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Schlepp Right Up

A few choice *Crescent View* delivery routes are up for grabs both in the North East and North West side of Crescent Heights. Over the last several years we have lost a number of newsletter carriers to a range of different circumstances: several have moved away to other communities or other cities; some were wary of commitment, some succumbed to ill health and others ran screaming into the night or floated away on lighter than air craft. For example we lost a few volunteer carriers in the Northwest in the area of 12th and 13th Avenue, 300-block, about 35 papers. Also in the Northwest is the very plum route number 10: 15th Avenue and 16th, 200-block (no more than 30 papers). Even more choice is the much-coveted route 25: 10th, 11th and 12th Avenue NW, 100-block (maybe 45 papers, tops). A combination of new carriers and your loyal distribution wallas have been able to cover these routes, more or less, for the last couple of years, but it would be swell to get a full time, ten-issue per year commitment from residents on or near any of these routes.

The North East of the community has seen a recent exodus of carriers of biblical proportions: We have 2nd Avenue NE, 200-block plus Discovery Hill (35 copies). We have 2nd, 3rd and 4th Avenue, 200-block (maybe 70 papers) as well as the 100-block of 7th and 8th Avenue NE. There is a little something on 4th and 5th Avenue, 300-block. Best of all, most of these block assignments are just a single block face, be it the north or south side, east or west side, only a few routes include both sides of the street.

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Or if you are an existing carrier who would like to re-organize your route or pick something up closer to home we would like to talk; if you are an existing carrier with a route close to one of these open ones and would like to expand your empire, we have opportunities. Or if you are an existing carrier who would like to lighten your burden and shorten your walk, let's talk and find you help (or a friendly burro) to keep you company on your route.

If you are in a condominium building and believe you and your neighbours would like to receive the newsletter and don't currently get it, let us know and we can drop a specified number at your building. We have always avoided dropping a bunch in the lobbies of buildings unless we have prior OK from residents, on the assumption that most apartment and condominium buildings don't want the newsletter cluttering up blowing around in the lobby (and many foyer lobbies are typically locked in any case). If you live in Dogpatch (3rd, 2nd, 1st, Marsh and Meredith, below the bluff), and are tired of the surly service from your existing carrier, rip the assignment from his worthless hands and serve Dogpatch proudly with ten edgy issues of *The Crescent View* each year.

As we review our gaps and areas in which we can reorganize our carrier assignments, it is striking to see just now long many of our volunteers have delivered their routes. From the handwritten instructions in some entries in our Big Book of View Carriers, many of these assignments go back 20 years or more. To all those long term View droppers in particular, thank you for sticking with it through so many weathers and for so many years. We are working on a volunteer appreciation initiative that involves private jets and secluded islands in sunny climes, but crunching the numbers is a nut we just can't crack, yet. We'll promise to have something for each of you (and the newbies too) by winter's end.

For more information on these choice routes, their accompanying perks and emoluments, as well as the dizzying fringe benefits, contact David Leisaunieks at 403-276-1002, ext. 85 or Hound Ferret, Director of Bagpipe Karaoke, ext. 86.

Newsletter editorial deadlines

The Crescent View is published ten times per year. Please email your articles or event listings, as an attachment in MS Word, to Elizabeth Stady at chcaview@gmail.com.

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

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

North Central LRT Comes to Crescent Heights

by Hound Ferret, Railway Hobo

The City's Calgary Transit and Transportation department submitted a report and recommendation to City Council in December that supports a future North Central LRT Centre Street alignment. Most Crescent Heights residents will recall that the NCLRT was originally planned to follow existing rail rights of way in Nose Creek Valley, until it was pointed out that no one lived in the Nose Creek Valley, and wouldn't it make more sense to run the train where people might ride it? Centre Street and Edmonton Trail thus became prospective second and third route options, and as of December, Centre Street is the recommended option. Two possible configurations are under consideration: an at-grade option that would see a redesigned Centre Street transportation and commercial corridor for Crescent Heights, and a below-grade tunnel option, that would essentially by-pass Crescent Heights by virtue of the line's being buried dozens of meters below grade. Earlier discussions of the at-grade option contemplated lower speeds and more closely-spaced stations in built-up areas, such as our segment of Centre Street, giving way to higher speeds and more widely-spaced stations further north along the line to its northern terminus.

