



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE MOUNT ROYAL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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2317 - 10 Street SW, Calgary, T2T 3G7

OCTOBER 2011

Mount Royal Annual Cocktail & Dinner Party

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2011

Come out and meet your neighbors, reconnect with friends,
network and just have a blast!

Cocktails: 5:30 pm
Everyone mingles with Cocktails & Appetizers at one of
Mount Royal's fabulous homes.

Dinner: 7:30 pm
Guests proceed to Dinner, in groups of 8 - 12, dispersing to
designated private "host homes".

Dessert: Later
Everyone will congregate at another home for Dessert!



Hosts are compensated!
(Some people have it catered!)

(MRCA Members Only - Join Today!)

Tickets are limited so CALL NOW!
Before they're gone!
Tickets are \$125.00 per person.

For Tickets, Info and Hosting Opportunities call:

Mary Lou McCormick @ 403-244-5152

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President's Message – October 2011:

With the busy fall and winter months at our door step, it is hard to believe that almost an entire year has passed since our last Annual General Meeting.

What a perfect opportunity to remind all those interested in becoming a voice in our community that our AGM is November 16th. Whether by application and election to the Board at the AGM or by joining a committee or sub-committee, we are always looking for individuals who want to bring fresh ideas as we continue to enhance the beautiful community in which we live.

The current Board has been working tremendously hard implementing a number of the initiatives undertaken over the past year that include:

- Mount Royal Beautification Committee - With a new Volunteer Agreement with the City in place and a partnership established with the Calgary Horticultural Society, our Beautification Committee has already started planning gardening strategies for next spring;
- Community Development Committee - The Community Development committee continues to meet regarding applications, but has also been very focused on the Station house deck enhancement project, which should break ground in the near future.

In addition, numerous volunteers helped facilitate this summers activities, from park clean ups and the historic Mount Royal walk to the most recent, the 78th Fraser Highlander ceremony in South Mount Royal Park on September 11th. The highlight in June, despite the torrential downpour and chillier than normal temperatures, was the exceptionally well attended 'Summer' BBQ! Notwithstanding the jumpy castle being more like a slip and slide and the dance floor being a mud bath, the DJ played on, the kids got happily soaked and by replacing stilettos with their Wellies, neighbours danced to their hearts content. While we can't predict the weather on October 22nd, the next social event, the Mount Royal Annual Cocktail & Dinner Party (indoors....), will undoubtedly be equally as enjoyable so be sure to purchase your tickets early!

The MRCA exists to enhance the experience of living in Mount Royal and we want to hear from you – those new to the Community, those long time residents and all the past and future volunteers! The upcoming AGM on November 16th is the perfect venue to share your perspectives, so feel free to join us for our 2011 year in review and catch a sneak peek of what we have planned for 2012. If you can't make our events, please feel free to send me a note directly at president@mountroyal.ca

Come out. Join in. Enjoy Mount Royal.

Look forward to hearing from you!

Debra Law



THANK YOU

The Mount Royal Community Association would like to thank The Glencoe Club for the gift of publishing and collating our newsletter. We appreciate your dedication to the Mount Royal Community.

THE
Glencoe
CLUB

MOUNT ROYAL BEAUTIFICATION INITIATIVE

Perhaps you sometimes notice people out in the community removing graffiti from lamp poles, Canada Post grey relay boxes, and traffic signs. Maybe you occasionally see someone weeding or hand watering in a traffic circle or splitter island. Those folks are not City of Calgary employees, they are your neighbours. Under the auspices of the Mount Royal Community Association Beautification Committee, these neighbours volunteer their time, energy and, sometimes personal funding, to improve and maintain public spaces in our lovely community. This MRCA initiative is gaining strength and has established the following Mount Royal goals for the coming year.

Work with MRCA, the City of Calgary, Canada Post and Enmax to remove graffiti quickly and thereby reduce its incidence

Work with MRCA and the City of Calgary to improve and maintain the public gardens with emphasis on traffic circles and, for 2011-12, South Mt Royal (Wolfe) Park.

