

ROSEDALE REPORTER

The Newsletter of the Rosedale Community Association

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October 2015

Dates

Tuesday October 6

- Rosedale Community meeting – 7pm at the Rosedale Hall

Monday October 12

- Thanksgiving Day

Monday, October 19

- Federal Election

Saturday October 31

- Halloween
- Rosedale Halloween Howl (See insert for details)

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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Fall – A Season of Change

I have always loved the Fall. Summer's seductive power fades and we find ourselves asking how we could have ever thought wearing white sunglasses and drinking pink wine were good ideas, particularly if the wine had bubbles. Summer is a time of fanciful, even reckless choices wrought from seasonal heat and perhaps some boredom. Fall, on the other hand, is a time for robustness and planning. There is always a moment in the Fall when I feel I need to prepare –for colder temperatures, for imagined blizzards, snow drifting under doors; I have an overwhelming desire to harvest garden bounty, can, pickle, store away –perhaps learn to knit. Of course, I usually make do by cracking open a jar of someone else's preserves and opening a bottle of red while swaddled in a cozy, machine-made sweater --so far is my modern disconnection to pioneer skills.

I am one of the new co-editors for the Rosedale Reporter and I am hoping that what could have been one of those fanciful summer choices made on a patio in late night balmy air –to volunteer for this position –will now benefit from my Autumnal desire to roll up sleeves and toil. Mostly, I want to carry on the tradition of providing the residents of this wonderful neighborhood with a forum for sharing information and ideas. My co-editor, Jennifer Edwards, and I have some new ideas for added features and articles so look for these in the coming months. I look forward to the task ahead. Happy Fall!

About the new editors:

Corrine and her husband, Murray Harris, moved into Rosedale in June 2014 with their two children. Corrine has some personal history in Rosedale, however; when her parents were married in the early '60s, their first apartment was a basement suite in Rosedale. Corrine was born at the Holy Cross hospital and brought home to that basement suite where they lived for almost a year. It was then and still is an elegant neighborhood and she considers herself privileged to be a resident here.

Jennifer and her husband Chad moved into the neighborhood from Crescent Heights in 2012. They love the area, and feel so fortunate to have found their home in Rosedale. Since that time, they've welcomed their first child, a girl, into their family. Jennifer and Chad can often be found walking along the bluff, one of their favourite places in the city, with their daughter and dog.



OCTOBER IS 'COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP' MONTH!

Creating a small town feel in the big City!

Rosedale Community Association (RCA) is a **volunteer** organization that works hard to meet the diverse needs and interests of the residents within this active, vibrant inner-city community. The Rosedale Community Centre, which houses the RCA, also includes the outdoor rink, tennis courts, playground & soccer fields. Your membership fee supports the community hall, newsletter, programs, social events.... so many valuable community initiatives that help make Rosedale a special place to live. It is also the home of CALL (Calgary Association of Lifelong Learners), which provides many interesting programs at the hall. As a member, you'll have say in your community association's priorities in programming, spending & development and will be kept informed through the newsletter, email communication & website www.myrosedale.info. It provides many programs such as community soccer, tennis, yoga, as well as organizing social events and activities.

Rosedale is fortunate to have neighbourhood canvassers going door-to-door selling community memberships, which is one of the reasons we have one of the highest community membership participations in the City. All of this for \$25 (family) a year!

Watch for your local block representative neighbor in October and please support your community association.

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Memberships: Family \$25.00 Single \$15.00 Senior (65+) \$5.00/household

*cheques are payable to the Rosedale Community Association (RCA)

Questions? Please call Marnie Worbets (282-6921).

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**** Volunteer opportunity:** Help us by canvassing a block. We have a few blocks without canvassers. If you could help, please email Marnie @ marnie-jo@shaw.ca. Thanks.

Rosedale's Little Free Library turns two!

Rosedale's very own, "Little Free Library" celebrated its second birthday this summer and hopefully you are managing to stop by regularly to check it out!

Our red and blue library is located on the west side of the community centre adjacent to the sidewalk, if you haven't seen it yet.

Remember the premise of the library is to 'take a book and leave a book' – our stock seems to be a little on the low side lately, so any donations are appreciated.

Please only leave books if there is room to avoid overcrowding and weather damage and if you are doing some fall cleaning and have some current material in good condition that you would like to pass on and there isn't space, just call Cathie at [403-284-3926](tel:403-284-3926). As steward of the library, I will arrange to store them and ensure the library gets replenished as required. Thanks!



CalgaryNEXT Multi-sport Complex - City Councillor, Druh Farrell

The Calgary Sports and Entertainment Corporation recently unveiled a proposal for a new multi-sport complex in West Village to accommodate the professional and amateur sports teams that they own and operate.

The proposal, CalgaryNEXT, requires the City of Calgary to contribute public money and land. The proposal estimates that the new facilities would cost around \$900 million. The ownership group would contribute \$200 million dollars, with the rest coming from the City, general and special taxes, and a Community Revitalization Levy (CRL).



