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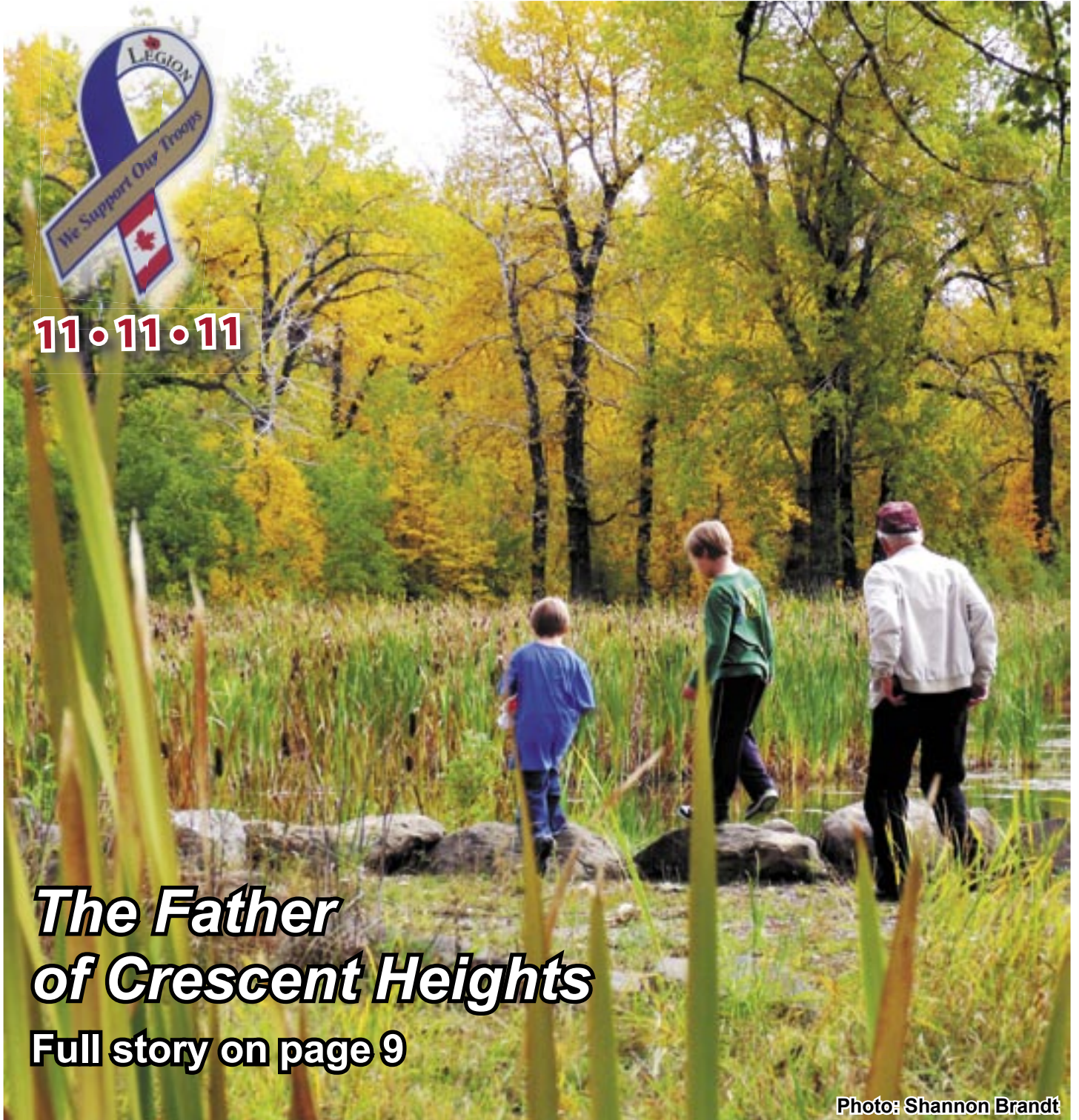


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President's Notebook

by John McDermid

Following our most recent community clean-up in late May, a certificate arrived from Technotrash Alberta Limited, attesting to the fact that Crescent Heights residents disposed of 1366 kilograms of electronic recyclables and thereby diverted it from landfills. If that old computer or printer or cast-off television is still around next May, bring it over and dispose of it the right way, as we hope to have Technotrash on hand again for next year's spring clean-up. One of the increasingly compelling aspects of the clean-up is the re-use area. This is where lightly-used items in the category of "one person's trash is another's treasure" are staged for the duration of the event. This past year I scored a number of large clay pots and large diameter saucers that go with, and the year before I seized upon an old machinist's vise that was of no further use to its owner. That vise was easily cleaned up and is now mounted on the work bench in my garage. So even if you don't have household or oversize junk to dispose of next year, stop by to have a look at the treasure trove of recyclable household goods.

Crescent Heights is again hosting the City's Leaf and Pumpkin recycling program. It's open now in the parking lot near the hall and will be in place until November 13. Compost all you can at home and bring the excess to the leaf drop.

Last month we reported on the efforts of Rink Boss Tim Edwards to secure the dismantling and relocation of a sturdier set of hockey rink boards from the Strathcona Community Association. All was set to go until the dismantling of the rink in Strathcona began, and the crew over there was a little too enthusiastic in the tear down of the old boards. It would have meant many hours for our rink crew in repairing and reconstructing the rink enclosure in Crescent Heights, and Tim wisely pulled the plug on the project.