As Hound has reported earlier in this space, NCLRT will use next-generation low-floor, tram-like rolling stock quite unlike all existing LRT lines in Calgary. The current and evolving technology allows for entry and exit of the trains at curb height, a much narrower LRT lane right of way and for shared vehicular and rail travel space, although the current planning suggests that the LRT on-street right of way would be a dedicated one, not shared by other corridor traffic. Crescent Heights was very well represented at the Community Advisory Group, which met in a series of seven meetings from May 2013 through October of 2014, just before the presentation to City Council. Over this time the project evolved through a series of workshops and open houses that examined the entire corridor in the local context of the varying corridor widths, segment by segment, and with reference to local conditions all along the line. Hound believed it was always the expectation, and a reasonable one, that the at-grade Centre Street alignment promised the greatest potential for corridor enhancement in what is an utterly dreadful transportation corridor that currently bisects our community.

The tunnel option as it was broached by the project team in mid-2014 was a surprising one: the long and agonizing debate over the airport tunnel gave the CAG to believe that such a lengthy tunnel (under the Bow River from downtown to 20th Avenue (or further) North), would be prohibitively expensive, but it is a prominent part of the discussion and thought by many to be the option favoured by the project team. The problem for Crescent Heights is that the below-grade option offers little or no potential for corridor enhancement. Again, it would by-pass our community, proposing only a station at or about 9th Avenue NW (but likely West of Centre Street), and a station at 16th, hardly contributing to the

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February 2015 CHCA Calendar

- 03..... CHCA Traffic & Planning Meeting 7-9pm
- 10 CHCA Board Meeting 7:30-9pm
- 16 CHCA Family Skating Party 1-4pm
- 17 CHCA Traffic & Planning Meeting 7-9pm
- 24 CHCA Traffic & Planning Meeting 7-9pm

Traffic and Planning meetings are open to the public.

February 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:** Tai Chi 7:00 – 9:00pm
- THURSDAYS:** Fitness Class 5:30-8pm, call Lana 403-999-5373

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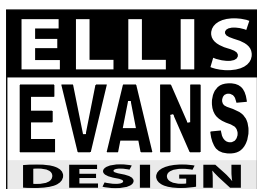
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enhanced streetscape and bustling local commercial corridor that could be the catalyst for Centre Street's transformation and salvation. Anyone who took the walk with Rollin Stanley in 2013 or with the Building Safe Communities project team that same year knows just how unattractive and brutal the existing Centre Street corridor is. As much as it may be an important gateway to the downtown, it remains a wretched streetscape.

Another expectation, perhaps naïve, that accompanies our high hopes for the Centre Street at-grade option, was the potential for NCLRT to provide such significant capacity so as to actually reduce vehicle volumes in our most congested segment of the corridor. Through the public workshops, an almost infinite combination of corridor configurations were tried (combinations of vehicle lanes, LRT lanes, parking lanes and sidewalks of varying widths). The segment of the Centre Street that passes through Crescent Heights is the narrowest in the entire corridor: ours is the segment in which the corridor constraints are the most severe. As planning and public consultation continued, the prospect for reducing vehicle volume in the corridor dimmed significantly, as did the glimmer of hope in Hound's weary heart. Although Calgary Transit seemed engaged in having the NCLRT do everything it can to build itself into an enhanced commercial corridor, the larger municipal Transportation entity tended to avert its eyes when the discussion turned to actually reducing volumes. Perhaps there is potential to take some busses off Centre Street, but the imperative appears to be to maintain Centre Street's capacity to carry massive volumes of traffic, especially at peak times.

