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# President's Message

Hello Mount Royalers!

A lot has happened since the last newsletter and I find myself with much to say!!!

This summer has been a busy one! When the flood hit in late June, the entire City was hard at work helping those affected. The Mount Royal community as a whole extended a helping hand however we could. Many of our neighbours affected by the flood, joined us at our annual Stampede Barbecue. It was a beautiful evening, filled with bouncy castles, a petting zoo, great food from Janice Beaton and lots of debriefing over the events that had so recently transpired. Thank you to everyone involved in making the barbecue possible.

In the weeks following the flood, daytime childcare was provided at the Station House, allowing families to work on their clean up. Thank you to those who volunteered their time, energy and resources to make this possible.

As a result of the flood, we are welcoming Elbow Park School into Mount Royal for the next two years. There will be modules added to the east side of Earl Grey in the coming months, increasing the number of students attending school in the area. Please be extra careful this winter and fall when driving through Mount Royal. The number of children and families walking, biking and driving in our neighbourhood will be significantly increased during the school year (particularly along 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Hillcrest Avenue). This issue of the MRCA newsletter touches on some traffic concerns that have plagued our neighbourhood for some time. Read ahead to delve into some of the factors contributing to the traffic and speed concerns shared by many of our neighbours.

For those new to Mount Royal, the annual 78th Fraser Highlander's Wolfe Statue/Plains of Abraham ceremony took place on September 15th to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the end of the Seven Years War. It was a gorgeous day in South Mount Royal Park where a kilted band of bagpipers and percussionists marched through the park. Cannons and muskets were shot in the air to commemorate the occasion and the ongoing work of our fire fighters, police and paramedics. All in all, a good show and it happens every year around this time. Make sure to mark it into your calendar for next September.

Fall is a beautiful time of year and the Annual Progressive Dinner is a brilliant way to meet the people in your neighbourhood. Make sure to buy tickets well in advance for this event on October 19<sup>th</sup> as they sell out fast!

Lastly, the MRCA annual general meeting will be held on November 13th at 7pm at the Station House (2317 10 St SW). It is also a wonderful opportunity to meet your neighbours and to connect with the community. I look forward to seeing you there!

Have a wonderful fall and enjoy the many festivities that occur between this newsletter and the next!!!

Krista de Silva  
MRCA President

Please join us at our  
**MRCA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
November 13, 7:00 pm  
Mount Royal Station (2317 10 Street SW)

## THANK YOU

We would like to thank the Glencoe Club for publishing and collating this newsletter!  
We appreciate your contributions and your long-time dedication to the MRCA!



# GET TREES FOR YOUR STREET FRONTAGE

Mount Royal has been chosen for the City of Calgary NeighbourWoods Program for 2014. This partnership between community and city is an effort to replenish the tree canopy. It's a once in a generation opportunity. The City does the hard work; you just water new trees by filling the watering bag attached to each tree to assure success. What's not to love!?

Get full details and sign up at [calgary.ca/neighbourwoods](http://calgary.ca/neighbourwoods).

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE?** Any resident of Upper or Lower Mt Royal, including renters or owners of single family dwellings, condominiums or apartments. The only requirement is that you live on the premises and are willing to care for the tree. If you move out of those premises, the City asks that you inform the landlord so that new tenants can be asked to water the tree.

**WHERE CAN TREES BE PLANTED?** Trees can be planted ONLY on City property in front and beside your residence near the street.

**WHAT ARE THE TREES LIKE?** Trees are 5-7 feet tall, depending on species, with a retail value is \$200 or more. A wide variety of tree choices can be viewed online at <http://www.calgary.ca/CSPS/Parks/Documnts/Programs/Tree-planting/Neighbourwoods/neighbourwoods-tree-species.pdf>.

**HOW MANY TREES CAN I GET?** You may be eligible for multiple trees; the limiting factor is available space on the City property in front or beside your residence.

**CAN I REPLACE A DYING TREE?** The City may remove existing dead or dying trees and grind out stumps to make way for new trees on a case by case basis. You can sign up for the NeighbourWoods Program and discuss this with the City gardening expert during the site visit.

**HOW DOES IT WORK?** To sign up for the NeighbourWoods Program, call 3-1-1 or go online to [calgary.ca/neighbourwoods](http://calgary.ca/neighbourwoods). The sign up deadline is March 31, 2014. You commit to water and monitor your new tree regularly for five summers and pay a nominal \$30 per tree fee. Each tree comes with a watering bag, so you just keep the bag filled with water in warm weather.

Before the community planting day in June or September, 2014, a City gardening expert will meet with you at your home to discuss what tree species you want and where trees can be planted with regards to property lines, underground infrastructure, etc. YOU are not required to know ANYTHING. The City will do all these "underground locates" prior to the visit. The City expert will come armed with all necessary information to help you make good decisions. Once you and the gardening expert decide how many trees your space can accommodate, you can pay your \$30 per tree fee by check or cash to the Mount Royal Community Association which will, in turn, pay the City for the total trees to be planted in Mount Royal.

