. The City of Calgary Healthy Yards program provides guidelines for beautiful and healthy yards by using an environmentally friendly approach to yard, lawn and garden care.

Trees and shrubs: Keep trees and shrubs on your property trimmed so they don't interfere with pedestrians or vehicles. Consult the Street Bylaw for further information.

Reduce watering of trees and shrubs in the fall, but give all evergreens one heavy watering as close to freeze-up as possible. This will prevent dehydration over the winter.

For more information about yard maintenance, visit the new and more user-friendly City of Calgary website at calgary.ca and search "Bylaws". Enjoy the fall and its colours!



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A Bright Future for Alternative Energy

ENMAX Energy Corporation is excited to be taking the lead in bringing solar power to Albertans! Jessica Martin, an ENMAX employee, has become a pioneer in her community of Beddington by signing up with the ENMAX Generate Choice™ Home Solar Program. In November 2010, an ENMAX representative came to Jessica's home and installed the six solar panels. When asked why she decided to join the movement, Jessica responded enthusiastically "I wanted to show commitment to an alternative energy future for my son." She continued to list the main advantages as showing her support for the environment, and that she likes the idea of producing her own energy.

Jessica knows the value of showing her family the reward of using alternative energy, and is currently leading a project that incorporates these lessons into the classroom. The Gen E program is another innovative ENMAX Corporation initiative that provides teachers with the tools and resources to bring concepts of energy conservation and emerging alternative energy technologies to their students. There are currently 100 teachers registered with the Gen E program with solar and wind technologies installed at 8 participating Calgary schools (Olympic Heights School, Alex Ferguson School, Bowcroft School, Willow Park School, Forest Lawn High School, Dr. E.P. Scarlett High School, Our Lady of Peace, and St. Brigid School).

Wildwood School decided to have a unique approach to the project by raising its own funds to match Gen E's funding. This means they will have double the size of the solar panels – 12 modules as opposed to six! We are currently installing them.

The ENMAX Generate Choice Home Solar Program and the Gen E program are both exciting innovative solutions to providing a brighter future for families and their community.

To learn more about the ENMAX Generate Choice™ Home Solar Program, visit us at www.generatechoice.ca.

To learn more about the Gen E Program, visit www.enmaxgen-e.com

Animal & Bylaw Services Rewards Calgary Pet Owners

The I Heart My Pet Rewards Program provides discounts at over 60 vendors to Calgarians who have licensed their pets. With your I Heart My Pet Rewards Card, you can save on pet supplies, dining, trips to the spa and much more! And the list of partner merchants continues to grow.

By using the card just a couple of times, you can recoup the cost of a licence in savings!

Over 88% of dog owners and 54% of cat owners in Calgary know that an important part of being a responsible pet owner is licensing their pets. Not only are you rewarded with great discounts, there are many benefits for you, your pet and other animals in need when you licence and provide permanent identification. Knowing your pet is licensed gives you peace of mind if your pet is lost. A licence tag lets others know your pet is owned and allows Animal & Bylaw Services to quickly reunite pets with their owners. In addition, licence fees, not tax dollars, allow Animal & Bylaw Services to:

- Educate cat and dog owners about responsible pet ownership
- Shelter and feed lost cats and dogs in our vet-operated facility
- Provide medical care to adoptable cats and dogs in our shelter
- Manage our cat and dog adoption programs
- Operate the Pet Drive Home program
- Run our volunteer animal socialization program
- Offer 400 school-based presentations per year at no charge
- Provide funding to vet clinics for emergency medical care for cats and dogs
- Operate the No Cost Spay/Neuter Program
- Enforce the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw
- Help neighbours resolve their animal-related conflicts

For more information or to receive your I Heart My Pet Rewards Card, visit calgary.ca/animalservices or call 3-1-1. For a list of partnering vendors, visit iheartmypet.ca.

Escorted Transportation Seeking Drivers

Calgary Seniors' Resource Society mission is to: "Enhance the quality of life and human dignity of seniors, by supporting their independence through home services and community based programs.

Would you like to help a senior get to a medical appointment? We are pleased to provide Calgary seniors a safe and reliable volunteer transportation option. This escorted service is available to seniors 65 years of age and over who may be frail, unable to access public transportation and who cannot afford taxi service. The volunteer accompanies the client from the time they are picked up until they are returned home.

There is a huge need for this service! Volunteer drivers benefit from a sense of accomplishment in knowing they are providing safe transport to appointments and the added benefit of companionship to often isolated seniors. Mileage is reimbursed back to the driver at a rate of .46 cents/km. Using online methods, drivers are able to choose drives at home and times convenient to them. CSRS provides volunteers with AMA driver training as well as core training about CSRS.

