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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and is rejuvenated and refreshed for the autumn and winter. As your President this will be my last message and perhaps my most important.

There is a crisis in our community's organization that has been growing over the last few years and it needs to be addressed. There is a lack of volunteers to fill the Directors' jobs and committee positions. The same pool of volunteers steps up to give of their time to run the community Board and its functions. It is time for a change.

We have advertised for positions to be filled and have received no response. The vacancies impact two fold: we can only do the essentials and the rest cannot be achieved.

From the outside it looks like everything runs pretty well with a few disappointments here and there. The children's summer program and the Progressive Dinner are two that are most noticeable in their absences.

Internally, changes need to be made. The Board meets while this newsletter is being printed, so any decisions will come to you in your Notice of the Annual General Meeting to be held in November.

We need more volunteers at all levels from Board members to committee members. Pick an area that interests you and ask that Board member how you can be of assistance given your time commitment.

The Board this year has struggled to meet as a group consistently. Meetings have suffered from a lack of quorum (5 Board members). Business being conducted took much longer than needed because Board members who attended one meeting made a decision only to have it overturned at the next meeting.

We need to hear from you. At the previous AGM, the Board was criticized for dropping the summer children's program. A committee was struck in January to resurrect the program and despite our best effort; only one child was enrolled in it. A disappointing result for all the effort and time invested.

I believe it is part of my job to give you the good news and the bad. We have had successes as well. The AGM confirmed that the residents wanted a website where we can join the Association over the internet and that is now a reality. We have hired a professional to manage the website and it is possible to pay by credit card over a secure site where your information is encrypted. As soon as we get a Membership Director, the job will be substantially easier with this tool.

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The clubhouse and grounds are in better shape than ever. The bookings have increased since the refurbishment of the interior allowing us some discretion as to its use. The focus this year was on the exterior and it was noticed by many. The tennis and basketball courts were resurfaced in the spring before the season opening. It is great to see the usage of the courts. For the first time in memory there were complaints of lack of play time due to lessons and general play.

Financially we are in good shape with another casino booked for this year. The casino is our major source of revenue but with its bounty are restrictions for its use so we need more members to join and fulfill those needs that the casino money does not cover. Specifically, the beautification of non clubhouse property in the community is excluded from casino revenue.

The Traffic Committee was successful in using donations and donations in kind from its members to enhance the traffic circles. A call came out for participants and a dedicated group got together and made some significant contributions to traffic circles and splitter islands.

The Community Association was treated to a change in the events of the year. Past history has shown that family oriented events are better supported by the community and if you were at the Christmas party or the Summer Barbeque you would have experienced all the good things they brought.

Mount Royal is still one of the premier communities in the city. The Development Committee was kept busy with a record number of applications.

Environmentally we are trying to reduce our footprint and eventually this newsletter will be sent to you electronically. This will make our Communications Director's job significantly easier. Membership will be an asset here as you will receive important information about your community through the internet. This job description is in transition so please be patient.

In closing, I thank the Board members, each and every one, most sincerely for the time and effort they gave. I expect many changes will be on the horizon and look forward to seeing them.

Sincerely,
Marla Klassen

ALDERMAN KING ON TRANSPORTATION

Calgary's amazing growth is affecting us all. One of the worst challenges it presents is in transportation – there are more people going everywhere at all times of the day and we ourselves seem to have more and more places to be at, just in order to keep up.

The big picture plan for the future includes making major routes free-flowing, increasing public transit and keeping the neighbourhood residential streets safe for pedestrians. That makes it sound a lot easier than it is. Major road projects like the Glenmore Elbow interchange cost huge sums of money, impact neighbouring communities and disrupt traffic for several years at a time. Nevertheless it's a case of short term pain for long term gain. Bow Trail upgrading to the west of the ward is certainly one such project. The next phase should be to improve entry into the downtown core, and exit from it, before increasing capacity on Bow Trail as it moves through the community of Shaganappi. I'm hopeful that the timing will coincide with provincial funds making the west leg of the C-train possible – so local residents and commuters only face one upheaval.

The most effective way to reduce through-cutting traffic, reduce speeds and improve safety within the communities is by implementing community traffic calming plans. Communities all over the city are eager to get on the waiting list, and I am working with several in Ward 8 to help get them to the front of the list. This summer it is Killarney Glengarry and the west part of Richmond that will have their plan put in place. Changing local streets is always challenging as some people are very keen for the changes whereas others object. In Killarney there has been quite a significant public process, informational mail delivered to each home, the provision of open houses before, during and after, as well as input from a local committee with representation from all different parts of the neighbourhood, and the community associations very much a part of the process. I'm hopeful this will be a model for the future.

