



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE MOUNT ROYAL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Mount Royal

COMMUNITY NEWS

NOVEMBER • DECEMBER 2002

President's Message

This is my last President's Message. I have enjoyed my role as President and I would like to thank the board members and volunteers who have dedicated their time and energy to make all the events and projects throughout the year such a success. I met many new people in the community and listened to many other people's concerns. I had a busy schedule this year with many traffic issues, a new playground, tennis programs, the membership drive, Summer Park Programs, many social events including the Progressive Dinner and future planning for the repair of the tennis courts and better signage for Mount Royal Station.

At the Annual Meeting on November 15th, a new board will take over and I will be in the less visible role of Past President. David Weyant

will take over as President, and Bruce Calvin has agreed to let his name stand as Vice President. I would like to recognize and thank our retiring board members who have served for many years. Those include Frances MacDonald as Treasurer and Brian Ireland as Community Planner. Both these positions are now vacant and I would appreciate any interest in these positions to please call me.

I hope to see all of you at the Annual and Special Meeting of the Community Association on November 15th at 7:30pm.

Evonne Whelan

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Annual and Special Meeting of the members of the Mount Royal Community Association on November 15, 2002, 7:30pm at the Community Centre (2317 10 Street SW) for the purpose of considering and appointing an auditor and the executive for the following year.

MOUNT ROYAL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

2317 10 Street SW T2T 3G7
www.mountroyalstation.ca

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Term: NOV 2001 to NOV 2002

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Term: NOV 2001 to NOV 2002

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MOUNT ROYAL COMMUNITY NEWS

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this newsletter .



Neighborhood News

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- babysitters certificate

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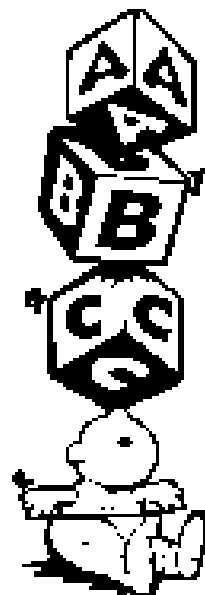
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do you know...

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Neighborhood News

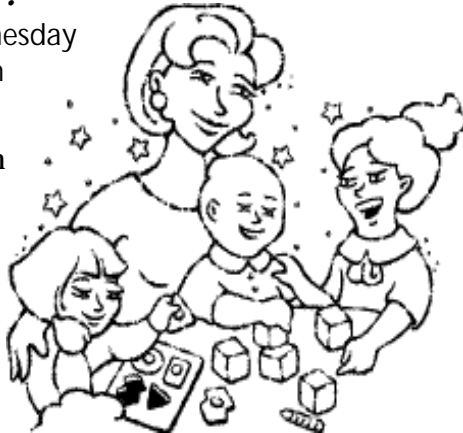
MOM AND TOT PLAYGROUP

Please join us for some fun and sharing with the Mom & Tot Playgroup at Mount Royal Station. It's an opportunity for young children to meet new playmates and Mom's to get together for a chat.

Join us...

Every Wednesday
10-11:30am

CONTACT
Susan Walch
287-9106



WANTED Summer Playground Coordinator

A Volunteer job to work along side the Elbow Park Summer Playground Coordinator

- organize the registration
- hire the staff
- advertise the program

If you have young children who take part in this program this would be a great opportunity to ensure its continued success.

Volunteer and help make your community a fun place to be.

Any questions or to volunteer
CONTACT Stephanie at 228-4048

Event Update

ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Once again the MRCA Annual Progressive Dinner was the highlight of the social season. Our fifth annual dinner was sold out with 117 community members in attendance.

The event would not have been a stellar success without the graciousness and hospitality of our hosts. I would like to extend our most heartfelt thanks from the community to these individuals.

Charlene Anderson & David Weyant
Laura Brown & Sean Kehoe
Nancy & Bruce Calvin
Rita & Ed Dodge
Maura Graham
Alexis Halliburton & Peter Robertson
Lisa Hemelec & John Hripko
Tia Hamelec & Tony Schulli
Cheryl & Matt Janisch
Marla Klassen & Derek Lloyd
Kim & Peter Kohos
Karen & Harry Koonar
Paul Lavoie & Doug Olafson
Denise & Allan Ross
Jane Wachowich & Rick Kuzyk
Evonne & David Whelan

If any members have any suggestions on how to improve the event, please do not hesitate to call.

