



Mount Royal

COMMUNITY NEWS



JULY • AUGUST 2003

President's Message

The mandate of the MRCA is to improve the quality of life in our neighborhood. In furtherance of this mandate, the MRCA has focused on a number of issues important to our community members. These have included a long-term attempt at "calming" traffic, improving infrastructure, community centre improvement (building a new playground, repaving the tennis and basketball courts), sponsoring social events, offering summer projects, facilitating better communications with community members, arranging for special privileges of membership, fundraising and encouraging membership to increase the resources available for the executive to undertake the above-mentioned projects.

We are also designing long-range plans for the future of our neighborhood that will continue to create and refine the unique elements that make Mount Royal special. The foundation of these plans must be a clear vision of how we wish to evolve and develop as a neighborhood, documented in a roadmap that can be followed in order to achieve this vision. Without a defined goal, the decisions we make day-to-day or year-over-year may or may not take us in the right direction. Without a vision and a roadmap, we may not even know that a decision is necessary at any given point in time.

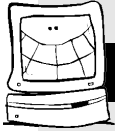
The executive is looking to be more proactive than reactive. We wish to learn not only what makes a community better generally, but also what the members of Mount Royal believe

would make our neighborhood better. To define our goals, we will enlist the assistance of the members of the community. We have started a process informally, and intend to formalize it in the coming months. This will include an investigation of how the MRCA members view our community, what our members want the community to become over time, and how we as a community association can execute on behalf of our neighbors.

After preliminary, informal discussions with members as to what else could be done to improve Mount Royal, a theme has developed. For such an outstanding community, a community admired by its residents and coveted by potential residents, a community whose residents are friendly and mutually supportive; a community whose real estate commands some of the highest prices in the city; a community whose residents are "pillars of the community" – locally, nationally and internationally, Mount Royal has not defined itself. We have not defined ourselves in terms of our mutual goals, our collective spirit or even our physical boundaries (few people inside or outside of Mount Royal can accurately state where it ends and the neighbouring communities begin). Communications gurus would say we have "brand recognition issues".

Your Vice President, Bruce Calvin, with the full support of the executive, has taken the initiative

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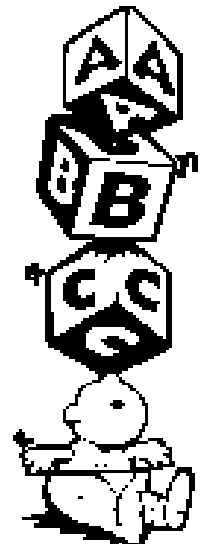
UPDATE YOU ADDRESS IN OUR RECORDS!!
Have you had a change of address – or a change of email address? Our community would like to start using email for letting you know what is happening – however many of our address records are out of date. We have added an Address Update page to our website...

www.mountroyalstation.ca

...give it a try if you want to get email reminders and mail outs from the community.

BABYSITTER LIST

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- Kristy
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- Katherine Parkin
• babysitters certificate
- Amanda
• teen, babysitters certificate
- Daniel McCormick
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Like to "join the list"?
Contact Andrea Fennessey,
Communications Director .

Neighborhood News

REPORT CRIME AND SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES

The Calgary Police Service does an excellent job of patrolling our neighbourhood and is very responsive when called. They cannot, however be here all of the time. You can increase the police presence in our neighbourhood by reporting crime (including vandalism), traffic violations and suspicious activities or persons. The police presence in the neighbourhood is directly related to the calls they receive from us. We frequently here that offences have been committed but no call was placed to the police. They are not psychic. Call them. Constable Kevin McInnes, our community liaison, can be reached at 268-8601.

Report Vandalism
Damaged Street Signs
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CALL THE POLICE
266-1234

Our area
"COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICERS"
Cst Kevin McInnes & Jim Amsing
268-8601

Please call if you have any
REOCCURRING problems

EARL GREY SCHOOLYARD AND PARK

We have been advised, by neighbourhood residents, of noisy parties and crime occurring in the Earl Grey Schoolyard and adjoining park. The activities include under-age drinking, drug use and vandalism, in addition to general public nuisance. One of the acts of vandalism apparently almost caused serious injuries to a caretaker for the school. We have been advised that syringes and used condoms have been found in the playground. Many of the local residents have met regarding the problem and are taking action. One of the plans involves designating and enforcing hours of use at the schoolyard and park. The proposal would be to change the hours of use such that it is "open" from 6am to 11pm. The proposal has been well received and endorsed by the school, the executive of the MRCA and almost all of the neighbouring residents.

