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## President's Notebook

by John McDermid

### RINK & SNOW

This morning as I write this with the monthly *View* deadline upon me, I have conveniently excused myself from the annual gathering of the rink rats, as our dedicated rink crew meets today (November 10) for the first time for the 2012-2013 season. Hats off to Tim Edwards and his gang as they lay down the first waters of the rinks. Here's hoping for a great season and snow that shovels itself. We hope by the time you read this that the rinks will be in place and ready for skaters. Many among us are aware of the City's support of the Snow Angels program, in which capable neighbours assist less capable residents in the clearing snow and ice after snowfalls: the one such resident who contacted us a year ago has since been triple-teamed by three nearby residents, and it's almost a race to see which of the three can get to Mrs. Smith's walk and driveway first. If you can help a senior in our community with your snowscoop, please do: what goes around always comes around, and winter appears here to stay.

### SAMIS ROAD

In the last couple of months we have been working toward arranging a meeting with Transportation Planning in relation to a proposal to close the downhill/westbound lane of Samis Road NE, to provide better safety conditions for pedestrians and cyclists using the route. In the course of this planning, I had occasion to go back to David Finch's e-mail from September 28 several times. David expressed concern about the logic and continuity of the online survey results from June of this year, specifically the way in which the results seemed to indicate general support in the community for a change from the status quo with respect to Samis Road, that change being the proposal to close the downhill/westbound lane for the benefit and safety of pedestrians and other non-vehicular users.

To echo David's concerns, there may well be a disconnect between the survey results from question 2a (45% support for a change from the current situation) and question 3, which ought to have been conditional upon the survey response to Q2a: "*If you are interested in changing Samis, which of the two ... options ...?*"

Based on the responses to Q2a, 55% of responders should probably not have been deemed to have ventured into Q3 at all, being neutral or in varying degrees satisfied with the current traffic lanes. Yet those responses are carried forward into Q3 results to indicate support. Respondents venturing into Q3 likely did so interpreting Q3 to mean "*If it were to change anyway, despite your neutrality or satisfaction with the current traffic lanes, which option ...?*" We nevertheless have 185 of 234 respondents apparently supporting option 1, even though only 45% (104 of 234) expressed any dissatisfaction with the status quo. Hence the survey results may not necessarily support the rush toward "finalizing" the partial closure, which is evidently the City's preferred course.

From discussions with Alderman Farrell's office, we learned that the more compelling driver behind changes to Samis Road traffic patterns is genuine concern for pedestrian safety, and the safety of many other non-vehicular users of Samis. We hope that the City will be able to provide traffic counts in support of the proposed change which, it is suggested, indicate that pedestrian and other users often outnumber vehicular counts.

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While we appreciate that vehicular usage of Samis Road is typically very low, there are nevertheless high sensitivities in respect of any changes to traffic flows in our community. Our Y2K traffic study, which resulted in many significant traffic calming measures implemented over a number of years, also had the effect of educating our community as to unintended consequences of changes to traffic flows. There are genuine concerns about diverting downhill/westbound/outbound traffic from Samis road and the unavoidable result that this traffic will find alternate means of egress from the community. These concerns seem to be widely shared among nearby residents and others as far north as 7th and 8th Avenues NE. This is an issue, no matter how low the traffic counts, that needs to be addressed. It has also been suggested that the playground zone on 1st Street NE be extended further south, ideally toward the south end of 1st Street NE at the top of Samis Road. Finally, in the event that the partial closure goes ahead, we will press for some measure of "finishing" of the proposed pedestrian/cycling corridor. As difficult as Samis Road is in some weathers, for vehicular users and pedestrians, the route has a certain historical value (ask Professor Z!) and even a certain rustic charm about it, right in the heart of the city. If the westbound lane becomes dedicated to pedestrians and cyclists, we hope that it can be done in such a way as to provide both the separation required for distinct directional uses, but also not make the separation too unpleasant visually.

Once again we will make every effort to find the right solution to the Samis Road conundrum.

### AFFORBALE HOUSING PROJECT

Planning proceeds apace for the proposed Affordable Housing Development on 15th Avenue NE. The Crescent Heights Traffic and Planning Committee formally reviewed the Development Permit circulation package in September and commented upon a number of elements of the design. The project will be presented to Calgary Planning Commission in December. Among the remaining contentious points is the provision of underground parking for the building. In our earliest discussions with the City, assertions were made to the effect that Affordable Housing developments typically did not require the full complement of parking stall as prescribed for multi-unit buildings under the Land Use By-law. When plans were first unveiled this past spring and summer, we were delighted to find that the full complement of parking (0.9 stalls per unit plus three visitor stalls) was provided for. Since then, in response to concerns expressed by nearby residents, inquiries were made as to the building's residents' likely eligibility under our Residential Parking Permit Zone M regulations. The response, it was expected, would be that residents of the building could apply for one or two residential permits for one or two vehicles registered to the address, and that a very limited supply of visitor tags would be available (likely two for the building, for visitors or tradespeople who could not be accommodated in the existing visitor stalls). Most recently, however, the discussion has reverted to "We really don't need all of those parking stalls for this project." Our CHCA committee was favourably impressed with revisions to the plans that were presented in early November, but concluded that we cannot support such a significant relaxation in parking requirements for the project (from 28 to 20 stalls for a 27 unit building). As the first project of its kind in our segment of the Via 16 Urban Corridor, and the first project of any significance in the corridor, this building will set the tone for future development in the area and the entire length of the corridor both east and west of Centre Street. It is trite and maybe a little sad that parking issues inform and shape and determine so many aspects of redevelopment in our community, but it is also a harsh reality. Traffic and overparked streets, if unattended to, can have significant impacts on our quality of life. The pressures are particularly acute on and adjacent to our major commercial corridors, where new development and changes of use typically trigger the question over and over: "Is sufficient parking provided?" Add to this the sharing of scarce parking resources (which a cynic might describe as an allocation of stalls *several times over* to different uses and users), and the mischief and misuse of the Residential Parking Program (RPP) program, and parking concerns remain persistently top of mind when considering development proposals. At some point the discussion might evolve to a point where, as a community, we acknowledge, as is advocated by Complete Streets theory, that

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surface parking and the over-provision of parking is among the very worst uses of scarce and pricey inner city land. At this point in our community's evolution, however, we're still confronted with parking mischief and mayhem, and have to be cautious and extremely wary of exacerbating the situation.

## NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION ECSTASY

Since the well-deserved retirement of our east and west side *Crescent View* Distribution Managers, Penny Smith and Sharon Anderson-Marr, my colleague Daniel Dang and I sent ourselves to distribution boot camp. For the October issue, Daniel single-handedly broke down our ten cartons of newsletters into numbered bundles of various quantities and distributed them to our volunteer carriers. For the November issue I did the bundling and distributed them to our east side carriers, Daniel covering the west side. This is a delightful task. I cannot fathom how any of our past distribution managers could ever have relinquished the role. The bundling takes about an hour, the east and west side drops perhaps another hour each, but the exhilaration and sheer rapturous joy that it brings is unutterable. It is as if the distribution person is bathed in a pure blue light; a faint chamber orchestra of zithers is plinkingly audible. On the nose are subtle peat, cedar and cigar-box aromas. Out delivering to the carriers, one's vehicle floats slightly above the roadway on a cushion of air, and the bundles land softly and sweetly on carriers porches and front steps. It is a good thing that no-one has stepped forward to try to prise these distribution roles from Daniel and I, as they would surely have a fight on their hands.

## North Central LRT

As the West Leg of Calgary Transit's LRT line is poised to open for service soon, discussions resume on the alignment of the North Central LRT line. Originally planned for the right-of-way along an existing rail line in the Nose Creek Valley adjacent to Deerfoot Trail, discussions over the last eighteen months or so have steered the alignment onto the Edmonton Trail or Centre Street North corridors. Crescent Heights has been and will continue to be at the table and we will continue to report back to the community as discussions proceed. Although still thought to be a project on a twenty-year horizon, things have a way of changing, don't they? The Southeast LRT is thought to be next in line for construction, but the North Central line is currently touted as all things to all people: a commuter line for the growing communities north of Beddington Trail (maybe Airdrie one day?) as well as a local, low-floor, pedestrian-friendly, non-community-destroying option that whispers its way through established communities. We hope we can help get the North Central Line right by being at the table in the early planning stages and into the future. It is ironic, though, that as one of three Building Safe Communities communities to participate in the FCC's pilot program, Crescent Heights was the only one of the three (Southwood and Rosscarrock being the others) without an LRT line traversing it. Southwood has two LRT stations, Rosscarrock is about to have its first, and both communities' focus under the Building Safe Communities program was on mitigating the troubles associated with C-Train stations. Watch this space for updates as they occur.

## CASINO RAPTURE

As this is our combined December-January issue, it is the perfect time to again mention our upcoming fundraising Casino on March 20 and 21 next year. Some considerable lead time is always required to make our formal application and secure our sufficient crew of about 40 volunteers over the two day event. If next year follows the pattern of past events, the majority of our casino crew will be seasoned returning volunteers, filling positions such as cashier, general manger, banker, chip runners, dancers, sword-swallowers and numerous positions late each day in the count room. If you can spare a shift for us next March, daytime or evening, please get in touch with me at 403.276.5345. In order to keep my skills sharp and enjoy a free lunch, I recently worked a shift at the Federation of Calgary Communities' casino on October 28; it was yet another rapture, and the french fries were darned tasty. Proceeds from these fundraising casinos, in which not-for-profit groups are able to share in gaming revenues, have in recent quarters been consistently north of \$60K, though not what they were at their zenith a few years ago. Crescent Heights' ongoing participation in casino events allows us to maintain and upgrade our hall, and we are turning our minds to making a Use of Proceeds application for the upcoming event that may well include the provision of programs and services here in the community. Watch this space and please check your calendars to see if you might have some time free on the 20 and 21 of March next year. It is believed that most people volunteer for casinos because they do not have deep fryers at home.

## THE NEW YEAR IN THE OLD YEAR OUT

This issue of the *View* will straddle the years 2012 and 2013. The year past was marked by unpredictably rancorous and enervating disagreements on a few matters that many in our community viewed as curiously and utterly trivial. Others came to these questions full of passionate intensity, while yet others urged us to get on with things and close off on these troublesome debates. Never in more than ten years of involvement with our community association have I experienced such sustained negative energy as in 2012, so we will hope that the New Year brings us all a fresh start and a more positive tone. On behalf of the Crescent Heights Community Association and my colleagues on our board of directors, we wish everyone in our community a very happy and prosperous and peaceful New Year.

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# Rotary Park Planning Committee Update

Provided by Dan Evans, Co-Chair

There has been a great deal said about the evolving Rotary Park Plan in the last few issues of the *View*, and the Rotary Park Planning Committee (RPPC) has been fielding a lot of questions, so we thought it would be worthwhile to submit an update.

The RPPC was formed by a group of concerned community members about a year ago in response to a number of changes that had happened to the park in the absence of any consultation with the community. Those changes included removal of the path down to Centre Street, paving of most of the pathways, the addition of a splash park, and then later the addition of fencing around the splash park.

The RPPC's goal from the beginning was clear: have the City of Calgary conduct a formal community consultation process to evaluate the changes that had been made to the Park, and address the many issues that the changes had created.

The City of Calgary agreed, and the community engagement process began in December of 2011 with an open house at the Community Centre. The outcome of that meeting was the identification of four key areas that the community wanted addressed: recovery of the pathway down to Centre Street, removal of the new asphalt pathways that cut across the park, inclusion of the EOC landscaping plan into a unified landscaping plan for the park, and a more integrated approach to the family areas that had been separated by the splash park fence.

At a second open house In April 2012 the City of Calgary presented a new plan for Rotary Park that addressed the four issues above. Although the pathways and landscaping issues were solved by the new plan, it became clear that more work needed to be done to engage the community on the issue of the splash park fence. The only clear consensus was that the initial design solution presented by the City wasn't the preferred solution for anyone. But something positive did start to take shape out of that meeting, and that was a consensus around a set of design requirements that included integrating the family area (playground and splash park), allowing broader access to the washrooms, providing separation of the playground from the off-leash area, and ensuring the fence is aesthetically pleasing. The community had clearly told us that the existing fence did not meet these requirements and that we were looking for a new fencing solution.

In July, the City came back with a new, dynamic fence design. The Rotary Park Planning Committee believed the solution presented by the City's landscape architect represented a very common sense, flexible design that delivered on all of the key requirements identified in the consultation process, while fitting perfectly into the park environment. That design solution was then shared with the community through a newsletter and a public meeting coinciding with the community's Stampede Breakfast.

The results of that round of consultation were that 60% of respondents were in favour of the new design, 30% were opposed, and 10% did not make their opinion clear.