A week before the planting day, the City will dig every tree hole by machine (and lightly back fill them to prevent injuries before trees are planted). On planting day, you will come to a central neighbourhood location to collect your tree and go through a short educational presentation. You can then take your tree home to plant. Neighbourhood volunteers will be available with trucks, shovels and muscle if you need help with transportation or planting.

**WHAT MUST I KNOW?** Not much! You don't need to know where your property line is, what property belongs to the City, or where the gas or water lines run. The City gardening expert will figure out all of that. You don't even need to know how to care for a tree! The City will be available through 3-1-1 to assist at any opportunity.

To sign up or to get more details, go to [calgary.ca/neighbourwoods](http://calgary.ca/neighbourwoods).

Charlene Prickett  
MRCA Historic Mount Royal Beautification Committee



## Glenbow Archives NA-4014-9

AMERICAN HILL AND MT. ROYAL - CALGARY, ALTA.  
Pub. by THE STAR.

In 1913, when Mount Royal was called American Hill, it was devoid of trees. The spectacular trees we enjoy today are thanks to the planting done by those who've gone before us. We honor their gift to us as we replenish our trees for future generations.

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**Title:** American hill and Mount Royal, Calgary, Alberta.

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Michael Alkema, environmental educator for NeighbourWoods program, discusses two potted sample trees behind him with Mount Royal resident, Jeff Nichols.

# Your Membership is Important!

Dear Mount Royal Residents,

Thank you to all our residents who supported the Community Association again this year by renewing their membership. We are thankful to those who have undertaken various membership drives and last year's membership numbers grew considerably due to their efforts. It seems that without the door-to-door efforts extended last year, this year's membership numbers are down due to lack of membership renewals.

If you have not had the opportunity to renew yet, please don't wait for a volunteer to call before doing so. Remember, receiving this newsletter or the MRCA e-mails does not necessarily mean you are a current member, so if in doubt, please contact [membership@mountroyalstation.ca](mailto:membership@mountroyalstation.ca). The membership year is January through December and for those members who would like to take advantage of it, we are introducing a multi-year membership option when paying by cheque or we will also be offering an automatic renewal option on PayPal in 2014. Membership retention is a vital part of a strong Community Association and we would like to encourage all of our residents to be involved.

With thanks,  
Geraldine Nolan  
MRCA Membership

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## DID YOU KNOW....?

The MRCA Development Review Committee would like to make the community at large aware of an application by a developer to purchase parkland that is part of the Cliff Bungalow Escarpment. This was first brought to our attention in December and we have been in contact with Alderman Mar on this matter since that time. A meeting was held with the applicant in January. The potential sale did get some attention in the press in June, but was quickly overshadowed by the floods.

The application involves the amalgamation of two lots on Hillcrest Avenue and one lot on Hope Street, as well as a subdivision of adjacent city-owned parkland in the Natural Area Park known as Cliff Bungalow Escarpment. The parcel of three lots plus the fourth lot acquired by purchasing the parkland, is being put together for the purpose of building a single family home. The amalgamation of the three lots has not caused any concern. It is the sale of the parkland without community involvement that has upset residents in both Cliff Bungalow and Mount Royal. The piece of parkland in question lies at the border of the two communities and is actually in the boundaries of Cliff Bungalow. However, it is deemed by the Parks Department to be functionally part of Mount Royal because of its location. There is a sitting area known as Evamy Park next to this parcel. This is a very popular walking and viewing area for residents of both communities. The piece of parkland that is being sold is triangular in shape and about 200 feet long and sixty feet wide at its widest point. It has a magnificent view that has not been available to the public due to the perception that it was privately owned. This piece of the escarpment was once available to all Calgarians. Aerial photographs from the 1940s onward show the gradual encroachment by the adjacent property owners. The land itself, and the rest of the escarpment, was deeded to the city by the CPR specifically to be used as public lands.

The creep of private ownership into public lands has been ongoing for many years in Calgary, often without any community awareness. Alderman Mar has assured us that this sale will not be passed by Council without community involvement. We would like the community to be aware of the sale so that individuals can decide for themselves if they do or do not support this sale. The sale was approved by the City Corporate Planning Applications Group on February 1, 2013. Next, the proposal will go to the Land and Asset Committee and the final step will be City Council. No dates have been provided as to when this will happen. Please contact Alderman John Mar to provide your input.

Darlene Bruce  
MRCA Community Development

## City Treated Their Elms Residents Can Now Do Their Part

European elm scale, is an insect pest which feeds by means of piercing plant tissue (leaves and bark) and utilizing plant juices. In Calgary, elm trees are particularly hard hit by both the nymph and adult stages of this pest. Damage symptoms are not readily apparent on elms 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. Honeydew creates a sticky, blackened film on cars, rock walls, decks and furniture placed beneath it. Homeowners who enjoy Calgary's fresh summer breezes through open windows may notice a sticky feel to window sills and floor areas beneath open windows.

The expensive systemic pesticide, Confidor, has proven highly effective on elm scale and is not a threat to birds, squirrels, cats, etc. Heavy elm scale infestation can kill a tree in just a few seasons and will infect neighbouring trees by "riding the wind". In August, the City of Calgary subcontracted ArborCare Tree Service to inject Confidor in all elm trees on City property in Mount Royal, but now, untreated elms on private property threaten to re-infect our lovely boulevard trees and any nearby treated trees on private property.

