



# Mount Royal

COMMUNITY NEWS



SEPTEMBER 2002

## President's Message

Welcome to September! I hope everyone had a terrific summer. As we move into fall, I would like to update you on some of the happenings around the neighborhood.

Earlier this spring, we had a drain put in to service the flooding problem around the Tennis and the Basketball courts. The flooding causes the pavement to heave and crack. After consulting with court professionals in due course, we hope to resurface both courts for play in the spring. We also hope to replace the Tennis benches inside the courts.

On September 7th and 8th, we will be installing the new playground which we anticipate will need 30 to 40 volunteers over a two day period. If you can spare some time or have some teenagers to help out, please call Susan Walch at 287-9106 to add your names to our list. We will be serving lunches, beverages and you will be invited to the official opening Bar-B-Q.

On October 5th, we are having our Annual Progressive Dinner. A fantastic yet intimate way to meet your neighbors. Reserve early by calling Lori Russell at 229-4379.

Another project that may be of interest to any Grassroots Hockey parents is that the Board is entertaining the idea of increasing the size and adding boards to the rink. If there is anyone

who is interested in pursuing this project, please contact Jeff Holloway for more information 229-4414.

And some old news. A few realtors have complained to me that there are no more bus benches to advertise their name on in Mount Royal because we replaced the bus benches with park benches. Just to let them know that they are welcome to sponsor the benches with their name on a permanent bronze plaque. Anyone who sponsors a bench will receive a tax receipt for the full amount. Call Jeff Holloway for details 229-4414.

Just to let you know that the Board has been working hard for the Mount Royal Community this year and if for any reason you have not yet joined the community or are new, please join today by calling Sheila Telford 245-8541. This is a great neighborhood to live in!

*Evonne Whelan*

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**  
*September 7 and 8!*  
*See Page 4!*

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## Neighborhood News

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## Neighborhood News

### MOM AND TOT PLAYGROUP

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

### *Join us...*

Every Wednesday  
Starting September 11  
10-11:30am

CONTACT  
Susan Walch  
287-9106



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## MRCA Membership

### MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Thank you to those of you who have recently become members of the community. Sadly, only about one third of the people living here have "signed up" to support the community - BUT there's still lots of time!

The membership form is on the back page of the newsletter!

*Sheila Telford*  
Membership Director

# *Join Today!*



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## COME BE A PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Brian Ireland, Director of Planning, is looking for members to join him on the MRCA Development Review Committee.

### THE COMMITTEE:

- reviews proposed developments in Mount Royal and Lower Mount Royal
- offers comments to the City planners as to how they fit into the community
- meets last Wednesday of the month

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# Association News

## PLAYGROUND NEWS UPDATE

As mentioned in previous newsletters, the Community Association has elected to undertake the building of a new playground structure.

The new playground facility will replace the existing outdated and unattractive facility located at Mount Royal Station.

The new playground will be a modern aesthetically pleasing (earthtone) facility that meets all of the new playground safety and security requirements. Depending on the level of landscaping and other park improvements that the final budget allows, the total cost is anticipated to be between \$80,000 and \$100,000.

## Calling All Residents

INCLUDING ANY TEENAGERS!

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! September 7 and 8

20 to 30 volunteers are needed to help put in the new playground at Mount Royal Station

Join us for a 1/2 day, a full day or both days as we build the new structure from the ground up

No skills required!  
Just donate your time and energy!

Lunch will be served

If you are unable to attend but would like to help in other ways (ie providing snacks, coffee, drinks or other services), please call Evonne Whelan at 245-5283

This is a worthwhile project that will benefit the children, other users of the facility, and all Mount Royal residents through the beautification of the community.

The community applied for and received a generous grant of forty thousand dollars from the Community Facility Enhancement Program. These funds must be used within eighteen months towards the new playground or returned. Due to the recent cutbacks in provincial lottery grants, additional funds may not be available later. The community association, therefore, hopes to raise the remaining fifty to sixty thousand dollars privately in order to complete this necessary project in the most economically prudent way.

The Community Association has received private donations of about \$20,000 so far and has embarked on a contribution drive in efforts to raise the remaining \$20,000 to \$40,000. We are also hoping to conduct a casino this season to raise additional funds, therefore, the exposure to existing community funds should be minimal.

We are soliciting the support of private and corporate donors. Donors can be Big Swingers for \$5,000, Playmakers for \$1,000, Climbers for \$500 or Sliders for \$100. These donations are all tax deductible and going to a great cause, the kids and our beautiful community.

The community will erect a permanent plaque at the Mount Royal Station to thank and recognize donors of greater than \$1,000. Individuals or corporations that want their names or logos attached to a playground fixture can do so for \$5,000.