OPENING OF THE PLAYGROUND

The Mount Royal Community Association Playground was officially opened in June. The opening, sponsored by Metro Ford, was well attended despite the inclement weather. It is not too late to make a cash donation to the playground. For your donation, you will receive recognition (your name on a plaque), the admiration and respect of your neighbours, a tax receipt, and most importantly, a warm feeling.

MOM AND TOTS PLAYGROUP
Coordinator Needed for September
For more info or to volunteer...
CONTACT Gloria MacRae
228-0418

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Susan Walch
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President's Message

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of seeking professional help (not the same kind of "professional help" that people constantly recommend for me – this is the kind marketing consultants provide). Bruce has approached Doce Communications, a well respected and prominent Calgary-based marketing company, who has graciously agreed to provide its services to the Mount Royal Community Association without cost. This consultancy will help the executive and the members of Mount Royal community determine what makes our "brand" special and how we can enhance it. In the coming months, through the balance of my term as President and into Bruce Calvin's term as President next year, we will be eliciting the assistance of members of Mount Royal to help define, enhance and create awareness of the Mount Royal community brand. We look forward to your input.

One of the key aspects of branding a company, product, city or community is a slogan. Although I intend to leave this matter to the professionals, I wish to suggest some slogans NOT appropriate for Mount Royal...

Home of the Whopper (Tax Assessment).
Say "hello" as you speed through.
"Mount Royal" – It sounds like a British sex scandal.
A chicken in every pot and two SUVs in every garage.
Give us your tired, your poor, your huddled masses...
They call me "M.R."
4 out of 5 CEOs recommend it.
Once you've tried it, you'll never go back.
It can be yours for 1,350 easy payments.
Every block a different shape.
We're not really stuck-up.
We know what "Maui Wowie" means.
You want martinis? We got martinis!
Many trades people have "special pricing" just for us!
We have "regular folks" too.
Billions and billions earned.
The preferred shortcut for many commuters.
Like the one in Montreal – mais plus belle.
If you have to ask, you can't afford it.
The money doesn't grow on trees but the leaves sure do.
More Benz than Gumby doing yoga.
We put the "oil" in "spoiled".
We really are "minutes from downtown".
Supersize mine, please.
We're not getting older, we're getting renovated.
Do you know who I am? Do you know where I live?
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David Weyant



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Upcoming
Community Event

Martini Night

Friday September 19
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Have some FUN



Past Events...

Thank you to the wonderful team who ran the very successful Martini Night ; Jane Perry, Elaine Wolfe, and 007 Derek Lloyd.

Another big May event was the Seniors Tea. many people attended and all had a nice time. many thanks to the Board of Directors for attending and to all those who helped out.

Finally on June 8 we held the very well attended Park Opening and Time Capsule Dedication BBQ. A great big Thank you to my set up and take down team: Denise Ross, Charlene Anderson, Jane Perry, Nancy Calvin, Evonne Whelan and my head BBQ'r Bruce Calvin. Kathy Pinder for the eloquent Time Capsule dedication speech and to any one and everyone else I may have overlooked. THANK YOU!

We would also like to thank Metro Ford. A corporate sponsor that has linked up with MRCA. Ed Schmidt and Tony Lu attended the BBQ. They provided face painting and some prizes for the kids as well as brought one of their new vehicles for everyone to peruse. It was a big success and again thank you to metro Ford.

Lori Russell

October Progressive Dinner

For ticket information or
to volunteer your time or home
CALL Lori 229-4379
Date TBA

Ladies Tennis Event

The newly paved tennis courts at the Mount Royal Station have been selected by the Neutrogena Healthy Defense Ladies Tennis Event as one of the host sites. A number of other clubs in Calgary, Toronto and the Halifax area have also been selected. The objective of the program is to provide women with an opportunity to exercise and socialize at an event designed specifically with women in mind. We will be hosting on July 6, and depending on the success of the event, we may host others later in the summer. We ask that a small monetary donation be made to the MRCA by all participants.