In the opinion of the RPPC, the community had made it clear that they were looking for a new fence solution, and we felt we had enough valid community feedback from December, April and July to conclude that the community was aligned on the new fence design being proposed by the City.

But this is where the RPPC and the CHCA Board began to differ in opinion. The Board started to question whether the fence should be changed at all. Even though the community engagement process up to this point had clearly indicated that the current fence was not meeting the needs of the broader community, we were somehow back to talking about keeping the existing fence as an option.

The CHCA Board began to argue that the fence shouldn't be changed at all, citing a number of arguments that ranged from safety and security issues to improper use of tax dollars.

As the primary liaison for the RPPC I've had several conversations with City representatives, and they've shared with me that they've learned a lot by working on this project - not the least of which is that if they're going to go through the time and expense of engaging the community, then those involved in representing the community (in our case the RPPC and the Board) will, in the future, be asked to agree in advance to abide by the results.

In our case, this didn't happen. The RPPC is certainly happy to have the City make an informed planning decision based on the results of the community engagement process. But the CHCA Board has chosen to ignore the extensive community input - and the resulting solution prepared by the City - and make a unilateral decision to support keeping the fence as is.

Unfortunately the position that the Board has taken essentially amounts to a veto of the new fence design, since the City has decided not to proceed with any changes to the fence without support from the CHCA Board. This was communicated to the RPPC on November 12 when the City confirmed that they would not be going ahead with the fence project at this time

Back on the positive side, construction has begun on restoring the pathway to Centre Street, removing the overbuilt asphalt pathways, and building new gravel pathways. By any measure, it will be a huge improvement compared to where Rotary Park was at a year ago.

This was a huge undertaking, and I want to thank the many community members who contributed their time and energy to the process, and also thank the City Parks Department for their significant effort and persistence in helping us address the many challenges of Rotary Park. We look forward to the changes in the park, and certainly welcome any additional feedback you may have. You can reach the RPPC via [evans.dan@me.com](mailto:evans.dan@me.com).

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# Meredith Road History-Part Two

By Professor Z

We continue today where we left off last month.

In 1984, a number of former and present-day residents of Bridgeland/Riverside were interviewed as part of a project funded by way of a Canada Works grant in conjunction with the Bridgeland Riverside Community Association and the Langevin Community School. Some participants had resided in the area since the first decade of the 1900's. Here are some of their recollections of their time in the 'hood, with special attention given to any mention they made of the Meredith Road environs:

Some remember the Gypsies who would camp on the flats below the General Hospital. Gypsy caravans were present in the area up until the late 1920's.



## Meredith Road

- Glenbow Archives ref. NA-2524-1

Participant #1 (L.A.), a former resident of Marsh Road, remembers the Bishop Pinkham residence on Meredith Road (referred to earlier) for its later reputation as a destination for gamblers from across the river, and also for the fact that it was said to be haunted. The adjacent barn burned down (date unknown) and not long after, the house itself was torn down. The Bishop Pinkham home appears at the centre of the picture accompanying this article. L.A also remembers the houses below the hill east of the Centre Street Bridge which were demolished when the hill "caved in" in the spring.

Participant #2 (A.A.) remembers sledding on "Samis Hill" (which would have been where Holly Park stands today; the sled route would probably have tracked the upper reaches of Meredith Road). He also remembers Wiggins' Hall in the basement of the Armour Block on 4th Street, where "coloured" people danced to music played on a Victrola, as well as a gambling spot at Marsh Road and 6th St NE that was raided by the police on more than one occasion.

Participant #3 (D.B.) remembers the imitation Kaiser burning on Tom Campbell Hill at the conclusion of WW 1. She also describes the approximate location of "Little Italy" as 2nd, 3rd and 4th Avenues NE, between Edmonton Trail and 6th Street. D.B recalls a dentist and doctor,

both named Dickson, who had offices in the Armour Building; one was known for having a "peg leg". According to her, the oldest grocery store in the neighborhood was the Roma Grocery, on the site where Alberta Brake and Clutch later operated for many years.

Participant #4 (G.F.) had lived in the vicinity since 1901. He too remembers the Gypsy encampments, as well as the natives camped south of the General Hospital at Stampede time. At 6th Street and Marsh Road NE, revivals were held in a big tent and "black" people attended. (Ed. note- perhaps some attendees were compelled by their spouses to come the morning after a riotous evening at the Wiggins Dance Hall!) This participant also recalls Dr. Eastman in the Armour Block who was known for owning a touring car that had to be reversed in order to make the ascent up the 4th Street Hill. G.F. also remembers spending time as a boy shooting crap outside the Beehive Confectionary, which was located in the Morasch Block at 644 1st Ave NE.

Participant #5 (H.G.) recalls the Beehive as well, and that it was located right next door to the Lagorra Cigar Factory, another tenant in the Morasch Block. He also remembers that the site of the "Bridgeland High Rise" was once the site of High Wo's market garden (Ed. note- he probably means Bridgeland Place in the Riverside area).

Participant #6 (O.H.) remembers the two boarding houses standing at the top of the hill above Meredith Road, both of which were big houses overlooking the city, later torn down for apartment construction. The residents would teach new arrivals English as well as other skills to assist them in transitioning to

life in Canada. More formal teaching of the residents was undertaken by a representative from the Danish Lutheran church. (Ed. note- the two houses were most likely 304 and 322 on 1st Avenue NE, just north of the site now occupied by Holly Park; 304 was the Beveridge home mentioned previously.)

Participant #7 (M.K.) describes the Bridgeland of the 1940's and 50's as a rough area, due mainly to the presence of numerous gangs of boys. He recalls that the Isle of Capri was one of the "main spots" in town and featured dining and dancing in the basement. Liquor was supplied by local bootleggers since dining lounges weren't licensed until laws changed in 1958. (Ed. Note- The IOC was located where the Edmonton Trail Carwash is today.)

Participant #8 (K.L.) remembers the former home of mayor (and earlier, NWMP corporal) George Clift King, located at Meredith Road and 6th St. NE. The Riverside Hotel had a beer parlour and her dad would often stop there after work. She also recalls how many local Germans felt threatened when the riot at the Riverside Hotel took place in 1916 as they assumed the soldiers would come after them next. Another memory is of ethnic Chinese market gardeners with large holdings in the Riverside flats below

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## Meredith Road cont. from page 11

the hospital. These merchants sold their produce door to door and at the Calgary Public Market near City Hall; some were so successful that by 1926 they could afford to build greenhouses on their land.