There are two significant ways to reduce the number of people using our roads. One is to increase public transit. City Council has supported purchasing new buses and C-train cars to reduce some of the overcrowding and improve frequency. For the past many years, transit has shared its capital budget with Roads

about 50% each. I will continue to fight for transit's piece of the pie to increase. Because of our success as a city our population is now projected to reach 1.5 million several years ahead of previous projections. Our roads can't take the strain. Last year there were more new vehicles in Calgary than there were new people! We must put more emphasis on transit.

The other way to reduce car usage is to make cycling and walking more pleasant. For this reason we have been focusing on more and improved bike lanes such as in Elbow Park and Mission. There is also a new one coming along 26th Avenue west of Crowchild Trail. As well, the City is encouraging telework, which enables people to work at places other than their office, and ride-sharing.

Late this fall, when we discuss and debate the next budget cycle, we'll be making key choices on transportation investments. Before that budget debate is where you have an important role to play by voting in the October 15 election. Last time our ward had the lowest turn-out, at only one in ten voting! This is your government, and your vote really does make a big difference. I'd be pleased to help you with any information – just call me at City Hall -268-1627.

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MOUNT ROYAL: THEN & NOW - a photographic tour by Winnie Tam

With some diligent digging, I came across a fascinating array of photos which opened up a detailed glimpse into our neighbourhood's past. I thought it might be interesting to share this photographic journey coupled with present day pictures I took as I walked around our neighbourhood with a new perspective...



8th Street SW in 1911



8th Street SW, today



A Bus in Mount Royal in 1932



A Bus in Mount Royal, today

WESTERN CANADA HIGH SCHOOL



Western Canada College in 1911

Starting out as a private school for boys in 1903 as Western Canada College, it was sold to the Calgary Public School District in 1926 and renamed Western Canada High School. Included in the stipulation of the sale was that space be put aside as a memorial to honour 48 of the college's students who died in World War I. The cenotaph, built in 1927 still stands today as a significant part of the landscape at the front of the school.

This small collection of old photographs by no means give justice to Mount Royal's brilliant history; learn more about our communities. Visit the Calgary Public Library Local History and Genealogy Section or the Glenbow Museum Library and Archives (where I found all the above photos from the past).

About the reporter/photographer: Winnie is currently preparing to go back to the University of Calgary for a second degree. Contact her at wwgtam@shaw.ca



Western Canada High School, today.

THE DEVENISH APARTMENTS



The Devenish Apartments in 1911



The Devenish Apartments today

Built in 1911, the Devenish Apartments were advertised to be the "finest and most up-to-date structure" of its time and was named after its original owner, Grant Devenish, a real estate/oil businessman from Spokane. It boasted 57 three and five room suites and had many of the modern conveniences of the time such as a freight elevator, a central hot water heating system, and a steam laundry for tenant use. The Devenish was eventually turned into a shopping complex in 1981 and declared a Provincial Historic resource on 1982.

MOUNT ROYAL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL



Mount Royal Junior High School In 1911



Mount Royal Junior High School today

The Mount Royal School first opened its doors in 1903 to 395 students and only 6 female teachers. The original sandstone building was demolished to accommodate the widening of 14th Street in 1966 and the new school building was built behind the original's spot. In 1954, the principal of the school requested a name change to avoid confusion with Mount Royal College and the South Mount Royal School—this led to the subsequent renaming of the South Mount Royal School to William Reid Elementary in 1955.



Cliff Bungalow in 1911



Cliff Bungalow today

BASHFUL PETS - JORINDA RANKIN



Pop is learning to trust people after being rescued from the streets. He'd make an excellent companion for a lonely cat.

The MEOW Foundation passionately believes every cat deserves a loving home, including the bashful or "feral" cat. However, we can only rescue and socialize a fraction of the feral-background cats in Calgary. At our shelter, we can facilitate the socialization and rehabilitation of only a limited number of shy cats at a time.

Shy and feral cats are the result of abandonment and people's failure to spay and neuter their pets. Feral cats are not wild cats: they are homeless, domestic cats fearful of humans. There are virtually millions of homeless cats across North America and not nearly enough homes for all of them.