Social Director
Lori Russell 229 4379

Association News

PLAYGROUND UPDATE

Hopefully by the time this newsletter reaches you, the new playground will be up and functional. Our thanks to the whole community and especially to the frequent users of the playground for their patience and understanding while we suffer through a typical Calgary construction delay. As we are working with several contractors who are also donors to the playground, we have had to wait for an opening in their busy schedule. At the same time, we are trying to be as financially prudent as possible. We are grateful for everyone's help in this regard and look forward to the completion of our playground.

As many have no doubt noticed, what we are lacking mostly is the concrete curbing and steps. There are also a few more pieces of equipment to be installed by the supplier, which also should be installed by the time this newsletter is distributed.

Our thanks to all of the roughly fifty volunteers and supporters many of whom on the first day of installation endured muddy wet conditions. And to all those that returned on the second day, and the third day...

Thank you to all who contributed the enormous amount of energy, ideas, humor, and good fellowship required to make it happen. Comments during and after the back breaking but fun time indicate that this was a very positive community and friendship building experience. By the early spring when the final landscaping is completed, this playground will be an attractive community asset that will further enhance our community life for many years.

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Upcoming
Community Event

Martini Night

Friday November 15
7:30-10:30pm

Mount Royal Station
2317 10 Street SW

Martinis & CATERED Food
Come MEET your neighbours
Have some FUN



***O Come All Ye Faithful
Residents of Mount Royal***

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Traffic Safety Report

Recently we were informed by the Principal of William Reid Elementary School that the Police Department has suggested that the Crosswalk on Council Way be not used as a school crossing (i.e. no crossing guards anymore) since it is deemed much too dangerous since it does not have the benefit of a school zone to slow the drivers down. The school, of course, has to follow the recommendations of the Police Department.

This action completely destroys the 'Walk to School Program' for many of Mount Royal's Children. Plus makes it even MORE dangerous for kids crossing at this location.

Events that have aggravated this problem are:

1) Inaction on the City's part to fix the very hazardous hedge that narrows the sidewalk and hides the twenty students that congregate each school morning in front of the rental property at 1302 Council Way. (This problem was commu-

nicated to Rick Morris over a year ago and he said that it would be passed to the correct department). NOTHING has been done.



2) Inaction on the City's part to reduce the speed limit on Council Way to 40 km/hr which has been approved by Mount Royal and Elbow Park as well as the ICTS but the City has not implemented.

3) Inaction on the City's part to install a reasonable road narrowing at the crosswalk, similar to on Hillcrest but not as narrow, to protect our children and make the crossing more visible.

4) Inaction on the City's part to adequately mark the crosswalk, paint the lines and post better more reasonable signage.

5) Inaction on the City's part to expedite the Elbow Park and Mount Royal Traffic Plans that solve the problem of cars turning out of and into Carlton, which would greatly enhance the safety of the children.

Our Alderman is unable to help and the City says that we need to wait for our traffic plans to get to City Council – which should now hopefully be in December. Yes this is the same approval that we were hoping for in June or July!

The sewer project on Premier Way is back on – which means that we will hopefully get the measures along Premier Way constructed on the sewer project budget.

Things are happening – the City is moving – it is just hard to detect with the naked eye.

Jeff Holloway
Traffic Safety Director
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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Adult Book Discussion Group

Pick up a copy of the monthly book selection at Calhoun library and drop in for a lively book discussion. No registration required.

Tuesdays, 7-8:30pm

NOVEMBER 5, DECEMBER 3

Creative Gift Wrapping

Want to make the outside of your presents as spectacular as the inside this holiday season? Join us to learn some fun, easy and creative gift wrapping tips and techniques.

Saturday NOVEMBER 16, 2-3pm

Adults. Register by calling 221-2010.

White Wilderness:

The Canadian Rockies in Winter

Author and naturalist Mike Potter will present slides and stories from his latest book White Wilderness. Celebrate the snowy season.

Tuesday NOVEMBER 19, 7-8:00pm.