Participant #9 (C.L.) arrived in the area in 1912 and remembers that many local residents kept livestock - mostly cows, horses and chickens- until a bylaw was passed in 1939 banning such activities. In the 1920's and 30's apparently, a local cowherd would collect residents' cows and take them over to Nose Creek to graze. On their homeward journey, each cow was reportedly able to find its own way home.

Participant #10 (B.P.) stated that for the most part Bridgeland smelt clean except when the wind blew from the east and one could smell the city dump, once situated just east of Tom Campbell Hill (Ed. note- the city dump's former location, where Memorial Drive now crosses over Deerfoot Trail, is where the Nose Creek bordellos once stood.) B.P. also remembers the large "Tom Campbell Hats" sign on the west slope of Tom Campbell Hill and that many locals would ride their motorcycles straight up to the top of the hill. According to B.P., the Beehive Confectionary served "the best" hamburgers and shakes, while a slightly older teenaged crowd favoured a neighboring establishment, the Cozy Lunch. B.P. recalled the drinking and gambling along the 4th Street/Edmonton Trail corridor in the 1930's and 40's, and that the biggest bootlegger in the area then was "Shoey" Shoemaker, a character well-known to city police, but one who was nevertheless reputed to run a "clean" operation.

In her 2006 book "Spaghetti Western", Maria Cioni describes her father's arrival in Calgary from Naples in 1923 and the development of his traditional culinary skills such that by 1949 he was able to open Calgary's first Italian restaurant, Gene's Spaghetti Parlour, located at 111 4th St. NE. The restaurant proved so successful that it morphed into Gene's Dine and Dance, attracting curious Calgarians from all walks of life, including many from the Stampeders football team. Maria recalls that in order to evade Alberta liquor laws, many patrons bought their own "brown bags", which were then stowed by them on a special ledge custom-built for that purpose beneath each dining table. When the city police occasionally paid a visit, the bottles were whisked off the tables back to the ledges. Gene Cioni later ran a successful restaurant known as La Villa near the Shaganappi Golf Course while his former landlord in Riverside (Luca Carloni) operated a supper club called The Isle of Capri from Gene's former premises; it was destroyed by fire in the 1960's under suspicious circumstances.

Crescent Heights' resident B. E. S. recalls that in his youth he assisted a friend in the Riverside area with a paper route from time to time. He notes that unlike his own regular route in Crescent Heights, the number of newspapers sold down the hill in Riverside bore a direct relation as to whether the "Ladies" in the district had been rounded up by police the night before and taken downtown; when the officers had been especially thorough, newspaper circulation could decline from 150 to 50! Fortunately the Calgary Herald would only charge him for the papers actually sold when this occurred. On a much less steamy note, he also remembers the

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Alberta Ice warehouse east of the Riverside Hotel which retailed ice for householders' iceboxes before fridges became widespread; when he was a lad in the 1930's, the iceman in his horse-drawn wagon would give him shards of ice to cool down on hot days.

Former area resident B.B. remembers that a popular meeting spot for locals was Kwongs' Grocery on 4th Street NE; the proprietor Charlie Kwong's son was a gifted athlete by the name of Normie Kwong who after having achieved legendary status as a CFL player- known as the "China Clipper"- in the 1950's went on to a successful business career and later earned a further accolade with his appointment as Alberta's Lieutenant Governor. Sweeney Shriner was another local resident who had earlier- in the 1930's and 40's- become a household name as an NHL player. B.B. remembers working in the Riverside Chinese market gardens where, as a boy, he earned the princely sum of ten cents for each large sack of carrot tops he was able to fill. With respect to the local "boy gangs" previously mentioned, B.B. recalls that any suitor from south Calgary with thoughts of courting a local girl would be forthwith sent packing by such lads back over the Langevin Bridge. One of the more amusing stories B.B. relates pertains to the old sandstone Riverside School. During a cold snap in the 1930's, one young attendee came up with the idea of interfering with the school's door locks to such an extent that it would be necessary to cancel school until the locks could be repaired. His method was to introduce certain bodily fluids into the doors' locking mechanisms (use your imagination here!); it was so cold then that his dream was fulfilled and school cancelled for the day. We are reminded by this cautionary tale that our moms always warned us not to lick doorknobs, and can only hope that the youthful offender didn't sacrifice any skin elsewhere on his person as a consequence of his dastardly deed.

References: *Historic Walks of Calgary- Harry Sanders (2005); Cowtown-Tom Ward (1975); With Heart And Soul: Calgary's Italian Community-Antonella Fanella (1999); Spaghetti Western- How My Father Bought Italian Food To The West- Maria Cioni (2006); Interviews with Bridgeland/Riverside Residents- Devon Blean (1984); What's in a Name- Donna Mae Humber (vol. 2- 1997); Calgary Bridgeland-Riverside History- Douglas Stinson (online resource); Settlement History of "the Germans" in Calgary between ca.1900 and 1914- U of A (online resource); Henderson's Directories for Calgary, 1910-1952; U of C airphoto collection: 1924 and 1958; 1911 Fire Insurance Maps: U of C MADGIC collection online*

## Crescent Heights Affordable Housing Development

The City of Calgary is considering construction of a multi-residential development on two vacant parcels of City-owned land at 210 and 212 – 15th Ave. N.E. For more information on the project, latest news and project updates, please visit [calgary.ca/affordablehousingdevelopments](http://calgary.ca/affordablehousingdevelopments).

Lee Prevost  
Project Manager, The City of Calgary  
403.268.8732  
[lee.prevost@calgary.ca](mailto:lee.prevost@calgary.ca)

## Playgroup in need

The Crescent Heights playgroup has been around for decades and I have been opening the doors for about four years. We see our numbers ebb and flow with maternity leaves, nannies new to the area looking for friends, and moms with children transitioning to school. Right now we are ebbing and need new members.

Also, I have a conflict coming up in the later half of November which will no longer allow me to run Playgroup as normal – Wednesday 10:00 am to 11:30 am. I am willing to change the day OR hand over the keys to another group of moms looking for a large warm space to let their kids run around during the winter months.