The discussion is still in its early stages and it will be crucially important for Crescent Heights to participate fully as the project takes shape in the coming years. The tunnel is the least attractive option, offering nothing but a couple of syphons through which LRT-related crime will bubble up into the community. The at-grade option is the best potential catalyst for developing a pedestrian-friendly and vibrant commercial corridor in our community, but the likely reality is for mere increased capacity and an even more brutal transportation corridor than the one that currently serves and bedevils our community. Let's make sure we are there to work for the best possible outcome for Crescent Heights.



Empties for equipment

Crescent Heights High School's monthly drop-off bottle drives for 2014 restarted September 13. Thanks for helping support various clubs and teams - your donations make a huge difference to us!

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Soccer Program

This year we will be offering a spring soccer program for children and youths aged 3 to 18 in our U4 / U6 / U8 / U10 U12 / U14 / U16 / U18 age categories.

Registration and general information about Mount Pleasant Soccer for 2015 is available on the Mount Pleasant Community website at
<http://www.mpca.ca>.



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Crescent Heights Christian Playgroup

When: Wednesdays from 9:30-11:30am (starts January 8th)

Where: Crescent Heights Baptist Church,
1212 - 1 Street NW, Calgary, AB T2M 2S3

Who: For Moms and Tots

Details: Drop-in playtime, coffee/tea, snack time, sing-songs

Please contact the church at 403-277-1831 for further information

Thank you!

On behalf of my family, I would like to say a Special Thank You to the members of our community and surrounding areas for taking the time to put up Christmas lights this year! Now that I have 3 little kids...they LOVE Christmas lights! I know it takes time and sometimes it feels like a hassle...but it sure makes Christmas feel like Christmas!

Thank You So Very Much! Your Effort Has Been Very Uplifting For Our Family This Year! Wishing All Our Neighbors A Fabulous 2015!

- Sara-Lynne

Message from Councillor Druh Farrell

Council Approves Four-year Budget

Thank you to all who participated in the budget process last year to help Council set priorities. In December, Council approved the 2015-2018 Action Plan which sets out plans and budgets over the next four years. During budget deliberations, I championed investment in services that are important to Ward 7 residents, such as public transit, pedestrian access, parks, and the environment.

Here are some highlights from Action Plan 2015-2018:

- The plan represents a lean budget for a growing city, with \$50 million in efficiencies found by City Administration. The approved 2015 average monthly tax increase of \$5.95 will maintain service levels in most departments, with service cuts for transit-users and pedestrians.

- While Council added 70,000 new hours for transit routes in new communities, the funds are not sufficient for Calgary Transit to achieve its strategic plan.
- I'm very pleased that the Low Income Transit Pass rate was frozen for 2015, benefiting all low income passengers.
- Tree Disaster Recovery received one-time funding of \$35 million from emergency reserves to restore Calgary's urban forest, devastated by the September snow storm.
- Calgary Police Services will add 10 officers over the next two years; far from what is required given the rapid growth of our City.

Despite my support for services valued by Ward 7 residents, there are areas of concern that I will follow closely as we roll out the Action Plan over the next four years:

- Cuts to Environment and Safety Management will eliminate the solar panel project for community associations and limit our progress as environmental leaders.
- Transit, identified as a top priority for Calgarians, will not achieve their strategic plan at current funding levels.
- A \$2 million (15 percent) cut to pedestrian infrastructure, a small fraction of the \$2.3 billion Transportation budget, will further compromise pedestrian access.
- The constrained Police budget may erode our record-low crime rates. Council will work closely with the Calgary Police Commission to monitor any impacts on service levels.

I'd like to thank City Staff for their hard work and the citizens of Calgary for your participation. We will continue to monitor emerging trends and growth rates over the next four years. For more details on the budget, visit calgary.ca/actionplan. For Ward 7 information, visit druhfarrell.ca.