Instead, 13 of us rolled out of bed on October 1 to head over to our rink and begin rebuilding some ten sections of our existing boards, to replace ten of the more heavily weathered sections, and also to re-install the segment at the south end that had blown over this past summer. We made short work of it, and with a little fresh paint and the bracing all checked and fortified, we're ready for another season, once *that* weather starts to arrive.

Last season was marked by several heavy snowfalls, following which our dedicated rink crew was hard pressed to clear all the snow. On one occasion due to work and travel commitments, it took several days to clear the rink, while our snow blower, as one volunteer quipped, "puked up parts onto the ice". It is true that pucks do not agree with the machine. That began the discussion about possibly acquiring some more robust snow removal equipment, something to better serve the logistical requirements of getting the heavy snow to the edge of the rink, and then over the boards. When Tim returned from his travels this past July, we had secured Alberta Gaming approval to use casino proceeds to purchase a small tractor to help our rink crew deal with the heavy accumulations. Just this month, we closed the deal on a pre-owned and lovingly maintained Bobcat 463, from our friends at Rogers' Rent-all. Many thanks to Brad and Mike at Rogers', whose nice price and a sympathetic ear (Brad having been a Crescent Heights High School grad) helped us acquire the

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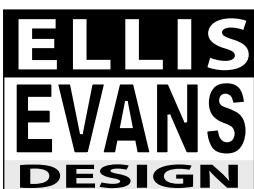


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machine in time for the coming winter. Before taking delivery of Bobcat "Betsy", we have to arrange for secure storage and we are turning our minds to that now. Let it snow.

Speaking of our friends at Alberta Gaming, the proceeds of our last casino in May arrived this past quarter in the amount of \$66,665.36. Many thanks once again to our crew of 40-some volunteers who put in their shifts, many into the wee hours of the morning.

A resident inquired about the appearance of picnic tables and refuse containers in the newly-minted green space where 2nd Street NE has been permanently closed, between 15th Avenue and the alley to the north. Had this parcel of land quietly changed hands and was it now part of the Peter's Drive-in site? No, according to one Scott Hooper of the City's Corporate Properties, who sounded particularly peeved that a community association would have the temerity to inquire about it. Because people had begun using the space anyway, and litter had begun to accumulate, Peter's was given permission to place the tables and refuse containers and are thus actually providing service to the space. But the land remains in the Calgary Roads inventory and is very much public space. Although it's a good fit for Peter's customers to mosey over to this new little pocket park, it is by no means set aside for the exclusive use of Peter's patrons. You can take your Faye burger or your Super Faye up there anytime you want and enjoy the space. And that certain category of Tim Horton's customer can take their coffee cups up there and ignore the refuse containers provided, just the same as they seem to do everywhere else in our community.

My neighbour, Trevor Bacque, whom I have spoken to on the phone several times but have yet to meet in person, researched and prepared an account of our ill-starred community garden. The piece was prepared for the online magazine openfile and may be found at: <http://calgary.openfile.ca/calgary/file/2011/08/proposed-crescent-heights-garden-divides-community>. My only point of clarification would be to give credit to most of the 12th Avenue residents who objected to the proposed location of the garden, which was west of the North Hill Curling Club. Their objections, on the basis of their kids' long term use of this space for pick-up soccer, were for the most part reasonably stated, it was only one resident who was really "over the top" as I'm quoted as saying. Be that as it may, the hyperbole and bile of that one response was enough to take the wind out of our volunteers' sails. So much so that by the time a better, alternate site had been selected, there was little energy left to begin the consultation process all over again. We can only hope for renewed impetus behind a community garden in the future: perhaps the labour-saving advantages that Betsy the Bobcat could bring to the venture will make it more viable. And, by the way, that alternate site was south of the tennis courts in Crescent Park NW (west of our community hall), not south of the tennis courts in Rotary Park NE, where the Mount Pleasant Tennis Club is.

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 was once one of the flagship

community-based organizations under the city-wide umbrella. Now it's the Calgary Block Parent program that has closed its doors and suspended operations. It was through our own Block Watch program that I learned about Block Parent, and being a work at home person, I submitted an application a number of years ago. Although I never had a knock at the door from anyone needing the help of a Block Parent, I always liked the idea of being able to offer a safe haven for anyone in need of one. Block Parent cited growing concern over home invasions and a general reluctance on the part of many people to open their doors to strangers. Really too bad about this, but it's two fewer fundraising casinos to work in the cycle for me. And remember that the demise of Calgary Block Parent program doesn't mean we still can't look out for one another like caring Block Parents.

And finally this month, an item in the Calgary Herald's Project Calgary series identified Crescent Heights as the 8th most walkable community in Calgary. Chances are we could have scored more highly in the ranking: it may be that once you walk down McHugh Bluff to Eau Claire, the Bow River Pathway, Riverwalk and Downtown, you have to get back up the bluff to get home. That's a little more demanding part of the walkability equation.