Mount Royal residents with elms on private property may benefit from a Confidor Treatment Group discount negotiated by the Beautification Committee with ArborCare Tree Service for the spring of 2014. The best treatment window is around Stampede time, so remember to sign up with ArborCare as soon as possible (prior to July 1st, 2014).

The cost of treatment includes a service charge of \$75 which includes the pesticide application of one elm 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. 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.

If you want elm tree treatment, contact ArborCare's office at 403-273-6378. Say that you are a Mount Royal resident and want to be a part of the Mount Royal Treatment Group. If you need advice on what kind of trees you have and whether or not they need treatment, ArborCare can send a knowledgeable member of their staff to consult with you and plan details pertaining to set-up and treatment.

MRCA Historic Mount Royal Beautification Committee



In August, Kim Halpenny, a treatment specialist with ArborCare Tree Service, was contracted by the City of Calgary to inject Confidor pesticide into every elm tree on City property in Mount Royal. Kim's work is a part of the City's ongoing efforts to prevent the destruction of elm trees by elm scale insects.

# MRCA Traffic

My involvement in the Mount Royal Community Association began as a concern for pedestrians and cyclists on our community roads. At the time, my perception was that vehicles were travelling at unsafe speeds, in excess of the marked speed limit. This was brought forward to city police, who stated that in previous efforts to enforce, the majority, were, in fact, driving within the speed posted on the street. Despite this, I would repeatedly find myself shaking my head while impatient drivers tailgated, honked horns, shook fists, refused to yield and in one situation, collided into my SUV while I yielded to allow him to pass.

It wasn't until a very tragic accident in our neighbourhood, early this summer, that I realized the broader scope of the issue. I had been called to the where the accident had occurred, and walked the block assessing distance and damages. My immediate reaction was that excessive speed must have been a factor. It was reported to me that what I witnessed was the effect of 50 km/h. I was mortified, responding, "If this is 50k, then 50k is not okay!"

That afternoon, I drove the hill where the accident occurred and continued to drive other streets, monitoring my speed in relationship to what I felt was comfortable. What I discovered is I rarely exceeded 30 km/h, and in most cases, travelled less than 30 km/h.

My realization was that people, in most cases, were not "speeding", but the speed limit was far too fast for a residential street. I embarked on further research and found many global initiatives and studies supporting my observation. What you will read below is a synopsis of only a few.

## NHMRC Road Accident Research Unit

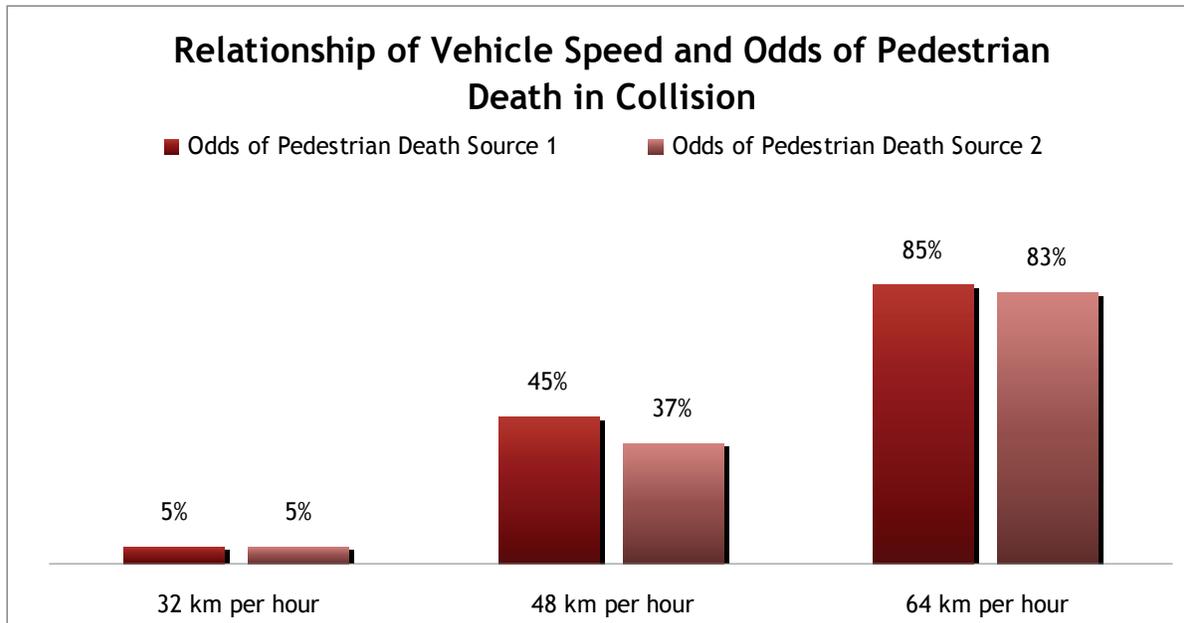


Figure 1: As speed increases, so does the risk of pedestrian fatalities. Study conducted in miles per hour, converted to kilometers per hour and numbers maintained for absolute accuracy. <http://humantransport.org/sidewalks/SpeedKills.htm>

[Source 1: *Killing Speed and Saving Lives*, UK Dept. of Transportation, London, England. See also Limpert, Rudolph. *Motor Vehicle Accident Reconstruction and Cause Analysis*. Fourth Edition. Charlottesville, VA. The Michie Company, 1994, p. 663.]

