

MAY 2002

President's Message

Finally, spring has arrived. After a somewhat long winter, it is time to get outside, prepare your gardens, hook up the barbeque and enjoy summer with your friends and neighbors in the community.

As we enter into the summer months, I would like to inform you of a few of the projects that the Mount Royal Community Association Board will be working on.

- Fundraising for and designing a new playground
- Resurfacing the Tennis Courts
- Planning Fiesta Night at Mount Royal Station for June 14th
- Gathering sponsors for the new bus benches
- Attracting new Board Members
- Continuing our membership drive
- Implementing many of the planned traffic calming measures

It is also the time of the year that I would like to remind all residents to play an active role in their neighborhood by reporting all criminal incidents to the police (please see John McCormick's report inside), by always cleaning up after your pet, by driving with care, by informing your neighbors of future renovation plans and by

informing your neighbors of your vacation plans. It is with these small contributions among others, that contribute to a peaceful and safe place to live.

And finally, if you have not already done so, please remember to fill out the membership form on the back page of this newsletter to join the Community Association. Of 800 single family homes, we have only received 298 memberships. Your support is invaluable.

I invite you to come out to Fiesta Night for some Margaritas and Tapas on Friday June 14th at 7:30pm.

Evonne Whelan

Get your PEN in FULL gear....



Sign up for MRCA membership...

Fill out the MEMBERSHIP FORM backside of this newsletter

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Mount Royal Community News is published bi-monthly. Thank you to the Glencoe Club who most generously print

this newsletter.



Neighborhood News

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If anyone else would like to "join the list", contact Andrea Fennessey, Communications Director.

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Upcoming Community Event

Fiesta Night

Friday June 14 7:30-10:30pm

Mount Royal Station 2317 10 Street SW

Margaritas & Tapas
Come MEET your neighbours
& have some FUN

Hey Gang!

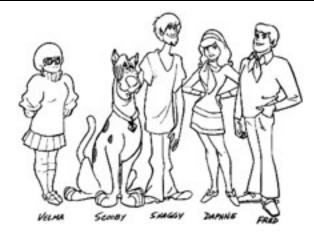
Want to solve the mystery of what to do this summer??

Come to the MOUNT ROYAL/ELBOW PARK Summer Playground Day Camp!!

JULY 3 to AUGUST 23

9am-noon OR 1-4pm Weekly, Daily or Drop-In Ages 3 to 7 years

\$40 per week – MRCA Members \$50 per week – Non Members (or join for \$20 summer program fee) \$10 per day drop in, subject to availability Discounts for Siblings



Join in on Action-Packed Days Incorporating Sports, Crafts, Theme Weeks, Games, Sand and Water Play

COME MEET NEW FRIENDS AND PLAY AT THE PARK!!

REGISTRATION • INFO NIGHT

Thursday JUNE 27, 5-7:30pm Mount Royal Station 2317-10th Street SW

Questions? Call Stephanie @ 228-4048 or Laura @ 245-6284

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MRCA Tennis Members

ATTENTION ALL TENNIS PLAYERS

The new combination for the gate on the community tennis courts will be in place around May 1, 2002. Please get your membership renewal in early to maintain your uninterrupted access to the courts. Please include your email address so that we can get the new combination to you the day of the change.



Get a FREE Tennis Racquet!!

Perfect for the beginner & intermediate player. The easiest way to get the equipment, find a playing partner and learn a few skills.

> 6 hours of skill development sessions with a certified Tennis instructor

Mount Royal Community Courts Juniors 6-7:30pm • Adults & Teens 7:30-9pm SESSION I - June 4&6, June 11&13 SESSION II - June 10&12, June 17&19

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ADULT & TEEN PROGRAMS

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Mount Royal Community Association Instant Tennis **REGISTRATION FORM**

NAME				
ADDRESS			Session I Session II	[]
CITY	POSTAL CC	DE		[]
CIRCLE:	MALE	FEMALE	Junior	[] \$45
EMAIL				[] \$35 without racquet
PHONE HOME			Adult/Teen	[] \$65
PHONE WORK				[] \$45 without racquet
DOB				

FORWARD REGISTRATION FORM AND PAYMENT TO Mount Royal Community Association, c/o Cara Button, 2317 - 10 Street SW, Calgary, AB T2T 3G7

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Neighborhood Chatroom

CALL THE POLICE

Last spring, as my contribution to the community newsletter, I wrote a piece in which I discussed three then recent acts of vandalism committed at the community association building and playground. In that piece I asked, "what were they thinking" as I reported that among other nasty acts, someone set fire to the slide in the playground.