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While there were initial traffic snarls, delays have been reduced and most vehicles are now getting through the traffic lights in one cycle. City staff are monitoring the project, collecting data, and making tweaks as necessary. Please be assured that we will be looking at ways to improve the communication and roll-outs of these types of projects in the future. Pilot projects are an important way to introduce new ideas, monitor success, and fine-tune. The rush-hour lane reversal on Memorial Drive is a good example: The first week was chaotic as drivers adjusted, and now it is considered a model of efficiency, reducing cut through traffic in the neighbouring community and moving increased volumes in a cost effective way.

Calgarians have expressed a clear desire for more travel options, including better pedestrian connections, transit service, and safer, more convenient on-street cycling routes. By engaging stakeholders and the general public, analyzing current and future demand, and researching other winter cities, the City is expanding the bicycle system to improve the cycling infrastructure.

Snow Clearing: Snow Route signs have been going up across the city in preparation for winter. Along with enhanced snow clearing, new pilot Snow Route parking bans will be in effect to allow plowing from curb to curb safely and efficiently. During a "snow event" (5 cm or more) a 72 hour parking ban will be implemented on priority 1 and 2 plowing routes, which include expressways, most major roads, and bus routes. Shopping districts such as Downtown and Kensington will have parking bans in effect between 9 PM and 6 AM. On-street accessible parking zones will be exempt. For more information on priority plowing routes, or to let us know how the bans are working please phone 3-1-1 or check the City's website at calgary.ca.

The Father of Crescent Heights

by Professor Z

Over the years, a number of eminent citizens have called our community home; the Southern family in the 1940's and 50's and more recently, the Prentices and the Shaws, to name but a few. In this article we'll take a look at the life and local impact of a man who has been called the "Father" of Crescent Heights, A.J. McArthur, as well as that of his wife, Catherine. As we'll see, the McArthur impact on Crescent Heights was to extend well beyond the death of Mr. McArthur himself.

Archibald John McArthur ("A.J.") was born in 1857 on the island of Iona, off the west coast of Scotland. At the age of four, his parents immigrated to Bruce County, Ontario where they farmed. After spending some time in the lumber business in Paisley Ontario, A.J. moved west in the late 1880s and settled in the Calgary area in December 1890 to ranch and to trade livestock. He married Catherine McCannel of Burgoyne, Ontario in 1902. By 1906 the McArthurs were already a family of considerable means. A.J. McArthur's presence on the North Hill first manifested itself in a big way during 1906 when he purchased two adjacent quarter sections of land bounded by 16th Avenue (the section road) on the north, the Bow River environs to the south, with boundaries to the east at 1st Street East and to the west at 4th Street West. It thus took in much of the original village of Crescent Heights. The two subject quarter sections had first been homesteaded in the mid-1880s, some 20 years prior to McArthur's purchase. By 1906 however, development in the region had centred on Edmonton Trail, which had the advantage of a connection to downtown Calgary via the Langevin Bridge.

But the Langevin advantage wouldn't last forever. Within a month of McArthur taking possession of his North Hill property, he filed for subdivision on the north quarter section, and from then until 1910 sold off one acre lots between 13th and 16th Avenue to speculators who in turn subdivided their property into 25 foot building lots. In addition to A.J.'s subdivision agenda, he wasted no time in erecting a handsome brick residence on his south quarter section, just west of 1st Street NW between 7th and 8th Avenues, about where the north parking lot of the LDS church is now located. The house- photograph attached- was designed by prominent local architect Leo Dowler and was constructed circa 1907. Otherwise a shy and reticent man, McArthur took a bold approach to marketing real estate, as evidenced by his highly visible real estate office building and signage perched atop Crescent Hill just east of Centre Street, where Rotary Park now stands. To counteract the development occurring around Edmonton Trail to the east, in 1907 A.J. spearheaded a drive to construct a bridge spanning the Bow River at Centre Street; a private company was incorporated for that express purpose, with the \$17,000 cost underwritten by him and other investors with real estate interests on the North Hill and in Sunnyside. The access road from the north side of the bridge led up to the top of the hill at Centre A Street NW, terminating not far from the McArthur residence.

While it might be tempting to dismiss A.J. as just another savvy businessman, he was in fact much more than that. Although not directly involved in the governance of the village of Crescent Heights, he was a



Catherine, Alex, Peter and A.J. McArthur (circa 1910)

center of influence upon whom village councillors felt they could rely to protect their interests politically. Early in 1907, he had lobbied provincially against the annexation of Crescent Heights by the City as city council would neither provide firm assurances as to the extension of city services to the area if annexed nor agree to property tax concessions in the interim. He subsequently corresponded with the Provincial Government as to the process necessary to establish Crescent Heights as a village, and no doubt would have strongly encouraged all local landowners to seek such status to provide them with a collective bargaining advantage when the time came to negotiate annexation terms with the City.

One of McArthur's strongest allegiances lay with the Baptist Church; by 1905 he was already a prominent member of First Baptist Church. In addition to making his real estate office available for both Sunday school meetings and for temporary pastoral lodgings, he initiated a drive to construct a local church in 1907 and made 3 building lots available for this purpose. Not long after, he expressed his willingness to provide a further 12 acre parcel, located on the present site of Crescent Park, to the Baptist Union of Western Canada for the purpose of building a Baptist College on the site. It was his wish that his two boys, Peter, born in 1903 and Archibald (Alex), born in 1905, would attend there. In addition to his involvement with the Baptist church, McArthur had political aspirations and in an acrimonious by-election in 1910 became the Liberal MPP (MLA) for the riding of Gleichen, after defeating the previous incumbent Ezra Riley, who had resigned from the Liberal Party in protest over Arthur Sifton's leadership in order to then run again as an Independent. In 1910, the provincial riding of Gleichen took in much of the suburban area north of the city limits of Calgary and therefore included Crescent Heights, Riverside, Sunnyside and Hillhurst.

