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Dates

November 1 – Daylight Savings Ends (set your clocks back 1 hour)



November 11 – Remembrance Day



November 14 – Rosedale's Arts and Craft Fair. 10am to 3pm

The Rosedale Reporter is published ten times per year by volunteers of the Rosedale Community Assn. Deadline for submissions is the 15th of the month. Please keep submissions to 300 words or less as space is limited. Submissions and photos from community residents are welcomed and appreciated!

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Personal Remembrance - Corrine Fiesel

November brings the recognition across Canada of what is now called Veterans' Week, with commemorative ceremonies happening across the country on November 11th in particular –the day inaugurated by King George V in 1918 to recall the ending of hostilities in World War I. Hostilities formally ended "at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month", in accordance with the armistice signed by representatives of Germany and the Allied Forces at approximately that time in the year 1918. The First World War officially ended with the signing of the Treaty of Versailles on June 28 1919. More than 650,000 men and women from Canada and Newfoundland served — over 66,000 gave their lives and more than 172,000 were wounded.

When I was a child and teenager, it was difficult to really connect with these facts. My family did not have a military history. My great grandparents were immigrants from areas of the Austro-Hungarian Empire and Germany. My parents always honored and respected Remembrance Day and of course it was recognized at school, but it did not have any personal meaning for me. Until I travelled to Europe as a young person and by happenstance stood on a beach in Normandy looking at a memorial erected to the Canadian effort in World War II and those who died on that beach. I distinctly remember seeing names from the Regina Rifles (the city where my parents were originally from) and it affected me profoundly. I finally felt on that Northern French beach what it meant to be living in a country where others before me had travelled great distances and died to save the immense liberties that we all enjoy both then and now.

Not all Canadians wish to celebrate or recognize Canada's military actions but I believe we are united in the desire to live in a country where we have political and civil rights, the rule of law and freedom from oppression. Whether it is the Canadian veterans that you remember on November 11, or a friend or colleague that died in New York on September 11, 2001, Canada's peacekeeping efforts in the world. or your own fortune at becoming a Canadian citizen after leaving a country that did not offer such liberties, take time on November 11th to make your own personal connection. Wear a poppy and take a moment of silence at 11 a.m. to remember.

Remembrance Day ceremonies will be held across the City on November 11, including at the Field of Crosses on Memorial Drive between 3 Street and Centre Street.

Concrete - City Councillor, Druh Farrell

In my monthly newsletters I try to write about topics that I hope you will find interesting. However that is not set in stone. This month I chose to write about a hard subject: concrete.



There is little that remains from the early days of Calgary. On a recent walk, I was surprised to see a concrete sidewalk in the Beltline with a date-stamp that read '1907'. Despite being over 100 years old and embossed with large dog prints - what drew my attention in the first place - the sidewalk was in outstanding condition. I wondered how this sidewalk could be in great shape when I often see new sidewalks (under five years) showing significant cracks and chips. I also noticed significant damage to public property around new developments. I started to do some digging around City Hall to find answers.

I now know more about concrete than I ever thought possible (segregation of aggregates, bleeding, scaling, spalling...). I discovered that concrete sidewalks in Calgary should have a lifespan of 50 years. Although our weather contributes to wear and tear, the durability of the sidewalk can be compromised by the quality of the mix or faulty installation.

After speaking with City staff I also discovered the extent to which in-fill construction practices can cause damage to sidewalks and other public property like laneways. This type of damage is becoming more common and is costing the City millions of dollars in annual repairs.

In order to extend the life of our sidewalks and alleyways, and reduce the need for costly repairs, I asked City Administration to explore solutions to:

- Improve inspections to identify and repair problem concrete while under warranty.
- Enhance pre and post-construction inspections for infill development to ensure that the contractor covers the cost of damages to public property.
- Coordinate the various departments and budgets used for the repair of sidewalks to maximize efficiency, improve reporting, and reduce costs.

The City of Calgary should expect a quality product from our suppliers and contractors. If you provide the City with substandard products, you will repair problem areas while it's under warranty. To infill developers, if you damage public property, you will pay to have it repaired. Doing so will help ensure that our city is well maintained and Calgarians are getting value.