For further info, please keep an eye on the Mount Royal Station notice boards or contact Colin Bloom at (416) 355-2679

Traffic Safety Report

I thought that I would pass on a quick summary of what we are hoping to see happen in Mount Royal this summer. The City is still planning to do everything over three years. We want them to phase things in so we can see what works and what doesn't.

SUMMARY OF OUR LATEST PLEAS TO THE CITY

- 1) We would like to see the 40 km/hr signs installed on the community collectors as soon as possible. We are hoping that we can get the sign poles epoxy coated and that they be mounted in the boulevard areas so as not to obstruct the sidewalks. We have told the City that Mount Royal is willing to pay for the epoxy coating and if necessary we can assist with the line locates. If all these poles are done at the same time it should be quite efficient. We could possibly replace some of the bike path poles that have been plate mounted in dangerous locations at the same time
- 2) The city told Mount Royal that the crosswalk on Council Way was to be made permanent this summer. We are hoping that this is still the case in that it is a very hazardous location at the present time.



- 3) The small 'bus only' barrier on Carlton will have a very large effect on short-cutting traffic and we would like to see it installed as soon as possible. If the sewer is going in next summer along Premier, it would be wise to install the Carlton/Premier traffic circle this summer as well so that we can get it permanent next year when they do the sewer.
- 4) The extension of Talon Park and the traffic button at Frontenac and Carlton are also required as soon as possible.
- 5) There are two intersections that get measures down on Colborne – we would like to see the Eastern measure installed initially so we can see what it does.
- 6) The 'no left turn' island at the end of Vercheres at Premier can simply be a sign this year. Once these measures go in, we can also remove the 'No left turn signs' off of Council Way.
- 7) The partial closure down on 7th Street by the Bank of Montreal should be installed as soon as possible.
- 8) We are hoping to see the construction drawings of these measures prior to installation.

There are many things happening on Elbow Drive this summer – they will all help our traffic problems in Mount Royal – however they will also all drive us crazy at the same time unfortunately.

Have a great summer!

Jeff Holloway
Traffic Safety Director
650-8315
jeff.holloway@shaw.ca

Playground Opening, Time Capsule Party

*Good Afternoon Everyone,
It is an honour to be a part of today's celebrations.
The skies are not cooperating, but that is not a
new thing in the events that have been held
right here in this park over the seasons, years
and decades of Mount Royal. Regardless of the
weather, this community parties on.*

*If looking at a map, Mount Royal is easy to
discern. It is the beautiful, old, treed community
just south of the downtown. The streets go every
which way and the green spaces are plentiful.
Yes, we are close to everything with Mission just
below us to the east and Uptown Seventeenth at
our foot. Riverside Park is not far south and it's
an easy exit to the mountains through Bankview
or Garrison Woods. The community that we are
celebrating today however, is based not on a map
but in generation after generation of community
spirit. It was your ancestors who, like us, held
their skating parties, birthday parties, barbecues
and pub nights right here. The festivals and
camps of some sort or another have never
stopped. They too raised money to keep the park
and its facilities in good shape. It is this great
enjoyment of each other that sets us apart.
We welcome each other into the fold.*

*Mount Royal means that when I have run
out of eggs I can call on Camille or Brenda. If it
is solace that I need, I may turn to my dear
neighbors Judy, Torrill or Laura, to mention a
few. And if anything goes awry, Al and Lana
will unquestioningly hold down the fort. We jog
or dog walk early in the morning and shovel
each others' walks during the long, snowy winters.
We care.*

*We help each other raise our children and
share in the joy of watching them turn into
community-minded adults.*

*Mount Royal is the coffee parties to support
a good cause, book clubs and bridge gatherings.
It is bringing home each others' wandering pets
or forgotten jackets from the park. It is the
progressive dinner parties that sell out each
year and just knowing you are always welcome
to pop in. It is the ebb and flow of our everyday life.*

*And so today we are commemorating this
community that we call home through a time
capsule. May the Mount Royalers ahead enjoy
this community just as richly as we do.*

Kathy Pinder

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Greetings from Alderman King

Summer may have arrived at last – not a moment too soon! That means the start of the annual roadworks projects. Some of the previous information has needed to be updated – sorry for any confusion.