Register by calling 221-2013.

L'ENTRÉE AU PARADIS – ECOLE WILLIAM REID'S NATURALIZATION PROJECT

Walk and Weed Wednesday's at Ecole William Reid

- Everyone is encouraged to walk, cycle, hop, skip or jump to school
- Parents are encouraged to weed at anytime and help supervise students – the focus is on weeding – there is lots of clover to dig up!!

What's New at L'entrée au paradis

- Calgary Horticultural Society awarded Ecole William Reid 3rd Prize for their Schoolyard Naturalization Project
- Grade 6 Legacy Project – this year the students are going to create a labyrinth
- Experimental gardens will be used by Grade 4 students for 'garbage planting' and vegetable garden
- Weather station – instruments have been purchased to be used by all classes

If you can help with any of the above activities or would like more information on this exciting project please call Leslie Irwin 243-2161 or Fran Laidlaw at 243-7546



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268-8601
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REOCCURRING problems

TAKE STEPS TO PROTECT YOUR HOME

Most home break-ins can be deterred with the use of preventive measures such as good locks, a few tools and simple precautions. No home can be made completely target-proof, but some practical steps will make your home more secure.

Your neighbourhood is your first line of defence. Call 509-BLOK (2565) and join or start a Block Watch program. Neighbours who are alert and collectively interested in the security of their neighbourhood will deter thieves.

Next, look at your yard and neighbourhood areas to assess your vulnerability. Trim any trees and bushes that thieves could hide behind. Install outside lights to brighten dark areas around doors or windows. These precautions will make your home less of a target.

Other ways to make your home more secure include installing deadbolt locks on all outside doors, making sure glass in doors is unbreakable or at least 40 inches from the lock, and using solid wood or steel for doors and frames. Make sure emergency personnel can easily see

your address from the street and alley, especially at night. Call police at 266-1234 if you observe any suspicious behaviour.

The Calgary Police Service works with Calgary communities through the Police And Community Telephone system (PACT), a free telephone information service to residents who subscribe. It automatically calls subscribers and plays a recorded message from the police. It alerts subscribers to important situations such as criminal acts or requests for public assistance in such cases as missing children. The information you receive from PACT can help protect your family and home, while assisting police in protecting your community. Call 290-2990 to register.

Protect your home and be alert. Call your community liaison officer at your district office if you need more information on security precautions. You'll find a district map and the district office telephone numbers in the blue pages of the phone book and at www.calgarypolice.ca.

PROTECT YOUR HOME TIP LIST

Make your doors kick-proof – Thieves don't usually bother picking locks. They either walk right through an unlocked door or may kick in a flimsy door.

Lock your windows – Window latches won't keep out thieves. Install strong security locks. IMPORTANT: For safety reasons, the Alberta Building Code prohibits bedroom windows from being barred, pinned or locked with devices that require special keys or knowledge to open.

Don't be on display – Close your curtains or blinds at night to make sure that valuables are not on display. Put curtains on your garage windows so thieves can't see if your car is there or if you have valuables stored.

Clear out hiding spots – Trim trees and bushes that could hide prowlers, especially trees that someone can climb to get to the roof or an upper-storey window. Install lights to brighten dark areas and motion detector lights at the front and back doors.

Know your neighbours – Thieves don't like watchful neighbours. Crime rates are lower in communities where people work together. If you know who your neighbours are, you're more likely to notice someone doing something suspicious.

Check it out – To reduce crime in your community, learn to be suspicious and call the police if you notice a stranger sitting in a car a long while, stopping to talk to a child or looking into homes or parked cars.

VISIT THE CALGARY POLICE SERVICE WEBSITE

www.calgarypolice.ca

for information on crime prevention, Calgary police programs in the community and in schools, information for children and teens on drugs, bullying and other issues, neighbourhood crime stats, monthly photo radar and red light camera locations, and information about a career in policing

**MOUNT ROYAL
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

at

JUNE 30, 2002

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**MOUNT ROYAL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
BALANCE SHEET
June 30th, 2002**

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS	2002	2001
Cash	\$ 59,550	\$ 57,774
Accounts Receivable	1,467	2,727
Prepaid Expenses	1,366	1,144
Restricted Funds (Note 4)	39,788	1,562
	102,171	63,207
 Capital Assets (Note 3)	 103,387	 107,695
	\$ 205,558	\$ 170,902