[Source 2: *Vehicle Speeds and the Incidence of Fatal Pedestrian Collisions* prepared by the Australian Federal Office of Road Safety, Report CR 146, October 1994, by McLean AJ, Anderson RW, Farmer MJB, Lee BH, Brooks CG.]

## Deputy Chief Coroner of Ontario-Traffic / Pedestrian Fatality Study

In a 2010 study conducted by the Deputy Chief Coroner of Ontario, Dr. Bert Lauwers, said that speed kills. It is an inescapable fact, citing that statistics show a pedestrian struck by a vehicle travelling 50 km/hr is **FIVE TIMES** more likely to die than if struck at 30 km/hr. “The data are irrefutable. The higher the rate of speed at which a pedestrian is struck, the greater the chance of death.”

Key findings in the Pedestrian Death Review relating to speed and fatality on residential roads listed below:

- 67% of deaths occurred on roads posted with speeds beyond 50 km/hour, and only 5% on roads below 50 km/hr. For the remainder, speed was unknown.
- 76% of fatalities occurred in urban areas and 75% happened on wide, busy arterial roads.

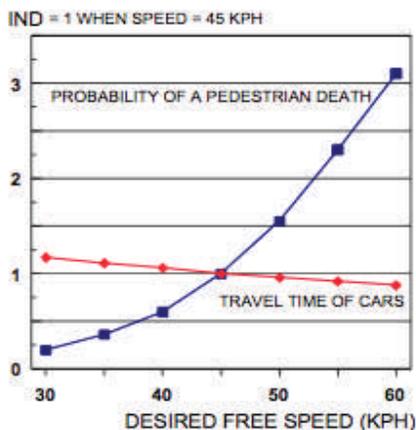
Recommendations in his report include:

- reducing speed limits to 30 km/hr on residential streets;
- adopting speed limits of 40 km/hr on other streets unless otherwise posted

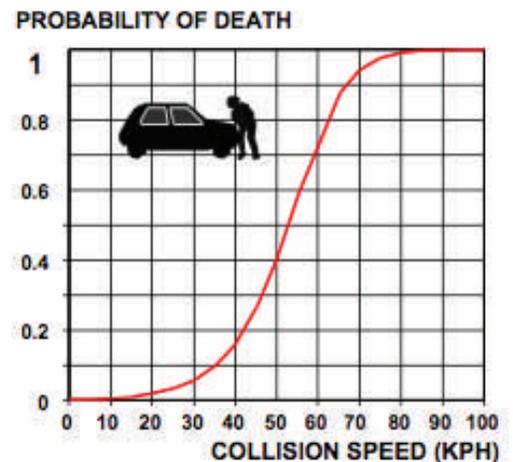
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## The City of Helsinki, Finland-Traffic / Pedestrian Fatality Study

Results from a report produced by the Helsinki City Planning Department, Finland, stated that “a speed of 50 km/hr increases the risk of a pedestrian death almost eight-fold compared to 30 km/hr”. The graph to the right demonstrates the collision speed and probability of death.



A common argument by drivers who are against lowering speeds in residential areas is a resultant increase in travel time. The above study also showed that a decrease in speed had very little effect while the probability of death for the pedestrian increased significantly. This is due to the fact that drivers, regardless of speed, were required to stop and wait at lights as well as other expected obstructions. Therefore, increased speed through residential areas accomplished very little, while creating greater risk for those who live, walk and cycle in the community.



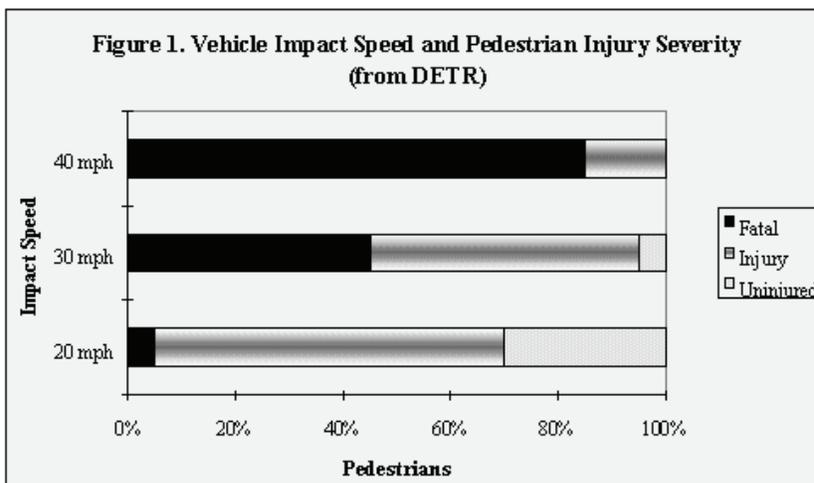
The Finnish study found that by lowering the speed limit to 30 km/hr on residential streets, COMBINED with effective speed camera enforcement, would **reduce the pedestrian accident costs by 70 percent**. The report concludes that 30km/hr in residential communities combined with speed-camera enforcement is the “cheapest and only quick measure to strongly reduce the number of serious pedestrian accidents in wide urban areas.”