Let me know if you would like to take over as the new playgroup keyholder and leader OR if Monday or Tuesday mornings would work for you. You can reach me at:

- home – 403-670-6872 (though my one year old can sometimes erase messages – my apologies to anyone I have not gotten back to, try again please)
- e-mail – [Stacie.l.banks@gmail.com](mailto:Stacie.l.banks@gmail.com)
- Facebook - [www.facebook.com/CrescentHeightsPlaygroup](http://www.facebook.com/CrescentHeightsPlaygroup)

Stacie Banks (Possibly outgoing playgroup keyholder)

## What's happening at Wild Rose Church in December

[www.wildroseunited.ca](http://www.wildroseunited.ca) 403-630-5944

We have a busy month planned starting with an Old Fashion Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long on December 1st at 7:00pm, join the Wild Rose Choir to sing your favorite Christmas Carols.

On December 2nd at 11:30am Wild Rose is proud to sponsor The Calgary Drop In Centre Artworks Show and Sale. Please drop by to view this vibrant artwork all painted by the clients at the Calgary Drop In Centre, all money goes directly back to the artist.

Need a break from the kids for a few hours? Wild Rose would like to treat you to a day of Christmas Shopping without the kids. Our youth and trained staff would be happy to entertain your children on December 8th from 10:00am - 4:00pm. To sign up please call Betsy at 403-277-5576. Please pack a lunch for your child!

Please join us on December 24th for our Candlelight Christmas Eve Services at either 7:00pm or 11:00pm.

Last but not least join us for a Family Games Night/ Potluck on December 31st at 4:30 - 7:30pm, ring in the New Year early!

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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

### SENIOR'S LUNCH:

Please join us at the Highland Park Community Hall, 3716 – 2 St. NW On the third Monday (usually) of the month, at noon  
Dates: Dec 10\* (\*due to Christmas), January 21  
Cost: \$5/member, \$10/non-member  
Call Anne Klempa at 403-277-3388 to confirm your attendance.

**Karate:** Every Monday, 6:15 – 7:15pm (kids), 7:30 – 9:30 (adults)

**Scottish Country Dancing:** Every Tuesday, 7:30 – 9:30pm

**Martial Arts:** Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7:00 – 9:30pm

**Irish Dancing:** Every Wednesday, 5:00 – 9:30pm

**Blood Donor Clinic:** Dec 15 from 9am to 1pm at the hall.

**Clothing Give-away:** Free Clothing on January 12th at the HPCA Hall from 1:00 – 3:30 pm. The Highland Park Community is joining forces with the Highland Park Churches, the City of Calgary, and the agencies of the North Central Community Resource Centre to provide this service.

**Christmas baking?** Why not have the students of the commercial cooking class at James Fowler do it for you! Just place your order by December 14 and it will be ready for you. Call the school, 403-230-4743 and dial local 2242 (or ask for the kitchen). Sit back and enjoy!

### L.E.A.D is coming to Highland Park!

Develop and practice your leadership skills with us and open doors to more success in your future. Participants are required to complete a minimum of 20 hours of practical volunteer experience. Dates and times to be determined. For ages 12 to 17. **Cost: free, but registration is required.** If you are interested or have questions, please call Tannis Eapen at (403)828-8394

**Bunbukan Karate:** This non-competitive program focusses on providing practical defensive strategies against habitual acts of violence within the tradition of old style karate. Two classes are being offered:  
1) A child class for children 6 – 13 years of age. Parent participation is strongly encouraged and  
2) A second class for teens and adults with higher intensity and complexity. Additional information about Bunbukan karate programs can be obtained at: www.bunbukan.ca.

## 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.

**Renfrew 50+ Club:** Closed for the week of Dec. 24, opening Jan. 2

**Hot Chocolate with Santa:** Sunday Dec. 16th from 2-4pm, at the hall. Hot chocolate, goodies, crafts and a chance to visit with Santa & his friends Rudolph and Jingle Bear. Everyone welcome! Free event. Volunteers needed. Contact membership@renfrewcommunity.ca.

**Renfrew Community Bottle Drop:** Donate your returnables for a good cause. Xmas Clean-up Bottle Drop - **Dec 29, 10am - noon**

## RENFREW cont

### Renfrew Community Pub Night (Social Room)

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

**Family New Year's Eve Mascarade Party:** Dec. 31, 7pm - 1am

Ring in the New Year at the Renfrew Social Room. All ages welcome, wear your fanciest mask. Special Appearance by the *Fabulous Mondegreens*. Kids' New Year at 9pm

**Family Jam Night:** Jan 11, 6pm



## 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

### Bingo at the Bingo Barn Volunteers needed:

Please call Marg at 273-7952.

### SHAKE, RATTLE AND ROLL - ROCKIN' 50's NEW YEAR'S EVE BASH

Members \$30 per person. Non-members \$35 per person  
Contact Jeannine @ 403-569-2070 or Barb @ 403-273-7912 to purchase tickets or for more information. RSVP BY DECEMBER 15th, 2012.  
50's period clothing suggested.

### Join in the games and have blast from the past with:

Dancing the year away at the Sock Hop  
1950's Match Box Cars Drag Race  
Test your lip syncing with the Sandy and Danny (*Grease*) Sing Off.  
Try the brain game with 1950's trivia

### BE FIT - Seniors Low impact exercise class

\$10 for community members; \$25 for non members  
Info: call 403-273-5894 or in person at the community centre office.

### PROGRAMS AT THE HALL

**MONDAY:** Yoga - upstairs - Fireside Room - 7:30 to 9pm. Please call Marg at 403-273-7952 for information.

**TUESDAY:** Social walking - downstairs, 9 to 11am

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

**THURSDAY:** 50+ Club - Whist and Bridge every Thursday at 1pm in The Alpine Loft, 2nd level (Elevator available) Pot-luck lunch every third Thursday. New members welcome! Fall season will resume on September 6th, 2012.

- Yoga upstairs - Fireside Room - 1:15 - 2:45pm Call Marg Berger at 403-273-7952 for information.

**FRIDAY:** Military Whist in the Alpine Loft (Elevator available) the 4th Friday of the month.

**SATURDAY:** Lounge - Fireside Room. Open on some Saturdays. We are taking private bookings, call the office at 403-273-5894 to book.  
Last Saturday of the month - Jam Sessions and Euchre. Euchre starts at 7:30 everyone welcome.

## MARLBOROUGH PARK

**Marlborough Park Community Association**

Hall: 6021 Madigan Drive NE

Hall Rentals: Call 403-248-1775

Newsletter email: marlpark@shaw.ca

**Jelly-Bean Dance:** February 1st from 7 to 10pm.

For kids aged 6 thru 12. DJ, canteen facilities and plenty of fun.  
Tickets: \$3 must be purchased by a parent and the parents must provide names and contact numbers. Parents must pick the kids up, no children are allowed to exit the building without a parental escort.  
Volunteers are always appreciated - if you could like to help out please stop in to the Community Center office or call 403-248-1775.