To this end, we welcome more volunteers to help us care for gardens, remove graffiti, and report graffiti. Some volunteers work alone and some work in groups or pairs. Nothing is written in stone; if you have time, interest, or skills, we welcome you. If you are new to the neighbourhood and just want to get involved to meet neighbours, we welcome you. Whether you have a little time or a lot, whether you're here seasonally or throughout the year, we welcome you. If you could commit to stewardship of just one or two graffiti targets near your home, we welcome your contribution and will gladly supply you with the necessary cleaning product and tools.

Listed below are contacts which enable you to join our beautification initiative on your own or as part of our group. International research and our own experience show that quick removal of graffiti and well maintained public spaces give the sense that residents care, that someone is watching. This is a message which promotes healthy, safe neighbourhoods.

Participate in garden work, contact beautification@moutroyalstation.ca

Participate in graffiti removal and obtain supplies, contact sales@charleneprickett.com

Report graffiti on lamp poles, park benches, bus shelters to 3-1-1contactus@calgary.ca

Report graffiti on Canada Post property, especially grey relay boxes, to 3-1-1contactus@calgary.ca

Report graffiti on green Enmax boxes to tbergen@enmax.com and cc to 3-1-1contactus@calgary.ca



A garden clean up for flower beds in South Mount Royal (Wolfe) Park will start at noon on Sunday, October 2 with follow up work at the same time on Sunday, October 16. We would appreciate everyone pitching in, even if just for an hour or so. Bring your hand spades, shovels and garden gloves to get dirty with your neighbours. We want to get those neglected beds in good shape for next summer so we can produce something beautiful for 2012.

Do your part to keep Mount Royal beautiful.

SYMBOLIC TREE PROGRAM

The City of Calgary's Symbolic Tree Program allows individuals to donate funds for a single tree or a small grove of trees, usually six, to honour life events - a wedding, the birth of a child, an important graduation, the death of a loved one.

Though cost varies, depending on kind and size of trees, the average price is \$2,800 for a grove and \$500 for a single tree. The City of Calgary Urban Forestry Department, in discussion with the donor, determines the site to be planted. Typically, sites are in city parks or joint use areas like public school yards. A tasteful and durable metal plaque can be installed in the ground at an additional cost.

The Mount Royal traffic circles/ovals may offer landscaping opportunities for those wishing to donate trees. Read more online at <http://calgary.ca/CSPS/Parks/Pages/Programs/Tree-planting/Symbolic-Tree-Program.aspx>



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, November 16 at Mount Royal Station.

Meeting at 7:00 pm followed by wine and cheese.

To be discussed:

1. The year 2011 in review;
2. What we have in store for 2012;
3. Financial Report;
4. Volunteer and election of officers and directors.

