



MOUNT ROYAL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

2317, 10 Street SW, T2T3G7

SUMMER 2009

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

For those of you who enjoy using the tennis courts, please take note. This year we will be changing things up a bit. The gate to the tennis courts will be locked and accessible with a key. The punch code lock system we have used in the past has proved unreliable. Keys will be available to members of the MRCA for a \$10.00 non-refundable fee. This covers the cost of the key. The deadline for getting a key to the courts will be the 25th of June. Please call me at 244-4188 to get your key or with any questions or concerns you may have about the new system. MRCA memberships must be current in order to receive a court key. When using the courts, please try and make sure you keep the gate closed during playtime and that the gate is closed securely when you leave. The courts have been a huge attraction to skateboarders over the last couple of years and the damage to the court surface is building up. Resurfacing the courts is very expensive so if those who use the courts would help to keep it closed and secure, it would be greatly appreciated.

Mark your calendar for the 75th Anniversary BBQ to be held at the Clubhouse field on Saturday the 20th of June. This year's event, which is being masterminded by Susan Walch and her team of volunteers is sure to be a great party. Look inside the newsletter for more details. The membership drive is moving along thanks to the efforts of Denise Ross. If you have not yet renewed, please take the time to drop off a cheque at the clubhouse. Your support is important.

Mary Lou McCormick is giving a huge hand with the search for host houses for the 2009 Progressive Dinner, so if she calls on you, please say yes! The date for the Dinner will be set soon.

Last, but most certainly not least, thanks to David Weyant for taking the "75 Reasons to Love Mount Royal" to a whole new level.

See you at the BBQ.

Jane Perry
President

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75 REASONS TO LOVE MOUNT ROYAL

Well, we have done it!

We have received 75 reasons to 'Love Mount Royal', thanks to some thoughtful, creative and witty folks who spent some quality time writing about their community. We hope that all of the readers will enjoy reading the reasons as much as we did, and then put pen to paper and send in a few of their own! Thank you Pam and David! (Send to newsletter@mountroyalstation.ca)

APRIL 15

Mt Royal, with its historic homes, majestic trees, and cared-for gardens, has provided me with inspiration for many a painting. I love this neighbourhood and its sense of community.
Pam Weber

MAY 20

1. You never have to describe its location relative to the airport.
2. You get to see what everyone in the South is driving as they cut through the neighbourhood.
3. You receive immediate sympathy from anyone familiar with property taxes.
4. No one ever complains about the traffic. (Oops, sorry, that was supposed to be on the list of reasons to live in Scarborough!)
5. The words "biker turf war" and "Mount Royal" rarely appear in the same headline.
6. Contractors have "special Mount Royal pricing!"
7. You don't have to drive the kids to see the Grenan's or the Wilson's Halloween decorations.
8. You can stagger home from the MRCA wine and cheese parties.
9. You can talk about what terrific people Al Ross and his better half are, and everyone agrees no matter which Al Ross they're thinking of.
10. Waddling distance to both Craves Cupcakes and Bernard Callebaut chocolates.
11. Location, Location, Location!
12. When we say "minutes from downtown" we mean it.
13. You never have to worry if your neighbourhood is going to eventually get a school.
14. Lawns so well kept you want to tee up.
15. The words "Progressive" and "Party" have the word "Dinner" between them and you can attend the Progressive Dinner Party regardless of your political stripes.
16. Traffic circles prepare you for a trip to Europe (or Edmonton).
17. Mary Lou McCormick will help you find a great home in the neighbourhood even if it means relocating someone else.