Many rescue organizations and concerned individuals are trying to address the plight of these cats in a humane fashion. History has taught us that euthanasia does not reduce the homeless cat population. Overwhelmed by the number of homeless cats, many organizations in large cities are using a program called TNR (Trap/Neuter/Release) whereby cats are trapped, altered, vaccinated and released back to their original location where a designated caregiver provides food, water and shelter. This has proven to be a compassionate, humane and effective method of population control.

Feral kittens, if rescued early enough, can adapt more quickly to people than mature cats. Adult shy cats usually bond with their main caregiver, are wonderful cat companions and adapt very well to being indoor cats, but will always need a very safe and predictable environment.

Shy cats are the perfect adoption choice for someone whose pet is lonely for feline companionship. Most shy cats thrive when paired with another cat and will not make the physical demands on a human's time to the extent a friendlier cat will.

Socializing shy cats can take months or even years. Sometimes these cats may not ever welcome human touch, so it is up to the human to accept the cat as-is. Humans sometimes need to put aside our expectations and focus on saving a life by giving a cat a home. These very special homes and people are few and far between, so MEOW volunteers are delighted whenever a shy cat is adopted. Apart from the satisfaction of seeing one of our shy cats find the perfect home, it gives MEOW the opportunity to take in another feral or shy cat and begin the socialization process anew.

The MEOW Foundation is a no-kill cat rescue charity operating in the Calgary area. MEOW has helped thousands of homeless cats since 2000.

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THE LOST BOYS AND GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



James Nguen returned home to Southern Sudan this summer and was reunited with his mother, whom he had not seen in 20 years.

James is one of the Lost Boys of Sudan, a group of young boys who were violently forced from their homes during the civil war that took place in Sudan. James, along with 26,000 other young boys and girls, spent the next four years fleeing from war, starvation, disease and wild animals. They fled to Ethiopia, only to be forced back across Sudan, and finally into Kenya, where they arrived at the Kakuma Refugee Camp. During this time they lost 10,000 of their young friends.

In 2001, James was one of a number of the Lost Boys who were brought to Canada as refugees by the Canadian Government. James settled in Calgary, where he currently attends school at Mount Royal College. Early this year James received news that his mother was still alive and decided to return to Southern Sudan, to the village of Leer, to find her. He was accompanied by journalist Rick Castiglione and cameraman Kevin Green, who documented James' journey home. After a complex and complicated journey, James was able to find his mother again. A

documentary has been produced which will air later this year on James' journey home.

Grace Presbyterian Church has partnered with the Lost Boys and Girls of Sudan in Calgary Association and has become home to these young men and women. Members of the congregation have provided critical and compassionate support for James and for the others in the group.

Grace Presbyterian Church will host a Community Open House on Sunday, September 30, 2007, starting with worship at 10:30 A.M. Following worship there will be a potluck lunch which will feature food from a wide variety of cultures which make up the congregation of Grace Presbyterian Church.

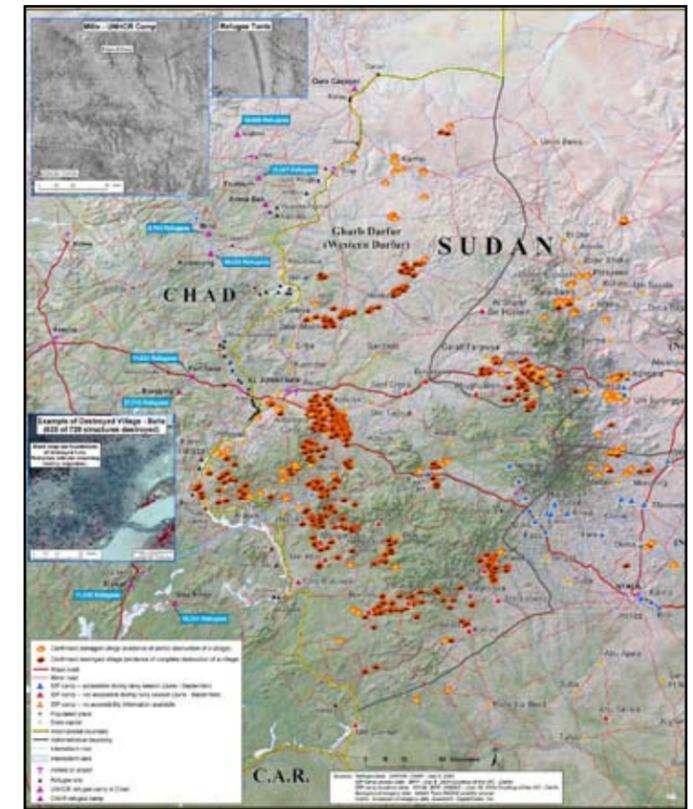
There will be an opportunity to meet with the members of the Lost Boys and Girls of Sudan in Calgary, as well as a chance to discover other areas where the congregation of the church is active in mission and outreach. We invite all those who may be interested in James' story and the work that local people are doing here in Calgary to make a difference around our world to please join us for the Open House on Sunday, September 30.