MRCA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

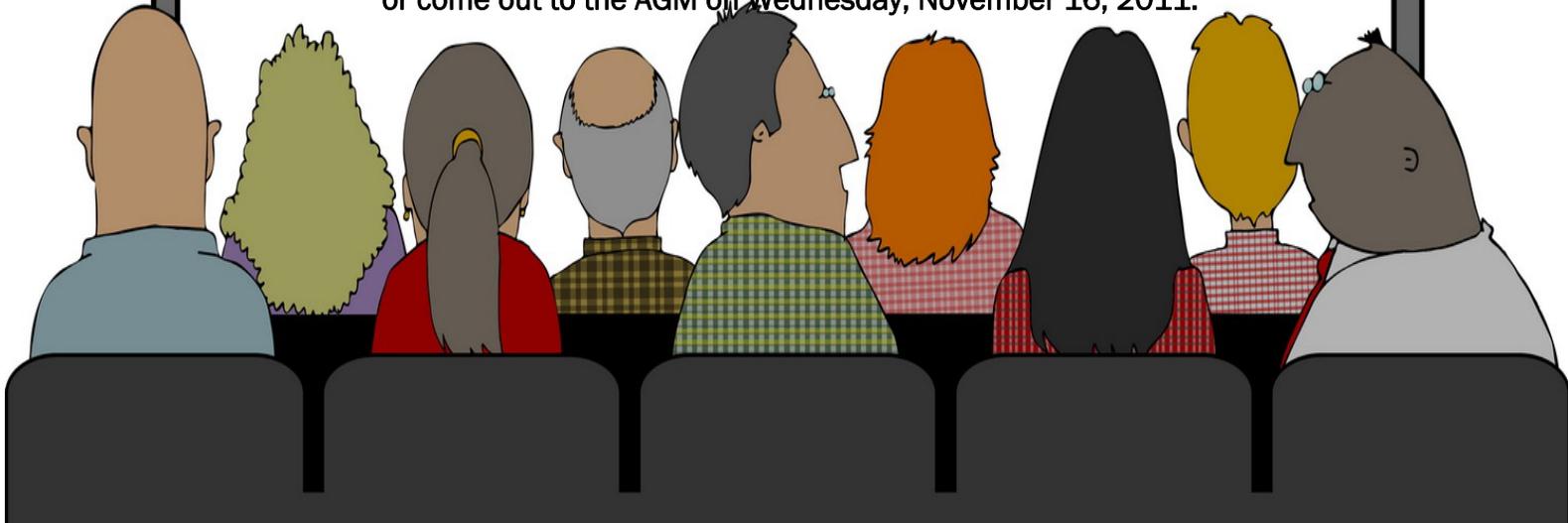
There are several volunteer opportunities for board members, including:
Traffic Safety, Membership, Community Events and Newsletter,
as well as other volunteer roles.

“Get Involved!”

“Make a Difference!”

Have some decision making and input into what goes on in your community!

For more information, call Candice Selby at 403-571-4461
or come out to the AGM on Wednesday, November 16, 2011.



WINNERS OF THE JUNE 18TH BBQ COLORING CONTEST:



Carmen & Hannah Selby

Hannah Selby
Carmen Selby
Marshall Smith
Ann Francis McCaig



Mount Royal “Mini Mountaineer” Play Group!

(Play Group for Parents, Caregivers and Children)

Calling all those interested in gathering through the fall and winter months with your “Mini Mountaineers”! If you are interested in touching base with other parents, caregivers and their little ones in the Mount Royal Community, drop us an email at president@mountroyalstation.ca.

As the weather can be somewhat unpredictable, heading into the fall and winter (even spring/summer) months, it might be easier to first touch base via email in order to introduce ourselves (if we have not yet already met!) and set up potential meetings times and locations. If you have other suggestions for bringing our little ones together, please do not hesitate to let us know too!

Busy Parents - Have you Kijiji'd?

Regardless if you are interested in buying and selling on the on-line market place, Kijiji can be a great research resource for anything you might be looking to get ideas for, particularly baby/toddler/children's items. With a few clicks you can be roaming all the latest and greatest in what's out there for your kids, from the ease of your own computer. Thinking of Halloween ideas? I recently came across an ad for a Hot Dog and a Hamburger costume, complete with Ketchup trick or treat bags!

Often Calgary sellers are more than happy too, sharing their experiences with the particular item they have up for sale. This can provide an instant review for you and ultimately save you time and money! In addition, as Kijiji has over 300 cities worldwide that partake in the on-line classifieds, you can also pick items up if you find yourself in another city, with missing luggage! Through a Kijiji seller in Palm Springs, we managed to pick up the exact baby monitor we use at home (for \$200 less than we paid) while vacationing with our little ones!

Although I have never encountered a problem, you always want to be 'aware' and abide by the security alerts Kijiji has posted for its users. As an extra precautionary measure, I only provide a cell phone number (not home number) if a phone contact is necessary.