18. When someone says that they have a “Group of Seven” at home, they’re telling you about their artwork, not indicating that they operate a boarding-house.
19. It’s not exactly living in Paris and there’s no Hilton, but then again, Paris Hilton does not live here.
20. A MRCA tennis membership is a bargain, and even if no one ever scores a point, it’s endless love.
21. Many homes feature a view of the city, a view of the mountains or a view of a “traffic calming measure”.
22. Very few tornados.
23. Dog, the bounty hunter, rarely films here.
24. 17th Avenue and 4th Street are within walking distance, even for me.
25. Many beautiful old houses; very few “bunkers”.
26. Gang shootings do not happen on your street.
27. Trees with trunks wider than your arm (unless you’re Sam Kamis!).
28. Every street is different, yet they all fit together wonderfully (like a high-end puzzle).
29. For hot dog lovers: Tubby Dog to the north of us, Le Chien Chaud to the east.
30. Walking distance to downtown. (Technically, this is true of Sundance too, but from Mount Royal, you arrive the same day.)
31. Most homes have more character than all of Fort Mac.
32. Even old roadmaps have Mount Royal on them.
33. Our mailboxes are attached to our houses.
34. Our garages are not the most prominent features of our houses.
35. Houses further apart than the legal minimum.
36. The houses are distinguishable from one another without looking at the house numbers.
37. Residents don’t have to try to explain whether their houses are semi-detached, semi-attached or just attached.
38. Black squirrels; the new grey.
39. Two words: “Maui Wowie.”
40. Although our clubhouse is called a “Station” you don’t have to worry about the LRT running through the neighbourhood.
41. Car won’t start? We’ve got hills to roll it down.
42. When Jane puts on a BBQ, you know it’s going to be a splash.
43. People who fear cookie-cutter homes are safe.
44. Homes so great, they stay in the family for generations.
45. Appliances on the lawn are either coming or going, not staying.
46. Swing a cat, hit a CEO.
47. You can get there from here.
48. When someone says they’re in oil, they mean professionally.
49. Strolling permitted.
50. Very rare to see a couch on the porch.
51. Some of the old streetlights have survived the bad drivers and souvenir hunters.
52. If you slip on a sidewalk, chances are there’s a doctor and a lawyer nearby.
53. Even our tennis court is one of the most desirable addresses in the city.
54. Mount Royal is easier to spell than Rosscarrock or Shaganappi.
55. The “noise from the highway” is not an issue.
56. When you’ve arrived, you’ve really arrived.
57. Calgary has 180 neighbourhoods and none can compare. (Again, technically, they all compare, they just don’t compare favourably.)
58. Established 1904, still hot at 105!
59. Originally called “American Hill” – they love that south of the border!
60. If you lived here, you’d be home by now.
61. Even the bungalows are 3543 feet above sea level.
62. “Is there a doctor in the house?” Probably.
63. Alice & Chen, Clair & Jamie, Glenda & Stephen, Laura & Sean, Nancy & Bruce, Patti & Rusty, Rosanne & Fred and on and on.
64. People who meet when strolling are far more likely to have a warm greeting than pepper spray.
65. Old money (for Calgary).
66. The whole neighbourhood is one big “neighbourhood watch”.
67. Neighbourhood kids will babysit (when they get back from Geneva).
68. When they say “charity begins at home”, they’re talking about these homes.
69. Our streets are safe – as long as Jane’s vehicle is parked.
70. Full-sized chocolate bars at Halloween (and a wee sip for the adults).
71. It’s da hood!
72. Describing someone with the word “broker” usually means an occupation, not a negative comparison of wealth.
73. Parks, not parkades.
74. Tax assessment is made easy – the City just puts a dollar sign in front of your phone number.
75. The greatest neighbours in the whole world!

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**Saturday, June 20
6pm to 10pm**

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your neighbours
and have some fun!
There will be food
and drinks, a live
band and a jumpy
house for the kids!

10 Street between Prospect and Hillcrest Avenues

MESSAGES FROM THE MOUNT ROYAL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

VERY BIG, "THANKS", GO TO:

- Charlene Prickett for her unfailing efforts to keep our community green and clean. We appreciate her effective communications with the City of Calgary's entomologist Jim Watts and representatives from ArborCare, that have resulted in the preservation of the integrity of our neighbourhood elm and ash trees. Amazingly, Charlene continues to do daily graffiti removal around the neighbourhood!

- Mark Russell of Avant Gardens, who helped with the purchase of plant materials for our traffic circle green spaces in past years, and to Greg Loucks of Magnum Opus Contracting who is providing that support this season.

- Marc Binkley, a new resident of Mount Royal, who has volunteered to help out as a neighbourhood events photographer

Please forward all names that deserve proper 'thanks' for their community involvement to: newsletter@mountroyalstation.ca

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN IT CALGARY

Plan It Calgary hosted six Open Houses regarding the Proposed Municipal Development Plan (MDP) and Proposed Calgary Transportation Plan (CTP). After 2 ½ years of research, consultation and plan development, these Open Houses were intended to give Calgarians an opportunity to view the Proposed Plans. Information was also presented about how citizens can direct their comments, and-or participate in the PUBLIC HEARING ON TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2009. Information presented at the Open Houses is available at www.calgary.ca/planit.

These proposals affect every area of the city in a profound way, and those of us in the inner city communities have much at stake. I would urge Mount Royal residents to view the Open House information website, (the one for Mount Royal was on May 27 at Earl Grey School) and forward any of their comments to the planners, before the Public Hearing on June 23.

Peter Haley, Chair, Development Review Committee (development@mountroyalstation.ca)

MOUNT ROYAL STATION

Maybe all of our readers feel like we do, that it is simply a good feeling to see daily positive activity on the Station grounds! We encourage your suggestions for what should be repaired, replaced, removed or raised at Mount Royal Station, to guarantee that it is user friendly for all ages, and all interests!

Maybe you feel that there should be skateboarding surfaces, more benches or changes made in the playground area. What about adding Sunday afternoon amateur music performances? We would like to encourage this kind of dialogue, to ensure that the needs of the members of the community are being satisfied, so please don't hesitate to forward your ideas to: president@mountroyalstation.ca

REMINDER!!! GLEAN THE GRAFFITI . . . ABOLISH THE ADS

Please take the time to erase any graffiti and detach posted flyers you may come across in Mount Royal. The sooner that these are addressed:

- the easier it is to remove them,
- the less likely that they will be noticed by those who would be encouraged to add more.