On a quainter note, in the last few years, the City has been making efforts to save old sidewalk stamps during lifecycle sidewalk replacement. The heritage fragment is re-installed in the new sidewalk (I put in a word to save the old dog prints). Look for street stamps when out for a stroll in Calgary's oldest neighbourhoods.

- Druh



Rosedale Rink: You may have noticed that the Rosedale rink boards were set up in mid-October. It was somewhat ironic that it was 20 degrees + on our work day and that we had to cut the grass, but we are certain that winter will eventually arrive. The nice day brought out a great crew to spread the work around. Thanks to everyone who pitched in, especially the young guns including Aiden Foster and Mitch Code with his CHHS crew. Rink preparation will start whenever the weather dictates. Anyone who would like to join the flooding crew can contact me at dave@guebert.ca.

Rosedale's Arts & Craft Fair: Saturday, November 14th, 10 am - 3pm

Mark your calendars-- you don't want to miss this!!

Items for purchase include festive Christmas crafts and decor, gift baskets, exquisite jewellery, finely crafted knitting, quilting, sewing and pottery, upcycled glassware, body care including soaps and bath balms, rich wood crafts, one of a kind paintings and drawings, delicious salsas and infused oils, original bags, scarves and hats, paper crafts, macrame, and word and history books written by Faye Reinberg Holt. Guaranteed something for everyone on your Christmas list. Rosedale Junior High students will run a concession and bake sale to help support their West Coast Sailing trip.

HipKids: "Warm your Fingers and your Toes!" This month, we are going to send a little winter warmth to the people living at the **Alpha House**. You can give a pair of warm gloves, a hat, pocket warmers or socks. They may be new or they can be home made. These gifts will be given out to the residents of the Alpha House.

If you have any donations, please e-mail Marnie at marnie-jo@shaw.ca or call (403-282-6921). Please visit www.behip.ca for more information. Humanity In Practice is a movement of Calgarians who want to simply make a difference.

2016 RCA Membership Drive:

Thank you to the community volunteers who went door-to-door for the membership drive – Cathie Dadge, Tyler Hallman (2 blocks), Gabrielle Abernethy, Jennifer Edwards, Cindy Fyvie, Anne Thompson, David MacPhail, Bev Morgan, Denise Clark, Velma Scott, Bev Walker, Liz McWhinnie, Gaye Howe, Laura Margetts, Jeff & Lauren Lailey, Erika Reibmayr, Julia Melnyk, Julia Bell, Cathy Russell, Brian DesChamps, Marlene Augsten, Danielle Lennon, Kim Brinkhaus & Faye & John Fisher.

Neighbors canvassing for memberships helps give Rosedale that special 'community' feeling. Many of these people are 'annual' canvassers, but we also have a number of new people helping. As a result, we currently have one of the highest percentages of participation in community memberships in the City.

We encourage each household to support our Community by purchasing a RCA membership.

* cheques payable to the 'Rosedale Community Association'(RCA).

Member's Name(s): _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

(for community email list)

Type of membership: Family _____ \$25.00

Single _____ \$15.00

Senior (65+) _____ \$5.00 per household

Questions, please contact Marnie (marnie-jo@shaw.ca). You can also purchase a membership online at www.myrosedale.info under **Memberships**.

Crescent Road Promenade Restoration: The City of Calgary held a community meeting on October 23 regarding the usage and maintenance of the McHugh Bluff pathway system. An on-line survey was also conducted. The results of the City's consultation with neighbourhood residents can be found on the City website: <http://www.calgary.ca/engage/Pages/Crescent-Road-Promenade.aspx#what-we-heard>

Kind Regards to Rosedale as we move on Kate Reeves

In 1979-1980 I served as the Rosedale Community Kindergarten Teacher's Assistant to artist Elaine Flemming and in 1983 we moved "up the hill" to Rosedale to what eventually became "The Last Homely House". (The name comes from The Hobbit.)

We have been active in the community over the years in a variety of ways: Volunteer Coordinator at the school, chess teacher and tournament organizer, sailing trip instigator, playground and free library builder, Block Captain and District Coordinator, Secretary of the Community Association Board, Coordinator for the Seniors' Group, Newsletter Editor and member of the Rosedale Book Club. We have canvassed blocks for various good causes and volunteered at Rosedale Casino Nights. We had a Surprise! Birthday Party at the community hall and have organized Stampede Breakfasts and Block Parties on our block. I researched and compiled the history of Rosedale which was published by the Community Association in 2000 and have given various walking tours. So you would think that I know my neighbourhood pretty well! But for me, the idea of community has always been an elusive one.