Happy Hunting!
Mini Mountaineer Mom



William Reid School

We are in the process of a very exciting start up at William Reid School! Our registrations are up and our school is filled to the brim with students who are excited about learning and especially about learning in French Immersion! Our school focus this year is the personalization of learning for all our students. This means that we recognize that children learn in different ways and at different rhythms, that they have different interests and different strengths. Teachers have been working hard to plan in ways that allow students to access the curriculum from different entry points and to show their learning in different ways.

The parents of William Reid School play an important role in making our school community strong and vibrant! They have already hosted a tea for parents on the first day of school and helped to organize a welcome back picnic for students and their families. Their largest event, called Oktoberfest, is coming up on October 22nd. This is a chance for parents to meet and get to know other parents from the school and to participate in a silent auction that will benefit our school. We know already it will be a great success and lots of fun.

For more information about our school or Oktoberfest, please feel free to call the school (777-6940) or to visit our website at www.cbe.ab.ca/b142.

Kelly Christopher
Principal
William Reid School





Girl Guides
of Canada
Guides
du Canada

Blackfoot District Guiding

Cookies, cookies, cookies!!!! We love cookies!

If it's October then it must be yummy chocolaty Girl Guide mint cookie time! Please support our girls by buying a box when they come to your door or if you see them at a retail location. Your generous support makes our activities possible.

We are looking for you to join in on all the fun, games, friendships and new experiences that Girl Guides has to offer!



REGISTRATION IS ON GOING - Don't wait call today!!

Guiding welcomes girls of all ages from kindergarten through to high school and beyond.

Sparks	ECS & Grade 1	or	(5&6 year olds)
Brownies	Grades 2 & 3	or	(7&8 year olds)
Guides	Grades 4, 5 & 6	or	(9 to 12 year olds)
Pathfinders	Grades 7, 8 & 9	or	(12 to 15 year olds)
Rangers	Grades 10, 11 & 12	or	(15 to 17 year olds)
Leaders			(18 years and over)

Guiding is a great place to grow lasting friendships and experience new opportunities no matter what your age. Why not give us a try!

If you have any questions regarding Guiding, registration or becoming a leader please contact our district commissioner Tracy Comessotti at 403-203-2414 or via email at tracy@comessotti.com

Guiding is Fun!

Alberta Diabetes Foundation 2011 Halloween Howl

Race Date: October 23, 2010
Start Time: 10:00 a.m. - 10K
 10:05 a.m. - 5K
 10:10 a.m. - 3K
Events: 3km and 5km Fun Run/Walk and
 10km Run
Location: Eau Claire Market, Calgary, AB

Costumes are welcomed and encouraged! Prizes will be awarded for the team costume!

For more information or to register please visit www.events.runningroom.com/site/?racelid=6911
 OR complete a registration form at any one of the Running Room locations around Calgary.

All funds raised at the 2011 Halloween Howl will go directly to the many vital diabetes research projects taking place in the province of Alberta.



FOR A TRICK OR TREAT SPOOKTACULAR:

Drop by 1125 Sydenham Road SW

But be prepared to be scared!

(Halloween night, Oct. 31, Dusk to 9 PM
 (There may be other haunted houses in the neighbourhood as well . . .))



(All ages welcome. Young kids can stay on the "non-spooky" path)

A Glimpse Back in Time:

Here are 4 photos of 1014 Hillcrest Ave shortly after it was built in 1912, along with a more current one. Not too much difference on the exterior! We recently came into possession of this and other early photographs, when contacted by the grand-daughter of Mr. Thomas Fyshe, the original owner and actual builder of this house. She shared some interesting family history, including their relationship to “Anna of The King and I” fame and stories as she toured the home. Fascinating to compare the “then and now” look of many rooms in the house. Some things have changed (gas lighting!) and others not (the original wood paneling). We too found the front lawn was a perfect site for playing croquet! All in, there have been 9 owners to date with the longest term of 30 yrs being held by Peter Bawden and his family. Since WW II all those who occupied the home were involved in the oil business: Gulf, Shell, and TransCanada Pipelines, until the McCormick’s who now hold the second longest term at 18 years.



