



Mount Royal

COMMUNITY NEWS

NOVEMBER • DECEMBER 2003

President's Message

It is traditional for the final President's Message of the year to recap the highlights of the year, take credit for all good things that have occurred during the year and pontificate about the wonders that are in store in the coming year. While I have tried not to be traditional in my President's Messages, tradition is far easier than creativity and it is hard to pass up an opportunity at shameless self aggrandizement. Accordingly, I offer the following "year in review". (While I do not intend to enumerate each and every positive effect resulting from the actions of your Community Association, I feel that we can safely take credit for the strengthening of the Canadian dollar, the election of Governor Schwarzenegger (I'm on your side now, Arnie), the growth in numbers of peregrine falcons in their natural habitats and the plummeting prices of plasma TVs. I will, however, restrict my comments to matters closer to home.)

Re-surfaced Tennis Courts and Basketball Area Thanks to the hard work of the "Re-Surfacing the Tennis Courts and Basketball Area Committee" (comprised of Jeff Holloway), we have outstanding new blacktop which, in a few years, can be covered with a coloured rubberized surface for an enhanced crack free lifespan.

Launching the New Playground This is a legacy for our children. Specific thanks go to Bruce Calvin and Evonne Whelan for fundraising and to Mike Maughan and Dale Dickson for

planning and execution. Everyone who contributed financially or by volunteering his or her time can be proud of this playground. Those who contributed only moral support can also be proud, only less so. Those who contributed nothing can still cut a check and send it in (on the plaque we will not say that it was a last minute conscience assuaging guilt payment).

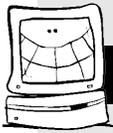
Sealing the Time Capsule The eloquent speech made by Kathy Pinder says it all (well, all except the fact that it was supposed to have been sealed in 2000 – apparently it took a while to find a frog that could sing "Hello My Baby").

Expanded Newsletter Andrea Fennessey has again done a great job of getting the content collected and the newsletter printed and circulated. This year we launched some new features including community Q&A, Real Estate Corner (Marla Klassen's interesting histories of neighbourhood houses), Letters to the Editor and Five Lines Free. The response has been overwhelmingly

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Mount Royal Community Association shall be held at Mount Royal Station, 2317-10th Street SW, on Wednesday NOVEMBER 22, 2003, 7:30pm.



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enthusiastic. We are considering a column next year that will include announcements and kudos for community residents advising neighbours of accomplishments and information about people in the community (with their kind permission). We have scrapped plans for the following features: "Candid Corner" featuring photographs by local peeping Toms and voyeurs; "Nasty Neighbours" a tell-all section publishing the stories usually only whispered over coffee; "Whose Next" a bi-monthly pool to guess which couples will separate soon; and "Five Lines – Five Bucks" a cash grab imposed on our underutilized classified ad section.

Increased Revenues Speaking of cash grabs, our revenues are up and next year looks even brighter as we will be hosting a casino. Thanks to Jane Perry for an excellent job and for not letting us spend more than we had – a concept that I personally have not yet embraced.

Increased Membership Our membership drive was a success although we are hoping for greater representation from the community next year. Kudos to Sheila Telford et al. We are collecting the e-mail addresses of our members (and keeping them confidential) in hopes that the newsletter will be distributed primarily by electronic means soon. The non-members who currently receive the newsletter in the bulk mail distribution may have to pony up if they wish to receive the pearls of wisdom that it contains. I will pass on to Incoming President Calvin the fight to assure non-members that distribution of the community newsletter is not a God-given right of postal code but rather a privilege of membership in the Community Association. Frankly, when he sees the other smouldering and festering disasters on his plate, this will pale in comparison.

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Involvement of Local Merchants Mount Royal extends north to include the south side of 17th Avenue. We wish to encourage the support of merchants in our community such as Janice Beaton Fine Cheese and The Wine Shop. We are prepared to provide unabashed and blatant plugs for any such merchant giving a benefit to our members. In an attempt to provide a warmer welcome to new residents of Mount Royal, we are creating a "Mount Royal Welcome" committee and would encourage local merchants to contribute to the welcome baskets.