To volunteer with this program, or, if you would like someone to do a presentation about this or any of our programs, please call Pia Brown at the Calgary Seniors' Resource Society at 403-266-6200 or volunteer@calgaryseniors.org. CSRS offers a number of volunteer based programs. Check us out at www.calgaryseniors.org

Area Event and Resource Guide

Community

CRESCENT HEIGHTS

Crescent Heights Community Association

Hall: 1101 - 2nd Street NW
Hall Rentals: Call 403-804-5600
Newsletter email: elizhancoc@shaw.ca

Calyx Distinctive Arts 22nd semi-annual Exhibition and Sale

Sat. October 22 and Sun. October 23 from 10am - 4pm, at the Crescent Heights Community Centre. For more information please call (403) 244-8150 or visit our website at www.calyx.ca

Rosedale Playschool Tiny Treasures Sale

October 22 from 9am to 2pm at Wild Rose United Church. Come and shop for gently used children's items. If you are interested in being a vendor, contact us at rosedaleplayschool@gmail.com

Neighbour to Neighbour Safety and Wellness Fair

Join us at St. Vladimir's Cultural Centre at 404 Meredith Road NE on October 23 from 2 to 5pm. Exhibitors on hand to display the range of services and resources available to deal with many of the sticking points of inner city living. Free event.

Crescent Heights Babysitting Co-op

Meetings held monthly. Contact Robin 403-276-8610

Crescent Hts. High School Athletics Program Bottle Drive

CHHS Cowboys Football Bottle Drive: Oct. 15, 10 am-12 noon
DROP OFF at Crescent Heights High School's NW parking lot
Thanks for supporting CHHS Football!

CHHS Cowboys Athletics Bottle Drive: Nov. 19, 10 am-12 noon

DROP OFF at Crescent Heights High School's NW parking lot

CHHS Cowboys Athletics Bottle Drive: Dec. 17, 10 am-12 noon

DROP OFF at Crescent Heights High School's NW parking lot

Thanks for supporting CHHS Athletics!

A HUGE THANK-YOU from CHHS Cowboys Football! We are so grateful for your generous support of our Bottle Drive on Sept. 10. This will help our Football Program immensely!

Coffee Table Bridge We're soliciting feedback to see if there's enough interest to organize regular games at the Community Hall. Please contact Judy at 403-230-0057 or judy_mcivor@shaw.ca

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

HIGHLAND PARK

Highland Park Community Association

Hall: 3716 - 2nd Street NW
Hall Rentals: Call 403-276-6969
Newsletter email: highlandparkeditor@gmail.com

104 Centre Street Church Scout Group- Bottle Drive

January 14 from 9am - noon. For more information please call Doug at 403-275-3931 or e-mail: scouterdoug.tryon@gmail.com

Canadian Blood Services - Blood Donor Clinics

Donor Clinic Location: 3716 - 2 Street NW - Highland Park Hall. The next clinic will be held on October 22 from 9am to 1pm. It takes less than an hour from start to finish. **You could save a life!**

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 6:10pm, regular games at 6:50pm, Satellite at 8:45pm. Concession open.
811 Radford Road NE

Renfrew Jelly Bean Dance - October 21

"Halloween Dance" wear a costume!

7-9pm, main hall, Grades 1-6 welcome. Volunteers needed.
Upcoming Jelly Bean Dance - November 25

Renfrew Community Pub (Social Room)

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

Family Pub Night Friday, Oct. 28 - Family Friendly Halloween Party - all ages, snacks and prizes. 7pm-close. All welcome. No cover.

Community Bottle Drop-off: Sat, Oct. 29, Nov. 26, 10am - noon

Don't throw your returnables away! Donate them to the RCA and to worthy community causes! Drop-off only at the hall.

Sing Out! - Voices for the Voiceless

Join us on **Friday November 4, 2011 at 7:30 pm** for a concert to raise awareness and to help bring justice and hope to millions around the world who are victims of slavery and human trafficking. Admission is free- come early as space is limited! Doors will open at 6:45 pm.
Renfrew Baptist Church, 1204 Renfrew Drive NE

RCA Annual Flea Market - November 12th, 10am to 3pm

Free admission! Now taking bookings for table rentals. Table rentals \$10. Call Linda H. at 403-277-3626 to book your table or for more info.

Renfrew Curling League

Curling at Inglewood Curling Club - Saturdays, 12:30 to 2:30 pm from late Oct to early April. Singles and spares positions may still be available. For info call Guy Nelson at 403-230-7076.

Renfrew 50+ Club - 1318 Regal Crescent NE

Daily events and activities. Contact Tina Wilding at 276-4747 or email renfrew50club@shaw.ca for more information.