Exterior with Plants



Exterior with Croquet



Exterior looking North West



Living Room looking South West



Current Picture

Remember:

Mount Royal Annual Cocktail & Dinner Party

Saturday, October 22, 2011

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Mary Lou McCormick @ 403-244-5152



The Calgary Sketch Club

Art Show and Sale
Will be held at

River Park Church
3818 - 14A Street SW
Corner of 37th Ave. and 14A St. SW

Saturday, October 15, 2011
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Come and browse through hundreds
of paintings by local artists!**

The Calgary Sketch Club was formed in 1909 and celebrated its Centennial in 2009. It is a non-profit organization that supports a membership of 100 dedicated local artists working in [oil](#), [acrylic](#), [water colour](#), [pastels](#), and [graphite](#). Since 1974 the Calgary Sketch Club has given a scholarship, each year, to a second year student of Alberta College of Art Design to assist in nurturing fine arts in Alberta.



CALGARY
POLICE

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS:

For emergencies, call 9-1-1

For non-emergencies, such as reporting suspicious activities, vandalism, graffiti, crime statistics, call (403) 266-1234 or go to www.calgarypolice.ca and follow the links.

COMMUNITY LIASON OFFICERS:

Lower Mt. Royal

Cst. N. Paterson #4054
District 1, Zone 5
(403) 567-6100
Email: pol4054@calgarypolice.ca

Upper Mt. Royal

Cst. Allan Goundry #4571
District 2, Zone 3
4506 - 17th Avenue SW
(403) 567-6200
Email: pol4571@calgarypolice.ca

MRCA FAMILY BARBEQUE JUNE 18, 2011

The June Family Barbeque was a big success.... despite the rain! Neighbors and friends were laughing, chatting, eating, dancing and having a great time. Children were coloring and having fun on the bouncy tent. There were Coloring Contest prizes and Raffle prizes. Another wonderful way to spend an evening in your community.

Thank you to everyone who came out to support the event and to all of the awesome volunteers in our community for helping out with this year's M.R.C.A. Family BBQ.



Elisa Iozzo
MRCA Social Events

VERY SPECIAL "THANKS" GO TO:

Jean, Devon, and Laine Iozzo, Josh Beckie, Debra Law, Candice Selby, Tina Dargan, Elisabeth Fayt, Rosanne Woods, Denise Ross, Gwen Yaholnitsky, Megan McCarthy, Jackie and Jason Probe, Geraldine Nolan and Will Lowe, Graeme and Meg Bullen, Alexis Haliburton, Peter, Calum and Ailsa Robertson, Traci Dampf and all of the other volunteers who put on a great June 18th Barbeque.

RnR Wellness Spa for donating a Spa Package and gift cards.

Ric's Grill for donating bottled water and gift cards.

Marlow Floralworks for donating the lovely floral arrangement.



Rosanne Woods, Elisa, Devon & Laine Iozzo



Jason Probe & Jeane Iozzo



Debra Law & Tracey Dampf



Geraldine Nolan & Rosanne Woods



Jean Iozzo, Jason Probe & Graeme Bullen



Kristie Smith, Alexis Haliburton & Candice Selby



Laura Brown, Jim Grenon, Jeff Holloway & Will Lowe



Liane Amendy & Children

WINNERS OF THE JUNE 18TH BBQ RAFFLE:

RnR Wellness Spa Package - Gwen Yaholnitsky
Ric's Grill Gift Cards - Jackie & Jason Probe and Susan & Tim Hearn
Marlow Floralworks - Liane Amendy

Alberta Health Services EMS would like to remind parents and trick-or-treaters of some basic Halloween safety tips as October 31st approaches. As a member of the UNICEF *Partners for Safety*, ambulances, along with police, fire, bylaw, transit, and Shaw Cable vehicles will be out patrolling communities on Halloween night to provide a visible safety resource for parents and trick-or-treaters.