Community Development With Brian Ireland leaving the position of Development Committee Director, Michael Evans had some big shoes to fill. Not surprisingly, Mike pulled it off. This is a particularly thankless job as the development committee is usually only visible when they are stopping someone from building their non-conforming dream home, dream garage, dream addition, dream bunker or dream 26 storey condo complex. Thanks again to both of you and your committee members.

Inserting Traffic Calming Measures After over three years of planning, reviewing the City's traffic plans, conducting a City run survey of neighbourhood residents, holding open houses, presenting a public meeting, and obtaining approval the of the City's TT&P committee (a subset of City Council), your Community Association was successful in having the City install Mount Royal's traffic calming measures (albeit, one of them was installed backwards). Whether you favour the traffic calming measures or you want our community to be a throughway for speeding commuters, you have to admire the knowledge and perseverance of Jeff Holloway and his traffic committee members. (Jeff has turned traffic issues into a bit of a hobby and if you push hard enough, you might just be able to get Jeff to tell you a bit about our traffic.)

Removing Traffic Calming Measures Within days, notwithstanding the process outlined above and outlined in the prescribed procedural guidelines within the City of Calgary, Alderman King had all of the new traffic calming measures on the north end of the community removed without consultation with the community and against the recommendations of the City's own operations personnel. If traffic calming and the manner in which this was handled by Alderman King are important to you, I would personally encourage you to let her know – at the next election.

Successful Socials – Thanks to Lori Russell who has done wonders for the community socials. If we overlook the abysmal, unmitigated flop of an evening called Maui Wowie, the fluorescent green margaritas and the attempt to pass of a bag of Doritos as "tapas", the social events have been a great success this year. From the intimacy of the seniors' tea to the ever popular Martini Nights and the most popular Progressive Dinner ever, the community association has certainly fulfilled its duties in the social department. Susan Walch, as the lovely face of the community for those interested in using our facilities, has again masterfully organized the booking schedule to provide access to the Mount Royal Station.

I think that it is appropriate to end my message with some good news: this is my final President's Message. My term ends at the Annual General Meeting in November and I will not be letting my name stand for reelection. I have many good reasons for this decision. They include the following:

1. Cut down on defamation defense costs.
2. Now qualified to assume the sexy, coveted position of "past-president".
3. Avoidance of the possibility of a petition demanding retirement.
4. No longer have to have handcuffed to my wrist the briefcase containing top-secret pass codes and traffic plans.
5. Sick of scrubbing the toilets at the Mount Royal Station.

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6. Maui Wowie.
7. Ready to start the lecture circuit and capitalize on my in-office experiences.
8. Tired of threats from Bruce Calvin who has lived in my shadow for far too long.
9. Used up all of my "A-material" in first president's message and since then have been recycling John McCormick's messages and inserting juvenile attempt at humour.
10. Wife said to quit – tired of having to repair broken furnishings, walls and windows after heated Executive meetings.
11. Finally able to move to Dover.
12. That certain anonymous constituent (you know who you are).
13. Can now re-enter the witness protection plan.
14. Found out that position doesn't pay.
15. Want to devote my time to helping an alderman find gender neutral names for "manholes" and "managers".

In closing, I would like to state that I have enjoyed the opportunity to contribute to the community and have been honoured to work with a terrific group of volunteers – the MRCA Executive. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to do so.

David Weyant

Executive Nominations & Elections

The elections of members to serve on the executive of the Community Association will be held at Mount Royal Station on November 22, 2003. In accordance with the By-laws of the Mount Royal Community Association, I have appointed a nominating committee for the election of officers for the Executive of the community association. The nominating committee nominates the following candidates stand for election:

President	Bruce Calvin
Past President	David Weyant
Vice President	Dale Dickson
Secretary	Marla Klassen
Treasurer	Jane Perry

DIRECTORS

Social	Lori Russell
Membership	Sheila Telford
Community Planning	Michael Evans
Facilities	Susan Walch
Traffic Safety	Jeff Holloway
Communications	Vacant

Further nominations will be received up until the actual time of election. Any further nominations must be proposed by two or more members in good standing.