An internally displaced persons camp in Darfur



Internally displaced persons camp



Destroyed villages as of August 2004
(Source: DigitalGlobe, Inc. and Department of State via USAID)



"Community Becomes Family"

Grace Presbyterian Church

Take this opportunity to meet
"The Lost Boys and Girls of Sudan"
and learn of other missions and activities at Grace.

YOU ARE INVITED

COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE
Everyone Warmly Welcome!

Sunday, September 30, 2007
Worship 10:30
Lunch 11:45
Music Program 1:30
Church Tour 12:30 - 3:00

1009 - 15 Avenue SW call: (403) 244.5861
www.gracecalgary.org

CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON SOUTH HEALTH CAMPUS



After a long process of designing the South Health Campus, construction work has begun on the site of the Calgary Health Region's new south hospital. Initial work started with site excavation in August, with cranes and other equipment being placed in September.

The Region has been mindful of community concerns, taking steps to limit erosion, minimize construction dust and restricting parking by construction workers to their own parking lot on-site. Residents have also received regular informational updates.

The South Health Campus will redefine the way health care is delivered within the community. The Campus will include a wide array of health services delivered through innovative ways to optimize access to safe, patient centred care. As a major hub for education and research, the Campus will help train health future care providers to improve delivery of services to meet the needs of patients. The campus will also focus on wellness by developing ways to help people on campus and in the community to maintain their own health.

Phase One of the Campus will open in early-2011 with approximately 260 beds and will have the capacity to support 280,000 outpatient visits in the first year, eventually increasing to 432 beds and 400,000 outpatient visits. The following five to seven years will see additional beds and services added, until the Campus is fully functional with 642 beds and the capacity to support 800,000 outpatient visits per year.

The phased approach will ensure the Region has the services and programs in place to meet our growing population's needs and adequate staff to deliver safe, quality care.

The Calgary Health Region is committed to working with the community in dealing with any issues residents may have. If you have any questions or concerns, contact the Project Office at (403) 270-4780.

For more information on this and other Calgary Health Region capital projects, visit www.calgaryhealthregion.ca/capital

EMERGENCY WAIT TIMES IMPROVING

New data is confirming that patients are now getting better access to services following the Region's implementation of an action plan last spring which specifically addressed emergency department wait times.

For most of us, what we see is the average length of time spent from time of arrival to time of discharge has decreased, but the average length of time spent in city adult emergency departments also shows a decrease of more than an hour from time of arrival to time of admittance to a hospital bed.

In the spring of 2006, patients waited an average of 11.8 hours in the Emergency before getting a hospital bed. That dropped to 10.6 hours this past spring. Discharge times over the same period dropped from 5.4 hours to 4.9 hours.

The number of patients leaving without being seen also decreased.

Patient volume was relatively similar in 2006 and 2007 during the months of May, June and July. For example, the average daily number of patients in July 2006 was 604; in July 2007 it was 599.

Recognizing that patients most at risk are those in the emergency waiting room, one of the premises of the System Capacity Action Plan is to move patients who have been admitted out of the emergency department and in to an inpatient bed faster. This keeps the system moving so patients in the emergency waiting room can be brought into the emergency department for faster assessment and treatment.

From 2006 to 2007 (May, June, July) the average time spent by more seriously ill patients getting an inpatient hospital bed dropped from 120 minutes to 93 minutes.

While more work is needed, the Region is pleased with these results and improved access to care for residents.

REGION BOOSTS COLON CANCER SCREENING

The Calgary Health Region is leading the way in the fight against one of the most common forms of cancer.