Trick-or-Treaters

- Remember: all regular pedestrian rules still apply. Be sure to cross the road at marked cross walks or well lit corners only. It is safest to work your way up one side of the street and then cross once to the other side.
- Stay away from houses that are not well lit and do not accept rides from strangers or enter any home you feel is unsafe.
- Let your parents know where you are going to be at all times and advise them if you will be late returning.

Parents

- Be certain that young trick-or-treaters are accompanied by an adult. Older children should stay in groups of three or more.
- Pre-determine boundaries to trick-or-treat within and establish a firm time to return home.
- Advise children not to eat anything until they return home. Dispose of any items that appear to have been tampered with, or that are not properly wrapped.

Costumes

- Choose bright colored costumes that are highly visible. Adding reflective tape to costumes further increases visibility.
- Consider sending your children with a flashlight for additional safety and increased visibility.
- When purchasing or making costumes, look for materials and accessories that are labeled flame-resistant.
- All costume accessories, such as sticks, rods or wands, should be soft and flexible with no sharp edges.
- Consider using hypoallergenic make-up kits instead of masks that may impair vision or breathing.
- Be sure costumes are loose enough to be worn over warm clothing – but not so baggy or long they become a tripping hazard. Costumes should not be longer than your child's ankles.
- Ensure your child is wearing adequate foot wear that takes into consideration weather conditions and walking.

Distracted Driving Law:

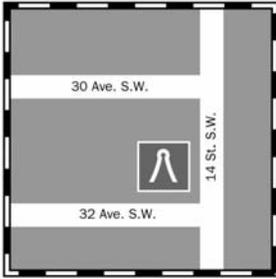
Distracted driving is anything that prevents you from operating your car safely including anything that **takes your eyes off the road, your mind off the road, and your hands off the steering wheel**, including using a hand held cell phone.

The **Distracted Driving Law** went into effect **September 1st, 2011** and applies to all vehicles, whether you are on a bicycle, waiting at a red light, stopped for a train or backed-up in traffic.



IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMITS

This is a reminder that Residential Parking Zone P permits **expire November 30th, 2011**. Some streets in Lower Mount Royal are in Zone P. You may obtain your year 2011/2012 permits beginning **October 1st** from the Calgary Parking Authority. To find out how to renew your permits, please check out: <http://www.calgaryparking.com/web/guest/residentialparking>



Alexander Calhoun Library

3223 – 14 Street SW

Hours:

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

10 a.m. – 9 p.m.
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
12 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Telephone: 403-260-2600



Register for programs by phone at 403-260-2620, online at www.calgarypubliclibrary.com, or in person at any Library branch. A valid Calgary Public Library card in your name is required to attend all programs.

The Library will be closed Monday, October 10th, for Thanksgiving Day and Friday, November 11th, Remembrance Day.

Registration for Adult and Children's programming is under way.

Alberta Arts Days 2011: Card Creation by Bevkardz

Try your hand at the popular craft of card making with Bev Milton of Bevkardz. Visit the Library on October 1 to sign up for a half-hour free session. Each session limited to 10 participants.

Saturday, Oct 01
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Be Your Child's Own Tutor

Learn how to help your elementary aged child with their schoolwork using low-cost activities.

Wednesday, Oct 12
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Country Critters Puppet Show

Join Gail Gregory of Tales, Tunes, and Puppetry for a puppet show featuring fun folktales about some crazy critters.

Ages 3 to 6 with a parent/caregiver
Saturday, Oct 15
10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

ESL Conversation Club (Intermediate)

Practice your English listening and speaking skills, and learn about the Library's many resources.

Tuesdays, Oct 18 to Dec 06
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Easel Ease

Join Community artists as they guide you in the basics of creating appealing visual art. No experience required. In partnership with Prospect; Studio C.

Wednesday, Oct 19
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Spanish Conversation Club

Join volunteer coaches and practice Spanish speaking and listening skills through conversational exercises. This program is for learners with intermediate Spanish language skills.

Ages 16 and up
Wednesdays, Oct 19 to Dec 07
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.