David Weyant

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- teen, babysitters certificate

Katherine Parkin

- babysitters certificate

Kristy

- babysitters certificate

Like to "join the list"?
Contact Andrea Fennessey,
Communications Director .



Upcoming Community Events



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

**Christmas Party
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Traffic Safety Report

What is happening with the Mount Royal Traffic Plan? First let's revisit a bit of the background.

THE BIG PICTURE

Calgary has always been a very progressive city and when deciding whether to make the City more livable for people or automobiles – they decided that it was better to make it more livable for people. The experts have learned from other cities around the world that if you make the inner city too driver friendly – it eventually becomes a slum. Most cities are following on the same path as Calgary. The concept of increasing the density in the Inner City, as well as making the roadways more resident friendly, were entrenched in both Calgary's GO Plan and Calgary's Inner City Traffic Study and approved by City Council.

The Inner City Traffic Study is the document that redefined classification of key roadways in the Inner City and proposed physical design changes to enforce the functional level of each street consistent with the classification. The



concept of making 2nd and 5th into two-way streets, the Elbow Drive Beautification Project and the realignment of both Sifton and 30th Ave in Elbow Park, are all projects with the objective of discouraging increased traffic volumes in order to protect quality of life in the community. The idea is not to reduce traffic volumes – the intent is to cap the volumes at the present levels so that the Inner City is not destroyed by ever increasing peak period traffic volumes. The intent is to change the nature of the peak period traffic and spread out the morning and afternoon rush. Simultaneously, the City is promoting the idea of using alternatives such as transit, bicycles, walking, running, car-pooling and the concept of residing closer to the workplace.

HOW DOES THE BIG PICTURE AFFECT MOUNT ROYAL?

The roadways in Mount Royal are classified as local residential streets with the exception of Council Way, Premier Way, 10th Street between Premier and Council and 8th Street from 17th Avenue up to Prospect Ave. These roadways are classified as Community Collectors. The Inner City Traffic Study reaffirmed the classifications of the roadways in Mount Royal and was approved by City Council. What this means to us is that the community now has the right to modify roadways such as Royal Ave, 10th Street, Carleton, a section of 8th Street, 7th Street and Hillcrest to get traffic volumes down to the roadway design levels. Some residents say that all roads are meant for driving on and they should all be allowed to fill up to capacity – well based on the city design guidelines and traffic policies, many of our roadways are already well beyond their defined capacity.

The problem is that many large roadways surrounding Mount Royal are at capacity and are having their capacity reduced. *So where will the frustrated drivers try to go?* The answer is rather obvious – they will attempt to use the

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back streets to get to their destinations. The City administration recognizes this and is allowing all of the Inner City Communities to modify their roadway networks to protect against these increases.

MOUNT ROYAL HAS BEEN AROUND FOR YEARS – WHY CHANGE?

The roadways in Mount Royal have evolved steadily over the years – so when residents say, “Just leave it alone”, they don’t usually realize that it has never been left alone. This is our chance to implement desired changes since there is a large line of communities waiting behind us for their turn. If we do not make changes now, we wait 15 years for our next kick at the can. So we do not only have to consider today’s problems – we are attempting to anticipate tomorrows as well and with the approved densification of the beltline area, we will have problems.

THE PROBLEMS

Your traffic committee defined four major shortcutting routes through our community.

Problem The Downtown to Marda Loop Shortcut

7th Street and Hillcrest are both easy access points for the southwest bound commuters. They travel quickly down either 10th Street or Carleton, and exit via Premier and Council Way.

Problem The Hillcrest – Prospect Route
This route is soon to become much busier. If you consider that the city has just made the 30th Ave entrance off of Elbow Drive into a bottleneck – *where is the westbound traffic coming from the East side going to enter Mount Royal?* The answer is obvious – there are only two other entrances – Hillcrest (which runs in front of an elementary school and Royal.