Sadly, A.J. would not even complete one full term as MPP. In June 1911, following an equestrian accident (i.e., he was thrown from his horse) he succumbed to respiratory complications and passed away at the age of 54. Political aficionados may find it noteworthy that A.J.'s death forced yet another by-election in 1911 known as the "brothers' by-election": John Peter McArthur, also Liberal, was then defeated by Harold William Hounsfield Riley, a Conservative.

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The adjustment for his wife Catherine must have been staggering as not only was the McArthur estate sizeable for its time (\$590,417), upon A.J.'s demise she was immediately forced to take charge of a complex estate not only heavily concentrated in real estate but one with comparatively little in the way of liquid assets. Assets were located not only in Calgary but extended as well to mineral-rich property near Carbon, Alberta, plus lands in B.C., Saskatchewan and Ontario. The Calgary real estate consisted of Crescent Heights building lots, the quarter section north of the Bow River directly south of Crescent Heights, lots in Hounsfield Heights, Highbury (now Rosemont), and 103 acres just north of 48th Avenue North (now McKnight Boulevard) along with partnership interests and agreements for sale. A further complication was that A.J. died intestate, which meant that Catherine was entitled to just one third of the estate proceeds, with the remaining two thirds going to her two sons. Although she was appointed estate executrix, transactions involving her sons' property required the

1914. The McArthur estate liquidation continued however, in the face of falling prices and depressed economic conditions; notwithstanding this, Catherine continued to be a strong financial supporter of her church, not to mention a number of other worthy causes in which she was involved. Early on, the estate raised cash via land sales to the school board (1911- the site upon which Crescent Heights High School now stands) and to the city (1914- lands adjoining Centre Street at the north approach to the present bridge built in 1916). In 1919, Catherine's solicitor James Short expressed optimism about a possible sale of the 12 acre land parcel- originally intended as the Baptist College site- to the Provincial Government who were at the time looking for land upon which to erect a Technical School. The McArthur property was ultimately rejected by the Province as it felt that the site was on the smallish side; as well, the Calgary School Board had expressed reluctance to dispose of their adjoining land on the same terms. The end result was that the Technical

School came to be located where SAIT Polytechnic stands today. Depressed real estate conditions continued in Calgary during the 20's, and seizures of land for tax arrears by the City by then had become commonplace. During this time, Catherine continued to liquidate assets as conditions permitted and hence the City was ultimately able to acquire the land upon which Rotary Park and Crescent Park now stand. The estate file indicates that sales proceeds of these lands were often devoted largely to reduce city property tax arrears.

Catherine continued to reside in her Crescent Heights home until she passed away in December 1943 at the age of 82. She and her husband as well as their two sons with their wives are interred at the Union Cemetery in Calgary, not far from the gravesite of A.E. Cross. The McArthur residence itself was demolished in the early 60's as the LDS church immediately to the south required additional space to

accommodate church expansion.

It seems a bit odd that although we have a "Riley Park", a "McHugh Bluff", and even a "Tom Campbell Hill", there is no McArthur Park to be found anywhere in Calgary to serve as a reminder of the McArthur family legacy depicted above!

References: *The Village and the City- Eric Gormley (unpublished paper at Glenbow Archives); A.J. McArthur estate file- James Short papers at Glenbow Archives; various Calgary Herald/Weekly Albertan issues from 1910 and 1911; Union Cemetery records; additional material and photographs provided by the McArthur family*

Thanks to: *descendents of A.J. McArthur: Douglas McArthur and Kaye Madsen; Ian Clarke of Crescent Heights Baptist Church*



sanction of the Official Guardian in Edmonton until each had attained the age of majority. Catherine was however ably represented by James Short, K.C., with any legal and fiduciary issues that would arise.....and there were many. For instance, she was immediately faced with the fact that the Baptist Church had already been built on 3 building lots verbally gifted by A.J. to the church, but upon which title had not yet been transferred as A.J. was holding the land in trust awaiting a church reorganization not yet finalized at the time of his death. While the courts subsequently permitted the latter property to be transferred to the church, the transfer of the 12 acre parcel to the Baptist Union was disallowed in 1912 as the judge didn't feel that an oral contract would suffice in that instance.

As if legal wrangling over estate issues wasn't enough for Catherine to have on her plate, the year 1913 marked the end of the Calgary real estate boom, and conditions deteriorated further when war broke out in

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- Cathy Martin

So it saddens me to say that after 22 years, by a landslide vote of 14 to 1, the Co-op was dissolved. With that being said, if anyone in the community is interested in starting it up again, please contact me and I will gladly pass along all the information. Perhaps there are parents out there that are wanting to make connections....

Robin Stratthdee, 403-276-8610

Volunteer Newsletter Delivery People Needed

Why not take a walk around your block and add to your triple bottom line (TBL). That is: being socially, environmentally and financially responsible. This one falls under the first category – being socially responsible. Okay, maybe that is a stretch. Um, you can add the role to your resume under the Pro Bono section. Um, hmm...fresh air and walking are good things.