It has been a blessing to have good neighbours and life-long friends within a short walking distance. Our children have fledged and now we are moving on to our next era in East Village. Still within walking distance! We would like to thank the community of Rosedale for being the place where we could "be of use" and share our lives.

NEW FEATURE THIS MONTH: ★Rosedale Reviews★

This month we're starting a new feature reviewing noteworthy businesses in and around Rosedale. We've started the first one but we invite your submissions and reviews.

Have a favourite restaurant? Hair salon? Florist? Mechanical repair shop? Send in a review and let the community know about it (positive input only please). The business you write about will be offered discounted advertising rates in the Rosedale Reporter for the next 3 months.

Send your submissions to rosedale.reporter@gmail.com.

Shiraz Persian Cuisine: This family-owned restaurant at 1120 Centre Street North is perfect for a night out in the neighborhood. A warm and somewhat exotic atmosphere on the inside sets the perfect environment for the carefully prepared and intricately spiced food.

Anything on the menu is worth a try. For appetizers, try the Kashk-e-Bademjan, a roast eggplant dip topped with absolutely delicious sauteed onions, garlic and mint, served with warm and fresh pita for dipping. The Persian stews are wonderful - try the Fesenjoon (Pomegranate Walnut stew) which is chicken-based and pungently sweet and tangy at the same time, and the beef kabob is a classic.

Our family will often order the pizza for take-out which is like no other pizza you have had before in Calgary with ingredients like eggplant dip, saffron rice, and wonderfully spiced meat. The service is excellent as the owners seem to really care about quality and have developed an extensive repeat customer base.

YOGA CLASSES:

Best part - you can walk to class! No experience needed to participate.

'Yoga 4 Backs' (Critical Alignment): Mondays:
7:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Sept 14 – Dec 21
Drop-in: \$12/class

Hatha yoga: Sophie
9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Mondays: Sept 7 –
Dec 21

Wednesdays: Sept 2 –
Dec 23 (No class Nov 11)

All Hatha classes: Drop-in \$15/class

No Classes Fridays

**** Please note – we now need all who take ANY of the RCA classes to have a valid Rosedale Community Membership. And we need a minimum number to sign up or the class will not run.**

CALL Events in November: All events take place in the Rosedale Community Hall and are free for Rosedale residents.

Science and Environment Lecture Series

Wednesday, November 4th, 7:30 – 9:30 pm

Why Scientists Change their Minds – Dr. Kamala Patel

Is science a quest, a journey or both? Hear one scientist's perspective through her 25 years of surprising discoveries and frustrating setbacks while studying inflammation, chronic disease and asthma.

Treks and Travels

Wednesday, November 18th, 7:30 to 9:00 pm

An Archaeological Journey Through Western Turkey – Brenda Andrews, Dorothy George and Gail Kingwell

In September 2014 these CALL members were part of a University of Calgary Travel Study trip to western Turkey. Hittites, Trojans, Greeks and Romans; Ephesus and Constantinople; the Ottoman and Byzantine empires; Attaturk and Alexander the Great– peoples, places and civilizations that have left their mark on present day Turkey. This presentation will show highlights from our explorations in and around Istanbul, including five days spent exploring the Turquoise Coast of Southwestern Turkey aboard a traditional Turkish gulet, where our accompanying archaeologist, Professor Emeritus Dr. John Humphrey, read to us chapters from the Odyssey as we drank Turkish wine and ate tasty Turkish specialties. We may also show some photos from the Greek Islands that are currently in the news and of a visit to Jordan.

CALL Café

Monday, November 9th, 1-3 pm

What a Compassionate Community Offers When Life Falls Apart

Elaine Munce, BN, MSc Couns, and Marj McNeil, RN will speak on the services offered by Hospice Calgary to children, teens and adults as they face a life-threatening illness and death of a loved one. You will learn how their team of professionals provides individual, family and group support as well as 24 hour end-of-life care.