Problem Royal – Colborne Route

This route serves as a by pass to 17th Avenue. 17th Avenue has a problem in that it is intended to function as a four lane roadway yet poor planning on the part of the city has allowed many businesses

to be set up without adequate parking. This has created the need for on-street parking during the afternoon rush and on weekends. The shortcuts through Mount Royal are going to have to serve the greater volumes of traffic created by all the new 20 and 30 floor condos planned in the Beltline. *As a community should we allow that?*

Problem 8th Street

The volumes on 8th Street have slowly been reducing over the years and should be reduced even more by the Elbow Drive Project. The section of 8th Street between Prospect and Premier Way has been functioning as an illegitimate artery for many years. The road is both too narrow and too steep to handle more than a couple of thousand cars a day, yet presently it is handling around 7500 cars per day

WHY TRAFFIC CIRCLES AND ROUNDABOUTS?

When your traffic committee, with the help of the City, was looking at the layout of Mount Royal the following requirements became apparent.

- 1) We needed to avoid shifting problems from one roadway to other roadways (with the exception of the community collector roadways).
- 2) We did not want line-ups of idling vehicles all over the community waiting to get through.
- 3) We wanted safe measures.
- 4) We wanted measures that would become attractive additions to the garden city layout of the community without them looking like traffic measures.
- 5) We wanted to minimize the use of road closures.

We determined that traffic circles were the answer, as well as the judicious use of directional closures on several of the roadways. Studies have shown that traffic circles are much safer for both drivers and pedestrians. The traffic circles are placed so that the shortcutting traffic ends up going the long way around them as much as possible. They quiet down the roadways since

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there is less stopping and starting. The permanent measures will be landscaped in any manner that the community decides, with the exception of around the edges where low vegetation is required for visibility. They have no effect on the drainage which makes them much cheaper to make permanent next year pending community acceptance. Not only will the permanent measures also function to slow traffic much better than the temporary circles, they will incorporate mountable curbs that allow buses, large moving trucks and fire engines to climb up on when turning. The city has approved the budget to make these features permanent as soon as the community decides to do so. This is why we are requesting the city to install the circle at Frontenac and 10th Street ASAP so that it can also be made permanent at the same time as the others – pending community approval.

Directional closures, as opposed to full closures, are considered appropriate measures by the City Traffic Calming Policy. *Why do we like these directional closures?* Mostly it is because they are simple and they reside at the edges of the community thus having the least impact to the esthetics and community nature of Mount Royal. In the case of the 7th Street shortcutting route, a combination of measures, including a directional closure is necessary. Install a directional closure on 7th Street, close off Hillcrest as an entry point, make it less attractive to travel quickly up 10th or Carlton and make drivers turn back on

themselves once they get to Premier Way. The measure there enforces the no northbound turn that has been signed for a long time, but not obeyed.

THE INFAMOUS SURVEY

Once the problems and the potential solutions had been defined, a community survey was sent out by the City, in keeping with the Council approved community traffic study process. The surveys were sent to all of the businesses on the South side of 17th Avenue, as well as all of the individual apartments in Lower Mount Royal, parts of Bankview by mistake, plus the 1150 residential homes in Mount Royal. There were less than 10 businesses that responded. Few apartment dwellers responded.

In a letter sent out by Alderman King she calls into question the validity of the City run survey that showed 70% support for the trial implementation of Traffic Measures in our community. In total, there were 3250 surveys sent out. The vast majority of the respondents were houses in Mount Royal, representing 35-40% of the residences. Some 479 or 15% of the total were returned which is a rate of return quite acceptable to the city administration based on their historic procedures.

WHY DID SEVERAL MEASURES GO IN AND THEN BACK OUT AGAIN?

The directional closures on Hillcrest and Royal Avenue were moved up a year by the city. We assume this was because they wished to be proactive rather than reactive to the problems that they know they are going to cause with the measures going in on the main roadways. Unfortunately the city installed the Royal Avenue measure in the wrong direction, which in turn caused our Alderman's phone to ring off the hook due to a great number of annoyed people. The Alderman's Office did not communicate with either the city or the community to find out what the problem was, and the city crews were busy elsewhere, so the problem escalated until a community representative marched down to City Hall and insisted they find a crew to get the Royal measure removed. Being

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Mount Royal, the story hit the press very quickly so the City suggested we slow down the trial of the directional closures. Unfortunately, the 7th Street directional closure which had very little community resistance and was working exceptionally well, was also removed by Alderman King against the wishes of both the City planners and the community. The Mount Royal plan is complex and all of the measures work together to produce the desired end result. It is not an option to simply remove this measure or that measure. This became evident on Vercheres when the city failed to install the measure intended to protect that roadway.