That article attracted quite a few comments from neighbors over the following weeks as I learned about egging, car prowling, car window smashing, tossing a planter through a front window and minor vandalism from a host of neighbors. I also learned that the Earl Grey School was also the target of some unfortunate activities including the frequent despoiling of the schoolyard with broken beer bottles. When I discussed these events with the affected residents, I found that often they not reported to the police.

As the Police allocate manpower based on perceived problems in the communities, reporting the incidents will lead to an increased presence, which we hope will have a calming influence. To reduce the impact of the problem we would like to encourage all residents to report these events to the Police through the 266-1234 non-emergency line.

Report Vandalism
Damaged Street Signs
Graffiti
Personal Property
No Matter How
BIG or SMALL
Call the Police 266-1234

The reason why I thought that it was timely to raise this topic is that during the afternoon of March 8, 2002, a 12 year old boy was accosted and robbed by a group of high school aged boys while attempting to cross the Earl Grey School vard on his way to the Glencoe Club. One of the high school aged boys is reported to have demanded \$5 to allow the younger boy to cross their turf. The lone 12 year old had no money but was deprived of \$40 of Cineplex movie coupons before being allowed to proceed. This incident was immediately reported to the Police and an identification of one of the high school aged boys has been made. I would like you to think about the implications of the next sentence. The robbery took place in daylight on a very cold day.

Next time you become aware of an incident, whether minor vandalism or something more serious, report it to the Police. Let's help make Mount Royal a safer place.



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Traffic Safety Report

TRIAL MEASURES

We are expecting our trial measures to start going in over the summer. Elbow Park seems very impressed with the Traffic consultant that is helping them conjure up a plan that is acceptable to their community – so our measures should hopefully be put in front of Council soon.

At the meeting that was called by our Alderman to discuss traffic issues, I asked the City if they would describe our measures as too much or too little. Their response was that they felt our proposed measures fell right in the middle of these two extremes and that the City thought they were all quite reasonable requests considering the traffic levels in the community. Hopefully City Council will see it this way as well.

5TH AND 2ND STREET

The topic of the 2nd and 5th two-way conversion came up at the Alderman's meeting several times. Our Alderman stated that what happens to 5th Street and 2nd Street should be of no concern to Mount Royal residents and therefore

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our Alderman would not allow Ma
Halliday – the Project Manager of
conversion – to speak on the issue
of the 'Open Discussion'. Our Alderman
stated at the beginning of the meeting that the
conversion funds were not available and that the
project was too risky. During the course of the
meeting the head of the City Planning Department
clarified that all the funds were already earmarked
and put aside for the project and after the meeting
Martin Halliday stated that the City Planning
Department considers the conversion to not have
any risk associated with it.

Unfortunately our Alderman does not recognize that there are four parallel North-South roadways that are used to connect Elbow Drive to 17th Avenue – and our narrow residential 8th Street is one of them. Whatever happens to 2nd, 4th and 5th - has a huge affect on traffic on 8th. Our community traffic proposals should substantially reduce the afternoon commuter traffic that uses 8th Street but we are still left with the morning commuter traffic. The moving of one of the Northbound lanes from 2nd Street over to 5th Street, combined with the 40 km/hr signs and other measures on 8th Street, should go a long way towards solving our morning problems on 8th and also relieve the congestion around the Glencoe in Elbow Park.

INNER CITY TRAFFIC STUDY

The recommendations contained in the 'Inner City Traffic Study' will reduce our ability to cut through other communities to get around the 'Inner City'. The recommendations also allow for modifications that will increase the efficiency of the existing large roadways in the Inner City. It is these large roadways that we share with the commuters trying to get to work downtown. Residents of the Inner City pay the biggest price – reduced mobility – but we also get the biggest benefits –less traffic on the back streets.

...CONT'D ON PG7

Traffic Safety Report...cont'd from PG6

The commuter's benefit by the greater efficiency of the larger roadways.

So when your commuting coworkers from the South start complaining about the Inner City Plans, please make sure they understand them.

PREMIER WAY BIKE PATH

We are hoping that the pedestrian/bike path on the South side of Premier Way - between 7th and 10th Street - that was proposed and approved by both Mount Royal and Elbow Park - eventually makes it into the City plans. I am sure that we have all seen children and parents cautiously walking or cycling in the road with all the cars zipping past because the City has never provided sidewalks in this area. We are hoping that the sewer project goes ahead so that we can piggyback on that project to get these improvements.

SCHOOL CROSSWALKS

The province has changed the rules concerning school crosswalks. The Grade 6 children with the STOP signs and the bright orange vests are not allowed to go out into the roadway; they must remain on the curb during the crossing process. This means that the shorter, younger, less visible students get sent out into the roadway unescorted.