M.R.C.A. MEMBERSHIP

Thank you, friends and neighbours!!!

Thank you for the great response to the M.R.C.A. 2009 Membership drive! It was wonderful to see the mailbox full! It was also great to see so many people renew on line, once we were able to get it up and running. I am so sorry for the inconvenience; we really appreciated your patience.

Welcome, to those who have joined as new members. We are now well on our way to our goal of 500 members. For those of you who haven't yet joined, there is still time. We accept memberships all year long. Please help us achieve our goal.

Special thanks to those of you who have included a generous donation, please know that these gifts are greatly appreciated!

When I see a response like this, I see your commitment to your community and that deserves a HUGE, "Thank You"!

Denise Ross, Membership Committee (membership@mountroyalstation.ca)

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Anyone who may want to share the load of graffiti removal around the neighbourhood, and/or who would be open to lobbying the City for graffiti-proof covers that are available for postal boxes and utility boxes, please contact Charlene Prickett. newsletter@mountroyalstation.ca



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1. Language Programs – The CBE offers four different language programs. Previous experience in the language of choice is not necessary and parents do not need to know the language for their child to enroll. Students can enter any of the language programs in Kindergarten or grade one. There is also a late French immersion program that accepts students entering grade seven. Language options include: French, Spanish, German, and Chinese Mandarin.
2. Traditional Learning Centre – This program fosters a structured and orderly learning environment. Student instruction is teacher lead and sequential. There are 11 CBE schools offering the TLC program.
3. Montessori – This is a multi-age and multi-grade grouping for students in K- 6. Montessori features self-directed, hands-on co-operative learning experiences for students. Studies of ecology, global issues and peace issues are featured.
4. Sports Programs – The CBE offers programs for developing and elite high-performance athletes representing a variety of Olympic sports. There is flexibility in the students' academic courses to accommodate training schedules as well as traveling for competition.
5. Fine and Performing Arts - This program focuses on teaching skills related to music, art, drama and dance. Four CBE schools will offer the alternative program, which is available for Grades 5 – 12. High school students can receive the Fine and Performing Arts Certificate by completing 40 credits in arts and related courses.
6. Science School – Scientific ideas guide the learning, which is suited to students who are risk takers in their learning and are curious about the way the natural world and/or technological world works. This program is offered at Langevin School and Louis Riel School for students in grades 5 – 9.
7. All Girls School – Offered at Alice Jamieson Academy for girls in grades 4 – 9, this program ensures that girls will develop academic, leadership and organization skills for success in their personal life and their future careers.
8. Canadian Studies – This program is offered at Juno Beach Academy for students in grades 7 - 12 and helps students develop a deeper sense of their country through learning about Canada and applying the foundational principles of Canadian citizenship, leadership and development, personal fitness and academic endeavours.

For more information on the Calgary Board of Education or any of these alternative programs please visit our website at www.cbe.ab.ca/programs/prog-choice.asp. As your Trustee I can be contacted at pjcochrane@cbe.ab.ca or by calling 403-294-8123.

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WESTERN CANADA HIGH SCHOOL

Partial Modernization Update



The Calgary Board of Education and Western Canada High School are pleased to report that plans for a \$35 million partial modernization of the building are in full swing and the students, staff and parents are excited to see work beginning soon. The construction phase of the project will begin this summer, and the completion date is expected for September 2011. The work is focusing on upgrades to the building envelope, including window, masonry and roofing, mechanical upgrading, improved barrier free accessibility, and increasing the access to computer networks. Right now the project is in the tendering phase, but crews will begin work shortly. Efforts are being made to ensure the safety of students and staff and that there will be minimal disruption to the school program as the work proceeds, including scheduling some interior work outside of regular school hours. We are excited to report that great efforts are also being made to maintain the historic value of this landmark, which will be here for many years to come.

Monthly updates, including photographs, can be accessed via the internet at: http://www.cbe.ab.ca/schools/underdev/western_canada/western.asp

Jayne McDonald, Assistant Principal

School Liason, Partial Modernization Project

MOUNT ROYAL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL



We enjoyed a very successful Teen Conference on April 1st with students being actively involved in "Dare to Care" and many physical activities. Our next whole school event will be the Multicultural Celebration which will be held on May 22nd. Our students will participate in interscholastic badminton later this month and we will begin training for track and field soon. Our bands are practicing for their upcoming festivals and concerts. It is a busy spring! Congratulations to our grade 9 students writing the national Pascal contest. Mount Royal placed 9th in Alberta which is outstanding. Of the top 10 schools in Alberta, six were from the CBE and the remainder were from out of town.