WHO IS PAYING FOR ALL THIS?

There are rumors flying around that these measures will appear on our tax bill – that is not true. These measures are covered by the City – supposedly by the taxes we already pay. Landscaping of the measures will require some fundraising on the part of the community.

STILL CONFUSED?

There is a big map on the community clubhouse which shows all the ins and outs.

For the average resident, the maximum disruption that all this will cause you is about 45 seconds per day. It really is simply a matter of changing habits.

Jeff Holloway, Traffic Safety Director
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MOUNT ROYAL
1708 - 8th Street SW, 229 0900

Greetings from Alderman King

Greetings to everyone! This fall season has seen a great deal of “traffic calming” activities in some parts of the ward. This has caused many of you to question why you’re not seeing similar activity in your area, and still others have been asking why we’re spending your tax dollars slowing traffic down when there’s still lots of work needed on the major network to help traffic flow better.

Since the Go Plan the City’s been committed to balancing mobility, quality of life in our neighbourhoods and cost. The Council decision in 2000 for the inner city was to preserve the quality of life in the established communities, not encourage any more traffic into the downtown core and persuade commuters to use major arterial routes by eliminating traffic lights and putting in major interchanges.

Some inner city projects such as Elbow Drive, 5th & 2nd Streets SW were identified at that time as well as the need for Mount Royal and Elbow Park community traffic plans. As many of you know from your own neighbourhood involvements, it takes time to study the issues, canvass the grassroots and come up with workable solutions; that’s what I’ve been involved with during the past couple of years and now at last those plans are being implemented. The budgets have been approved and they’re only a fraction of what’s spent on the citywide network.

Next on our agenda are the ward 8 communities west of 14th Street.

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From Our MLA, Jon Lord

COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR MLA

With about 40,000 people in our constituency, people sometimes find it hard to get through to me with their concerns, or worse yet, decide to not even try because they don't think it will make a difference anyway. The simple facts are that even one single individual can make a big difference if they speak up and have valuable information or viewpoints to offer – and that it is much easier to communicate with me, than you might think. We have phone, fax and e-mail not to mention walking in the office door in the Marda Loop – and now we have yet another method for people to make their concerns known. I am in the process of developing what will be one of the most leading-edge web-sites in politics today that I am aware of – and although it is a long way from being finished, you can view the preliminary results at “jonlord.ca” on the web. It isn't just a web-site though – it has a great “discussion page” chat-room style debate page – with a real twist. You can post your opinion on a number of issues – and others get to rate you, on what they think of your opinion! In addition, it has the Pro and the Con side arguments on a growing number of issues facing us today, so that you can get to know issues in greater detail – and then you can also cast your vote immediately, so that I can have an idea of where my constituents stand on these issues.

As always, I am interested to hear from you in whatever manner you choose to use – why not give the new website a try!

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Report to the Community

David Tuer, Chair
Calgary Health Region

CALGARY HEALTH REGION TO FOCUS ON WELLNESS, CAPACITY, ALLIANCES AND NEW TECHNOLOGIES

The Calgary Health Region's board of directors has endorsed The Leadership Strategy for Health, a strategic plan that outlines ways to expand and enhance health services in the Calgary region. The plan addresses potential changes outlined in the Mazankowski Report and describes how the Region will promote wellness, develop new capacity, build strategic alliances and introduce new technologies. For the Region, the document helps set priorities for allocating resources. For the public, the document shows how the Region intends to bring changes to front line care and service in Calgary and area. The Leadership Strategy for Health is available by visiting www.calgaryhealthregion.ca.