Legacy Parks program

Since 2003, the ENMAX Legacy Parks Program has been instrumental in creating some of Calgary's most beloved parks. Council recently approved an additional \$75 million (resulting from the ENMAX dividend) for eighteen new projects over the next five years. The program will create new parks and enhance some of Calgary's most celebrated public spaces.

I am pleased to share some exciting news! Three parks in Ward 7 will see upgrades:

- Confederation Park (\$1.1 million), one of Calgary's favourite regional parks will be revitalized in time for Canada's sesquicentennial in 2017.
- Bow to Bluff Park (\$5.9 million) is an award-winning citizen's initiative to connect McHugh Bluff to the Bow River with a green necklace of seven pocket parks. The funding will be supplemented by contributions from local developers and the project will create an improved public space for the residents of Sunnyside as they experience significant redevelopment.
- Blakiston Park (\$2.9 million) project will improve the park adjacent to the new development at the Brentwood LRT station and fulfils a commitment made by Council during the approval of the Transit Oriented Development Plan. Financial contributions from the adjacent development will augment the budget. A community design process is currently underway.

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Area Events and Resource Guide

Community



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.

Friday Pub Night: Renfrew Pub is open in the Social Room downstairs in the hall every Friday evening from 7pm to close. Friendly bartenders and free pool, darts, foosball and shuffleboard. See you there!

Jelly Bean Dances: A fun activity for all children from Grades 1 to 6 to attend. 6 to 9 p.m. Admission fee is only \$3 per child, adults are free. Food, drinks and glow sticks available at a nominal fee. We welcome parents to stay and help volunteer. We always need parents to help supervise children on the dance floor, etc.

Next dance: February 20, 6-9pm - Valentines theme.

Valentine's Family Pub Night: Friday, February 13, 6:30-9pm

There will be valentine themed crafts for the kids. The pub is open for families from 6:30-9pm and will remain open to adults until last call around midnight.

Family Day Skate: Monday February 16, 1-3pm: There will be free hot chocolate and a fire to warm us up. The event is held at the RCA outdoor rink and is 'weather permitting'.

Easter Egg-stravaganza: Sunday March 29, 11:30-1pm: Annual Easter Egg Decorating Party. Bring your own eggs! All decorating supplies, dyes and materials will be provided. TINYTOTS volunteers will be providing games and snacks. Everyone welcome.

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

Winterfest - Feb. 22 Outside and in Main hall from 1:30 to 4pm
Free admission. Indoor and outdoor activities, hot chocolate, cookies.

Open Stage nights - Feb 14, Feb. 28, Mar 28, May 30. Jam sessions in The Fireside Lounge - all welcome. Always looking for musicians to sing or play, and an audience to entertain. Doors open at 7pm music starts around 8pm. **Feb. 14 - Special Valentines Open Stage Night**

JELLY BEAN DANCE: Friday, Mar 27, 6:30 - 9:30pm

AGES 12 AND UNDER (Parent supervision advised for younger children)

Pop, hotdogs & candy for sale. Lots of dance contests and door prizes.

Wednesday Weekly Sports: Free drop-in sports from 7:30-9pm in the main gym. All skill levels are welcome. Different sports will be played on a weekly basis. See you there and don't forget to bring running shoes!

MARLBOROUGH PARK

Marlborough Park Community Association

Hall: 6021 Madigan Drive NE

Hall Rentals: Call 403-248-1775

Newsletter email: marlpark@shaw.ca

AT THE HALL:

Drop-in Tai Chi on Tuesdays from 9:15 - 10:15 am

Drop-in volleyball on Wednesday from 8:30 - 10:30 pm (\$4 each)

Drop In Crib every Monday night at 7pm. Everyone welcome.