Reading Buddies

Teen volunteers and Library staff provide one-on-one reading support and fun literacy activities for readers in Grades 1 to 3.

Ages 5 to 8
Thursdays, Oct 20 to Dec 08
4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Flipbook Animation for Kids

Make your own cartoons by learning simple animation through creating flipbooks. Presented by Quickdraw Animation.

Ages 8 to 12
Saturday, Oct 22
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Law at Your Library: Immigration Law

Learn more about Canada's Immigration and Citizenship law as it pertains to sponsorship, temporary visas, and delays. In partnership with Calgary Legal Guidance.

Saturday, Oct 29
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Trekking in Nepal

Join Janet Monteith for a talk and slideshow about her experiences trekking in the Everest and Annapurna regions.

Monday, Nov 07
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Bat Basics

Discover the world of bats in this interactive program including myth busting and cool facts. Presented by the Alberta Institute for Wildlife Conservation.

Ages 7 and up
Saturday, Nov 05
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Safe Driving Practices for Seniors

Learn safe driving skills and examine other mobility options once you retire from driving. In partnership with AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety.

Ages 50 and up
Wednesday, Nov 09
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Why the Rabbit's Nose Wiggles: Puppet Show

Watch the first part of this charming folk tale, then make your own paper sculpture puppet and we'll finish the story together with everyone's puppets. Presented by WP Puppet Theatre.

Ages 4 and up
Saturday, Nov 26
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.



JOHN MAR ALDERMAN, WARD 8

Police can't be everywhere, all of the time. Calgarians are the eyes and ears police rely on - and it is important we all work together to prevent crime and keep Calgary safe.

According to Statistics Canada, 69 per cent of crime goes unreported. Statistics Canada also says the most common reason Canadians didn't report crime to police was because they "didn't think it was important enough".

When you report a crime, you may be helping prevent future crimes and protecting others from experiencing the same thing. Reporting crimes and or suspicious behaviour helps the Calgary Police Service know where more patrols are needed. The reports you generate provide statistical analysis for the Police Service that helps determine where to dispatch more officers.

'Be a Good Witness' is an awareness campaign by the Calgary Police Service and the Alberta Motor Association to educate Calgarians about what information police are looking for from witnesses, how to report a crime or information that may be related to a crime and to encourage citizens to report suspicious behaviour--all suspicious behaviour.

There's no doubt that policing starts with people in the community, when people in the community look out for each other, their neighbourhoods become stronger and safer. Being a good witness and reporting suspicious or criminal behaviour is part of that strength..

Crime prevention is a shared responsibility, and Communities need to work together to protect the things that matter to them, like the safety of your family and your property. Being a good witness means being aware of what's happening around you and taking responsibility to engage law enforcement to protect your friends and neighbours.

Never underestimate the power of a piece of information. Something as simple as reporting a suspicious person running down the street, or part of the licence plate of a vehicle, could be the missing piece needed to solve a crime.

Calgarians can learn more about what to look for, and test their observation and recall skills in an online game at www.calgarypolice.ca under 'Community Services'.



The Calgary Fire Department held a ceremonial ground breaking on a replacement fire station in the community of South Calgary. The replacement station will be located on 14th Street S.W., adjacent to the existing station which was built in 1952.

"The Calgary Fire Department is committed to serving the South Calgary area, as all areas of the city, with the most appropriate fire-fighting equipment," says Fire Chief Bruce Burrell. "This replacement fire station will accommodate modern apparatus without the restrictions and limitations of the existing station, ensuring the fire service needs of this growing and evolving area are met."

The existing station is currently the oldest active fire station in Calgary. To honour the history of this station and to ensure aspects of the past remain present, the existing fire station will be deconstructed after the new one is built. Several recognizable elements will be incorporated into the new station, including the Fire Station No.5 sign, the red brick and the antique firefighting equipment. Attention has been paid to ensuring the new station compliments the look, feel and needs of the community. The new station will remain a resource for the community with blood pressure and cholesterol testing, public art, green spaces and pathways.