Pressures on health services continue to pose a financial challenge. The Calgary Health Region's recent financial results show a first quarter deficit of \$15 million, about \$1.5 million higher than projected.

The Region projects spending for the entire year to be \$1.8 billion with a year-end deficit of \$25 million. The deficit will be covered by cash reserves, but can only accommodate the projected \$25 million. The Region's higher deficit is due to increased pressures on some services and minor fluctuations in expected revenues. Aside from taking efforts to control costs, the Region is working on initiatives to generate additional revenues and to defer expenditures on growth initiatives to prevent the deficit from escalating. When projecting the \$25 million deficit, the region had already identified \$28.5 million in cost reductions or re-allocations for the current financial year. An administrative review project team will now look at a wide range of costs, services and contracts in administration and support services. The review team will report its findings in late November. The team will assess the use of contractors and consultants as well as examine projects that can be deferred or delayed.

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The review is not intended to identify cuts to health services. Our commitment is to strive to support and improve the quality of health care we provide. The Region has made it a priority to find productivity improvements and administrative efficiencies to allow us to allocate any additional available resources to front line care.

On September 16, the Calgary Health Region and TELUS announced the creation of TELUS Sourcing Solutions Inc., a new company designed to provide human resources solutions to organizations across Canada. Approximately 170 Region staff will transfer to the new company in December to deliver the following services back to the Region: benefits, compensation, occupational health and safety, payroll, pension, recruitment and workforce analysis. This agreement will allow the Region to benefit from a multi-million dollar investment by TELUS in a state-of-the-art human resources information system, enabling the Region to continue to focus capital dollars on the delivery of health care services rather than administrative systems.

More than 85 per cent of Calgary area residents questioned as part of the provincial government's annual Alberta Health Survey said they received good or excellent health care in the past 12 months. We are pleased with the results. It's confirmation of the long-term strategy we've put in place to improve access and the quality of health care in the Region. Among other things, the Region has improved access by adding 106 hospital beds, 118 rehab, recovery and hospice beds, 10 special care nursery beds and 500 community care beds and spaces over the last three years. We realize more needs to be done. Our Region continues to grow at a phenomenal rate, and we must continue to expand services if we hope to keep up. The Region took a major step in that direction last June by approving a plan to add 500 beds over the next five years, including the construction of a new hospital in south Calgary by 2008.

I encourage you to visit our Web site to stay informed about the latest developments in the Calgary Health Region.

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Past Community Events

MARTINI NIGHT was another huge success. Thank you to Jane Perry, Bruce & Nancy Calvin, Susan & Maurice Walch and everyone else that pitched in. it was so great to see so many faces.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER, NOVEMBER 1ST

The biggest event we have ever had with 158 tickets sold. A BIG thank you goes out to all the hosts who made this event happen.

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Ron Antonio & Julie Shaw
Al & Cathy McMillan
Karen & Glenn Simpson
Lori & Dan Fry
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Jim & Pam Stone
Laurie and Doug Strother
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Jane Perry
Darlene & Ian Bruce
Bob & Ann Calvert
Jane & Michael Evans
Madeline King
Germaine Matheson
Sheila Telford
Jamie & Susan Evans
Chuck & Jocelyn Selby

*See you again next year:
Lori Russell*

The community association would like to thank Lori Russell for all her hard work in organizing another successful event.

Be a Part of the Team

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In The Community

MESSAGE TO THE MOUNT ROYAL COMMUNITY FROM EARL GREY SCHOOL

The school year is well under way and great things are happening at Earl Grey School. The K-6 population of the school rose this Fall to a healthy 190 students, an increase of 15 students. This is a change in trend that seems to have resulted from the reputation of our strong academic program and our consistently high results on The Provincial Achievement Tests. Growth has also come from the inclusion of The Thumbelina Nursery School, The Y.M.C.A. Out of School Care Program, and the quality of our English as a Second Language Program.

We have a stimulating learning environment at Earl Grey due in part to the commitment of the community to support their children's education in many ways. Students at Earl Grey have had the benefit of a rigorous academic program plus an enriched science and music program. Daily Physical Education has been the norm for many years and many programs are enhanced through excursions and guest presentations such as The Alberta Opera, Canadian Authors, and Evergreen Theatre.