[Source 4: Helsinki City Planning Department, Traffic Planning Division: [www.walk21.com/papers/San Sebastian 02 Pasanen Driving Speeds and Pedestrian Safet\(1\).pdf](http://www.walk21.com/papers/San_Sebastian_02_Pasanen_Driving_Speeds_and_Pedestrian_Safet(1).pdf)]

## United States of America Department of Transportation - National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Traffic / Pedestrian Fatality Review

A report published by the US Department of Transportation in October of 1999, stated that its findings were similar to what was determined by a UK report, which are as follows:

- 20 mph (32 km per hour) impact speeds: 5 percent death, 65 percent injured, and 30 percent uninjured
- 30 mph (48 km per hour) impact speeds: 45 percent death, 50 percent injured, and 5 percent uninjured
- 40 mph (64 km per hour) impact speeds: 85 percent death and 15 percent injured.



[Source 5: U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: <http://www.nhtsa.gov/people/injury/research/pub/hs809012.html>]

### Summary

The above studies were included to demonstrate that regardless of when or where in the world a pedestrian – traffic speed and safety study was conducted, the findings support that 50 km/h is disproportionately more deadly than 30 km/h.

The communities of Upper and Lower Mount Royal are at greater risk than the average Calgary community, due to:

- Its proximity to downtown
- It lacks traffic lights
- It lacks sidewalks on several streets
- It lacks cul-de-sacs

When a driver wishes to avoid the congestion and lights on nearby collector roads, their option is to drive through Mount Royal. Many streets are marked at the same speed as collector roads. As a result of this, Mount Royal becomes the obvious alternative route for those in a hurry to get to work, or to get home.

It should also be noted that residential streets in Airdrie are 30 km/hr as a results of a bylaw passed in the 1980s. The only difference between school/playground and regular zones is the size of the fine for infractions.

***"Those refusing to comply with speed limits either don't believe in the influence of driving speed on impact speed or just don't care at all. Due to this 'rejection front' it must be proven in every country that the laws of Isaac Newton are true." ~ Walz, M Hoefliger and W Fehlmann, 1983.***

J. Morel

Below are photographs of streets in Upper and Lower Mount Royal, considered 50 km/hr (standard speed unless otherwise marked) with many lacking sidewalks. These photos were taken on regular, average days within our community.



# The Summer of 2013

## Skunks Invade Mount Royal Right Under Our Noses

Albeit smartly dressed in elegant black and white, the skunks which took up residence in Mount Royal this summer, were not altogether welcome. Many neighbours spotted the critters and gave them wide berth, while others choked at the highly offensive smell born on a summer breeze or a favorite pet. With no natural predators in our urban environment, multiple skunk families enjoyed undisturbed lodging beneath the exterior steps, porches, and decks of Mount Royal homes. Under cover of darkness, these omnivores stealthily crossed property lines and traveled the lanes of the community to scavenge on garbage, birdseed, dog food, and garden crops.

The good news is that skunks eat mice, but they also eat honeybees. The bad news is, skunks will be back next summer. While skunks don't actually hibernate, they go into a state of torpor, a groggy sleep interrupted by intermittent periods of awake, active time. Skunks generally come out of their dens on warm days to search for food. Don't be surprised if you smell skunk in winter. If you think skunks may be living near your home, survey your property at ground level for loose or easily accessible garbage or dog food. Check around wood piles, rock piles, and areas where debris is piled. Look under crawl spaces, porches, concrete slabs, decks, elevated sheds, above ground pools, spas, and hot tubs. If you see cone shaped holes in your lawn, it is probably from skunks digging for grubs. Lawn damage might mean a skunk is just passing through, so you must also listen and look for signs around your home.

**Skunk removal:** Conrad Mueller, president of Absolute Pest Control, provides humane skunk removal. For \$85.00, Mueller will set a marshmallow-baited skunk trap just outside the opening of a skunk den. The removal man will release the trapped skunk at a privately owned "skunk resort" on an welcoming acreage north of Calgary. The removal fee is an additional \$85.00.

**Skunk management:** Skunks dig access holes with tell-tail trails leading to them. Skunks also make night noises under buildings or porches and decks. Once skunks have made their home on your property, you must be sure the animals have left before blocking the opening. One way to determine this is monitor the footprints; sprinkle a smooth, 1/8-inch thick layer of flour just in front of the point of entrance to form a tracking patch. Examine the tracking patch soon after dark; the presence of footprints will indicate what animal is using the area. If the floured trail remains undisturbed for two or three nights (and it is not winter, when the skunk may be inactive for long periods), it is safe to assume that the hole is unoccupied and can be filled. You can permanently exclude skunks (and other den-seeking creatures) with an L-shaped footer of welded wire or similar barriers.