LOMA Whist Club Wednesdays at 1pm, \$3 each, no partner required

Seniors Crib Club every Friday at 1pm. Call Virginia at 403-366-3042.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Jelly Bean Dance: Friday, February 13, 6:30 - 9:30pm

AGES 12 AND UNDER (Parent supervision advised for younger children)

Pop, hotdogs & candy for sale. Lots of dance contests and door prizes

Femme Fatale: March 21, 5 - 10pm

Marlborough Park PreSchool: There are still a few spaces available. Please call the office at 403-248-1775.

Canadian Blood Services

Canadian Blood Services will be at the Marlborough Park community centre gym, 6021 Madigan Drive NE, on Friday, May 29 from 4 to 8pm.

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

Book Club: We meet at the hall in the board room from 7 to 9pm.

On Tuesday, February 17th our book club will be discussing *Annabel* by Kathleen Winter. For more book club information please email Kendra at ou-chi@hotmail.com.

Quiz Night: Our next quiz night is scheduled for Friday, March 20th at 7:30 at WHM Community Hall. Bring your thinking caps and your wallet for the cash bar. All are welcome and we hope to see you there!

**STEP UP!
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RUNDLE

Rundle Community Association

Hall: 2409 - 50 St. NE

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Newsletter email: rumbles@shaw.ca

Family Day Skate: February 16 from 11am to 2pm.

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

NOTE: taking a break over the summer.

Karaoke at the Rundle Summit Pub! Fun begins at 8pm.

Crescent Heights High School Alumni Planning for CHHS Centennial Celebrations Continue...

The alumni committee for the Centennial Celebrations at Crescent Heights are working towards making the May 15 - 17, 2015 event one to remember. The 100th anniversary will feature entertainment by current and former students, a cowboy breakfast, afternoon barbeque and a beef on a bun dinner, class photos and lots of opportunity to meet with former classmates. The tentative program is featured on the Alumni web-site at www.crescentheightsalumni.ca; the web-site also has registration forms which include a pay now/pay later option.



Volunteers will be a big part of the reunion and there are a few key positions which are open at this time including Food and Beverage Chairperson, Photos Chairperson and research staff for the memory book. If you are available to fill any of these positions or would like more information you can contact the committee at crescentheightsalumni@gmail.com. There are positions available for the pre-planning of the event as well as volunteers required for the weekend which are described in some detail on the web-site in the Volunteer section.

The Alumni Committee will be announcing its Honorary Chairperson in the New Year as well as more information regarding featured entertainment at the reunion.

Mount Pleasant Outdoor Pool Diamond Jubilee

On July 9th 1955 the outdoor pool was opened with a parade through the neighbourhood and an opening ceremony attended by the Mayor and other dignitaries with many residents lining the pool. Billy Patrick, who had represented Canada at the Empire Games, completed the opening dive.

There are plans in the works to hold a 60th anniversary celebration of the opening on Saturday July 18, 2015. We would like to get in touch with anyone who remembers that day in 1955 or has worked at the pool in the intervening years.

Please contact Roger Leach 403 284-1719, email roger.leach@shaw.ca

The Pool has just experienced one of the most successful summer seasons ever and is still operating today because of the dedication of all those who have been involved over the years.



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

SPRING SOCCER 2015: Online registration (www.mppca.ca) will open February 1st and runs to February 28th. Detailed information about the soccer program will be available on the web site. Please note that there will be no in-person registration this year.

Zumba® Fitness: MPCA upper hall, Monday and Wednesday evening at 5:30 p.m. With no dance experience required, Zumba® is an easy to follow, yet effective class. Zumba® is intended to get your body moving to the music in this calorie burning dance-fitness party! For more information, contact Enoc by email at zumba_king@hotmail.com

Main Streets Calgary: At Main Streets workshop you can participate in a mapping exercise to identify the issues, opportunities and outcomes for your main street neighbourhood. For more information and to register: <http://www.calgary.ca/PDA/PD/Pages/Main-Streets/yc-Main-Streets/F-tenth-street-nw.aspx#mainst-top> or www.mppca.ca for links.