This year, through the support of The Earl Grey Parent Association, we are initiating some special projects in French Instruction and an Integrated Art Programs.

We are very proud of our students and feel that our well-balanced educational program is doing much to "educate tomorrows citizens today".

We welcome members of the community to the school, especially to events such as Concert matinees, Science Fair, Remembrance Ceremonies, and Christmas programs. We hold an Open House near the end of January where we showcase student work, projects, and talents. Please watch the community news for dates of these events.

We thank the community for their support, which is vital to the health of the school. Special thanks to Sharon Gledhill and all members of the Anti Vandalism Committee which has made such a marked difference to the care of the school, grounds and park.

Yours In Education
Don Robertson
Principal
Earl Grey School
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Q&A

Q. *Over two months ago, I put a flyer in the Community Association's mailbox seeking the return of my "lost" wallet and offering a reward on a no questions asked basis. The wallet has now been returned, no thanks to you. Why didn't you print my notice in the newsletter?*

A. There are two reasons, or rather one reason and one bit of advice. The reason that we did not print it is that we did not receive it. There have been a number of thefts from the Community Association's mailbox, as well as vandalism to it. We are dealing with those problems. I can only assume that someone removed your notice from the mailbox. The bit of advice (and for the record, I do not provide this advice in the capacity of a lawyer and I am not providing a legal opinion; if you would prefer a legal opinion, I can arrange for that – the answer will be the same, but it will cost you \$250) is that you should not go around offering rewards on a "no questions asked" basis. It is illegal. Likewise, it would have been illegal for us to print it. Specifically, section 143 of the Criminal Code states as follows.

Advertising reward and immunity

143. Every one who

(a) publicly advertises a reward for the return of anything that has been stolen or lost, and in the advertisement uses words to indicate that no questions will be asked if it is returned, (b) uses words in a public advertisement to indicate that a reward will be given or paid for anything that has been stolen or lost, without interference with or inquiry about the person who produces it, (c) promises or offers in a public advertisement to return to a person who has advanced money by way of loan on, or has bought, anything that has been stolen or lost, the money so advanced or paid, or any other sum of money for the return of that thing, or (d) prints or publishes any advertisement referred to in paragraph (a), (b) or (c), is guilty of an offence punishable on summary conviction.

So, to put a positive spin on the lost notice, it may have saved each of us from criminal charges.

Finally, seeing your demonstrated lack of luck by having your wallet stolen and having your notice to the Community Association destroyed by vandals, here is some final advice – don't waste your time and money buying lottery tickets.

Q. *I find the traffic measures to be inconvenient. What do you think?*

A. Permit me to clarify that my answer is a personal one and not on behalf of the Executive or the Community Association (see the Disclaimer).

When they were first implemented, I too was inconvenienced last trying to find a route to my house. (As Jeff Holloway has correctly pointed out, some of this inconvenience was due to the City installing the Royal Ave measures backwards, so that it, too, was an egress not an entrance.) In fact, in my mind, you've only touched the tip of the inconvenience iceberg. Due to traffic measures implemented by the City, I am prohibited from turning left (or going straight) at certain times of the day on certain streets, always when I want to turn left (or go straight). Daily, on my way to work, I encounter several "stop" signs and dozens of red lights. Each and every one of them inconveniences me. There are times that I find it very inconvenient to drive at or below the posted speed limit. Then throw into an already busy routine some playground zones, school zones and crosswalks – they don't make my life any easier. And crosswalk monitors, none of them seem to take my schedule into consideration. Even the notion of staying on my side of the road can be truly inconvenient when I'm late for a meeting. I'm inconvenienced by all of them. *Having said that, would I seriously wish those inconvenient traffic measures gone?* Of course not. Given the choice between my personal inconvenience and the safety of our children and elderly residents, I'll take all the darn inconvenience every darn time. In fact, I'm for more of it. If it will slow the traffic (or encourage short-cutters to use the main roadways) and thereby make our children safer, put speed bumps all around the schools, narrow the streets, close half of them entirely, build a tunnel under the neighbourhood, issue pass cards, use Texas gates, Multinova cameras, one way – whatever it takes to ensure the safety of our children. Embrace Scarborough (and while you're embracing them, ask them if they would prefer to reopen their community "for convenience"). On your way home, leave two minutes earlier or arrive two minutes later,