**NIA** - (Non Impact Aerobics) classes for ages 6-86. Tuesdays 6:15 pm.  
For more information phone the hall at 403-248-1775

### NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY!

TICKETS: \$70 /couple for members; \$80 / couple for non-members  
Includes dinner, party favors and door prizes.  
Tickets will be available to purchase at the hall beginning Nov. 15!

**Adult Drop-in Volleyball:** Every Wednesday night from 8:30 to 10:30pm. Join us in the gym at the Marlborough Park Community Centre for fitness and fun!

### Marlborough Park PreSchool:

On-going Registration. Please call 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.

**Join your Community Association today!**

## WINSTON HTS - MOUNTVIEW

**Winston Hts - Mountview Community Association**

Hall: 520 - 27 Avenue NE

Hall Rentals: Call 403-276-5474 or

Email hallmanager@winstonheights.ca

Newsletter email: newsletter@winstonheights.ca

### Santa Claus Breakfast and Christmas Craft & Bake Sale

Saturday, December 8th, 2012 from 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the hall  
Breakfast starts at 9:30 a.m. - Santa visits at 11 a.m.

Breakfast - Free for WHMC members, \$4 for non-members

Lunch Available 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. - \$4

Craft & Bake Sale 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Avoid the malls, shop at over 25 craft tables. Free Christmas crafting and activities table for the kids. All welcome - Come and join the Fun!  
Non-perishable food items for the Food Bank are welcome!  
For information call Lenore at 403-276-3798.

### Mom and Tots Playgroup

Starts up again on Tuesdays from 10:30am to 2:30pm at the community hall. Children of all ages are welcome. For more info please contact Mary-Beth Walsh at 403-209-1691.

### Swinging Singles Square Dance Club

MEN - DON'T BE A COUCH POTATO! Come dance with us at our Singles Square Dance Club. Beginners classes start Sept. 10 at 8pm.  
Email: Ideal@telus.net or call 403-265-9697 for more information.



# 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](mailto:rumbles@shaw.ca)

Rundle's best kept secret! **The Summit Pub at the hall.**

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!

**New Years Eve Party** at the Rundle Summit Pub! Cocktails/Dinner/Entertainment/Party Favors/Drink Specials. **Tickets available thru the Summit Pub in December.**

**NEW! TEXAS HOLD'EM ON Saturday nights at 7pm**

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**Crib Night at the Rundle Summit Pub!** Tuesdays 7 to 9pm

Have dinner, play cards and have fun, fun, fun. All welcome.

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### MOUNT PLEASANT

#### **Mount Pleasant Community Association**

**Hall: 602 - 22nd Avenue NW**

Hall Rentals: Call 403-282-1314 or email:

[hallrentals@mpca.ca](mailto:hallrentals@mpca.ca)

Newsletter email: [publicity@mpca.ca](mailto:publicity@mpca.ca)

**Pleasant Times - Upper Hall, 602 22 Ave. NW**

Pleasant Times is an adults-only group that meets from 2 to 4 pm. usually on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the Upper Hall, 602 22 Ave. NW. **We're not having a meeting on December 12th** - join us on January 9th and February 13th for good conversation, games, refreshments, and the opportunity to add your ideas for outings and other activities. Join us for good conversation, games, refreshments, and the opportunity to add your ideas for outings and other activities. If you'd like to be informed of our planned activities and trips in advance, please contact Linda at (403) 289-8390 or [lohanlon@telus.net](mailto:lohanlon@telus.net). You also can check [mpca.ca](http://mpca.ca) for information.

**Christmas Lights Tour, Monday, December 17, 2012** - Enjoy a stress-free tour of the Airdrie "Festival of Lights" Christmas light display and some of the best decorated homes in Calgary. Join us for the bus ride to Airdrie, spend 30 to 60 minutes walking through the display there, then return to Calgary for a bus tour of selected home displays in the south Calgary.

All this for just \$25 per person, including motor coach transportation, cookies and hot chocolate on the bus, and GST. Not included are dinner, optional donation at the Airdrie lights (\$2-\$5 suggested), and optional tip for the driver. We'll leave at 6pm from the MPCA hall, 602 22 Ave. NW and plan to be back by approximately 9pm. For more information or to book your seat, call (403) 289-8390 or email [lohanlon@telus.net](mailto:lohanlon@telus.net).

**Book Club** - 4th Tuesday (usually) of the month from 7 to 9pm in the Lower Hall. We won't be meeting in December. Our Jan 22nd book will be *Ahab's Wife* by Sena Jeter Naslund. For more info e-mail [lohanlon@telus.net](mailto:lohanlon@telus.net) or call Linda at (403) 289-8390.

#### **Mount Pleasant Playgroup**

Spots are still available for registration on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings as well as Friday afternoons. For more information you can email [mpc.chair@gmail.com](mailto:mpc.chair@gmail.com)

### CROSSROADS

**"I live in Crossroads!"**

#### **Crossroads Community Association**

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

Hall Rentals: Call the hall at 403-277-6201

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

Facebook page: <http://on.fb.me/fqqjLG>

**Crossroads Community Preschool:** Accepting registrations for the 2012/2013 school year. Please call 403-277-2168 or 403-640-4967 for more details.

**Crossroads 50+ Club:** Meet every Monday at 6:30pm at the Crossroads Community Centre. Join us for fun times and meet your neighbours. For information call 403-277-6201 or visit our website at: [www.crossroads50plusclub.com](http://www.crossroads50plusclub.com)

**Free Family Movie Nights are Back!** Friday, Dec 14 - Doors open at 6:30pm, movie starts at 7pm - Pick up your Perk - our CCA Membership gets you a coupon for a FREE concession item!