33 Avenue SW (Marda Loop)/ Sifton Boulevard /42 Avenue S/Lansdowne Avenue Urban design study in fall of 2003. Detailed design and construction of first phase in 2004. Remainder of construction in 2005 and 2006.

2 Street/5 Street SW: two-way conversion, remaining curb and gutter work to be constructed June to August. Traffic monitoring programme on-going. Follow-up report on impact of changes late in 2003.

11/12 Avenue two-way conversion: micro-simulation modelling of the two way traffic operations is on-going and should be completed late this fall. The City is in the process of retaining a planning consultant to review the land-use impacts of the changes and a communications consultant to start work on the public engagement. The plan right now is to report on the results of the study in 2004 March/April.

Elbow Drive SW: phase 1, 26 Avenue to Elboya Bridge, detailed design underway. To be tendered in June with construction from July to October.

Also, I am arranging an OPEN HOUSE for the whole Ward, with representation from a number of City departments for September 18 at South Calgary Community Hall at 5-8pm. If you have any questions, concerns, issues or even bouquets please mark your calendar now!

You may have heard on the news recently that I'm "tossing my hat in the political ring" to run for Federal Liberals in Calgary Centre, I'm continuing my role as your Alderman until the election is called, which is likely to happen in the spring or fall 2004, when I'd take an unpaid leave of absence just as Jon Lord did when he became an MLA. The first step is to win the nomination which is likely to happen after November. I treasure the opportunity to represent you at City Council and trust I can continue to have your support in doing so. This ward is a busy place and there's lots of work to keep me busy!

OPEN HOUSE
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SEPTEMBER 18, 5-8PM
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Public Service Announcement

TRANSCANADA'S GLOBAL FEST 2003
AUGUST 19-24

Calgary's newest summer festival debuts this August, combining an International Fireworks Competition and pavilions that celebrate and showcase Calgary's rich cultural heritage. Two new festivals under one umbrella – the Calgary International Fireworks Competition and One World Festival.

Modeled after successful events in Vancouver and Toronto, the fireworks portion features competitors from the US, Mexico and Canada. Set to music, the choreographed pyrotechnics will take place over Elliston Park Lake in Greater Forest Lawn, off of International Avenue, providing spectators with the most spectacular fireworks displays ever presented in Calgary.

The One World Festival celebrates and showcases the rich and eclectic cultural diversity of this city through music, dance, performance, food, beverage, heritage dress, as well as arts and crafts. Set up in various independent facilities in East Calgary, each cultural pavilion allows visitors to embrace the sights, sounds and tastes of the particular country or culture the pavilion represents. Confirmed pavilions include Chile, Ireland, India, Middle East, Metis and Africa, with more still being organized.

Ticket prices are only five dollars, providing all Calgarians and visitors with an affordable and enjoyable evening out. Revenues from the cultural pavilions will go directly to the cultural association hosting the pavilion. Gate receipts from the fireworks competition will go to United Way of Calgary and Area. Stay tuned for Tickets and Program information.

The mandate of Global Fest is to produce for the people of Calgary and visitors to the City, a world-class multicultural festival and international fireworks competition that will offer affordable and accessible multi-faceted cultural experience. The goal is to generate cultural awareness of, and significant funding for local community groups and United Way Calgary and Area funded agencies.

VOLUNTEERS...MAKE IT HAPPEN!

Volunteers are an essential part of any organization. Calgary's newest festival needs you! We are looking for 1500 volunteers to help make this the best festival in town. We will provide training and also a volunteer recognition event at the end of the festival. Global Fest is now taking applications for the following volunteer positions: Hospitality, Administration, Transportation, Operations, Green Team Crew, Concessions & Merchandise, Site Safety, Media Services

CONTACT Volunteer Director 569-9679
E-MAIL volunteers@globalfest.ca



MOUNT ROYAL
1708 - 8th Street SW, 229 0900



MOUNT ROYAL
815A - 17th Avenue SW, 229 9463

Public Service Announcements

WILLIAM REID SCHOOL SUCCESSFUL DIG DAY AND DONOR RECOGNITION SIGN UNVEILING

A big thank you to everyone that came to our DIG DAY on Saturday June 7th. We planted 40 shrubs, 250 wildflowers, started our compost, labeled some of our trees and of course watered and weeded. It was a very productive day and none of this would have been possible without the time, effort and ongoing support of our volunteers and the funding from our many sponsors.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU!!