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

HALLOWEEN JELLY BEAN DANCE: October 21, 6:30 to 9pm

\$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. 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 (cont)

At the hall:

Monday - Yoga - Upstairs - Fireside Room @ 7:30 - 9:00 pm
Info Marg 273-7952

Tuesday - Social walking - downstairs, 9:00 - 11:00

Wednesday - Sparks 6 - 7:15pm; Brownies - 6-7:30pm; Beavers - 6pm

Thursday - 50+ Club - 1:00 p.m. The Alpine Loft (Lift available!)

Yoga - Upstairs - Fireside Room @ 1:15 - 2:45 p.m. Info Marg 273-7952

Last Saturday of each month - Open stage in the lounge.

Next event: October 29. Bring an instrument, your voice, or just your ears. Tap along or sing along.

MARLBOROUGH PARK

Marlborough Park Community Association

Hall: 6021 Madigan Drive NE

Hall Rentals: Call 403-248-1775

Newsletter email: marlpark@shaw.ca

Blood Services : The Canadian Blood Services will be in the Marlborough Park Community Centre gymnasium on October 8th from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

ZUMBA - We are once again offering classes. Six week session for \$50.00 starting on September 27. Call the hall for information. Hope to see you there.

JELLY BEAN DANCE: OCTOBER 21, 2011

Halloween Family Fun Event!

When: October 28, 2011 at 6:00 Cost: \$3.00 per child

Where: Marlborough Park Community Centre

Check out this wonderful event full of crafts and many other spooky activities for family to enjoy! Costumes are welcome but not necessary. Please pre-register at the community hall. Tickets will be available on or after October 15. All families who pre-register will get a special halloween treat!

Come have some spook-tacular fun. This haunted night will be filled with fun time for all the ghouls and boys!

Helping Hands Fair - Sunday, October 30, 10-3pm

Marlborough Park Community Hall. There's something for everyone from Christmas crafts to jewelry and toys to clothing. And of course a concession. There will also be a Halloween themed carnival and a bake sale as a fund raiser for the East Calgary Beaver Scouts.

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

GIRL GUIDES OF CANADA

WINSTON HEIGHTS AND TUXEDO COMMUNITY GIRL GUIDES OF CANADA UNITS WILL BE HOLDING THEIR ANNUAL REGISTRATION ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 12 AT WINSTON HEIGHTS COMMUNITY HALL FROM 7 to 8:30pm. Joining us is easy! girlguides.ca/join_us 1-800-565-8111

Connections

Area Event and Resource Guide

RUNDLE

Rundle Community Association

Hall: 2409 - 50 St. NE

Hall Rentals: Call 403-280-4752

Newsletter email: rumbles@shaw.ca

Hallowe'en Karaoke: October 28th at the Summit Pub in the hall.

No cover. Contests, specials and prizes... so to dress up!

Karaoke starts at 8 and so does the party. Adults only party.

The Summit Pub in the hall - Rundle's best kept secret!

Now serving pizza! 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

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

Book Club - 4th Tuesday of the month from 7 - 9pm in the Lower Hall
October 25 book is *The Zahir* by Paulo Coelho. Our November 22 book will be *Touch* by Alexi Zentner For more info e-mail lohanlon@telus.net or call Linda at (403) 289-8390.

Wine Tasting - Saturday, Nov. 26 - 7:00 pm, Upper hall

Turn up the heat with a little Latin American sizzle!

\$40 for members, \$50 for non-members. Visit www.mPCA.ca for more information and register for tickets by November 12th (seats are limited). Questions? Email Ingrid at speialevents@mpca.ca

Mount Pleasant is turning 100!

Mount Pleasant is celebrating its centennial in 2012. We need a group of people who will design, organize and execute activities to commemorate the last 100 years. Please contact Ingrid at speialevents@mpca.ca



CROSSROADS

Crossroads Community Association

Hall: 1803 14 Avenue NE Ph: 403-277-6201

Hall Rentals: Call Marlene at 403-277-6201

Newsletter email: convenor.editor@gmail.com

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.

Stuff-A-Scarecrow Event

Help us reach our goal of 300 lbs of Food & \$300 in donations (cash or gift cards) by SUFFING OUR SCARECROW. We are accepting donations from Sept 26 - Oct 13 and all proceeds to benefit **The Ronald McDonald House of Southern Alberta**.

Food Supplies (please check expiry dates)

GIFT CERTIFICATES (in \$25.00 denominations) *Gasoline cards *Grocery cards *Walmart cards *Other CASH donations

Please call 403.520.5265 for more information or stop by Brost Chiropractic & Wellness Centre at 120, 817 - 19 ST NE with your donation

CROSSROADS SOAPBOX RACES! There is much enthusiasm around Crossroads about hosting the first Soapbox Races, but we still need more bodies to help with this event. More information on the event and how you can help out can be found on the new Soapbox Races Facebook Group <http://on.fb.me/lubZM3>. You can also call or email the OC.