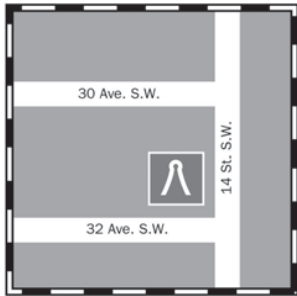
Janice Staines, Principal

WILLIAM REID SCHOOL



The Dalai Lama will be coming to Calgary as a guest of the University of Calgary this fall. Part of his visit is an event called connect NOW that will be held at the Saddledome on September 30. The Dalai Lama will be addressing the youth of Calgary and will be focusing on the importance of community engagement. Many of our students have been given a once in a lifetime opportunity to participate in this event. Students who will be in Grade Three will be performing a choral speaking piece before the Dalai Lama speaks and our students in Grades 4, 5 and 6 have been invited to attend. This will be a rare and significant experience for our students. We are the only school who will be sending non-performers to the event.

We are very excited about this fabulous opportunity and our teachers have already been involved in some work ensuring this will be an authentic, deep and meaningful learning experience for our students. To support this process we are asking parents to share whatever they know about the Dalai Lama with their children. We will use this as a springboard for our studies in September. For more information about the Dalai Lama's visit to Calgary please go to www.dalailamacalgary.com. Further information about the Dalai Lama can be found at www.dalailama.com.



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3223 – 14 Street SW

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Friday & Saturday
Sundays (mid-Sept to mid-May)

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10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
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The Library will be closed on Wednesday, July 1st to celebrate Canada Day.

A current card is needed for both child and parent/caregiver and registration can be done online at Calgarypubliclibrary.com, by phone at 403-260-2620, or in person at any branch.

Please check our program guide for more programs.

Summer Reading Adventure –Eco Heroes Kick-off! Saturday, June 20th

Come into the library and participate in the Eco-Heroes Scavenger Hunt and enter the contest to win your Wii party for you and up to 10 friends! Also, from 11:00-11:30am there will be a storytime. And don't forget to sign-up for the Summer Reading Adventure.

Going Buggy

Come enjoy stories and rhymes all about bugs!

Ages 3 to 5 independent of a parent/caregiver

Thursday, Jun 18

10:15 - 10:45 a.m.

Drop-in Family Storytime

Drop in for stories, songs, and fingerplays the whole family can enjoy.

Ages 2 to 5 with a parent/caregiver

Monday, Jun 15

10:15 - 10:45 a.m.

Drop-in Baby Storytime

Enjoy age-appropriate songs, rhymes, and stories; and learn ways to share books and language with babies.

Ages 6 to 23 months with a parent/caregiver

Tuesday, Jun 23

10:15 - 10:45 a.m.

Wills and Estates

Learn how to plan your will, including types of wills, what to include, choosing an executor, and power of attorney. Presented by Calgary Legal Guidance.

Tuesday, Jun 23

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Crossword Puzzles Tips and Tricks

Get solving tips from Gwen Sjorgren, author of the Cross-Canada Crosswords series.

Ages 50 and up

Wednesday, Jun 10

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Calling all adults who enjoy a summertime read ... Calgary Public Library is offering its first-ever adult summer reading program, Just for Adults – Read All Summer! Discover new reading interests and enter to win weekly book prizes! Drop by any library location starting June 18th (until late August) to find out more and join the program. Make Calgary Public Library part of your summer reading!

2009 UPDATE ON TREATMENT OF DISEASED TREES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY



Most of Mt Royal's majestic elms and many of our ash trees are under attack from insect pests which suck the life out of them. Without treatment, long term survival is unlikely. City of Calgary entomologist Jim Watts has been wrestling with this problem for years now and is the voice of experience and the primary source of information for this update.

Thanks to City systemic Confidor treatment of elm scale several years ago, many Mt Royal boulevard elms are somewhat recovered with fuller leaf growth than in past seasons. However, some of these trees started dripping honeydew at the end of last summer and should be retreated with Confidor this season. If you see signs of heavy European elm scale on your boulevard elms, please call 311 to request Confidor treatment by the City. Persistence is a virtue in dealing with the City of Calgary. Private companies cannot treat trees on City property.

Virtually all elms in Mt Royal suffer from some degree of scale. Those severely affected present blackened bark as though they've been scorched by fire. The scale sucks out nutrient rich sap

from the tree which accumulates on the bark as sticky honeydew. Then a sooty mold, actually a black, powdery fungus, grows on the honeydew. In a desperate attempt to survive, diseased elms try to produce leaves and small branches down the trunk of the tree rather than up in the canopy. Leaves may yellow and drop prematurely.

There is a fine close up photo of European elm scale online at content.calgary.ca/CCA/City+Hall/Business+Units/Parks/Archive/Common+Tree+Pests/Elm+Scale.htm

Below is an excerpt from this online source:

European Elm scale feeds by means of piercing plant tissue (leaves and bark) and utilizing plant juices. In Calgary, Elm trees are particularly affected and both the nymph and adult stages inflict damage to the tree. Damage symptoms are not readily apparent on Elm unless the infestation level is extremely high. Under such conditions, damage consists of leaf discoloration and premature leaf drop, as well as twig and branch dieback. The presence of this insect is also detected by production of a sticky honeydew material falling as fine droplets from the tree canopy.