The Region, in partnership with the University of Calgary's Faculty of Medicine and the Division of Gastroenterology, will open a Colon Cancer Screening Centre in November that is unique in Canada because it focuses on using a colonoscopy to detect the disease.

Located on the Foothills Medical Centre site, the complex will be the largest of its kind in Canada. Staff will perform 10,000 additional procedures a year to start, a number expected to triple by the third year. Today, more than 32,000 endoscopic procedures are performed in the Region in a year.

Colon Cancer is common and affects both men and women. The lifetime risk in Canada is about one in 16. Yet colon cancer is preventable. It generally develops from a benign polyp and takes 10 years to become a cancer.

Colonoscopy, a procedure in which an endoscope is inserted into the colon, is a very efficient way to detect and remove polyps, a small, warty growth in the bowel. This new Calgary Health Region program is the only one of its type in Canada that is focused on using colonoscopy for colon cancer screening.

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CHRIST CHURCH – GROWING AND CHANGING WITH THE COMMUNITY FOR NEARLY A CENTURY ...

The Anglican Parish of Christ Church has served the spiritual needs of parishioners in the Mount Royal and Elbow Park communities for close to one hundred years. The Anglican Diocese of Calgary was formed in 1888. Twenty four years later, Bishop Cyprian Pinkham approved the recommendation for a church to be built on land that had been given to the Diocese by pioneer Calgary developer F.C. “Freddie” Lowes, who developed Elbow Park as a subdivision.



THE BUILDING

Many of us are familiar with the Christ Church building, at the corner of 36 Ave. and 8 St SW. The early parts of the church were built in three stages. The existing basement was built in 1913 at a cost of \$7,200 and could accommodate 160 people in worship. In 1914, four additional bays were added to the basement at a cost of \$5,972, and the main floor of the church was constructed in 1920 when a structure was added over the existing basement for \$12,000.

This building served the needs of the community until just after the Second World War when the main body of the church, the tower, gallery alterations to the roof, and the lower story of the administration wing were added by 1954 for \$175,000.00. The church program and administration spaces are currently under renovation, at a cost of over four million dollars – what a change from the \$7,200 beginning in 1913!

A PART OF THE COMMUNITY ...

Since 1913 Christ Church has had a Scout troupe and since 1918 Brownies and Girl Guides. Many other groups meet at the church on a weekly basis.

AA, yoga classes, choirs, seniors’ events, movie nights, bridge, language classes and many other activities have been offered at the church. A busy and



very successful pre-school has operated at the church for nearly ten years. Christ Church has been involved in community outreach for decades through programs such as Called to Care, Inn from the Cold and Feed the Hungry. Always keen to stay involved with all residents of the surrounding community, Christ Church is eager to provide rental space at nominal charge, ranging from concerts in the church proper to activities in the newly renovated meeting rooms, reception spaces, and gymnasium, all of which will be complemented by a new kitchen and shower facility and will be completed this Fall.

THE BELLS



“I’ve heard those bells ... what makes them unique?”

The bells at Christ Church can be heard almost every week on Friday evenings and Sunday mornings. At other times of the week, they herald weddings, funerals, and other special events. This is the only set of church bells between Toronto and Vancouver that work on a “change system”, a mathematical formula for setting patterns of bell ringing.

Unlike other bells which ring tunes that we recognize from choral or orchestral sources, these bells are rung in specific sequences, which are common to

(CHRIST CHURCH CON’T)

the entire English-speaking world. There are eight bells weighing between 300 and 950 pounds each. The bells were cast in England and brought to Christ Church between 1955 and 1957.

THE WINDOWS



Christ Church has twenty beautiful stained glass windows depicting traditional church themes, but also a number of contemporary windows donated by residents of Mount Royal and Elbow Park in the last decade.

If you’ve been to service, you’ve not only had the chance to see them from the inside but to enjoy being bathed in the wonderful colours of light they create. If you haven’t been inside, come visit us, even just to experience the windows from inside the church.

OUR NEW ‘SPACE’



In the fall of 2007 Christ Church will open its doors to a newly renovated and welcoming program and administration facility complete with an elevator, a large entry way, meeting and reception rooms and offices.

WORSHIP AT CHRIST CHURCH



A full schedule of worship opportunities is available. Current services are posted on our web site, christchurchcalgary.org.

Our priests are always happy to hear from someone who wants to explore their spirituality and may wish to do so in our church home.