Volunteers are also needed to help put the final structure in place on September 7 and 8.

Should you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact Mike Maughan 228-9557, Dale Dickson 229-3955, David Weyant 245-2434 or Evonne Whelan 245-5283.

Thank you in advance for helping make our community a more fun, safe, and attractive place to live.

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Upcoming  
Community Event

# 5th Annual Progressive Dinner

**Saturday October 5  
6pm**

Tickets \$75 per person  
Dress Business Casual

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# Traffic Safety Report

## OUR TRAFFIC MEASURES

Well hopefully we will see some measures this fall. Elbow Park rushed to get their survey completed but unfortunately we missed the July City Council Meeting and the City seems to shut down for the month of August. The good people that built the Points Of View condos at the corner of 8th street and 19th Avenue have lived up to their promise to install our curb bulbs for us. Full points to them for helping Mount Royal accommodate the higher densities brought about by the City growth and the GO Plan. As mentioned previously – we want to phase our traffic measures in slowly – in some cases the trial may simply consist of a change of signage for a couple of months prior to the trial curbs going in – this allows people to get familiar with a measure for awhile.

## COMMUNITY ENTRANCE SIGNAGE

There has been discussion of constructing a tasteful ‘Community Entrance’ sign of some sort on the Western Curb Bulb that was installed at 19th Avenue and 8th Street. The sign would



likely contain a plaque with a bit of the history of Mount Royal. If there is any resident that would like to take on this project please let me know. Who knows – there may be City or Provincial Grants to pay for the sign due to the historical significance of our community.

## INNER CITY PLANS

The 2nd and 5th Street Project has been approved and should happen this fall – weather permitting. The Elbow Drive project has been approved and should go in next summer. Both these projects help keep the traffic under control in Mount Royal – but they do have a few costs when it comes to our mobility. Please try to remain open minded when having to accommodate these changes.

## SCHOOL CROSSWALKS

Now that school is back in session, we are still hoping that we can get our school crosswalks narrowed as part of our traffic measures once they are approved. I am pushing the idea with the City that school related crosswalks should be marked with the Zebra stripe pattern so that they stand out. If you want to see something happen in this regard – please let Alderman King know your concerns. This is something that the whole city should be asking for.

## 40 KM/HR

We are still working on this. You can help by driving 40 km/hr rather than 60 km/hr on our community roadways. These roadways include 8th Street, Premier Way and Council Way. School is back in – so keep an eye out for the kids and give walking a try.

*Jeff Holloway*  
Traffic Safety Director  
650-8315  
[jeff.holloway@shaw.ca](mailto:jeff.holloway@shaw.ca)

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# In The Community

## ALEXANDER CALHOUN LIBRARY

We have a new look. Come in and see your new library. All summer long we've been busy refurbishing and improving your access to collections. We think you'll be pleased. Come in and staff will be happy to give you the grand tour. We'd like to extend a special invitation to all of you to come in for our grand re-opening on **SEPTEMBER 28** (all day).

## PROGRAMS

To register or for more info, call 221-2010.

### ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Drop in for a lively book discussion.  
Tuesdays **SEPTEMBER 10, OCTOBER 1, NOVEMBER 5, DECEMBER 3**, 7-8:30pm.  
No registration required.

### AUTHOR, AUTHOR – Lori Beattie

Wednesday **SEPTEMBER 25**, 7pm  
Join best-selling author Lori Beattie as she takes you off the beaten path and onto Calgary's urban pathways. Her book "Calgary's Best Hikes and Walks" is a guidebook geared towards people with hectic schedules. Register with your library card beginning September 6.

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## CELEBRATE OUR GRAND RE-OPENING Saturday **SEPTEMBER 28**

Drop in to enjoy refreshments, have a tour of the library or to attend the following program. *ORIGAMI: an introduction to the traditional Japanese art of folding paper, 1:30-3pm*  
Members of the Foothills Origami Guild will instruct participants to fold simple origami models. Supplies will be provided. This program will appeal to all age groups, however, supervision for children under 10 is required. Drop in, no registration required.