Though Confidor injections have been effective against elm scale, the success rate with psyllid on black and Manchurian ash trees has been disappointing. The new treatment approach for psyllid is systemic injection of Orthene. Ash trees affected by psyllid present distorted leaves which "cauliflower up" with little bumps. Like elm scale, these pests can kill a tree in just a few seasons and can infect neighbouring trees by riding the wind. Sadly, many ash trees have been lost in our neighbourhood

Pests don't respect property lines. Though the City of Calgary has treated virtually all elm and ash trees on City property in Mt Royal, untreated trees on private property threaten to reinfest our lovely boulevard trees and nearby treated trees on private property.

There are two methods of tree treatment — topical application involves spraying various mixtures of dormant (mineral) oil, soap and pesticide on affected trees. Topical treatment only kills pests on contact. With the second method, systemic treatment, pesticide is injected directly into the tree and is delivered throughout the tree nutritional system. Systemic pesticide kills insects feeding on bark and leaves over the period of a year or more.

The expensive systemic pesticide Confidor is again available in Calgary for commercial use this summer due to the diligent efforts of Jim Watts who spear headed its registration several years ago. Confidor has proven particularly effective on elm scale and is not a threat to birds, squirrels, cats, etc.

If your private property elms were injected with Confidor last summer, no further treatment is needed this summer UNLESS your elms are in close proximity (next door or two doors away) to untreated elms. Because the reinfection rate from nearby trees is high, it is worth your while to interface with neighbours in an effort to get all elm trees systemically treated to put the problem down for good.

Timing for Confidor treatment is critical. It must be done by mid-July, but for best results, it should be injected by July 10 (before Stampede). Only one treatment per 2-3 years may be required. It begins to work within 48 hours, though a diseased tree may need several seasons and sufficient moisture to bounce back to good

health. Property owners who have not treated before, should treat diseased elms THIS spring; postponing treatment increases risk of losing the tree.

Jim Watts is monitoring Mt Royal trees and assures us that mature elms take several seasons to recover from the effects of scale. While treatment can't restore dead branches, treated elms should recover even though the bark remains black this summer. Deadwood should not be pruned off until November at the earliest. It is important that recovering trees get sufficient water during the growing season.

Owners of treated elm trees should check for the following good signs. On hot days, you should NOT see the mist of honeydew falling from the tree canopy. Patios, decks, lawn furniture, rock walls under the tree canopy should NOT be sticky with honeydew. If you have pressure washed these areas, the dark colouration from falling honeydew should NOT reappear. You should NOT see more deadwood appear! If your treated elms are not at risk to reinfection from nearby untreated trees, your only chore is to keep them well watered throughout the summer and fall. Water under the entire tree canopy regularly, right until freeze up.

There are only a few companies licensed to administer these treatment protocols. ArborCare is the only one offering a group rate to Mt Royal residents. To date, ninety Mt Royal residents have taken advantage of our reduced group price for treatment with ArborCare. We have worked successfully with this company now for four seasons, and there is no price increase this season. The cost of treatment includes a service charge of \$75 which includes the pesticide application of one tree plus the cost of the Confidor at \$3.85 per inch of the diameter of the tree. Treatment of additional trees on the same property cost \$20 per tree over 6 inches in diameter and \$10 per smaller tree. Chemical costs for additional trees are calculated as above. Starting this season, Arborcare operators will "show their math" on the service slips left for homeowners so that you can see how many injection sites were made and the amount of pesticide injected per site for each tree.

Orthene injections for the treatment of cottony psyllid on black and Manchurian ash will be \$85 for the first tree and \$25 extra for additional trees on the same property.

Properties which require treatment for both ash and elms will be charged one service charge of \$75 plus the cost of chemical. The service charge includes the first ash tree for Orthene treatment. Since Confidor is so costly, each elm will be an additional \$3.85 per inch of tree diameter.

ArborCare treats three or more properties per trip to our community. If you want tree treatment, you should contact Corrine Winfield corrine.winfield@arborcare.com or Sarah Valkenburg sarah.valkenburg@arborcare.com at ArborCare. Phone contact is 403-273-6378. Say that you are a Mt Royal resident and want to be a part of the Mt Royal treatment group. If you need advice on what kind of trees you have and whether or not they need treatment, Corrine can send a knowledgeable member of staff to consult with you. Each property owner will pay his own treatment bill to ArborCare and, as a part of this treatment schedule, will enjoy our reduced group rate. ArborCare will phone each resident to plan treatment, set up dates, etc.

- Charlene Prickett

OUR HERITAGE TREES

There are two trees in Mount Royal classified as 'Heritage' trees, that have addresses available to the public.