Rosedale Classified and News

- **Scrabble:** Would like one or more people to play Scrabble in my home. Phone Dawn at 403 289 2271.
- **Guitar Lessons** from an experienced guitarist at convenient, well equipped Rosedale home music studio. You will learn by doing and feel confident about your playing. Beginner, intermediate. All genres of music, according to your interest and ability. Can combine some singing and playing if that is your interest. Recording facility available so you can see how you sound – great way to learn. A chance to use and develop your talents, you'll be glad you did. Retirees more than welcome (great activity) and any others (young, teen, middle aged, whomever). Don't put it off any longer, playing and further developing yourself on the guitar is exhilarating and a lot of fun!! \$40.00 per hour. Call John at 403-284-0577.
- **Rosedale's Christmas Arts & Craft Fair:** Friday, Nov 14th 10 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Your one-stop shopping event for a wonderful variety of handmade crafts – just in time to help you with your Christmas shopping. To book a table, please contact Marnie Worbets at marnie-jo@shaw.ca or Jan Hammerlindl at jhammerlin@shaw.ca.

City of Calgary

What's happening	More info
Thinking about renting a secondary suite? Verify the home's address on The City of Calgary's new secondary suite registry to ensure it's a safe and legal suite.	calgary.ca/secondarysuites
The City of Calgary presents another way to share information with you – through new and improved online maps. Check out the new Map Gallery.	maps.calgary.ca
The City wants the public's feedback on whether to allow sport ramps on private property or not.	calgary.ca/sportramps
November 16 to 22, The City of Calgary and community partners are hosting events throughout the city to get Calgarians active and moving. Be sure to check out our event listings on calgary.ca/recreation for ideas to get moving. #GetMovingYYC	calgary.ca/recreation
Sample fitness classes for \$2 at Southland and Village Square Leisure centres.	calgary.ca/leisurecentres
Winter 2016 Recreation Program Guide is on stands and available online November 18th. Registration for winter programs starts November 23rd.	calgary.ca/recreation
Learn how the City of Calgary supports recreation amenities and infrastructure for the use and enjoyment of all Calgarians.	calgary.ca/recreationprojects
Calgary AfterSchool offers fun, safe and supervised after school programs for ages 6 to 16.	calgary.ca/afterschool
FREE career and employment services for ages 15-24 at The City of Calgary's Youth Employment Centre.	nextSteps.org

New Secondary Suite Registry

The City of Calgary's online secondary suite registry and sticker program makes identifying a legal and safe suite easy.

If you're thinking about renting a secondary suite, you should verify the home's address and/or registry number on calgary.ca/suites. Listed secondary suites have been inspected to meet Alberta's Safety Code requirements for your protection. Approved secondary suites may also have a registered secondary suite sticker on their unit.

The City is also making it faster and easier for Calgarians to apply for a basement suite by waiving the Development Permit requirements where suites are a permitted use.

For more information about building or finding a legal and safe secondary suite, visit calgary.ca/suites.

Join The Movement

The City of Calgary and community partners are joining forces to start a movement to get more Calgarians, more active, more often. It's a simple idea with big outcomes for Calgary.

From November 16 to 22, 2015, free activities are being offered throughout Calgary as part of the first ever #getmovingyc week. Jump in on adult recesses along Stephen Avenue downtown or register for a free guided winter walk at various locations. Adults can try something new as part of the first All Sport One City event, a free 'try-it' week organized by Sport Calgary.

On November 22, children and youth can enjoy a free public skate or swim at participating City of Calgary facilities in support of National Child Day, or head out to Ralph Klein Park for the Winter Movement Festival, a free public festival to encourage physical and ecological literacy.

It's all part of a plan to get Calgarians of all ages and abilities to move more.

For a complete event listing, please visit calgary.ca/getmoving. Join the movement and the conversation. Use #getmovingyc to show us how you move and find out about how you and your family can get moving.

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Become a Citizen Scientist and Protect Your Family from Cancer

Cancer researchers want you to test your homes for radon gas

Written by The Robson DNA Science Centre (part of the Arnie Charbonneau Cancer Institute at the University of Calgary)

Each year one to four thousand new Canadian lung cancer cases are caused by inhaling a colourless and odourless gas called radon, the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers. Radon is a natural part of soil gas, the air that exists in the ground underneath our homes that can seep through foundations and accumulate in houses. The problem is that radon is radioactive and, once inhaled, will damage the DNA of the lungs, enormously increasing the risk of those lung cells turning into cancer. It is no wonder that the World Health Organization classifies radon as being just as cancer-causing as asbestos or mustard gas.