Calgarians are proud of their teams, and so am I. They contribute greatly to Calgary's identity and civic pride. However, several critical questions and considerations need to be addressed:

- The current proposal does not factor in the value of the land.
- Portions of the proposed location are contaminated. Studies are required to determine the extent of the contamination and clean-up costs, which could exceed several hundred million dollars. Who pays for the clean up?
- Who pays for the unfunded components of the project, including major transportation and utility upgrades? Can the transportation system handle the intensity of use generated by a multi-sport complex?
- The costs of repurposing or demolishing the Saddledome and McMahon Stadium have not been included. Is downtown the best location for a field house? How will the loss of the Saddledome concession revenues impact the viability of the Calgary Stampede?
- A CRL is essentially a loan on future tax revenue, generated within a fixed boundary and term. Can West Village generate sufficient CRL dollars to fund the infrastructure required for redevelopment of West Village, plus an arena?
- CRLs can be high-risk ventures. To mitigate risk, a CRL needs a stable financial anchor. Where will the tax revenue come from to repay the CRL, considering the current Saddledome does not pay property tax?
- Should public dollars be used to fund a private, for-profit corporation? Will the corporation share revenues?

I do not doubt that the need for modern sports and entertainment facilities exists. The City must first take a step back though, answer fundamental questions about the future of West Village, and require a comprehensive business case to ensure that this proposal is in the best interests of Calgarians. I look forward to reviewing a business case and discussing the proposal with Ward 7 residents, the ownership group and my Council colleagues.

There will be a lot more to come on this topic – for updates, please visit druhfarrrell.ca.

-Druh

Have a Safe and Spooky Halloween!

Tips for safe trick or treating from the City of Calgary

- Wear bright and reflective costumes that do not drag on the ground.
- Choose shoes that fit well and masks that do not limit vision.
- Children should plan their route and advise parents of where they will be and when they will return.
- Remind children not to enter houses or cars.
- Be aware of your location at all times. Should you need to call 911, knowing your exact location will enable responders to get to you quickly.
- Children should visit houses on one side of the street at a time and use cross walks to cross the street.
- Keep your home well-lit for trick-or-treaters and clear your walkway of debris and snow or ice.
- If driving on Halloween night, keep your speed to 20km/h in all residential areas.



Rosedale Classified and News

- **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.
- **Babysitter Wanted.** We are looking for a responsible teenager or young adult from the neighborhood to watch our toddler on the occasional weeknight or for a few hours on a weekend. First aid and Babysitter course preferred, but would also consider someone with enough babysitting experience and references. Contact Jennifer or Chad at 403-230-5806.
- **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.

Sportball helps children to develop socially as well as physically, through a curriculum designed to reinforce self-confidence free from the pressure of competition. In our programs, children from 3 to 5 years of age are provided with a skills-driven, high-energy and fun-filled curriculum. Sportball programs introduce children to the fundamental concepts and skills behind eight popular sports: baseball, football, basketball, golf, hockey, soccer, tennis and volleyball. Look for Fall programs at Rosedale Community Association. For registration and further information, visit our website at www.sportball.ca.



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 (**no class Oct 12) Drop-in: \$12/class

Hatha yoga: Sophie 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Mondays: Sept 7 – Dec 21 (No class Oct 12)

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 October

All events take place in the Rosedale Community Hall and are free for Rosedale residents.

Treks and Travels (monthly): Come for an evening of discovery and discussion in an informal and intimate setting! Every month we have an interactive presentation from a traveler (or two) on their fascinating global pursuits.

Canoeing Across Canada – Pam and Jeff MacDonald

Wednesday, October 21st, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

On August 30, 2013 Pamela and Geoff MacDonald, paddling their canoe down the St. Lawrence River, arrived in the city of Quebec. This concluded a 9500 km cross Canada journey started in Victoria BC in 2007. They began the trip accompanied by their 109 pound Alaskan Malamute Taq, and concluded it 6 years later with Taq, plus two infant children, Jude age 3 and Rane, 9 months, also in tow.

Originally from Ontario (Geoff) and Whitehorse (Pamela), the couple now make Calgary their home. **Treks and Travels is extremely fortunate to have this celebrated couple join us to share pictures and stories of their great adventure.**



CALL Café – Monday, October 26, 1 – 3 pm. The CALL AGM will follow the Café that day.

The speaker is Deeter Schurig, Project Manager for *C-Space* who will talk about the old King Edward School being turned into an arts incubator for a diverse group of artists and arts organizations.