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$ 1,349	\$ 4,810
Deferred Revenue	39,764	15
	41,113	4,825
 NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	61,034	45,820
Restricted	24	12,562
Capital	103,387	107,695
	164,445	166,077
	\$ 205,558	\$ 170,902

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

.....Director
.....Director

See Notes to the Financial Statements

MOUNT ROYAL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES & NET ASSETS
Year ended June 30th, 2002

Net Operating Revenues:

	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
Clubhouse operations	\$ 9,285	6,404	2,881	\$ (4,568)
Donations	4,545		4,545	4,865
Interest	1,622		1,622	1,660
Location Fees	500		500	0
Memberships	10,920		10,920	15,870
Millennium Project			0	15
Newsletter	2,516	1,184	1,332	1,339
Summer Park Program (Note 6)	6,128	5,869	259	(89)
Tennis Court Fees	3,255		3,255	4,080
	<u>\$ 38,771</u>	<u>13,457</u>	<u>25,314</u>	<u>23,172</u>

Other Expenditures

Administration		1632	1,632	2,628
Amortization		4308	4,308	3,141
Ground Maintenance		8955	8,955	7,075
Insurance		2285	2,285	2,137
Traffic Committee		4121	4,121	79
Utilities		4189	4,189	4,006
Various Social Events		1456	1,456	1,004
			<u>26,946</u>	<u>20,070</u>

Excess of Revenue/ (Expenditures)			(1,632)	3,102
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR			<u>166,077</u>	<u>162,975</u>
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR			<u>\$ 164,445</u>	<u>\$ 166,077</u>

See Note to the Financial Statements

MOUNT ROYAL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
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1. Purpose of the Organization

The Mount Royal Community Association provides services for members living in the Mount Royal Community.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Capital Assets

Major capital assets which comprise the community clubhouse and associated equipment, are recorded at cost less \$ 99,555 of Government financial assistance. Minor asset acquisitions are expensed.

Change in Policy

The Association changed their policy regarding amortization during the fiscal year from 40 years to 25 years on a straight-line basis.

Donations

The Association derives a portion of funding from the public in the form of donations. General cash donations are recorded as revenue at the time received.

Income Taxes

The Association is a registered charitable organization and is exempt from income tax under Section 149 of the Income Tax Act (Canada) and is able to issue donation receipts for income tax purposes. In order to maintain its tax exempt status, the Association must meet certain requirements which, in the opinion of management, have been met.

Goods and Services Tax

As the Association holds charity status, they can claim a rebate of 50% on taxes paid.

3. CAPITAL ASSETS

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
Club house Costs	\$ 125,648	\$ 125,648
Accumulated Depreciation	22,261	17,953
Net Carrying Value	<u>\$ 103,387</u>	<u>\$ 107,695</u>

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4. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	2002	2001
Casino - Cash	\$ 17.97	\$ 1,562.33
Alberta Lottery Grant - Playground	39,764.00	0.00
	39,781.97	1,562.33
Plus: Accrued Interest	6.05	0.00
	\$ 39,788.02	\$ 1,562.33

5. Related Party Transactions

During the year, the Association paid \$ 2000 (2001 - \$ 1,800) to a member for ice maintenance services.

6. Summer Park Program

	2002	2001
Revenue : Fees	\$ 4,742	\$ 4,172
Summer Temporary Employment Grant (STEP)	1,386	1,351
	6,128	5,523
Expenses	(5,869)	(5,612)
Net Revenue/(Expenses)	\$ 259	\$ (89)

7. Grants

During the fiscal year the Association received the following grants:

Summer Temporary Employment (STEP)	\$ 1,386
Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP)	\$ 39,764

The CFEP grant has been recorded as deferred revenue, and it is the requirement that this grant be matched by community funding and donated services. It will be spent on building a new playground. So far the Association has received commitments of cash donations of \$ 13,000 and of donations in kind of \$ 7,000. These have not been set up as a receivable.

8. Commitment

The Association ordered a new playground which will be installed in September 2002.