University of Calgary cancer researcher Dr. Aaron Goodarzi is helping understand radon-induced cancer in Alberta, and has been collecting data on the levels of household radon in Calgary as well as many other surrounding towns. The data collected by his lab indicates an alarming trend: 1 in 5 of our homes contain radon over the maximum acceptable concentrations indicated by Health Canada.

“Radon gas is, for Southern Alberta, a significant public health concern but one which is largely invisible to the public eye. Without question, if you live in a home with high radon, your lungs are being exposed to DNA-mutating radiation that can cause lung cancer even in people who have never smoked a day in their lives.” says Goodarzi.

Dr. Goodarzi’s team are urging the public to volunteer to test their homes starting this November, which is Lung Awareness Month. They have contracted certified professionals to provide tests which are very simple to conduct and are available (at cost) for only \$45. All data will go towards cancer research efforts in Alberta, and will be made anonymous (meaning researchers only get readings by postal code region). Volunteers will receive their own radon readings and professional advice on what to do if their home comes back high. Dr. Goodarzi stresses that the prospect of high readings are no reason to panic or avoid testing.

“Knowledge is power” he says, “and it is far preferable to know about a potentially life-threatening problem, and have the chance to remove it, than being in the dark until it is too late - meaning a cancer diagnosis. Having a high radon level is like finding you have a leaky roof, it is no reason to move from the home you love. You just fix it. And once fixed, the problem is gone. Home values are improved by radon testing (and mitigation of any problem) as you now KNOW that your home is 100% safe from a cancer-causing problem very common in the Prairies.” If you are interested in becoming a citizen scientist and testing your house, please visit dnascience.ca/radon

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Development Permits Committee – Bob Moir, Laura Snowball and James Reid

Residents wishing to view drawing sets for any proposed development are welcome to contact one of our Committee members.

If a proposed development fits within the City's policies and practices for Contextual Developments then: 1) The application is approved without notification or consultation with anyone other than the applicant(s). 2) The Committee receives the decision and related drawings from the City after the fact. 3) Comments may be submitted post-approval to the City by our Committee or by any Rosedale resident affected by the development.

If a development is considered to be a Discretionary Development the Committee receives drawings and a comment sheet and then: 1) The Committee reviews the drawings. 2) The Committee calls a meeting of the adjacent neighbours and reviews the proposed development. 3) The Committee prepares their comments and submits a written submission to the City and asks interested neighbours to submit their comments to both the City and the Committee. There is a deadline for this process.

Any City decision or City approval of a development may be appealed to the Subdivision Development Appeal Board (SDAB). The fee for doing this is \$100.00. Appeals should be based upon violations of the Land Use Bylaw.

A list of approved development permits is published in the Thursday edition of the Calgary Herald and they are also available on line through the City of Calgary's web site.

New Applications and Permits

1119 – 7A Street (DP2015-3698) – This is an application for a renovation of the second floor of the new residence located at this address. Ongoing revisions to the original scope of this construction continue. We have received notice of approval of this development/renovation.

PREVIOUS RECENTLY-REPORTED DEVELOPMENTS

Construction is under way at the following sites: 1616 – 7th Street – (DP2015-1557); 510 Crescent Road – (DP 2014 – 1224); 540 Crescent Road – (DP2014-6020); 628 Crescent Road – (DP2015-0381); 1308 – 6th Street – (DP2015-0449).

1433 – 5th Street (DP2015-3099) – RDC held a meeting with the neighbours adjacent to this project. Comments have been submitted to the City.

1427 – 6A Street – (DP 2015 – 0280) – Demolition has taken place on this site. The RDC expects construction activity to start in the near future.

530 Crescent Road (DP2015-1656) – A new home planned for this site has received development permit approval from the City based upon a revised set of drawings. The RDC expects that construction may start soon.

1622 – 6A Street – (DP2014-5776) – The project is Contextual and has been approved by the City.

We encourage anyone wishing to renovate or build new in Rosedale to contact our Committee prior to their application for a Development Permit. By doing so we hope to make any application a more expedited process. Additional information may be found on the Rosedale website at <http://myrosedale.info>.

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