Leslie Irwin



ELBOW DISTRICT REGISTRATION FOR SPARKS (5-6), BROWNIES (7-8), GUIDES (9-12) & PATHFINDERS (12-15)

Wednesday, September 10, 7-8pm
Christ Church Gym, 3602 8th St SW

Don't forget to bring the following:

- Height, Weight and Date of last Tetanus Shot
- Doctor's Name and Phone Number
- Provincial Health Insurance Number
- Emergency Contact
(Name, Address and Phone Number)

Want to volunteer in your daughter's unit...
...Talk to Melanie Cooke (229-0321)

QUESTIONS...Contact Melanie Cooke (229-0321)
Or Dee Atchison (212-8225)

SPARKS

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Sara Scout Hall Mondays, 6-7:30pm
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From Jon Lord, MLA

As MLA for Calgary Currie, I have a lot to report, and a lot to talk about at all times. However, at the top of my list right now is to highlight the excellent accomplishments of an unprecedented number of Calgary Currians that are helping make all of us very proud. Following is the list of students living in the constituency and your community whose outstanding academic accomplishments helped them to achieve the prestigious Alexander Rutherford and Louise McKinney Provincial Scholarship Awards recently. I would also like to extend congratulations to all those recipients of the Jason Long Scholarship Award. Congratulations everyone – Calgary Currie and Mount Royal is very proud of you all!

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The program consists of a Fall/Winter Session and a Spring Session culminating in a viewing night for family and friends.

Miss Barbara's extensive dance instruction and performance portfolio includes MacDonald-Wilson Dance Academy, School of Alberta Ballet and Calgary Board of Education.

Miss Barbara welcomes you to Monday night dance classes, right in your neighborhood! Enrollment is limited.

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Q&A

Q. *I see that all of your questions are "Name Withheld". Are they submitted anonymously? Why don't you print names?*

A. There are a few reasons why I do not print the names of the people whose questions are answered in this column. The first is that, although I know who asked the question, the writer has requested that his/her name be withheld (such as the "fence" question (below) and the "Maui Wowie" question). The second is that some of the questions come from other members of the executive and I withhold their names to make it appear that a greater number of community members are involved in the newsletter. The third reason is that I make up half of the questions and I see no point in making up bogus names of fictitious people as well.

I would like to use your question as a springboard to another matter: Mount Royal Community News (catchy title huh? – we should have our "branding" people work in that one) accepts Letters to the Editor that are appropriate, relevant and identify the writer. If you won't sign it, we won't print it.

Q. *Last year my neighbour had a huge and unsightly fence erected between my property and his. We are having some other issues now so he has given me a bill for half of the fence. What should I do?*

A. Pay the bill. You could take the matter to arbitration, but I would not recommend it. Frankly, the less said about your neighbour's huge and unsightly erection, the better.

As a lawyer might advise you, Alberta has legislation dealing with boundary fences. The Line Fence Act states that when two owners or occupiers of adjoining parcels of land desire to erect a fence between them for the common advantage of both of them they shall bear the expense of the erection, maintenance and repair of the fence in equal shares. Further, if the owner or occupier of a parcel of land erects a fence between the land and an adjoining parcel of land the owner or occupier of the adjoining parcel of land shall, as soon as that owner or occupier receives any benefit or advantage from

the line or boundary fence by the enclosure of that owner's or occupier's land or any portion of it or otherwise, pay to the other "a just proportion of the then value" of the fence and afterwards the expense of maintaining and repairing the fence shall be borne by the adjoining owners or occupiers in equal shares. The Line Fence Act goes on to state that if the adjoining owners or occupiers of land disagree as to the following matters, the dispute may be referred to arbitration: (a) the quality of the fence that has been or that is to be erected, (b) the proportion of the value of the fence to be borne by the parties to the dispute, (c) the amount of the expense incurred in erecting, maintaining or repairing the fence, (d) the proper location of a proposed or existing fence, (e) the just proportion of a line fence that each owner or occupier should make or put in repair, or (f) the amount that an owner or occupier should pay as compensation to the other for making or keeping in repair any fence

Consider the payment to be your way of "mending fences" with your neighbour.