In addition to these events, a variety of small groups meet at Rosedale Hall during the daytime on weekdays every week or two. These interest groups include: Bridge, Word Games, Films, Digital Photography, Reflections on Religion, Discussion on World and Current Events, Painting, Writing, Music in Canada and Democracy in Canada. For more information, please check out the CALL website: <http://calgarylifelonglearners.ca/>

City of Calgary

What's happening	More info
Interested in developing a secondary suite? The City is waiving the Development Permit application and fee for homes that meet the requirements of the Land Use Bylaw.	calgary.ca/secondary suites
In celebration of seniors on Monday, Oct 5, our drop in fitness programs will be only \$2 for 50 years and up!	calgary.ca./recreation
Calgary AfterSchool offers fun, safe and supervised after school programs for ages 6 to 16.	calgary.ca/afterschool
The Leaf & Pumpkin composting program is underway! Bring your leaves & pumpkins to a depot until November 8. Thirty-six convenient locations are available around the city.	calgary.ca/leaf
Halloween Swim Coupons-Surprise your trick or treaters with a coupon for a free swim instead of traditional sugar-filled Halloween treats.	calgary.ca/recreation
New this season! Friday nights at Village Square Leisure Centre are now dedicated for family fun. A family night out is \$26.30. Check the website for details and activities.	calgary.ca/recreation
Looking for ice time? Check out availability at all of our arenas by searching 'ice rink availability' on calgary.ca.	calgary.ca
Come to Village Square Leisure Centre dressed in a costume and drop in for free Halloween activities for all ages. Friday, Oct 30th from 4 – 6pm.	calgary.ca/recreation
FREE career and employment services for ages 15-24 at The City of Calgary's Youth Employment Centre.	nextSteps.org

Seniors Safety Session - A message from the Federation of Calgary Communities

Curious about common fraud and scams in Calgary? What about online safety for the whole family? Want to learn more?

Join us and Cst. Glenn Rowley from the Crime Prevention Unit at the Calgary Police Service for a presentation that will focus on elder abuse, online safety and common scams.

Date: Wednesday, October 14, 2015

Location: Temple Community Association (167 Templegreen Road NE)

Time: 7pm-9pm

Cost: FREE to all Calgarians

Register:
calgarycommunities.com/workshops-events

Seniors Age-Friendly Strategy

The City of Calgary, community partners, and Calgarians have created a vision to make Calgary a welcoming and empowering city for older adults. Calgary is reaching this goal through the development and implementation of a Seniors Age-Friendly Strategy. This plan will help create age-friendly communities by advancing six focus areas: Access to Information, Community Support and Health, Housing, Participation and Inclusion, Prevention and Response to Elder Abuse and Transportation and Mobility.

Learn more about the program and stay informed by visiting Calgary.ca/SAFS.

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McHugh Bluff Trails

The torrential rains we had in August did some significant damage to the McHugh Bluff trails. Our neighborhood Bluff Boss reports that the only surfaces that withstood the force of the record runoffs were those that were asphalted. Both the 9A pathway and the top of the 7A trail held fast because they were paved. The rest of the 7A trail -- and the main trail leading down from 5th Street NW to the Curling Club -- took a significant beating. Trail repair work by the City on this main trail began on September 17th.

The City is planning a major do-over on the Promenade and McHugh Bluff trails and has invited residents of Rosedale, Crescent Heights and Hillhurst/Sunnyside to attend an information meeting on September 23. See <http://www.calgary.ca/engage/Pages/Crescent-Road-Promenade.aspx>. Look for more information on City of Calgary proposed repairs in subsequent issues.

Graffiti

Graffiti vandalism spoils the not only the esthetic value of our neighborhood but calls attention to more significant issues of crime and gang-related activity. Rosedale residents are reminded that if they see graffiti in the community (or elsewhere) they should report it immediately to 3-1-1 (by app, phone or email). Lingering graffiti attracts more of the same.



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

For brevity of the report we have omitted references to many of the older developments currently under construction.

New Applications and Permits

Residents wishing to view drawing sets for any proposed development are welcome to contact a Committee member.

If a proposed development fits within the City's policies and practices for "contextual" developments, then the application will be approved without notification or consultation with anyone other than the applicant(s). The Committee receives the decision and related drawings after the fact. However, comments may be submitted post-approval, and City decisions may be appealed.

The Committee will receive drawings and a comment sheet for developments that are "discretionary" before the City makes its decision. The Community and affected neighbours are allowed time to comment before a final decision is made. As well, comments may be submitted post-approval, and City decisions may be appealed.

In late spring 2015, Rosedale community submitted a letter to the Mayor and Councillors re the proposed changes to the bylaw governing secondary suites. Since the community survey expressed clear opposition to the particular scheme proposed, we stated the community's opposition. In the end, the bylaw was not adopted, and we understand that the City does not mean to bring that particular secondary suites scheme back during this term of Council. We will keep Rosedale up to date on this issue should it resurface.

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1433 – 5th Street (DP2015–3099) – We received development permit approval notification and drawings after the city approved the contextual development at this address. We have called a meeting for the neighbours of this project.

PREVIOUS RECENTLY-REPORTED DEVELOPMENTS

1616 – 7th Street – (DP2015-1557) – Construction is under way on this site.

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

510 Crescent Road – (DP 2014 – 1224) – Construction is under way on this site.

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. We expect that construction could start soon.

540 Crescent Road – (DP2014-6020) – Construction is under way on this site.

628 Crescent Road – (DP2015-0381) – Construction is under way on this site.

1308 – 6th Street – (DP2015-0449) – Construction is well under way on this site.

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 about Development Permits may be found on the Rosedale website at <http://myrosedale.info>.

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