To discourage skunks prowling your property, you should alter your management of bird feeders, outdoor dog food bowls, garbage in plastic bags, open compost piles, and loosely stacked wood piles.

If you see a skunk, you are not doomed to stink. Your behavior can determine the outcome of the encounter. When a skunk feels threatened, it gives advance warning by stamping its front feet. If the threat doesn't retreat, the skunk will raise it's tail, turn its rear end towards the danger and spray. Most people and wild animals avoid direct confrontations with skunks. Dogs, however, tend to charge forward with no thought of the consequences and presses the skunk to unleash the foul spray.



Front Track:  
7/8 - 1 1/2 in. L x 3/4 - 13/16 in. W



Hind Track:  
15/16 - 1 13/16 in. L x 13/16 - 1 1/4 in. W

*The social event of the year is fast approaching...*

## Mount Royal Progressive Dinner Party

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2013**

The Mount Royal 2013 Progressive Dinner Party will be held on Saturday, October 19th. This is a fantastic event and a great opportunity to visit and get to know neighbours better.

**The Event:** The evening starts at 6 pm with everyone gathering for appetizers. We then break off into small groups for an elegant and fun dinner at a hosts' home. Lastly, we join together again for dessert at a final destination. Tickets are \$125 per person.

**Hosting:** If you are willing to host dinner for 6 or more guests, we would be grateful. We always have more interested guests than hosts. To volunteer as a dinner host home and for additional details, email [msmith@mpsquities.com](mailto:msmith@mpsquities.com).

### **Get your tickets to this great event NOW!**

1. Complete the attached RSVP form indicating attendee name(s) and email.
2. Drop the form plus cheque (payable to *Mount Royal Community Association*) for \$125 per person at the Mount Royal Station.
3. Add \$45 per family if you have not yet paid your **2013** MRCA membership dues.
4. We will contact you with further details by email closer to the event.



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## Scratch Marks on Your Front Porch?

Two winters ago I was mystified by deep scratches that were showing up on the wooden floor of my veranda. Eventually I realized that they created a trail to the mailbox. A phone call to the post office confirmed that the mailman was wearing ice cleats. To prevent further damage to the veranda we moved the mailbox to another location.

Something to be aware of if you have wooden steps at your front door....!

D. Bruce

## MRCA STAMPEDE BBQ 2013 - YAHOO!

This years MRCA BBQ was open to all Communities affected by the June floods, in hopes to offer a small reprieve from the chaos our neighbours were facing. The petting zoo, face painting, giant slide, pony rides and jumpy castle kept had kids of all ages enjoying the festivities while Janice Beaton and her team rose to the occasion to ensure everyone was exceptionally well fed with her culinary delights. Thank you to all who helped put together a wonderful event for all.





## Get to know the 7 Street S.W. Cycle Track

Travelling from the Bow River Pathway near the Peace Bridge to 8 Avenue, the 7 Street S.W. cycle track opened at the beginning of July and is getting well used by all levels of cyclists. A cycle track is an enhanced bike lane that is protected by a physical barrier from moving cars, parked cars and sidewalks.

As Calgarians return from summer vacations, some will travel along 7 Street S.W. for the first time since the cycle track opened. The City created a guide that explains the new road features for motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians. The full guide can be found at [Calgary.ca/bicycle](http://Calgary.ca/bicycle).



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## Fostering Safe Communities...

Fall is the time of year when many Calgarians are busy preparing their homes and yards for the winter months ahead. Here are some things to keep in mind during your fall cleanup:

- Under the Community Standards Bylaw, it is illegal to burn leaves and yard waste. Check [calgary.ca](http://calgary.ca) for leaf drop off locations.
- Tree branches may be disposed of with your household garbage. All tree branch trimmings left out for waste collection must be packaged in plastic garbage bags, tied in bundles or placed in your black or green bin for collection. Bundles can be no more than 1.25 metres in length and must weigh less than 20 kg each. Bundles should be put out for collection on your regularly scheduled collection date and must be placed at least 0.3 m (1 foot) from your blue, black or green bins.
- According to the Drainage Bylaw, water from a hot tub or pool can't be drained into the storm drainage system that channels water into our rivers. Instead, this water should be drained into the wastewater drain located in the basement of your home.
- Hazardous materials such as gasoline, motor oil and paint cannot be disposed of with your household garbage. Visit [calgary.ca](http://calgary.ca) to find a list of Throw n' Go locations and fire stations with special storage depots for proper disposal of these materials.

Have a safe fall season and thank you for helping us build safe and vibrant communities!

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## Mini Mountaineer Wednesday is BACK!

While our community playgroup was recessed for the summer, we are now back every Wednesday from 9-11am! We have some new little ones who arrived in recent months; Welcome Mattis, Winston, Sebastian and Marshall! Of course, our doors are open to all members to join us, so please feel free to drop in with your little one to meet everyone. Watch upcoming emails (via playgroup distribution list) for the second annual Spooktacular Halloween event on Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>! (There will be no playgroup on Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>)

For more information feel free to email [dglfeb@yahoo.ca](mailto:dglfeb@yahoo.ca)!