The South Calgary Replacement Fire Station will also be built to a Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) Gold standard. Some of the environmental features of the new station include solar water heating panels to supply hot water, solar photovoltaic panels on the roof to supply some of the electrical needs and Variable Refrigerant Flow air handling for reduced noise and better heating and cooling control.

The South Calgary Fire Station currently serves more than 28,000 residents of Altadore, Bankview, Cliff Bungalow, Elbow Park, Marda Loop, Richmond, Scarboro, Sunalta/Sunalta West, South Calgary and upper Mount Royal.

The \$15.25 million cost of the station and required apparatus has been fully budgeted for, with \$10.25 million funded by the Province of Alberta's Municipal Sustainability Initiative.

The South Calgary Replacement Fire Station is expected to be fully operational in 2013.

If I can be of assistance on any civic matter do not hesitate to contact my office by phone (403) 268-2430, fax (403) 269-3823 or at www.calgary.ca/alderman/ward8.

I pledge to be an accessible, responsive, and strong advocate for the people of Ward 8.

*John Mar, Alderman
Ward 8*

www.calgary.ca/alderman/ward8
Tel: 403-268-2430
Fax: 403-269-3823





DAVE TAYLOR
MLA, CALGARY-CURRIE

Report to Constituents
October, 2011

Now that Alberta finally has a working premier again, it's time for the government to get back to work.

Throughout the dying months of Ed Stelmach's reign the Legislature has been in hibernation mode, and the government's apparent motto has been, "The best decisions are those we can put off making." So I'd like to take this opportunity to bring up a few of those nagging issues the government is likely hoping we've forgotten about.

1. In 2009 the government introduced Bill 36, which was so flawed that only two years later it required amendments. Last spring Bill 10 - the Land Stewardship Amendment Act - was presented. It did very little to "fix" Bill 36, and since the government limited its debate, it stayed that way. More bad bills are on the way unless this government begins to allow proper debate in the Legislature.
2. Education should be funded on a five year budget cycle. Yearly funding is highly variable as it's dependent upon unreliable energy revenue.
3. Our health care system needs to be retooled for the 21st century. It has to stop being almost exclusively about hospital care and start becoming about keeping us out of the hospital, with better access to doctors and primary care, a whole new approach to the care needs of seniors, a higher emphasis on prevention, and a serious commitment to mental health.
4. Alberta is one of only three provinces without a poverty reduction plan, and 11 per cent of Calgary's working population is poor. Creating a province where everyone can succeed is good for the economy - and by the way, it's the right thing to do.
5. Our cities are called upon to provide services for all Albertans. It's time they were recognized with the appropriate levels of funding and respect.
6. Finally, it's time to start down the road to making Alberta into a respected global leader in sustainable energy. Making the transition from fossil fuels to green energy will take time, but we'll make that transition sooner by building on the strengths of a healthy oil and gas industry - and the sooner we start, the sooner we get there.

Let's get to work, Premier.

Sincerely,

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Restoring Canadian Heritage. . .

Government of Canada restores the historic designations of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) as the Royal Canadian Navy, the Royal Canadian Air Force, and the Canadian Army.

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We believe that an important element of Canada's military heritage was lost when the three former services were required to relinquish their historic titles.

Recently our Government announced the restoration of the historic designations of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) as the Royal Canadian Navy, the Royal Canadian Air Force, and the Canadian Army.

By reinstating the Royal Canadian Navy, Royal Canadian Air Force and the Canadian Army, our Government is restoring a central component of Canada's military heritage

The proud legacy of the Royal Canadian Navy, the Royal Canadian Air Force and the Canadian Army will once again serve as a timeless link between our veterans and serving soldiers, sailors and air personnel.

Restoring these names is an essential part of our government's commitment to acknowledge our nation's proud history, to celebrate our heritage and to honour the memories of so many brave Canadians who have sacrificed in service to Canada.

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