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by **Maria and Fiorenzo**

We're on the Web!

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

<http://www.calgaryarea.com/nw/crescenthts/crescent.htm>

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

Winter's coming - soon! You've probably done all your Fall yard work and begun to 'batten down the hatches' in anticipation of the coming winter.

But have you forgotten something? Something that isn't "over your head" but, actually is, above your head!



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.

Keeping a healthy roof over your home is an important item to have on your to do list for fall. Now is the best time to act - call for an inspection today.

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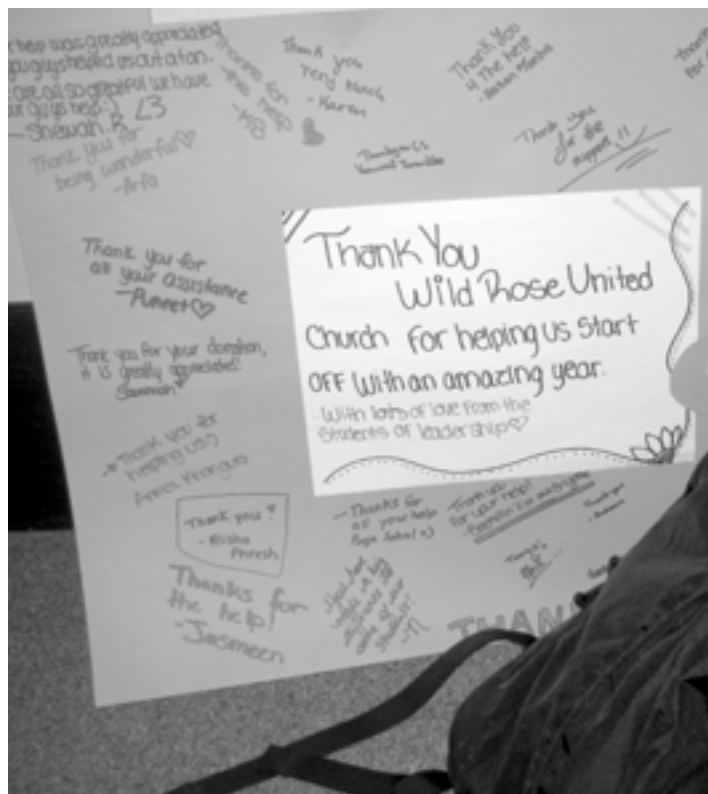
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Look What's Coming Up at Wild Rose

Wild Rose United Church
1317 – 1st Street NW

Wild Rose is your neighbourhood community/gathering/church of the United Church of Canada. Many of our members come from the North Hill area. We are committed to providing opportunities for service as well as exploring topics that matter deeply to people. All are welcome to participate in our programs!

Support for Vulnerable Students – Wild Rose is collecting toiletries and school supplies to help vulnerable youth at Crescent Heights High School stay in school. You could contact our office for a list of needed items and we would happily receive any donation you might wish to make. Items could be dropped off at the church office any weekday morning and Monday, Tuesday, Thursday afternoons.



Nursery Parent's Gathering – We invite those with young children to join us for a light lunch and conversations that matter to you. We will begin our focus on Karen Armstrong's new work: 12 Steps to a Compassionate Life, and The Virtues Project. These topics will provide us with a starting point for exploring your experience of parenting in the 21st Century.

4 Sundays: October 23, November 6, 20, December 18.

11:30-Noon – Light lunch, family invited

Noon – 1:00 – Conversations that Matter, child care provided.

No cost, but please let us know that you are coming - 403-277-5576.

More dates will be set for 2012.

November 2011

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Good neighbours clear the snow...

With the onset of Calgary's winter, it is time to remind ourselves how the buildup of ice and snow on city sidewalks can literally leave some people housebound. Older adults, those with mobility issues or parents wheeling strollers or walking with young children, may find it too treacherous to venture out if neighbours are not diligent about clearing the ice and snow. All of us can help make walking in our communities safe for everyone if we work together and follow the regulations set out in Calgary's Street Bylaw.

Property owners are responsible for clearing all sidewalks adjacent to their property. This means removing all snow and ice down to the bare concrete within 24 hours after the snow stops falling. If, as a property owner, you do not live at the residence, it is important to work with tenants or arrange for a contractor to clear the snow. The property owner is ultimately responsible for snow clearing under the bylaw. For any ice that is difficult to remove, a de-icing mixture is available at fire halls or Roads depots. Please bring your own container.

When clearing the snow from your sidewalk, please remember that snow from a public sidewalk can be put onto the road or boulevard, but snow from private property cannot. Large mounds of snow in the street can impede the flow of traffic, limit driver and pedestrian visibility and hinder Blue Cart and Black Bin collection.

Sidewalks also need to be clear of obstructions such as electrical cords. When plugging in your vehicle, make sure you don't place an electrical cord on or over any portion of a street.

Have you considered being a Snow Angel? It can be a challenge for some residents to shovel and clear their sidewalks. The Snow Angel campaign encourages Calgarians to be good neighbours by helping older adults and others in need with their snow removal. All you have to do is adopt someone's sidewalk this winter and keep it clear.