## The History of 2121 7 Street SW

Frederick E. Osborne moved to Calgary with his wife, Alwilda Florence Curlette, from Belleville Ontario in 1905. He opened a small stationary store, Osborne's Book Store. Located at 112 8th Ave SW, it grew quickly to be a major wholesale company for school supplies and furniture. He and Florence had one daughter named Phyllis Grace. Osborne served as alderman for two terms and as Mayor of Calgary from 1927-1929. He advocated strongly for education and access to a branch of the University of Alberta here in Calgary. For his leadership role on the WWII Finance Committee, he was awarded the Commander of the Order of the British Empire. He is the namesake of a NW junior high school.

S. Hall



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**Glenbow Archives Image No:** NC-78-25  
**Title:** Crowd watching Alberta Provincial Exhibition parade, Calgary, Alberta.  
**Date:** 1909  
**Photographer/Illustrator:** Cooper, Frederick Bertram, Calgary, Alberta  
**Remarks:** Passing T.R. Stuart and Company Hardware, located at 114-8th Avenue SW., and Osborne's Stationery, located at 112-8th Avenue SW.

## The City Seeks Input on the Future of Multi-Family Waste Diversion

Whether you live in a single family home or a multi-family residence such as an apartment, condominium, or townhouse, diverting your waste through recycling and composting is essential to reduce Calgary's dependency on landfills.

### Why does The City not provide recycling for multi-family dwellings?

While in the planning stages for Blue Cart recycling, City Council directed Waste & Recycling Services to not collect recyclables from multi-family residences, provided we are on track to divert 80 per cent of waste from landfills by 2020.

### I live in a multi-family dwelling. What are my current options for recycling?

There are options currently available that enable all Calgarians the opportunity to recycle a variety of materials.

- The City maintains approximately four dozen community recycling depots throughout Calgary. Most residents don't need to go very far to access their neighbourhood depot 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- There are private companies that provide recycling services to multi-family complexes. To find private service providers, visit [www.recyclinghotline.ca](http://www.recyclinghotline.ca).

### What about the future of waste diversion for multi-family dwellings?

Following further direction from Council in early 2011, Waste & Recycling Services will report back to Council no later than February 2014 with recommendations for a multi-family waste diversion strategy that considers partnerships with the private sector.

Stantec Consulting Ltd. has been hired to connect with industry stakeholders and residents to gather feedback and develop strategy options. They are conducting an online survey to learn about your current waste management habits and thoughts on the future of multi-family waste diversion. **All Calgarians are welcome to complete the survey by Nov. 2, 2012.**

Results of the survey, along with all other feedback gathered by Stantec, will be used to develop potential strategies that will be presented to stakeholders for further input into the development of the recommended option.

To take the survey or to learn more about the multi-family engagement project, please visit [Calgary.ca/multifamilyrecycling](http://Calgary.ca/multifamilyrecycling).



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**ALLISON REDFORD**  
**MLA, CALGARY - ELBOW**

Dear Calgary – Elbow Constituents,

I want to wish you and your families a safe and pleasant Thanksgiving. We have much to be thankful for in Alberta, including family, friends and an outstanding province to call home.

I am grateful for the progress we have made on rebuilding our communities and province following the 2013 Flood, but there is still work to be done. Our government will be here for the long term, supporting you through this process. As always, if you need any assistance please contact my constituency office.

When I think about Alberta’s future, despite our recent challenges, I know our province will remain a place of immense opportunity for future generations – just as it has been for us. I’m proud to say our province has the highest average weekly earnings among all provinces;

almost 20% higher than the national average. Our government will keep working hard to ensure we maintain advantages like these in the coming years.

As we welcome fall, my caucus and I look forward to getting back to the Legislative Assembly to continue our work on the strong legislative agenda we introduced during the 2013 spring session. We will continue to move ahead in securing the prosperity and productivity of our province and ensuring the safety and security of Alberta’s communities.

It is my distinct pleasure to serve as your MLA; I look forward to keeping you up to date on what our government is doing as we continue to rebuild Alberta and return to the Legislature this fall.