16 Avenue North Workshop

Date: Wednesday, February 4 Time: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Location: SAIT – MacDonald Hall, 1301-16 Ave NW

4 Street NW Workshop

Date: Thursday, February 12 Time: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Calgary Scandinavian Centre, 739 20 Ave NW

Pleasant Times – Upper Hall, 602 22 Ave. NW

Pleasant Times is an adults-only group that meets at 1:15 p.m. (**note new time**) on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the Upper Hall, 602 22 Ave. NW. Join us for good conversation, games, refreshments, and the opportunity to add your ideas for outings and other activities. If you'd like to join us or be informed of our planned activities and trips in advance, please contact Linda at (403) 289-8390 or lohanlon@telus.net.

Book Club - 4th Tuesday of the month from 7 to 9pm in the Lower Hall. Our February 24th book will be *The Outlander* by Gil Adamson. Our March 24th book will be *The Silence of Bonaventure Arrow* by Rita Leganski.

MPCA Playgroup - The Mount Pleasant Playgroup is a parent and tot playtime in the MPCA lower hall. Programs are held Monday to Friday mornings from 9:30 am to 11:30am. Join us! We're friendly! It's not too late and it's easy to register online. Go to mpca.ca, click Activities, select Playgroup, then scroll to the bottom of the page for the registration link. For more information you can email Brandy at mpp.chair@gmail.com

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

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

Newsletter email: convenor.editor@gmail.com

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

Movie Nights are BACK! - Come Join Allison and Brijbala for this free event! Doors open at 7:00 pm. February 13th

Scouts Hooters Fundraiser & Prize Draw:

Friday February 27, 2015 at 5:00pm. Hooters North - 2730 23rd Street NE

Join us to watch the Calgary Flames take on the New York Islanders

Prize Draw - Tickets \$1.00 (you do not have to be there to win)

Please call 587-354-0272

NOTE: We will not be doing a Bottle Drive until April, but if you have some bottles that need to be picked up please call 587-354-0272.

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.

The Calgary Tool Library

The Calgary Tool Library is a tool lending program for everyone. Members can borrow home and garden tools, learn about tools and home maintenance, and collaborate on community building projects. Members pay a small annual fee (\$40*) and in return have access to over 400 of the most in-demand tools. *If cost is a barrier come speak to us.

The Tool Library is entirely volunteer run. Everyone is welcomed to help out (actually, we could really use your help)! All Calgarians are welcome to become a member.

Located at the Bridgeland Riverside Community Association at 917 Centre Ave NE (on the lower level in the courtyard), the tools are stored in an outdoor, secured, shed. The library signs go up when it's open. Open Thursday, Saturdays, and Sundays

Learn more or contact us at:

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TUXEDO PARK

Tuxedo Park Community Association

Hall: 202 29 Avenue NE

Ph: 403-277-8689

Editor: communications@tuxedoparkcommunity.ca

TUXEDO HALL PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Jazzercise at Tuxedo Hall: Tuesdays and Thursdays - 5:30pm visit www.tuxedoparkcommunity.ca/events for more info

Cloth, Paper, Scissors Drop-In Crafting! Sunday, February 22nd, from 11am-4pm. Free for Tuxedo Park members! Call Chrystina at 403-244-2418 for information.

Second Annual Tuxedo Park Flea Market

Saturday, June 6, 10 am- 3 pm. Start saving your treasures and book a table. \$20 per table, \$10 for seniors and kids. To book a table, please contact Chrystina 403.244.2418 or volunteer@tuxedoparkcommunity.ca

CRESCENT HEIGHTS

Crescent Heights Community Association

Hall: 1101 - 2nd Street NW

Hall Rentals: Call 403-804-5600

Newsletter email: chcaview@gmail.com

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS 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: Tai Chi 7:00 – 9:00pm

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:

<http://www.calgaryarea.com/nw/crescenthts/calendar/diary.asp>

CHCA Family Day Skating Party! Monday Feb 16, 2015 from 1-4pm

At the Crescent Heights Community Hall (1101 2nd Street NW)

Bring out the whole family for some winter fun with your neighbours!