Let's remember that snow, ice and obstructions on our sidewalks can result in serious injuries and can cause those with limited mobility to be confined indoors. Be a good neighbour and clear the snow.

To access the City of Calgary Street Bylaw, visit calgary.ca and search "Street Bylaw" or call 3-1-1.



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Area Event and Resource Guide

Community

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

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

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 Jelly Bean Dance - November 25

"Halloween Dance" wear a costume!

7-9pm, main hall, Grades 1-6 welcome. Volunteers needed.

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, Dec. 2 - Family friendly, Holiday-theme Party - all ages, snacks and prizes. 7pm-close. All welcome. No cover.

Community Bottle Drop-off: Sat, 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.

Help Wanted! Paid Contract: RCA Parking Lot Snow Removal

The RCA is seeking a community resident who has snow removal equipment and is interested in bidding for the snow removal contract. Interested parties should contact Peter at mail@renfrewcommunity.ca or at (403) 277-3626.

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.

Christmas Bazaar: Thursday, November 24 at 1pm

All Saints Russian Orthodox Church: 905 - 8th Avenue NE

Russian Tea and Holiday Bazaar - Sat. November 19, 10am to 4pm; Sunday, November 20, Noon to 4pm

Renfrew United Church: 956 Radnor Avenue NE

Poinsettia Tea and Bazaar - Saturday, November 26, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

All Saints Traditional Anglican Church: 904 Renfrew Dr NE

Christmas Tea & Bake Sale - November 28th, 1:30-3:30pm

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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

Christmas Craft Sale: Sat. November 26, 9:30am to 3:30pm

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• Drop the kids off to do a craft with the Girl Guides while you shop!

• Stop by the concession for lunch or a treat!

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).

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: November 26. 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 November 25, 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm and December 24, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6th

at the Marlborough Park Community Hall

Marlborough Park New Year's Eve Party

Tickets: \$70/couple for members; \$80/couple for non-members

Includes dinner, party favors, door prizes

Cocktails at 6:30pm, dinner at 7pm, dance at 9pm

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.

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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

Santa Claus Breakfast and Craft Sale

December 10 - details to be announced.

RUNDLE

Rundle Community Association

Hall: 2409 - 50 St. NE

Hall Rentals: Call 403-280-4752

Newsletter email: rumbles@shaw.ca

New Year's Eve Party at the Rundle Summit Pub!

\$30 per person. Cocktails at 6pm, dinner at 7pm.

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 euche 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

Pleasant Times - Upper Hall, 602 22 Ave. NW

Adults-only gathering. Meets at 2pm 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 - 4th Tuesday of the month from 7 - 9pm in the Lower Hall November 22 book will be *Touch* by Alexi Zentner. December book will be *Fall On Your Knees* by Ann-Marie MacDonald (date TBA). 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 specialevents@mpca.ca

Mount Pleasant is turning 100!

Mount Pleasant is celebrating it's 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 specialevents@mpca.ca

Mount Pleasant Playgroup

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Connections

Area Event and Resource Guide

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

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.

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

Pub Nights at Crossroads:

November 25th and December 16th. 7:30pm in the Upper Hall.

Crossroads 3rd Annual Multi-cultural Festival:

Saturday, May 25, 2012. If you can help, have any ideas, or want to showcase your culture, please contact ccamulticultural@gmail.com or call Shannon at 403-880-9639.

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 for a complete listing of programs and classes.

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@brcacalgary.org.

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.

November Programs:

MS Word Basics: November 2, Wed, 6:30-8pm

Yoga Basics: November 3, 10, Thurs, 6:30-8pm

Yoga Flow: November 7, 14, 21, 28, Mon, 2-3pm

Photography Club: November 7, 21, Mon, 6-7:30pm

Improve Your Public Speaking: November 14, 28, Mon, 6-8pm

Basic Spanish for Your Vacation: November 15, 22, 29, Tues, 6:30-8pm

MS Word Intermediate: November 16, Wed, 6:30-8pm

Intercultural Cooking and Women's Issues - Ukraine: Nov 17, 6-8pm

Intercultural Cooking and Women's Issues - Venezuela: Nov 24, 6-8pm

Baking Winter Cookies: November 30, Wed, 6-8pm

MS Word Advanced: November 30, Wed, 6:30-8pm

December Programs:

Intercultural Cooking and Women's Issues - Vietnam: Dec 1, 6-8pm

Yoga Flow: December 5, Mon, 2-3pm

Cultural Competence: December 5, Mon, 6-8pm

Basic Spanish for Your Vacation: December 6, Tues, 6:30-8pm

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!

Northminster United Church Annual Craft Fair

November 19th - 9am to 3pm - Crafts, sewing, baking, toy store, woodworking, lunch, activities for kids. Call 403-277-0322 for more info. Free admission!

UPCOMING 2011 EVENTS - at the hall

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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CRESCENT HEIGHTS

Crescent Heights Community Association

Hall: 1101 - 2nd Street NW

Hall Rentals: Call 403-804-5600

Newsletter email: elizhancock@shaw.ca

Crescent Hts. High School Athletics Program Bottle Drive

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!