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Winter Festival:** 1-4 pm - Dec 1  
(Community Collaborative Christmas Festival)

**CCA Board Meeting:** 7 pm - Dec 2

**50+ Club Christmas Party** - Dec 7

**Scrapbooking & Craft Day:** Dec 8, 9 am - 9 pm

\$20 for members \$30 for non-members

**Family Movie Night:** 7-9 pm - Dec 14

**Craft Sale:** 9 am - 5 pm - Dec 15

**Pub Night:** 7:30 pm - Dec 28

**CCA Board Meeting:** 7 pm - Jan 6

**Family Movie Night:** 7-9 pm - Jan 18

**Pub Night:** 7:30 pm - Jan 25

**CCA Board Meeting:** with guests from the Airport Authority - Feb 3

**Family Movie Night:** 7-9 pm - Feb 15

**Pub Night:** 7:30 pm - Feb 22

**4th Annual Crossroads Multicultural Festival** - May 25, 2013

The Festival Committee is looking for people who would like to be part of this successful event. We are also looking for cultural performances, cultural groups to host information tables and donations of foods. Come out and share your culture with our Community. If you would be interested in participating and/or volunteering please contact [ccamulticulture@gmail.com](mailto:ccamulticulture@gmail.com) or Shannon at 403-474-4298

### BRIDGELAND-RIVERSIDE

#### **Bridgeland Riverside Community Association**

**Hall: 917 Centre Avenue NE**

Ph: 403-263-5755, Hall email: [hall@brcacalgary.org](mailto:hall@brcacalgary.org)

Newsletter email: [newsletter@brcacalgary.org](mailto:newsletter@brcacalgary.org)

Visit our website at: [www.brcacalgary.org](http://www.brcacalgary.org) for a complete listing of programs and classes.

#### **Hall programs and Events**

##### **Ongoing:**

Yoga with Jani Tues 6:30 - 8 [janikrulc@gmail.com](mailto:janikrulc@gmail.com)

Zumba Thursday 6-7 [www.fairburnfitness.com](http://www.fairburnfitness.com)

Kitty Raymond Parenting courses: [www.raymondparenting.com](http://www.raymondparenting.com)

Fotoscool Photography [www.fotoscool.ca](http://www.fotoscool.ca)

##### **Upcoming:**

December 8 What the Craft? Christmas Show

**Free Christmas Concert** - New West Symphony and Chorus

Dec 2, 2:30pm @ Bridgeland Campus of Centre Street Church 235 8A St NE. Everyone Welcome! For more information contact Jared at 403-262-7822 or email [jared.harrison@cschurch.ca](mailto:jared.harrison@cschurch.ca)

**Free Bridgeland Community Concert** featuring local artists like Scatter 17. Dec 15, 7:00pm @ Bridgeland Campus of Centre Street Church 235 8A St NE. Everyone Welcome!

#### **Family Christmas Carol Service**

Dec 16, 10:45am @ Bridgeland Campus of Centre Street Church 235 8A St NE. Everyone Welcome!

#### **Community Carol Singing**

Christmas carols, community, free hot chocolate and coffee! What more needs to be said? Join in to celebrate this Christmas Dec 20, 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM on General Ave NE. For more information contact Jared at 403-262-7822 or email [jared.harrison@cschurch.ca](mailto:jared.harrison@cschurch.ca)

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### TUXEDO PARK

#### **Tuxedo Park Community Association**

**Hall: 202 29 Avenue NE**

Ph: 403-277-8689

Newsletter email: [tpcanewsletter@hotmail.com](mailto:tpcanewsletter@hotmail.com)

**Tuxedo Events Calendar:** visit [www.tuxedoparkcommunity.ca/events](http://www.tuxedoparkcommunity.ca/events)

**Yoga:** Tuesdays at 7:30 in Upper Hall.

#### **UPCOMING 2012 EVENTS - at the hall**

Dec 07 ..... Community Supper - Turkey / Ham

Dec 08 ..... Breakfast With Santa, For children up to age 12  
(families with a TPCA community membership welcome!)

**NOTE:** Community supper is at 6pm and costs \$14 per person, children 6 years old and younger - \$7 each.

**Our events are open to everyone: members, residents, family and friends of Tuxedo Park both in and outside our community.** For more information please call Kelly at 277-4723 or Bev at 277-8689

### CRESCENT HEIGHTS

#### **Crescent Heights Community Association**

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

Hall Rentals: Call 403-804-5600

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

**Empties For Equipment!** Crescent Heights High School's monthly drop-off bottle drives. Thanks for helping support various clubs and teams - your donations make a huge difference to us! Drop-offs take place the second Saturday of the month - **Dec. 8.** Thanks for your continuing support!

#### **Programs at the hall**

**SUNDAYS:** Pentecostal Church Public Service 10am - noon

**MONDAYS:** Fitness Class 5-7pm, Call Lana 403-999-5373

Dance and Fitness 7:30 - 9:30pm.

**WEDNESDAYS:** Fitness Class 6:30-7:15am, Call Lana 403-999-5373

CHCA Playgroup 10 - 11:30am, For info call Stacie 403-670-6872

Tai Chi 7:30 - 9:30pm

**THURSDAYS:** Fitness Class 5:30-8pm. For info call Lana 403-999-5373

For more a more detailed Hall Calendar and for event and activities contact information please visit:

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The *Crescent View* newsletter at the BC Cannery Museum, Steveston, BC - Photo by Michael W.



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## Cold weather safety



Alberta Health Services EMS responds to many cold weather related emergencies every winter. Simple actions such as dressing appropriately and anticipating sudden weather changes can help keep you both warm and safe this season.

### Frostnip

- Frostnip occurs when skin is extremely cold, but not frozen. It commonly affects the ears, nose, cheeks, fingers and toes.
- The skin appears red but also turns to white when pressed. It may feel numb to the touch.
- When treated promptly, frost-nipped skin will heal without complication.
- Gently re-warming the affected area in a warm environment is advised.

### Frostbite

- Frostbite is when skin becomes so cold, the skin and underlying tissue freeze completely.
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- Treatment begins with removal from the cold environment and placing the affected area in warm, *not hot*, water (about 41°C) until re-warmed.
- Seek further medical attention as required.

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- Early recognition and prompt medical attention is crucial. Left untreated, hypothermia may progress to coma and death.
- Call 9-1-1. Don't forget to protect yourself from the factors that originally lead to the patient's situation.
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## Wild Rose Church cont. from page 13

Wild Rose United Church is requesting feedback from our community members which will assist them in designing and delivering programs and services. To access the survey please go to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JGYRKZS>

A special "thank you" to **Chester Lorincz**  
for helping to deliver *The Crescent View*.  
Your volunteer efforts are very  
much appreciated!

## A Message from Alderman Druh Farrell

The City of Calgary has been conducting the annual Citizen Satisfaction Survey for the past 15 years to understand and respond to Calgarians changing needs and expectations. In October we received the results from the 2012 survey conducted by Ipsos Reid and 95% of Calgarians gave The City a positive rating for overall performance – the highest ever.

Calgarians told us that there is a significant improvement in quality of life and community pride. 95% say that blue cart recycling was a primary strength. More Calgarians said that parks, pathways and recreation were vital but were also frustrated with lack of access to recreation facilities.