LEARNING AT CHRIST CHURCH

As part of a long-standing tradition, Christ Church continues to offer educational opportunities to explore the Christian message in the world.

Courses, study days and social opportunities are offered by the parish itself and in conjunction with a variety of other organizations.

Examples this Fall are various Bible study groups, an environmental study - ‘Greening Sacred Spaces’, movie nights, a course on “Finding the Body” offered in conjunction with U of C. Information on these and more at our web site, christchurchcalgary.org.

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TRAFFIC ARTICLE FORM BOB WEAVER



In the last newsletter I made mention of the traffic congestion program in place in London England. This congestion charging, whereby drivers pay £8 per day if they wish to continue driving in central London during the scheme's hours of operation was put in place due to the following reasons:

- London suffers the worst traffic congestion in the UK and amongst the worst in Europe.
- Drivers in central London spend 50% of their time in queues.
- Every weekday morning, the equivalent of 25 busy motorway lanes of traffic tries to enter central London.
- It has been estimated that London loses between £2-4 million every week in terms of lost time caused by congestion.

Similar to polls conducted by our local officials, Londoners say congestion is one of the biggest issues facing the capital. In the case of Londoners, their survey results have shown that they do not want to see congestion clogging up roads, threatening businesses and damaging London's status as a thriving world city. Research undertaken by Transport for London has shown that congestion charging will lead to reduced traffic levels which are equivalent to those currently enjoyed during the school holidays.

There are no tollbooths or barriers around the central London Congestion Charging zone and no physical tickets or passes. Instead, drivers pay to register their vehicle registration number on a database for journeys within the charging zone. There is a network of camera sites monitoring every entrance and exit to the Congestion Charging zone along the boundary road, and monitoring journeys made solely within the charging zone. Each camera site consists of at least one colour camera plus a monochrome camera for each lane of traffic being monitored. The cameras are

similar to those currently used in ports, airports and the City of London's "ring of steel" – they provide high-quality video signals to Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) software, which reads and records each number plate. Tests show that the cameras read more than 90% of all number plates accurately.

After the vehicle registration number is read, it is compared with the database of vehicles which have paid their congestion charge for that

day. If the number plate is matched, showing that the driver has paid or does not have to pay the charge (exempt or 100% discounted), then the pictures will normally not be kept for longer than 24 hours. Following a final check at midnight (the following charging day), the computer will keep the registration numbers of vehicles that should have paid the charge but have not done so (including charges paid for the previous charging day). The final step is to manually check each recorded image before issuing a Penalty Charge Notice.

So what does all of this have to do with Mount Royal traffic? One of the major issues facing the community is shortcutting traffic, and one strategy already in place to reduce rush hour traffic from using community streets are restrictions on turning/entering Mount Royal. We plan to regularize the restriction times and to increase the number of locations where restrictions will be in place; however an ongoing issue is the ability to monitor and enforce these restrictions. Preliminary correspondence with the City suggests that they are not aware of technology that could be used to aid in this enforcement. I wonder how much work would be required to adapt the London traffic congestion monitoring system to our community. Could we become a model community using similar technology to assist the police in their work and at the same time improve the quality of life and traffic safety in the community? I think it would be worth a try.

ACTIVITIES AT THE CLUBHOUSE

We have seen a significant increase in the usage of our basketball area and tennis courts this summer as a result of the great resurfacing job that was done this spring. If you haven't tried it out yet, you are missing one of the nicest tennis spots in the city. Unfortunately there has been an increase in less desirable activities too. Although most, if not all of the Mount Royal Newsletter readers are not the source of problems, they can help.

The growth of our city seems to have encouraged more activity in the park and as a result the number of incidents of vandalism at the clubhouse was up this summer. A few times, nearby residents have directly confronted park loiterers, which is appreciated, but we encourage anyone to phone the police and have them come by and check on matters.

Easy access to the tennis courts has attracted bicycles and skateboards on to the new surface. In the past, we have tried restricting access to the tennis courts with locks and pass-codes but this has only led to people breaking down the fence to get onto the courts. Please ask anyone seen cycling or skateboarding on the tennis courts to do it elsewhere since it will only accelerate the wear and tear on the new surface.

PARENTS AND TOTS PLAYGROUP WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

Summer is over. Brothers and sisters back at school? Don't fret little ones – The Parents and Tots Playgroup (formerly the Mom and Tots Playgroup) is BACK!