There are three things that we can do to help reduce the risks at these crosswalks: 1) As drivers we need to be aware that the crossing guards are not going to escort the kids into the roadway, so PLEASE watch for the kids and don't expect to see that orange wrapped big kid with the sign out in the middle of the roadway. 2) As parents we should not send the young ones alone to cross at these crossings. Plus we should choose bright colours for our kid's coats. 3) The community association has spoken to both Earl Grey and William Reid Schools about this issue. It is out of the schools control, however, we are going to request that the City make the existing trial road narrowing at the crosswalks on Council Way and Hillcrest - permanent - plus we are planning to request the same treatment

of the crosswalk on 8th Street by Earl Grey School. In the last City Council Traffic Meeting, the use of raised crosswalks was approved by City Council. We would love to be the trial community for these measures. A few calls from worried parents to our Alderman may expedite this request.

LOWER MOUNT ROYAL

Occasionally our community association and traffic committee gets complaints from Lower Mount Royal residents that their traffic problems and other issues do not get addressed. For issues to be addressed, they must first be defined and communicated. If your street has a problem or a request, get a few of your neighbors to agree with you and then send us an email with the problem defined. Then we will address it.

40 KM/HR SIGNAGE

We have not heard anything from the City on this topic.

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From Your Alderman

The ward 8 office is even busier than could have been imagined!

On the Finance and Budget committee and special sub-committee, budget finalization is April 30. That's when the tax rate will be set for this year, and current indications are that any increase will be less than 3%. That percentage number actually refers to the effect on the City, and will mean less than a 3% tax increase to each homeowner whose property tax assessment has not changed since last year. That will also be about the same date Council votes on whether or not Enmax should be sold.

The ward 8 presidents and community planning development directors came together in March to share views on their visions for their communities and share some best practices and worst challenges. Our communities are very diverse and it's helpful to understand the wide range of issues.

Let's hope spring is on its way. You gardeners in our midst provide each of us with real joy as we walk down our streets noticing your brave early flowers bringing sparks of colour as they poke their heads out of the ground to welcome the warmer weather.

Madeleine King



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Are you interested in learning about the Planning process?
Like to contribute some volunteer time for the Mount Royal
Community Association?

Brian Ireland, the Director of Planning, is looking for some new members for the Development Review Committee of the Mount Royal Community Association. The Committee meets once per month on the last Wednesday of the month at the Mount Royal Station, 2317-10th Street SW (the community building). The City circulates to the Community Association all developments in Mount Royal and Lower Mount Royal as part of the planning process. The Committee reviews these proposed developments and comments to the City planners as to how they fit into the community.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE, VOLUNTEER CALL 244-5025 TO VOLUNTEER

Public Service Announcement

INTEGRATIVE HEALTH INSTITUTE New Health Partner - Stay Healthy, Stay Informed

Calgary has a new health partner, the Integrative Health Institute of Calgary. This non-profit organization has been established to provide quality health information that blends both conventional and complementary therapies. The Institute is partnered with the Calgary Health Region and has gained recognition for helping people find information on natural therapies and evidence-based research. They do not supply medical treatment.

The Institute, which is located at the Holy Cross Centre, welcomes everyone to use the free library resources. The multi-media library is the first of it's kind in Canada with over 1200 resources on complementary and alternative health. The library is unique as it identifies the scientific merit and credibility of each resource on the shelf from high to low evidence. In other words, you can find all the information you require at a glance. The entire library catalogue is also online. Please log on to their website at www.integrativehealth.ca or watch CFCN "Health Watch" for more information.

The Institute's professional staff of health educator's can also help you. Their goal is to support you regarding personal health issues; such as MS, Cancer, Arthritis, Obesity, Hypertension and Diabetes. If you would like an appointment with a health educator you can call (403) 209-1777. The Institute offers a unique learning experience called the Health Journal [©] This is a 1.5-hour session in which a health educator helps you create a personal health vision while listening to your concerns and information needs. This service includes the Health Index[®] which is a mini-directory of reliable materials that you can use from your own home or office computer. This complete service is \$40 (+GST). If you would like to know more about a topic related to complementary and alternative health you might wish to attend one of the Institute's professional workshops. Topics include an overview of therapies such as acupuncture, herbology, nutrition, and stress reduction, biofeedback and energy medicine. Please drop by the Institute or call for more information.

Integrative Health Institute Holy Cross Centre, #100, 2310-2nd Street SW (403) 209-1777, www.integrativehealth.ca

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This advertisement is not intended to solicit any property currently listed for sale or to cause breach of any existing buyer brokerage agreement

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Public Service Announcements

CAN TABS - FOR DIABETIC CHILDREN

The Calgary Heritage Lions Club is asking for your help with the collection of can tabs and clean aluminum (aluminum foil, pie plates etc.).