Warm regards,

*Alison Redford*  
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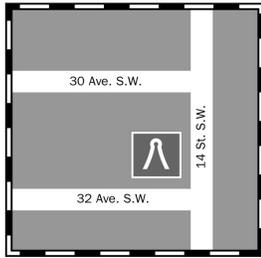
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<p><b>Edgemont Group</b></p> <p>224 Edgeburn Lane NW          Wednesdays 1-3PM (Sept 18 to Dec 18)</p>	<p><b>Beddington Group</b></p> <p>16 Bermuda Drive NW (Agape Language Centre)          Tuesdays 1-3PM (Sept 17 to Dec 17)</p>
<p><b>Varsity Group</b></p> <p>4612 Varsity Drive NW (Varsity Acres Church Café)          Tuesdays 9:30-11:30AM (Sept 17 to Dec 17)</p>	<p><b>Thornhill Library Group</b></p> <p>6617 Centre Street N (Program Room)          Mondays 10AM-Noon (Sept 16 to Dec 16)</p>
<p><b>Bowness Group</b></p> <p>4712 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue NW (New Life Church Basement)          Wednesdays 10AM-Noon (Sept 18 to Dec 18)</p>	<p><b>Village Square Library Group</b></p> <p>2623 56<sup>th</sup> Street NE (Library Program Room 1)          Thursdays 10AM-Noon (Sept 12 to Dec 19)</p>
<p><b>Saddletowne Library Group</b></p> <p>7556 Falconridge Blvd NE (Program Room)          Mondays 1-3PM (Sept 16 to Dec 16)</p>	<p><b>Forest Lawn Library Group</b></p> <p>4807 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE (Forest Lawn Public Library)          Thursdays 12:30-2:30PM (Sept 12 to Dec 19)</p>
<p><b>Glenmore Square Library Group</b></p> <p>7740-18<sup>th</sup> Street SE (Program Room)          Fridays 10AM-Noon (Sept 13 to Dec 13)</p>	<p><b>Fish Creek Library Group</b></p> <p>11161 Bonaventure Drive SE (Program Rm 3rd floor)          Tuesdays 1-3PM (Sept 17 to Dec 17)</p>
<p><b>Mardalooop Group</b></p> <p>3818 14A St SW (River Park Church Fellowship Hall)          Wednesdays 10AM-Noon (Sept 18 to Dec 18)</p>	<p><b>Shawnessy Group</b></p> <p>333 Shawville Blvd SE (Program Room)          Mondays 10AM-Noon (Sept 16 to Dec 16)</p>
<p><b>Glenbrook Group</b></p> <p>3325 49<sup>th</sup> Street SW (Abundant Life Church)          Thursdays 1-3PM (Sept 12 to Dec 12)</p>	<p><b>Shaganappi Library Group</b></p> <p>3415 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW (Basement Theatre)          Tuesdays 1-3PM (Sept 17 to Dec 17)</p>
<p><b>Chinatown Group</b></p> <p>114 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue SE (Room 208)          Fridays 1-3PM (Sept 20 to Dec 13)</p>	<p><b>CIWA Evening Group</b> - On-going all year around</p> <p>138 - 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE (Room 232)          Wednesdays 5-7PM</p>



## Alexander Calhoun Library 3223 – 14 Street SW

### Hours:

Monday - Thursday  
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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](http://www.calgarypubliclibrary.com), or in person at any Library branch. A valid Calgary Public Library card in each participant's name is required to attend all programs.

### The Library is closed on Monday, October 14 for Thanksgiving Day.

#### Winter Birds of Calgary with Gus Yaki

Some 300 species visit Calgary annually; over 100 are present during the winter months. See stunning photos of these birds and learn of their travels.

Monday, Oct. 7  
7 - 8:30 p.m.

#### Moments in India

Join Judith Umbach on a 2012 photographic visit to Southern and Western India: a land of bright colours, marvelous temples, and friendly people.

Wednesday, Oct. 16  
7 - 8:30 p.m.

#### Picture Your Plate

Join food writer, photographer and stylist Julie Van Rosendaal in this interactive, hands-on class. Bring your camera and learn food styling and photo techniques. Food and props will be supplied.

Thursday, Oct. 17  
7 - 8:30 p.m.

#### ESL Conversation Club (Intermediate)

Practise your English listening and speaking skills in this eight-week program.

Tuesdays, Oct. 22 to Dec. 10  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

#### Spanish Conversation Club – Spanish

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

Ages 16 and up  
Wednesdays, Oct. 23 to Dec. 11  
7 - 8:30 p.m.

#### Reading Buddies

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

Ages 5 to 8  
Thursdays, Oct. 24 to Dec. 12  
4:30 - 5:45 p.m.

#### Law at Your Library: Self-Representation and Navigation of the Court System

Clear a pathway to justice! Learn about the rights, responsibilities and procedures of self-represented litigants navigating the court system.

Thursday, Oct. 24  
7 - 8:30 p.m.

#### Baby Bookworms

"Grow a Reader" with books, rhymes and songs you'll have fun sharing with your little one.

Ages 6 to 23 months with a parent/caregiver  
Tuesdays, Nov. 5 to Dec. 10  
10:15 - 11 a.m.

#### Weaving Yarns: Medieval Myths and Legends

Hear ye, hear ye! Journey back in time with Calgary Young People's Theatre to the Middle Ages and see tales of old brought to life on the stage. Join us for this free performance, exclusively at the Calgary Public Library.

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# Your Mount Royal Community Membership



## What's it all about?

We live in a beautiful community and a team of dedicated volunteer board members are happy to work on your behalf to make Mount Royal a great place to live. We would encourage you to show your support by becoming a member of our community association. Membership offers terrific value; being able to attend fun events, the use of MRCA facilities, keeping residents informed and enabling you to support your community.

- skating party • summer BBQ • wine & cheese party • annual dinner party
- skating rink • tennis courts • playground • clubhouse rental • children's playgroup
- graffiti removal • historic appreciation • beautification • crime and safety • traffic
- community development • newsletters

### It's easy to join!

- Go to [www.mountroyalstation.ca](http://www.mountroyalstation.ca) and sign up or
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Donation to the Community (tax receipt <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No)		\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Interested in Volunteering? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
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