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Neighborhood News

MAY 29, 2003
LETTER TO DIANA GARNER
City Clerks Dept

Dear Ms Garner

We would like the following issue/letter to be brought forward to the A.P.A.C. Committee for review by members of council and then forwarded to council for discussion. Due to the urgent nature of our request, and realizing that the next A.P.A.C. meeting is not until June 17, we would greatly appreciate an effort by the A.P.A.C. Committee to forward our request to council at their earliest possible convenience.

A meeting was called on Tuesday, May 13, at 9am for the residents of Mount Royal bordering the park and playground (Earl Grey Crescent, Hillcrest Avenue and 8 Street). Don Robertson, principal of Earl Grey Elementary and Constable Kevin McInnes, community liaison officer for our area were also in attendance. The issues discussed were vandalism to the school, park and playground, loud partying, abuse, fighting, profanity and threatening behaviour to the point of spouses not feeling comfortable enough to stay in their own home when the man of the house is away.

Trash, broken glass and liquor bottles are continuously found in the schoolyard, as are needles, condoms, fires and spray butane cans. The school has been broken into, fires have been lit on the back landing against the school doors, charring them and burning matches have been pushed through windows to the inside of the school. Windows have been broken and heavy manhole covers taken and placed on top of doors, which narrowly missed our custodian as he entered the school the next day. This could have been a young child, whose reaction time may not have been as developed, resulting in a tragic outcome.

All of the above are absolutely unacceptable, posing great danger to students, (most of who are young children, who would not be fully aware of the danger posed by any of the above), staff and any of the residents. It seems the culprits are becoming more aggressive and confrontational, causing residents to feel fearful for their families and their property. At least one resident has approached the perpetrators, (which the police have suggested we do, to get licence plate numbers, etc), only to have his home targeted with acts of vandalism for many months after.

The problem has been escalating for the past several years and can occur as early as 9pm any day of the week once the warmer weather arrives and can frequently go as late as 4am in the morning. Some arrive by foot, even with sleeping bags, suggesting they may be homeless; while others arrive by car, some of whom the police feel are from the neighborhood, as well as carloads that definitely aren't. Some people park at 11ish and walk downtown, returning around 2-3am, slamming doors, yelling and showing incredible disrespect for sleeping residents (many of whom have young children).

Several suggestions were made at this meeting. It was strongly suggested by Constable McInnes that we apply to have our park closed from 11pm to 6am, and to have "No Parking Between 11pm-6am" signs put up around the perimeter of the park/school/ playground, as that would greatly improve the situation, as well as the police's ability to escort the offenders off the property after hours. The residents, as well as Don Robertson are 100% in favour of having the school board owned grounds also closed from 11pm to 6am. This is obviously when all the vandalism and illegal activities take place.

The residents of Earl Grey Crescent were successful in having "No Parking Between 11pm-6am" signs put up and this has solved similar problems they had been having. Our taxes are certainly one of the highest in the city. We are unanimous in our wish to reclaim our beautiful park, playground and schoolyard and protect it from vandalism and abuse, and agree with Constable McInnes and Mr Robertson that this is a great place to start.

We have spoken to Madeleine King's office and were advised this would be the timeliest means of achieving our objectives. We would like to see the no parking signs and park closure signs implemented as quickly as possible as the summer months are now upon us and the problem has greatly escalated. Please advise as soon as possible when the above will be implemented and if there is something else that can be done to help expedite a satisfactory resolution to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,
Sharon Gledhil (832 Hillcrest Ave SW)
and concerned residents of Mount Royal

cc Madeleine King, Alderman Ward 8
Constable Kevin McInnes
Don Robertson, Principal, Earl Grey Elementary
David Weyant, President, MRCA
Dave Bronconnier, Mayor, City of Calgary
Rob Illick, Supervisor, General Maintenance Services, C.B.E.

In the Community

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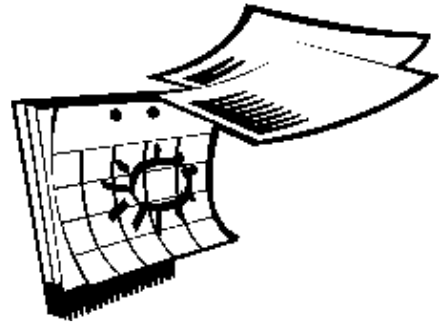
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