Monies raised through the pop tab project are used to sponsor or partially sponsor children to attend diabetic camp; where they realize they are not the only ones with diabetes. They learn how to control their disease through their diet and exercise. They also learn that they can still lead a normal life if they know and understand their limitations. These children have to monitor their blood sugar levels up to six or more times a day, and give themselves injections of insulin.

One week at camp costs \$475. This covers the hiring of a qualified nurse, dietician, councilors, food, etc. The Alberta Children's Hospital Diabetic Unit staff has criteria the patients and families must meet before the children receive sponsorship. This is handled entirely by the hospital.

It takes 1,350 tabs to make one pound of aluminum which nets \$.45 a pound. Since 1992 with the help of individuals, schools, office staff, organizations in Calgary and throughout the Province, the Calgary Heritage Lions have donated approximately \$40,000 to the Alberta Children's Hospital – Diabetic Outpatient Clinic. 100% of the proceeds realized is for the diabetic children. Each tab makes a difference. With your help more children can go to camp, have fun and learn how to cope.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TAB PICK UP CONTACT

Mike/Rachel Hill 236-9661 Frank/Marion Benstead 271-7397 Don/Sylvia Zuber 236-4381

THE GREAT CALGARY PET PARTY

Presented by the Calgary Humane Society and the Calgary Academy of Veterinary Medicine

On Saturday, May 25, thousands of animal lovers will descend upon North Glenmore Park to take part in Calgary's first-ever pet festival.

Featuring a fundraising dog walk, this event will be a fun-filled day of demonstrations, stage entertainment, children's activities, animal health seminars, pet-and-people massage, pet caricaturists, food kiosks, and lots of other enjoyable things to do with your family and your pets. All proceeds will go to the Calgary Humane Society!

EVENT SCHEDULE

10am Registration and

"Dog's Breakfast" for walk participants

11am Dog Walk begins (2km and 4km loops)
Demonstrations, entertainment, health

seminars and other activities begin

2pm Dog walk ends

3pm "The Great Calgary Pet Party" ends

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO HAVE AN EVENT BROCHURE AND PLEDGE FORM SENT TO YOU, CALL Calgary Humane Society 250-7722, ext 303



In the Community

ALEXANDER CALHOUN LIBRARY

What will you be doing on the May long weekend? Whether you camp, hike, gardening or relax with a good book or booktape, Calhoun Branch Library has something special for everyone.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Celebrate the International Year of Mountains
The Rockies' Best Hikes: A Visual Tour
Join Mike Potter, local author and photographer
of seven books on the Rockies, on a visual tour of
the best hikes in our spectacular alpine landscape.
Wednesday JUNE 5, 7-8 pm (pre-register)

Attitude and Coping with Adversity Healthily

Doreen Fowlie is a Life Strategist & Coach with 30 years of corporate experience and is a cancer survivor. Join Doreen and hear her thoughts on the importance of attitude in coping with adversity. Tuesday MAY 14, 7-8pm

Roses Aren't Difficult Here

It's all about choosing the right roses for our climate. The Calgary Horticultural Society will suggest tried and true hardy shrub roses that thrive here, with suggestions for over wintering and nurturing tender hybrid tea and David Austin roses. Tuesday MAY 28, 7-8pm

Adult Book Discussion Group

This interesting and stimulating group meets the first Tuesday evening of each month. Tuesday MAY 7 & JUNE 4, 7-8:30pm

TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS

Internet Searching – Basic
Wednesday JUNE 5, 10-11:30am
Internet Searching – Intermediate
Wednesday JUNE 12, 10-11:30am
E-mail
Wednesday JUNE 19, 10-11:30am

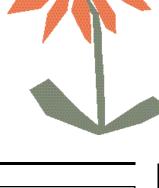
PROJET VERT ECOLE WILLIAM REID L'entrée au paradis / A Piece of Paradise

If you haven't had an opportunity yet to visit Ecole William Reid's Naturalization Site – L'entrée au paradis – Now is the time!!

The hardlandscaping on the project was completed in the fall and the students and community have been able to wander through the paths all winter. Now that spring is arriving we can really appreciate all the work that has been completed so far. DIG Days are planned for late May and early June, signs will be posted

at the school with specific dates and times. We will be planting 12 more trees and 140 shrubs.

If you'd like to participate in our DIG DAYS or would like more information on this exciting project please contact Leslie Irwin at 243-2161 or lirwin@nucleus.com.



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Friday June 14, 7:30-10:30pm Fiesta Night

Monday June 15 Mount Royal Community News, July Issue Deadline for Submission

Thursday June 27, 5-7:30m Summer Playground Day Camp Registration • Info

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Be a MEMBER... Sign Up Today

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