Crescent Heights Christian Playgroup.

Wednesdays from 9:30-11:30am at Crescent Heights Baptist Church, 1212 - 1 Street NW. Please contact the church at 403-277-1831 for further information

Crescent Heights High School - Empties for equipment

Crescent Heights High School's monthly drop-off bottle drives have Thanks for helping support various clubs and teams - your donations make a huge difference to us! Upcoming dates: Feb 14, Mar 14, April 11, May 9 and June 13. Thanks for your continuing support!



Deerfoot Soccer Association

www.deerfootsoccer.com

2015 Outdoor Soccer

GROUP (date of birth) - cost

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U8 Skills Option (2007, 2008 or later) - \$110

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Renfrew Community Hall, 811 Radford Road NE
Sunday, March 8th from 11am-1pm

Inquiries can be addressed via email to registration@deerfootsoccer.com

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Date _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Legacy Parks cont. from page 9

Past Legacy-funded projects include Memorial Drive Landscape of Memory, Devonian Gardens, Central Memorial Park, Ralph Klein Park and many others. For more information on the full program visit the website www.druhfarrell.ca over the coming months.

Civic Charters: A tool for financing growth

by Druh Farrell

In keeping with our recent (and rather dry) newsletter theme on growth and taxes, I wanted to share one solution under consideration: The Civic Charter.

A bit of history: The City of Calgary's current legal arrangement with the Province of Alberta stems back to the days of Confederation when over 80 percent of Albertans lived on the family farm. Canadian cities were considered "creatures" of their province, with limited powers of self-determination. Now, over one hundred years later, with 83 percent of Albertans living in cities, little has changed in our regulatory relationship. (Fun fact: Municipalities in Alberta are only required to do two things - hold elections and bury people.)

To raise revenue, Alberta cities are limited by the Province to property

taxes (widely considered a regressive tax) and user fees. Faced with extreme growth bursts, Calgary is unable to charge for the full cost of new development. We are dependant on other orders of government for grants, while services long considered Federal or Provincial responsibility, like affordable housing or low-income subsidies, are being downloaded to the City.

After decades of discussion, the Government of Alberta, the City of Calgary, and the City of Edmonton signed an agreement in late 2014 to negotiate a Civic Charter. The key areas under discussion are Governance, Planning and Development, and Assessment and Taxation.

A Civic Charter could allow Calgary to look at different funding methods other than property taxes, including the ability to negotiate with developers for full-cost recovery rather than the current system of taxpayer-funded operating costs and debt-financed infrastructure costs. A charter could also help Calgary be more nimble and responsive to wild growth swings.

The concept of a charter goes far beyond financial independence. It could also allow us to make our own decisions on important issues like campaign finance reform, residential speed limits, building codes and safety standards, and quotas for affordable housing in new communities.

The issues around funding growth will continue to be part of our discussions at Council. I will share more about the Charter negotiations as they progress. In the meantime, please feel free to visit druhfarrell.ca for more information regarding Ward 7 and other issues facing our city.

Off the Shelf Book review by Judith Umbach *Swallow* by Theanna Bischoff



Swallow reads as Theanna Bischoff's memoirs. She evokes the tumbled interior voice and recollections of Darcy, older sister to Carly. Their upbringing was disjointed, subject to the pain of their mother's undiagnosed depression. Their father left the day after Carly was conceived, and on the only occasion Darcy asked for his help, he growled and yelled at her.