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

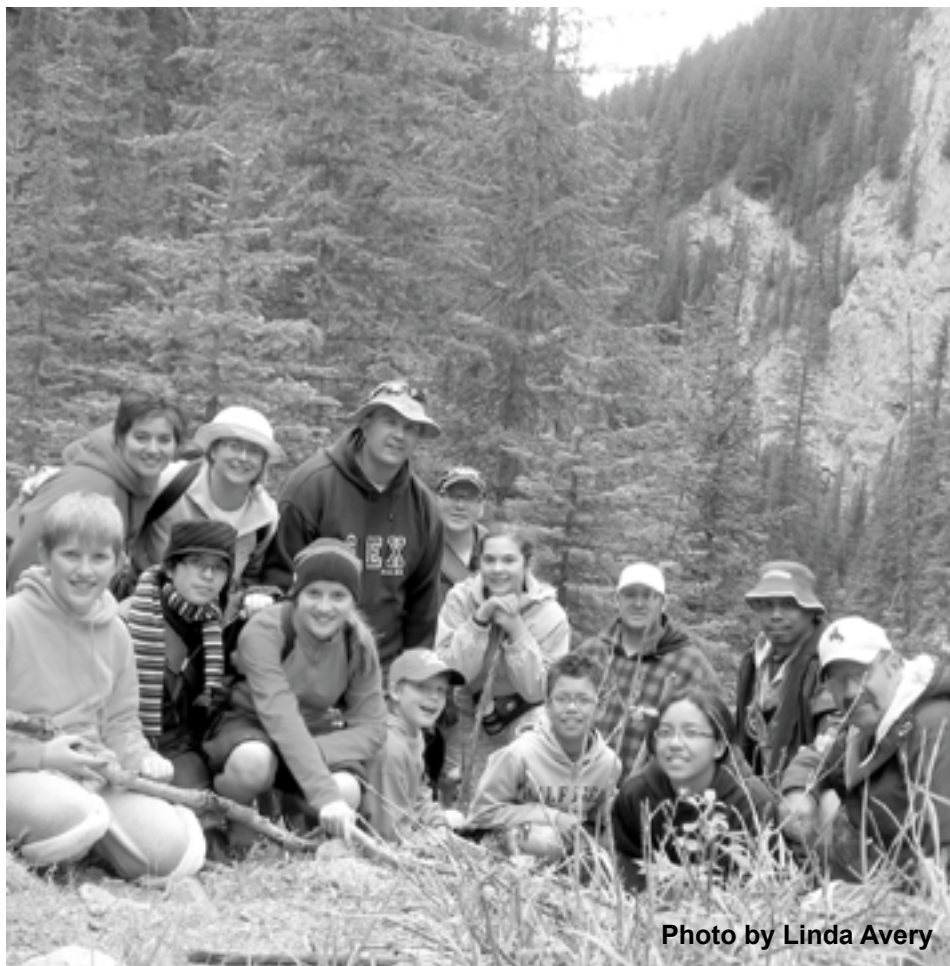


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Currently, occupation of the building is scheduled for the first quarter of 2012 and full site landscaping is set for completion by the second quarter of 2012. Construction progress will be communicated quarterly through these public notices until further notice.

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Community Liaison Officer Monthly Report

Crescent Heights Crime Statistics:

Offence	SEPTEMBER 2011	Year to End of Selected Month
Break and Enter - House	3	31
Break and Enter - Shop	0	19
Break and Enter - Other	1	3
Theft of Vehicle	0	9
Theft from Vehicle	9	56
Vandalism	4	45

I would like to address a concern that has arisen in relation to the City's Blue Cart recycling program. The Blue Cart program is a convenient way for Calgarians to recycle; however, it has also made scavenging for deposit items easier as well. I have received some concerns from community members about transients searching through the bins looking for deposit items. In some cases, transients have trespassed into yards, or have left a mess for homeowners to clean up. I would like to offer some tips that can minimize unwanted activity in your alleys.

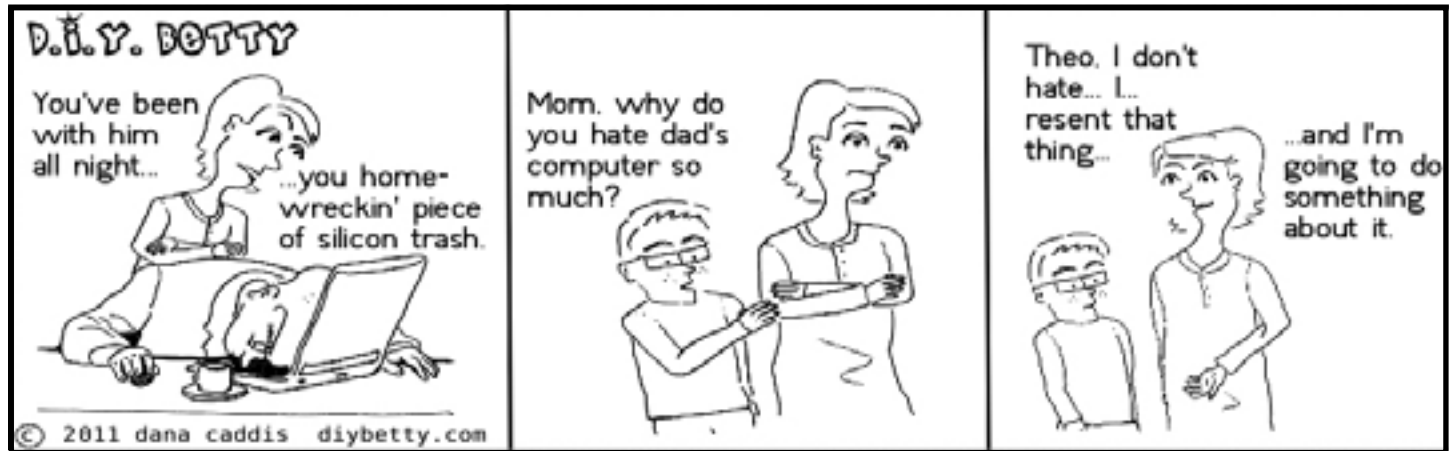
Before I proceed, I would like to clarify what I mean by unwanted activity. Many transients that pick bottles do no harm; however, others are drug users and will take any opportunity that arises to make money, including breaking into vehicles, garages, or even homes. Leaving deposit items in the alley, or in the Blue Carts for pickers,