1. Became recognized as a 'Heritage' tree due to its size and its association with a well-known Calgary family – the Scotts

American Elm, planted in 1926
868 Hillcrest Avenue, S.W. on the N.E. corner of Hillcrest Ave. and 8th Street, the tree sits on the south side of the property along Hillcrest Avenue, beyond the hedge.

2. Became recognized as a 'Heritage' tree being such a large sample of the species

Hybrid Poplar
1110 Prospect Avenue, S.W. sitting next to the sidewalk on the N. side of the avenue.



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FROM JOHN MAR, ALDERMAN, WARD 8

2009 - Focus on safety in the Centre city

The City of Calgary is implementing both long-term and short-term strategies to ensure that all Calgarians and our visitors feel safe in the city's core. A lot of work has already taken place in the Centre City – it's paying off now, and will continue in the future.

60 new Calgary Police "beat" officers in the Centre City to begin in 2009 to add greater presence and provide better coverage throughout the day

Complimented by 29 Animal & Bylaw Services officers / personnel 10 Calgary Transit Peace officers 12 EMS personnel form a dedicated Centre City unit

Increase in the number of Violent Crime Suppression officers to target gang activity or violence in-and-around licensed premises across the city

Installation of 16 surveillance Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras in three downtown locations

Individual Transit Peace officers have adopted specific LRT stations and will become subject matter experts—allowing them to work with the community and participate in crime management initiatives

Calgary Police Service homelessness strategy will provide "wrap around services"—police officers teaming up with outreach workers to assist in identifying and locating high risk homeless people for immediate intervention.

"Before You Commit, Make Sure They're Legit"

- Call 3-1-1 before you hire a contractor

Protecting yourself from contractor fraud has just gotten a little easier. The City of Calgary's Development & Building Approval's Business Licence Section launched an awareness program last year that encourages Calgarians to call 3-1-1 before hiring a contractor to confirm that the business holds a valid Business Licence.

The City of Calgary has standards in place to help protect you from bad business practices. To legally operate a contracting business within the city of Calgary, the owner of the business must obtain a City of Calgary Business Licence. The process is easy and involves approvals that help establish the contractor as "legit".

Before hiring a contractor, Calgarians can call 3-1-1 with the exact business or trade name or the owner's name or the business address or phone number, and 3-1-1 can confirm that the business is "legit".

Calling 311 to confirm a contractor has a Business Licence is a good first step to help protect you from bad business practices, but having a valid Business Licence does not guarantee quality of work of the business operator's ethics. Think of it as another tool in your tool box to guard against contractor fraud.

If a fraud does occur, report it to the Calgary Police Service at 403-266-1234. Please also notify 3-1-1 so The City's Business Licence Inspectors can take the appropriate action.



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(community liaison officer)

LOWER MOUNT ROYAL - residents should contact District

Constable Davies – 403 567-6100

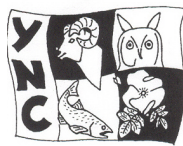
UPPER MOUNT ROYAL - residents should contact District

Constable Courte – 403 567-6200

for police issues, vandalism etc.

CRIME STATISTICS are current and are placed on the City of Calgary Website and can be found at the following address:

www.calgarypolice.ca/news/stats_community.html



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The Federation of Alberta Naturalists (FAN) is a non-profit organization that is delivering the Young Naturalist Club (YNC) program in Alberta. We believe that YNC is a program from which many families with young children within Calgary's Communities and Community Associations could benefit.

YNC is a nature education program available to all families throughout the province. The goal of YNC is to teach youth and their families about nature by providing them with instructional and educational resources that promote outdoor activities, observation of nature, environmental stewardship, and healthy living (more details available at www.fanweb.ca). YNC is especially aimed at children and families in urban settings, as it is often thought that there are few opportunities for nature activities in the city. The YNC strives to show children that there are marvelous things to discover about nature in places as close to home as their own back yard.

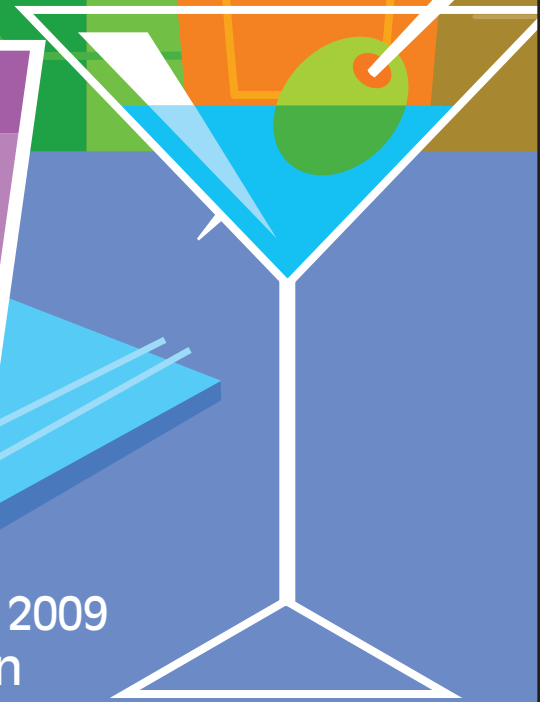
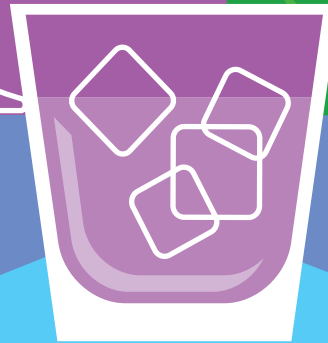
Costs for the YNC program are currently offset through sponsorship by the Alberta Sport, Recreation and Wildlife Foundation, allowing us to reach out to more families than in the past.