9. Financial Instruments

The investments are invested with the Bank of Montreal in Guaranteed Investment Certificates. It is management's opinion that the Association is not exposed to significant audit risks arising from these financial instruments.

10. Comparative Date

Certain of the 2001 data has been changed to agree with this year's presentation

Association News

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We are still accepting donations, of course, and much of the final landscaping plans will be influenced by how much we ultimately raise. We encourage anyone who does have a little extra and especially those who enjoy the park and would like to see the landscaping enhanced to please contribute now because this may be the last opportunity to make things happen on this scale for some years to come.

Please call me at your convenience to make a tax deductible contribution to this very worthwhile project.

Thank you once again.

*Mike Maughan 228-9557 &
Dale Dickson*



Public Service Announcements

ALBERTA'S COMMISSION ON LEARNING WANTS TO HEAR YOUR VIEWS

The Alberta Government is looking for your input into education in Alberta.

This is the first time the education system has undergone a major review in about 30 years. They want to hear your views on where the education system should be headed in the future, what your expectations are, what's working well and needs to be maintained, and what isn't working as well and needs to be changed.

You can provide your input by visiting the Commission's website.

www.learningcommission.gov.ab.ca

Please take the time to provide your valued input, the government would like to hear from all citizens not just the parents.

CALGARY SENIORS' RESOURCE SOCIETY (CSRS)

A non-profit organization serving the needs of Calgary seniors. CSRS is dedicated to enhancing quality of life for older adults in the community. Staff and volunteers provide specialized programs and support services which promote respect, dignity and integrity of the individual.

Calgary's senior population is growing rapidly and individual support networks such as family and friends are not always available. In order to meet the increasing needs of Calgary seniors, we are recruiting volunteers for our Friendly Visitor and Escorted Transportation programs.

If you would like to help maintain independence among seniors in your community, please call
Calgary Seniors' Resource Society
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Public Service Announcements

CHECK OUT A CHARITY BEFORE YOU GIVE Charity Review Program, Caroline Banadar

In Alberta alone there are over 1200 charitable organizations and in Canada there are about 78,000 charities registered with the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency. With so many charities, competition for donation can be fierce—especially during holidays.

The Charity Review Program, with the Better Business Bureau was established over four years ago to serve the needs of those who support local nonprofit organizations. It is intended to provide more information on local charities for prospective donors, allowing them to make informed giving decisions. The objective of the program is to promote accountability, enhance public trust, and foster ethical practices.

Every year, Charity Review Program publishes the Giving Guide in time for the holiday season. The Giving Guide is an alphabetical listing of over 100 charity evaluations that address public accountability, use of funds, solicitations, informational materials, fundraising practices, and governance. Local charities provide information voluntarily and they are evaluated for compliance with the Better Business Bureau's 14 Voluntary Standards for Charitable Solicitations.

Many charities use your donations wisely. Others may spend much of your contribution on administrative expenses or more fundraising efforts. Some may misrepresent their fundraising intentions or solicit for phony causes. Before you donate, you can check out the charity you are considering with the Better Business Bureau's Charity Review Program and ask for a copy of the Giving Guide by calling 531-8689.

CHARITY CHECKLIST

Whether charitable organizations use their employees, volunteers, or professional fundraisers to solicit donations by phone, mail, or in person, consider the following precautions to ensure that your donation dollars benefit the people or organizations you want to help:

- Ask how your donation will be used—how much will go to the program you want to support, how much will cover the administrative costs? If a professional fundraiser is used, ask how much it will keep.
- Ask for written information—Appeals should clearly identify the charity, its cause, and how it intends to spend money it receives from donations and proof your contribution is tax deductible.
- Consider the costs—when buying merchandize or tickets for special events, or receiving free goods in exchange for giving, remember these items cost the charity money and it is paid for out of your donation and therefore less money will be available for the charity.
- Don't give cash—it is best to pay by check.
- Watch for charities with like sounding names
- Check to see if the charity is registered federally and/or licensed locally.
- Do not be pressured into giving money "on the spot" or allow a courier to pickup your donation. Bona fide charities will welcome the money tomorrow as well as today.
- Ask for a solicitor's identification.
- Be skeptical if someone thanks for a pledge you don't remember making. Check your records if you have doubts about a pledge you supposedly made.
- Call the charity—find out if the organization is aware of the solicitation and has allowed the use of its name.