## STORYTIMES

Register beginning Thursday **SEPTEMBER 12**

- Baby Time – Ages 6 to 23 months with their parents/caregivers  
3 week series: Mondays **SEPTEMBER 30, OCTOBER 7 & 21**, 10:15-10:45am
- Toddler Story Time – Ages 2 to 3 with their parents/caregivers  
6 week series: Tuesdays **SEPTEMBER 24-OCTOBER 29**, 11-11:20am
- Preschool Story Time – Ages 3 to 5  
6 week series: Thursdays **SEPTEMBER 26-OCTOBER 31**, 2:15-2:45pm
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- The Internet: Beyond the Basics – Part II  
Wednesdays SEPTEMBER 18, OCTOBER 16, NOVEMBER 13, 10-11:30am
- Introduction to Email  
Wednesdays SEPTEMBER 25, OCTOBER 23, NOVEMBER 20, 10-11:30am

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ON-SITE September 5 & 8, 6-9pm  
Parkhill Community Center, 4013 Stanley Rd SW

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
check out our website  
[www.elbowvalleysoccer.com](http://www.elbowvalleysoccer.com) or  
phone 243-4366

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## From Your Alderman

Well let's be brave and start with traffic, our number one issue according to the recent Customer Satisfaction Survey!

- Glenmore Trail can be upgraded to cope with about 1.25 million Calgarians by building a flyover at Elbow Drive and 5th Street and improving the one at 14th Street – all of which should be done in 2004/5. To plan for more people would mean a substantial expansion over the reservoir as well as upgrading 50th Avenue. Decision hopefully in September.
- Biggest question is whether to continue negotiating with the Tsuu T'ina or to build a road down 37th Street across the Weaselhead. The transportation consultant reported the route across the reserve would be best, so I hope the Mayor can negotiate terms that are fair to both sides in the coming months.
- Before deciding to go across the Weaselhead we'd need a clear environmental impact assessment.
- Both the Elbow Drive traffic-calming plan and converting Cliff Bungalow Mission's roads to two-way had strong support from all local communities, and were approved. This should improve the quality of life in these established neighbourhoods. As the city grows, we'll only preserve our communities if we persuade the vast majority of commuting traffic to use the major road network, and not short-cut through our residential streets.
- My request for more neighbourhood traffic calming has led to a new policy that will be coming to Council for approval this fall. I'm hoping it will make it easier for more Ward 8 communities to get traffic calming plans that encourage motorists to drive with more respect when they use our residential roads.
- The City has developed a new Open Space Plan. Most of it deals with the new areas where developers must dedicate 10% of the land to parks, schools etc. Our established communities don't have that advantage. So I proposed (and Council accepted) that next year the City will study and consult with our older communities, taking into account the question of preserving green space where schools might be closed.
- One of Council's newly set Priorities ([www.gov.calgary.ab.ca](http://www.gov.calgary.ab.ca)) is to "develop a new relationship with the BRZ's (Business Revitalization Zones)". This gives me the chance to help all the BRZ's including Ward 8's Marda Loop, 4th Street, Uptown 17th, Victoria Crossing and the Calgary Downtown Association to partner with the City more effectively, and hopefully enhance your favourite people places.
- Council will vote on the next phase of the smoking bylaw in September. The health argument is very strong, but any changes will be tough on many people so it's a difficult balance. I believe the Implementation Committee did an excellent job of weighing the various interests and so I'll support their phase-in recommendations. The only change is that I think we could continue for a few years to allow venues to admit children at one time of the day when there's no smoking and then allow smoking at other times when no children are present. It seems this would make a big difference to many community bingos.
- The Beltline communities of Connaught and Victoria Park are beginning some exciting new planning initiatives. At the same time they are facing problems with drugs, prostitution, graffiti etc. Former New York Mayor Guiliani

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## Classified Ads

### LOST / BORROWED

August 13, 4pm at Valois Park

Boy's red mountain bike minus the front wheel (it fell off and he walked home with it, leaving the bike under a tree to be collected later); by 4:30, the one -wheeled bike had disappeared. It was probably taken as a prank and the return would be very much appreciated.

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- Congratulations to the new community association recently formed in the condominiums springing up in Downtown West! In September I'll be meeting again with all Ward 8 presidents so we can all share our issues.

- The civic arts policy is under review. The steering committee, which I chair, is gearing up to engage Calgarians this fall to redefine our shared vision for the arts in Calgary. It'll be an exciting process, and one that touches the whole city but is probably most important to the downtown and inner city. The timing is fortunate as we're also examining our approach to economic development.

*Madeleine King*

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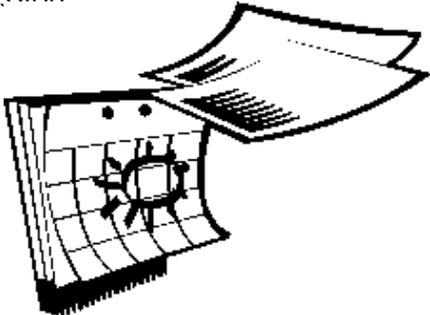
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- Tuesday October 15  
Mount Royal Community News, November Issue  
Deadline for Submission

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