With such a desperate background, accompanied by a desperate interior monologue, and facing desperate events, Darcy comes to the reader as an engaging warm friend. Even though she thinks that everything was caused by herself, nothing overwhelms her for long; she takes steps to rectify situations. After all, if she caused the problems in her own life and in the lives of her family, possibly she can undo the consequences. Such optimism cloaked in the vocabulary of failure! And the reader can recognize that she did not cause the problems and that she is not a failure.

We know this because her friends care for her. Andrew rents her his basement apartment when her relationship in Calgary collapses. Ex-

live-in boyfriend, Patrick, moves back in to support her (platonically) after her sister's suicide. Fellow-teacher, Conor, actively encourages her through her subsequent psychological stupor. His brother and new friend, Joel, responds instantly when she calls from Toronto, emotionally lost after her mother's attempted suicide. After this, Darcy heeds a self-imposed imperative to abandon her job, return to Toronto, and provide her mother with a home.

Nothing but love helps Darcy recover from her sister's abandoning of life. Abandonment is the causal factor in *Swallow*. Darcy tries hard to not move towards her own goals because she confuses separation with abandonment. She does not recognize her natural right to create her own relationships without being haunted by the effect on her sister or others. Since her parents emotionally abandoned both girls early, neither of the children learned how to grow beyond clinging.

Or, perhaps Darcy can surprise herself! She does find imperatives that liberate her from her own one-dimensional self-perception. She can grow.

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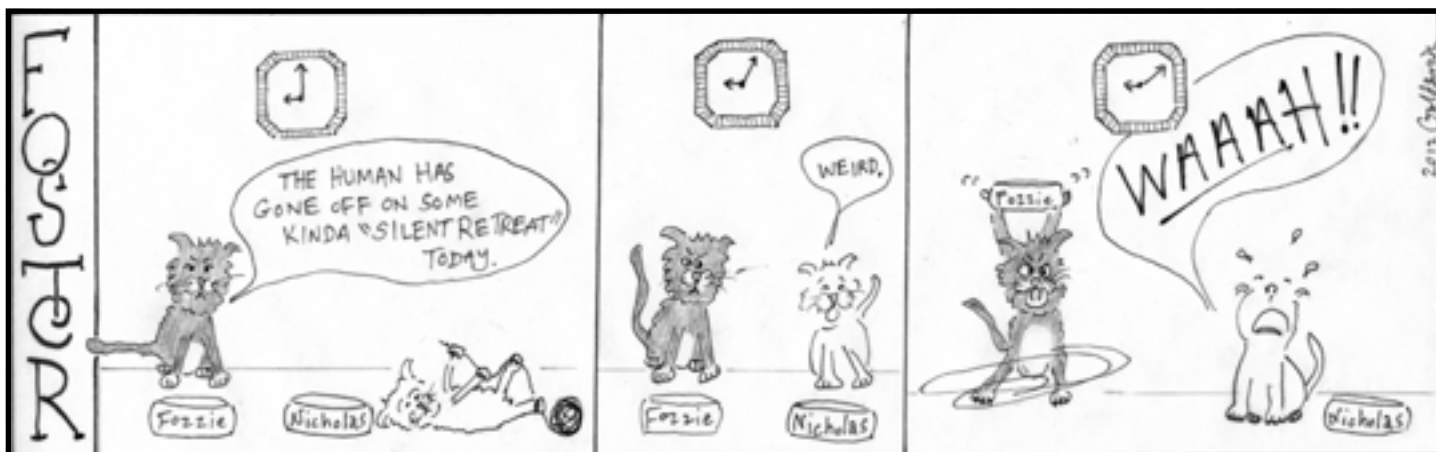
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by THOMAS KEEPER



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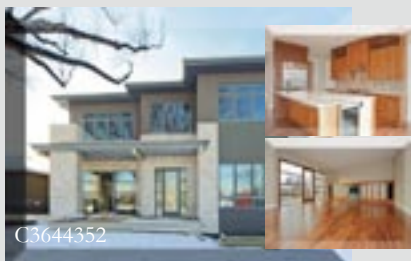
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