Call the Better Business Bureau Charity Review Program for written reports on charities or for a copy of our Giving Guide at 531-8689 or check our website at www.betterbusinss.ca.

Public Service Announcements

FROM THE FCC (Federation of Calgary Communities)
\$25 SDAB FEE

Many of you have already read in the news that on September 23 City Council approved a \$25 fee for all notice of appeals to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board. This occurred without prior notice to community associations or the FCC. In 1999/2000 a similar fee was proposed. At that time a decision was delayed until a response could be heard from community associations. The FCC and many community associations responded with concern that it would impede the public process and impose a financial burden to communities. We are concerned now for the very same reasons, and also because the fee could be raised to a more cost prohibitive amount.

The fee will be effective on January 1, 2003 and will be required for each notice of appeal. Any number of arguments can be represented on one notice of appeal. For example, a community association can present some concerns, and neighbours others, all on the same notice. There is no limit to the number of people that can be represented on one notice of appeal. In the past, many would file notice of appeals separately. I would suggest that you advise your community residents of the new rules and encourage them to contact your planning committee if they wish to file an appeal. A coordinated approach would certainly be more cost effective.

If you are concerned about this fee, please contact
Heather Galbraith at the FCC
244 4111, email planning@calgarycommunities.com

April is Canadian Cancer Society Month

This coming April volunteers will be knocking on doors in communities across Calgary promoting our programs and services, and asking for donations.

Volunteers Needed!

If you would like to volunteer as a canvasser, poll captain, or area coordinator, please contact Kari Streelasky at 303-3517.

Let's Make Cancer History!



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MRCA Membership

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the newsletter!*

*Sheila Telford
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Public Service Announcements

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From Your Alderman

Welcome to the fall! I hope many of you will take the opportunity to try out some of the City's recreational programs, or join community groups or just settle back into familiar patterns after some summer disruptions.

Since writing last I enjoyed seeing a number of you at Sunalta's excellent pancake breakfast as well as at Marda Gras, the wonderful August street festival organized by the Marda Loop BRZ.

In the beltline area of the ward I am working with community associations, police, by-law enforcement, planning, parks, liquor control and others to try to improve safety on the streets. It's not going to be an easy task to make a difference, but having personally experienced the amazing transformation of New York City by former mayor Rudy Guiliani

I believe we have a duty to make a co-ordinated attempt to do it. His work was based on "the broken window theory" which says that if a window stays broken for a long time, people notice, and it makes them think that property is obviously not being well cared for. So other properties in the area get more dilapidated. Then community-minded residents move out and less desirable occupants move in and feel free to treat it without respect since obviously no-one cares. Since at this time we have a growing number of very dedicated community-minded people living in the beltline and surrounding areas, and since the City wants to encourage more people to live in the inner city, this seems like an important time to work towards improvement.

Traffic continues to be the other main area of concern. This fall Council will be presented with a new tool-box for traffic-calming – which I hope will eventually make residential areas particularly in the older grid neighbourhoods safer and more pedestrian-friendly. In many areas the waiting time is very frustrating, and I am trying hard to increase the City's resources to work on these issues.

Often an alderman only hears the bad news stories about City Services, so it was good to learn this summer that satisfaction levels are very high – over 90% consider City services either good or very good. Since our property taxes are slightly lower than most other similar cities, we do owe a very big thank you to the many dedicated City staff who serve us so well.

The Ward 8 office is always pleased to hear from you – brickbats and bouquets – we can serve you best when we hear from you most clearly!

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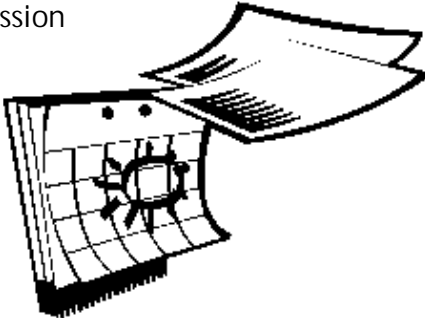
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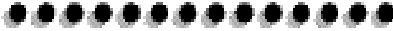
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