Attitudes regarding City service delivery and transparency continued to show positive momentum this year.

- Over 80% of Calgarians rated The City's quality of service as consistently high, were satisfied with City Programs and Services, and thought that we foster a city that is inclusive and accepting of all people.
- 81 per cent of Calgarians say they are satisfied with City Programs and Services, up six percent from last year.
- 84 per cent of Calgarians believe that The City practices open and accessible government, up 4% from 2011 and 15% from 2010.

Areas of concerns were with traffic congestion, particularly in Calgary's southeast, and frustration with growth and planning. As a response, Council has approved a Transforming Planning task force to review and reform many aspects of the planning process. Transportation improvements will be more challenging. We are responding to a severe reduction of Provincial infrastructure grants by putting an increased focus on transportation optimization and system efficiencies.

To celebrate, The City of Calgary is having a HeartYYC contest and invites Calgarians to post why they love living in Calgary on the City's Facebook page. The full survey results are available on [calgary.ca](http://calgary.ca).

## Thank You !

A special "thank you" to **Brian and Mary Ann Smith**  
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**Many, many thanks to all the local area businesses** whose advertising support makes these newsletters possible. Without business support there would not be any newsletters. So, to our readers, when you do your holiday shopping or if you are searching for goods or services, **please do try to support these local area businesses that advertise in your community newsletter.** They make it all possible!

I would also like to **thank our Community Association partners** and, in particular, the **volunteer editors** for your commitment to your communities. Thank you for **reaching out and engaging** your community residents through the newsletters. Thank you all for all the **hours of volunteer service** you donate so that your community will be a better place for everyone in your community.

As a publisher of community newsletters I feel I must have the best job in the world! I have the good fortune of working with the community volunteers, community liaisons from the City of Calgary and Calgary Police Services, area churches and temples, schools and, of course, area businesses both large and small. Everywhere I go I meet sincere and honest people who want to help their communities thrive. Publishing, like any other business, has its challenges but the experience of working with these people makes it all worth it.

**As the year draws to a close it's natural to look back and review our successes and disappointments - smiles and frowns.** A realistic review will help us face the challenges of the new year.

In the new year I hope to be making some computer software upgrades that should help the production flow of the newsletters.

Better response time to potential customers and community inquiries is always on the top of our list of priorities.

A while back we ran a community photo contest with got good participation by most communities. I will be consulting with your community associations in the new year to see if we can repeat this contest.

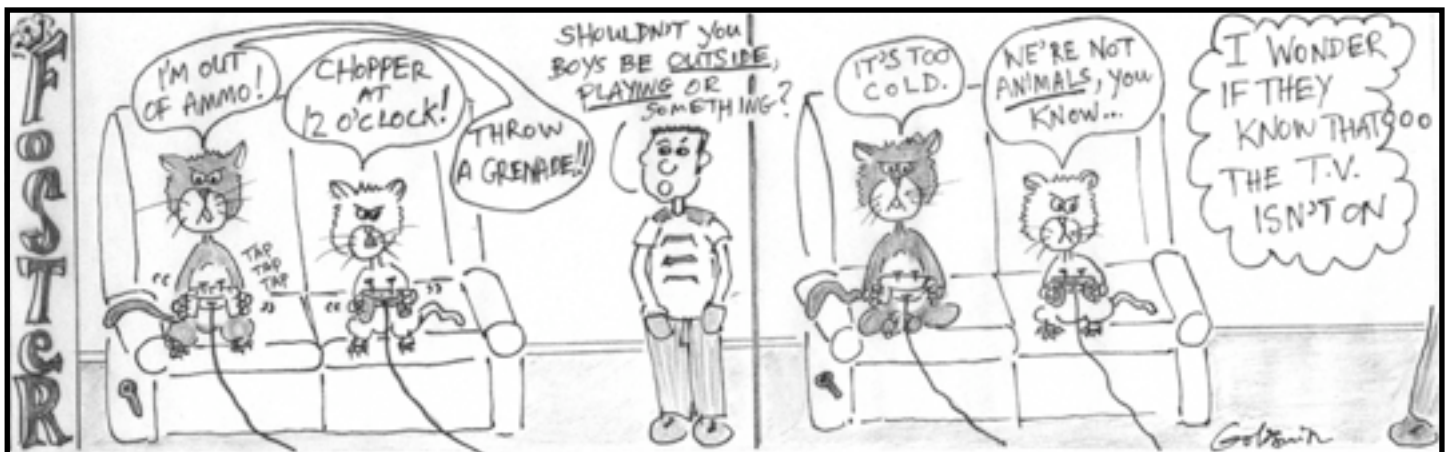
**At this time of year I remember to give thanks for all my blessings and be grateful that I live in a country full of freedom and opportunity.** I must also remember that some people in our communities still struggle to share in these blessing and opportunities. Please make an effort this holiday season to be helpful to those who are in need of our generosity and understanding.

**Happy holidays, Merry Christmas and all the very best in the New Year!**

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## Off the Shelf

Book Review by Judith Umbach

### *Tail of the Blue Bird*

by Nii Ayikwei Parkes

In *Tail of the Blue Bird*, Nii Ayikwei Parkes creates a hypnotic story with the unusual marriage of traditional Ghanaian story-telling and ultra-modern CSI television. Our hero, Kayo, is the conduit between past and current times. His upbringing ensures he is respectful of the canny village elder. His profession is forensic science.

At the commercial lab where he works, Kayo is frustrated; his brilliant work is sold thoughtlessly by a rapacious boss with no appreciation of science. Even his friends are not sympathetic; they counsel him to drown his sorrows every evening with them. One day, however, Kayo is subjected to a much more frightening frustration as he is dragged inescapably into the dark world of unethical politics.



In a village in the forest is a dark mud hut in which a strange, red mass smells - and perhaps pulsates. It repels villagers and police alike. Kayo is inserted into a mythical belief system and begins his scientific assessment. Witnesses are questioned. Samples are extracted. Digital photographs are taken. Measurements are made. Scene recreation software is used to analyze the

inexplicable facts. Kayo worries that people are not telling him everything they know.

Over calabashes of palm wine, village elder, Onyame, helps Kayo, with a long story of tragedy multiplied by curses. The lush forest surrounding the town assumes a magical mystery, where animals and curious sounds play with the mind. Kayo must decide if he wants the facts or an explanation. And he must decide how his conscience will balance truth and fabrication.

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