I hope you are able to assist us in our endeavor to help children enjoy the outdoors and become more in touch with nature!

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MM 6	Aug 10 - 13	11:30 - 1:00pm	\$100
MM 7	Aug 17 - 20	11:30 - 1:00pm	\$100
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LP 3	July 20 - 23	9:30 - 11:30 am	\$100
LP 4	July 27 - 30	11:00 - 1:00 pm	\$100
LP 5	Aug 4 - 7	11:00 - 1:00 pm	\$100
LP 6	Aug 10 - 13	9:30 - 11:30 am	\$100
LP 7	Aug 17 - 20	9:30 - 11:30 am	\$100
LP 8	Aug 24 - 27	9:30 - 11:30 am	\$100

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Ladies Beginner (instruction & play)	July 06, 13, 20, 27	6:00- 7:30 pm	\$90
Men's Int / Adv (instruction & play)	July 06, 13, 20, 27	7:30- 9:00 pm	\$90
Mixed Intermediate (organized play)	July 04, 11, 18, 25	7:00- 9:00 pm	\$120
Young Adults (18-25) Mixed Group	July 05, 12, 19, 26	6:30- 8:30 pm	\$120
Mixed Social Round Robin (drop-in)	July 06, 13, 20, 27	7:00- 9:00 pm	\$15/ day

Details:

- Minimum class size is four people, maximum is eight
- Full payment is required seven days before class date
- No refunds for missed classes (no make up lessons)
- Rain days will be cancelled and rescheduled
- Non residents will be subject to an additional fee

For further information and sign up, please contact Lance Faminow @ 403 370 1914

MOUNT ROYAL'S VERY OWN GOLF COURSE

In 1919, on the brow of the escarpment between Mount Royal's 7th and 8th Streets, a group of enthusiasts developed a golf course. The course circled the school, so it seemed appropriate that it be called the Earl Grey Golf Club. The course initially only had six holes, but eventually expanded west of 8th and Cartier Streets, and south of Frontenac Avenue to complete a nine-hole course. The circular greens were oiled sand.

By 1924, there existed a small club house on the south side of Hillcrest Avenue for the 271 members. The limit for membership was 275 with annual fees set at \$6 for men, \$4 for women and \$3 for juniors. By 1925 there was a long waiting list and an initiation fee of \$2 was introduced. A year later, the executive established a constitution and by-laws and increased the membership cap at 600, with a maximum of only 30 juniors.

The first three holes never needed to be cut, as they were part of the school's playground and the grass was kept trampled down. On school days, play was not allowed on these holes until after supper. Longer prairie grass in front of the greens, the steep drop into Elbow Park and houses just across the streets from the course all provided challenging hazards.

In 1929, with residential housing development increasing, the club moved south to the area between Premier Way and 38th Avenue. In 1932, the club negotiated with the City for land, and a course was established where the Earl Grey Golf Club is presently located.

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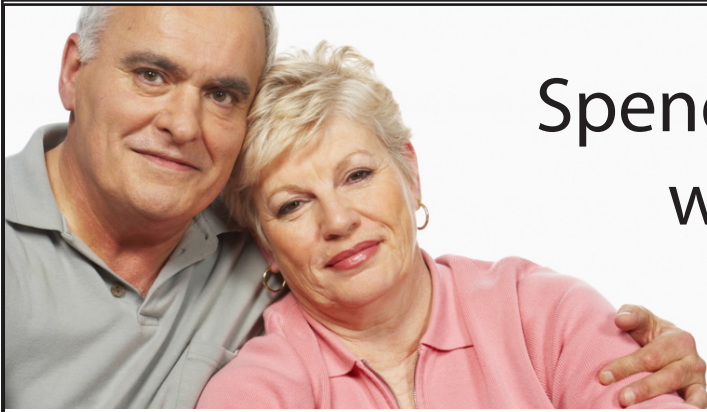


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CHRIST CHURCH TACKLES HOMELESSNESS, ELDER-ABUSE

With its major renovation project complete, Christ Church is ramping up its social justice and outreach activities.