Hi, my name is Sorrayah Juma Bhojani. I will be running the drop in playgroup at the Mount Royal Station on Wednesday mornings from 9:30am – 11:30am every week starting on September 26, 2007. Moms, Dads, and/or Caregivers, bring your little ones (under 5's) and come and have some fun! We'll have some arts and crafts, a story time, snack time and free play time each week. When the weather permits, perhaps we can play outside. So, little princes and princesses - bring your imaginations and your tiny hands and let's see what we can create. Parents and caregivers - come and meet some other parents and caregivers in the neighborhood.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, comments or ideas, or just to let me know that you will be there. My phone number is 228-9248 and my e-mail address is Sorrayah @shaw.ca.



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18 September, 2007.

In accordance with the Bylaws of the Mount Royal Community Association (MRCA), you are hereby notified that the Annual General Meeting of the Association will take place on Wednesday, November 21st 2007 at 7:30 pm at the Mount Royal Community Station, 2317 10th Street SW. The agenda on the 21st will include the following:

1. The approval of the minutes of the previous AGM.
2. President's report of the activities of 2006/7.
3. The Treasurer's Report and the presentation of the Audited Financial Statements.
4. Nomination of Officers for the 2007/8 term.
5. Election of Officers for the 2007/8 term.
6. Appointment of Auditors for the ensuing year.
7. Other business of the Association.

Thank you for your support of the MRCA. Your support is valued and I would encourage you to get involved in the upcoming year which will be one of fewer veteran volunteers serving the executive of the MRCA.

I look forward to your attendance at the AGM next month and until then we'll see you in the neighbourhood.

Marla Klassen
President

AIR CADET RECEIVES AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION MEDAL!

Calgary, AB September 20th, 2007- Raymond Wang, a 17 year old cadet with 604 "Moose" Royal Canadian Air Cadets has received the Air Force Association Medal. This distinguished medal is awarded annually to one air cadet in each province who achieves outstanding excellence at the Senior Leaders Course held at the Cadet Summer Training Centre in Cold Lake, Alberta.

The air cadet program is a free program for youth age twelve to eighteen. Cadets are able to learn new skills such as biathlon, playing an instrument, leadership skills, and many end up working towards achieving a glider or a pilots license through the program. If you would like more information about the air cadet program please contact us at Mewata Armories 801 11th Street SW on a Tuesday or Thursday evening or anytime at (403) 263-0300.



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2. Pesticides, Water, Greening Our City
3. Our Homes & Gardens
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6. Re-Connecting with the Natural World
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Bylaw Bulletin

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TOP FIVE BYLAW PICKS FOR SUMMER

Interested in the role of 3-1-1 and Bylaw Officers?

Read on!

Q: What happens when a resident calls 3-1-1 with a bylaw complaint?

A: The 3-1-1 operator will open a file, ask for the caller's contact information and the address and information of the complaint. The file will then be issued to a bylaw officer for follow-up.

Q: Will an officer share the caller's information with anyone?

A: Absolutely not. Officers are trained not to disclose any information and to only discuss the bylaw issue. There is 100% confidentiality - the information of the caller will not be shared with the property owner and vice-versa. The caller is also issued a password by 3-1-1. If they call back wanting follow-up or to add information they have to present the password so that no one else can access the file.

Q: How long will it take until the officer responds?

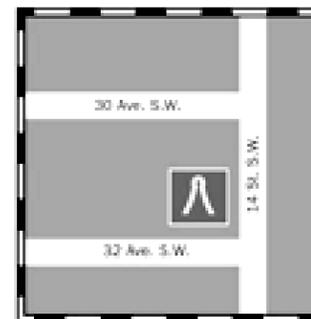
A: Unless the complaint is a high priority such as hatred graffiti or a public safety concern, response time will depend on the number of files

that have previously been assigned to an officer. There are times throughout the year when the officer's case load will be heavier, for example after a snow storm an officer's file load can more than double.

Q: What issue is dealt with the most?

A: The complaints we receive largely depend on the season. In the winter there are a lot of snow and ice complaints. It's important for the public's safety that property owners shovel their sidewalks right down to the concrete. In the summer, the majority of complaints are on untidy properties and yards where the weeds and grass need to be tended to. Most of the infractions are of the Community Standards Bylaw.