provides a legitimate reason for being in the alley. Think about it. If there were no bottle pickers in your alleys, you would definitely look twice at anyone wandering in the alley that did not look like they lived in the community. However, because we have become accustomed to seeing transients in our alleys, there is the tendency to dismiss suspicious persons as people just looking for bottles.

In order to reduce the transient activity in your alleys, the Calgary Police Service recommends that deposit items not be placed in the Blue Carts. An alternative is to take deposit items to a bottle recycling depot or to donate them to organizations you would like to support. If you are unable to return them to a depot, contact your community association for information on upcoming bottle drives. Ideally, the carts should be stored in a garage until pick up day this will remove the source from the alley. Storing the carts in your yard is not a good idea, as the Calgary Police Service has received a number of complaints about transients trespassing into yards to gain access to carts. The bottom line is that if there are no deposit items accessible, there will be less activity in the alleys.

The Calgary Police Service is requesting that any suspicious individuals or activities be reported through the general complaint line at 403-266-1234. If you witness a crime in progress, dial 911. Do not confront or approach any person for safety concerns.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this issue or any other issue, please contact me at District 3 office at 403-567-6300.



Off the Shelf

Book Review by Judith Umbach

Missionaries Among Miners, Migrants & Blackfoot

Edited by Mary Eggermont-Molenaar and Paul Callens

Missionaries Among Miners, Migrants & Blackfoot is an unexpectedly intriguing historical record of religious life in Southern Alberta during the time of Father Lacombe. Through meticulous and thorough work, the editors have made available to the modern reader the diaries and letters of the Van Tighem brothers from the time of 1875 – 1917. Born Belgian during hard times, Leonard was a priest who felt the call to be a missionary in western Canada, and Victor was a lay-brother who lived for 43 years on the Blackfoot/Peigan reserve. Due to the foresight of their families, many letters from the brothers were preserved. However, the core of this book is formed the codices or missionary diaries written by Leonard during his missions in Macleod, Lethbridge, Strathmore, Langdon and Taber.

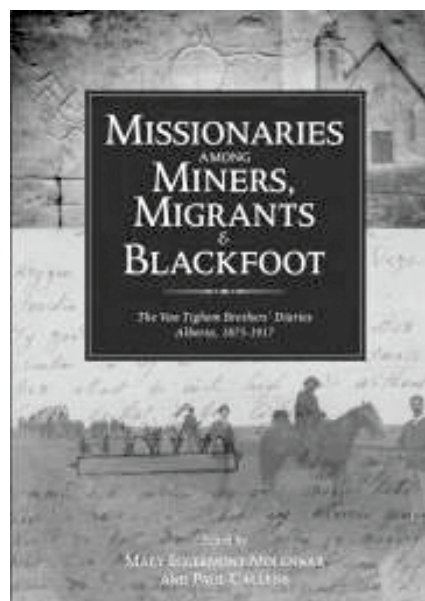
Although an irregular keeper of the codices required by his Oblate order, Leonard nevertheless paints a picture of hardships and accomplishments through the mundane records of who visited whom; how, when and how much money was raised for what project; weather conditions, agricultural hurdles and the growth of towns; the coming of nuns and the establishment of schools; and, the flow of religious artifacts from Belgium to the deprived West. What surprised me was the number of travellers who threaded through a relatively isolated, barely developed locale. Also, Leonard

travelled frequently to towns throughout southern Alberta, attended annual retreats as far north as St. Albert, returned to Belgium and was invited to Rome. His successes in establishing churches and congregations in so many towns obviously earned him considerable success.

A most obvious contrast with his brother is seen as the reader transitions to Victor's personal diaries and letters, in which he often comments that he has been left alone at the

mission on the reserve. A lay brother, his role as assistant rather than enactor shaped his life of loneliness on the wide prairie peopled by the Blackfoot, who took little cognizance of him.

In the best tradition of history books, *Missionaries Among Miners, Migrants & Blackfoot* painlessly helped me become more oriented in my own time and culture. The book is published by the University of Calgary and a circulating copy is available at the Calgary Public Library.



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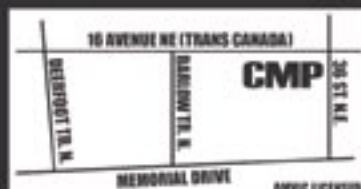
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