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.

CCA 9th Annual Christmas Craft Sale: Nov 19th, 10am - 3pm

For more info, or to rent a table, please call 403-888-3573 (Inga) or email @crossroadscraftsale@gmail.com.

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

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.brcacalgary.org for a complete listing of programs and classes.

Beacon Original Art: Fall Show & Sale

Artists will display and sell high quality art from 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday, October 22nd at the BRCA Hall.

Bridgeland Riverside Playgroup: We meet Wednesdays from 10am to noon at the Gateway International Church, 235-8A Street NE.

For more information please email: events@brccalgary.org.

Discover Callanetics

Canadian Callanetics takes the grace and fluidity of Ballet and the mind/body synergy of Yoga and has combined them into a revolutionary exercise program that tones and reshapes the body. Contact Rhonda Bleau at 403 681-3439 or go to www.canadiancallanetics.com

Women's Centre - The Women's Centre is an information and resource centre for women in Bridgeland. We are run by women and we are a safe space for women. You can reach us at 403-264-1155 or womens-centre3@shaw.ca. Ask for Mickey, Carrie or Caterina.

TUXEDO PARK

Tuxedo Park Community Association

Hall: 202 29 Avenue NE

Ph: 403-277-8689

Newsletter email: sam@cherubconsulting.com

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!

UPCOMING 2011 EVENTS - at the hall

October 21 Community Supper - Ham w/ Scalloped Potatoes

October 31 Halloween Candy Give-Out

November 18 Community Supper - Roast Pork

November 27 Volunteer Supper by Invitation

December 3 Breakfast With Santa

December 9 Community Supper - Turkey

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.





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4:30 Meet & Greet at Crescent Heights High School

5:00 Dinner

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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.



Hello everybody! My name is Roxy and I'm a 10-years-young yellow Labrador. Some of my favourite hobbies include rolling around in the grass, eating cheese, throwing tennis balls with my mouth, smiling at my friends and family, and using my stuffed animals as pillows. But my most favourite thing of all is my daily walk around my neighbourhood!

by Nydia & Brad

Rosedale Playschool



We are so excited at Rosedale Playschool to be back at school! Please join us in welcoming back new and returning students and parents. Also, we'd like to welcome a student teacher from Mount Royal University who will be with us three days a week.

Mark your calendars for our annual Tiny Treasures Sale on October 22 from 9:00am to 2:00pm at Wild Rose United Church. We welcome community members to come and shop for gently used children's items. If you are interested in being a vendor, contact us at rosedaleplayschool@gmail.com.



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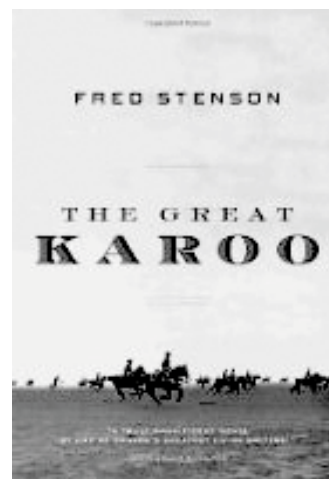
Book Review by Judith Umbach

The Great Karoo by Fred Stenson

Frank Adams must be the most silent protagonist in fiction. Perhaps his humble voice is what allows the reader to experience the cacophony of the Boer War in *The Great Karoo*, by Fred Stenson. What seems like a radical departure from Stenson's usual and successful scenes in western Canada quickly becomes an extension of southern Alberta, as cowboys go off to war in South Africa at the behest of an ungrateful Great Britain.

Frank is a follower, a man uncomfortable with any sort of attention. He loves and knows horses, particularly Dunny. Along with many other cowboys, he and Dunny are shipped first to Halifax and then to South Africa in the roughest of conditions. Already Frank has started to develop a sort of confused resentment at the waste and incompetence of war.

In *The Great Karoo*, the Boer war is exposed as a shambles. Many characters, both fictional and historic, direct the troops according to their past experiences or to satisfy their own egos. The Boers have their own egotistical leaders, who often outwit the British, yet also disregard human life in pursuit of their goals. Scattered across the desert, plains and hills are Boer farms and towns, eerily reminiscent of Alberta. Naturally, the Boer farmers are uniformly angry and disdainful of the armed interlopers who fight for their subjection.



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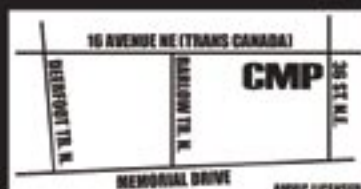
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