If you have a neighbourhood concern that is an infraction of one of The City's bylaws, call it into 3-1-1 for follow-up by a bylaw officer. For more information on The City bylaws go to www.calgary.ca/animalservices (click Bylaw Services, then Bylaws of Frequent Reference).



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12:00 – 5 p.m.

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Connect to your community – register for free Alexander Calhoun Library programs today!

Digital Camera Basics for Seniors

Wednesday, Oct 03, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Don't Panic, Eat Organic

Wednesday, Oct 03, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

SLICE: Health Inspired Food by Barb Davies and Jennifer Rallison Learn about healthy eating. Taste yummy recipes.

Thursday, Oct 04, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

CyberSeniors

Fridays, Oct 05 to Oct 26, 10:00 – 12:00 p.m.

The Internet – Part I

Wednesday, Oct 10, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Painting Fall Colours for Seniors

Learn to paint using watercolours or acrylic in this introductory program. Please bring \$20.00 for supplies.

Thursdays, Oct 11 to Oct 25, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Tattooing for Teens

Saturday, Oct 13, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Baby Storytime

Tuesday, Oct 16 to 30, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m.

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, Oct 16 to Dec 04, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Reading Buddies

Thursday, Oct 18 to Dec 6, 4:00-5:30

The Internet – Part 2

Wednesday, Oct 17, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Adult Book Club

Monday, Oct 22, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Monday, Oct 22, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Teen Book Club

Mon, Oct 22, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Introduction to Microsoft Word

Wednesday, Oct 24, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Genealogy 101

Wednesday, Oct 24, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Author Reading - David Ward

A children's literature instructor at the University of British Columbia, David's work includes The Hockey tree and Mask trilogy. Ages 12 – 14.

Wednesday, Oct 30, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Healthy Feet for Seniors

Learn reflexology secrets to improve health, reduce stress, increase energy, improve sleep, relieve pain, and prevent illness.

Wednesday, Oct 31, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Library will be closed on Monday, October 8 for Thanksgiving Day.



HypnoVision 2008



The Foundation Fighting Blindness

a cure is in sight

It's an evening of silliness in support of serious research to prevent, treat and cure retinal diseases that cause blindness. People with visual impairment say a good sense of humour is vital in coping with the "Mr. Magoo" moments in their lives. At HypnoVision, you'll have a chance to laugh with them as comedian-hypnotist Terrance B. leads some prominent Calgary personalities in his hilarious stage show.

Here are the details:

What: HypnoVision 2008
Fundraiser for The Foundation Fighting Blindness

When: Thursday, January 24, 2008
7 – 11 p.m.

Where: Calgary Golf and Country Club
5900 Elbow Dr SW, Calgary

What else? There will also be a silent auction and an opportunity to hear a little about some of the most promising research projects funded by The Foundation Fighting Blindness

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South Council Way; 10 Street; Premier Way; 8 Street (both sides)
West 14 Street
CRIME STATISTICS:

UPPER MOUNT ROYAL												
	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL
Year	06	06	06	06	06	07	07	07	07	07	07	07
ASSAULT	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
STREET ROBBERIES	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
COMMERCIAL ROBBERIES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BREAK AND ENTER - HOUSE	3	0	2	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	1	5
- SHOP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- OTHER	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
THEFT OF VEHICLE	0	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	3
- FROM VEHICLE	6	4	2	3	0	3	0	1	0	2	2	1
MISCHIEF	1	0	1	4	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	1
Crime Rate:	2005		2006									
Person Crimes (per thousand population):	2		0									
Property Crimes (per thousand population):	30		26									

LOWER MOUNT ROYAL												
	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL
Year	06	06	06	06	06	07	07	07	07	07	07	07
ASSAULT	0	2	2	2	2	2	1	4	0	1	0	4
STREET ROBBERIES	0	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
COMMERCIAL ROBBERIES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BREAK AND ENTER - HOUSE	2	1	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	1	1
- SHOP	0	4	0	2	2	0	1	3	0	5	1	2
- OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
THEFT OF VEHICLE	8	4	3	3	6	6	1	3	1	4	3	2
- FROM VEHICLE	8	12	11	10	7	2	3	4	3	8	9	6
MISCHIEF	6	13	6	5	8	5	2	4	3	7	12	11
Crime Rate:	2005		2006									
Person Crimes (per thousand population):	16		13									
Property Crimes (per thousand population):	102		119									

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