Christ Church has a long history of involvement in helping the less fortunate among us. For years, Christ Church provided a regular site for "Inn from the Cold," and offered shelter to homeless families several nights a month. Now the emphasis is shifting to the "Housing First" model, which concentrates on finding permanent housing for our homeless. Working with NeighbourLink, Christ Church already has stepped in to assist two families who are transitioning to permanent housing. On April 29, NeighbourLink presented an orientation and training workshop for volunteers interested in working with families newly situated in permanent housing. Volunteers help in a variety of ways, ranging from assistance with shopping, laundry, and cooking, to mentoring in essential life skills like budgeting and financial planning. The NeighbourLink program assists in matching volunteer capabilities with family needs.

A more recent focus at Christ Church is elder abuse, a problem that often remains hidden from view. On May 6, Christ Church hosted an information session which explored a broad

range of topics, including the types of elder abuse, how to recognize elder abuse in its various forms, risk factors for elder abuse, barriers to disclosure or reporting of elder abuse, how to respond to elder abuse, and the array of community resources available for addressing and responding to elder abuse. As noted by The Reverend Canon M. Ansley Tucker, Rector of Christ Church, "Though no one likes to speak of it, elder abuse is real, and it is pervasive. As a community of faith, we are elders, we are visitors, we are adult children with elder parents in institutional care, and we must be alert and informed about this problem." The information seminar arose from and dovetailed with Christ Church's involvement in the Faithful City initiative, which brings a faith perspective and spiritual foundation to Calgary's social services community. Elder Abuse has been a main focus of Faithful City.

More information is available from the church at 403-243-4680, info@christchurchcalgary.org, or www.christchurchcalgary.org.



FROM LEE RICHARDSON M.P.

MAY - Investing in Calgary...

Over the past five years the federal government, through the Gas Tax Fund (GTF) and the Public Transit Fund (PTF) has provided over \$237 million in funding to The City of Calgary for investments in public transit and waste recycling projects. This federal funding has helped fund the:

- Expansion of the Northwest and Northeast legs of our Light Rail Transit system;
- Establishment of a bus rapid transit service in Southeast Calgary;
- Refurbishment of light rail vehicles and buses;
- Remediation of landfill sites;
- Purchase of community shuttle buses;
- Purchase of seven new light rail vehicles; and
- Refurbishment of light rail transit stations.

Building on our investment...

In our recent Economic Action Plan, the Government of Canada announced \$12 billion in new funding for roads, bridges, sewers and other infrastructure projects across our country. Our government will work with the City of Calgary to ensure that this investment focuses on the needs of Calgarians, supports economic growth, employment in Calgary, and bolsters our long-term economic health.

This investment will create jobs and economic activity today while ensuring the infrastructure needs of Calgarians are met for years to come.

JUNE - Investing in Calgary...

On January 27th, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty introduced Budget 2009 - Canada's Economic Action Plan, a bold agenda to protect Canadians from the immediate economic threat while helping to establish the conditions needed to secure long term growth and prosperity.

Recently the Government of Canada announced two significant investments in Calgary's infrastructure that will be funded as a direct result of the Economic Action Plan. These investments provide both an immediate economic boost and long-term sustainability, for a greener, more efficient infrastructure system in Calgary.

\$90 million for Calgary transit...

The Government of Canada is setting aside up to \$90 million to support a number of transit improvements identified as priorities in the City of Calgary. These include:

- 7th Avenue Rehabilitation - Four Car Stations and Trackwork
- Four-Car Light Rail Transit Station Platforms
- West Light Rail Transit 11th Street Station
- Southeast Bus Rapid Transit "Park n Ride" Lots
- Upgrade Light Rail Transit Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Security System
- Calgary Transit Advanced Passenger Information System

- **Light Rail Transit Traction Power Upgrades \$100 million for the Calgary Ring Road...**

The Calgary Ring Road is a major commuter and transport thoroughfare designed to reduce congestion and improve road safety. Extending the Calgary Ring Road creates jobs, while reducing strain on our city's road and transit system for years to come.

Investment in public infrastructure like Calgary's Ring Road and public transit system stimulates our economy, relieves traffic congestion and will help our community prosper now and in the future. It also creates a lasting legacy that will improve our city for many years to come.

These two projects are concrete examples of federal leadership and Canada's Economic Action Plan at work.

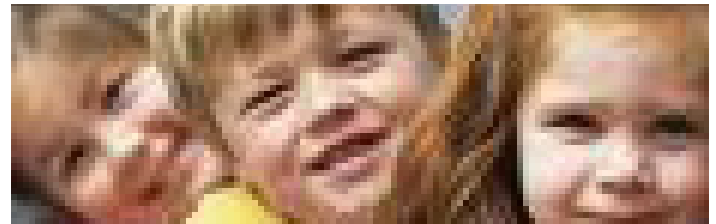
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