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but when you get there, look at the faces of your safe family and ask yourself whether the inconvenience was worth it. Calgary is growing and so are the numbers of cars on the streets. The traffic measures being implemented are well thought out, approved by a majority of the residents and designed as an integral part of a larger plan. If it gets so inconvenient or frustrating that it discourages motorists from speeding through, well then I guess it works. Thank you for your input.

Q. *Will you miss this opportunity to pontificate upon the end of your term?*

A. No. I will continue to pontificate. What I will miss is this platform for my pontificating. Thank you for your input.

DTW

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In the Community

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The Prairie Winterscape: Creative Gardening for the Forgotten Season describes all you need to know for creating and enjoying a beautiful winter garden. It includes suggestions for winter containers, wreaths, and ice projects. Talk, illustrated with slides.

Author, Author – Brian Brennan
Tuesday NOVEMBER 25, 7-8:30pm
Boondoggles, Bonanzas, and Other Alberta Stories celebrates the ups and downs, triumphs and scams, of Canada's most independent province. Brennan's three previous bestsellers have awakened a passion for quirky local biographies and history in Albertans.

Adult Book Discussion Group

Tuesdays – NOV 4 & DEC 2, 7-8:30pm
Pick up a copy of the monthly book selection at Calhoun library and join us for a lively book discussion.

Introduction to the Internet – Part I

Wednesdays – NOV 5 or DEC 3, 10-11:30am

The Internet: Beyond the Basics – Part II

Wednesdays – NOV 12 or DEC 10, 10-11:30am

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Wednesday NOVEMBER 19, 10-11:30am

Winter Drop-in Storytime

Saturday NOVEMBER 15, 10:15-10:45am

Ages 2-5 with a parent/caregiver

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Public Service Announcement

RHYTHM'S EDGE

We are an exciting new community band formed in 2002, based in the City of Calgary, focussing on entertainment and performance, we offer an ensemble experience unlike any other currently in our city. Rhythm's Edge plays a great variety of musical styles and performs at different venues throughout the year. In the short time since the band was formed, we have performed at the Jubilee Auditorium, Spruce Meadows, the A-Channel and various charity events.

Around town, we have also played at Rope Square, The Calgary Stampede, and baseball games at Burn's Stadium. Rhythm's Edge is directed by Dave Jones and Jim Murray. We are currently accepting new members. If you are eighteen years of age or older, play a woodwind, brass, or percussion instrument and want to have a lot of fun, you owe it to yourself to check us out. We are also, at this time, booking future performances. If you are interested in learning more about membership or bookings for your event, please contact Dave at 253-3042 or jim at jamurray@telusplanet.net

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Thank you to all of you who are reading this and who have joined the Mount Royal Community Association this year.

Our membership numbers have surpassed last year's total but many residents of the area still chose not to join. We would like to know why this is and what we can do to make membership of your community more appealing to you.

We would also like to particularly thank those of you who, along with your regular membership and tennis dues, have also added a contribution towards the Community Association.

And at this time of the year, we would like to remind anyone who would still like to make such a contribution to the Community Association before the end of this year that all donations are eligible for a tax receipt.

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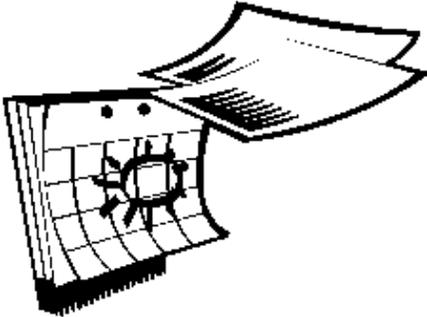
Dates to Remember

Wednesday November 22, 7:30pm
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Monday December 15
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