

# ROSEDALE REPORTER

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## Dates

### Tuesday February 2

- Rosedale Community Meeting, 7pm at the Rosedale Hall
- Groundhog Day



### Sunday February 14

- Valentine's Day



### Monday February 15

- Family Day

The Rosedale Reporter is published ten times per year by volunteers of the Rosedale Community Assn. Deadline for submissions is the 15<sup>th</sup> 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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## Canada now declared 'hip' - Corrine Fiesel

As many of you must have heard by now, a New York Times journalist has recently pronounced that Canada is now 'hip' –touting our new prime minister and several performing artists as evidence. My own reaction is akin to that of Basil Fawlty of Fawlty Towers' fame (famously played by John Cleese) when a patron of the small inn compliments him on something –the food or the atmosphere –and Basil performs an exaggerated sarcastic bow and says something along the lines of "Oh thank you, *thank you* for determining it worthy to come down from the mountaintop and proclaim our humble establishment is to your liking."

Typically, the word "hip" is taken to mean 'cool' or in fashion but even further than that, it is understood to mean someone who is ultimately in the know about what is worthwhile of attention of what is not. Internet definitions include this element of awareness that others might not have. The word apparently became popular in the 1930's and 40's in the derivation of "hep" or "hepcat" bantered about in American jazz culture, and was thought to derive from a West African word meaning "one who has his eyes open". As part of his notion of the 'beat generation', Jack Kerouac famously described 'hipsters' as being "a handful of characters of special spirituality, rising and roaming in America ...down and out but full of intense conviction . . . prophesying a new style for American culture." The idea of the divergent, and a defiant leaning, I would suggest, is inherent in the notion of 'hip'.

So from that perspective, haven't we Canadians been 'hip' all along? Past grudges aside, think back to 1977 when Trudeau Senior performed his infamous pirouette behind an oblivious Queen Elizabeth during a G7 summit Conference in London, England. Journalists describe the act at the time as an expression of "his maverick anti-conformism, his democratic disdain for aristocratic pomp." And before that in 1957, the Canadian Lester B. Pearson was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for essentially creating the United Nations Forces as President of the United Nations General Assembly during the Suez Crisis. Besides an incredible slate of artists, musicians and performers of all varieties who have always been willing to take risks, we have had diplomats that planned daring escapes for prisoners held hostage in Iran, the most down-to-earth astronaut in the history of space flight, athletes that ski and skate and run like the wind ... and yet, as a nation, we take it all in stride. Canadians have always been the equivalent of the quiet kid at school - -always going his own way, doing his own thing without needing recognition from others, and suddenly one day the blustery bully does pay attention and pronounces him 'cool'. Thanks – but we didn't need you to tell us.

## Snow Information - City Councillor, Druh Farrell

When the snowflakes start flying, the City and Calgarians come together to make the season safe, productive, and enjoyable for all.

The City's Roads department works hard to plow, salt, and sand roadways on a 7 day priority schedule. The Parks department quickly clears designated multi-use pathways within 24 hours. Teams often work overnight to keep the greatest number of Calgarians moving safely. Keeping our roads safe for everyone is also a joint effort between the City and Calgarians. When it snows, make sure to give yourself more time to reach your destination, and leave a greater distance between yourself and the vehicle ahead of you. Please also be extra mindful of people walking and cycling, who may struggle more in difficult conditions. **Calgary.ca/snow** is the one-stop shop for winter travel tips, the road conditions map, frequently asked questions, updates, and more.



Sidewalks are the responsibilities of adjacent property owners and must be cleared within 24 hours. Unfortunately, not everyone is able to clear her or his sidewalk. Keeping sidewalks clear of snow and ice can be challenging or impossible for seniors and others with limited mobility. Please consider becoming a Snow Angel and helping those who are less able. All you need to do is adopt someone's sidewalk and clear it as you would your own. Watch for neighbours who could use help removing snow and lend them a hand. Visit **Calgary.ca/snowangels** for more information.

If you have questions on snow clearing, need to report sidewalks, pathways, or roads that are not cleared, or want to recognise the work of a Snow Angel, please call **3-1-1**.

## Calgary Public Library

**Celebrate Family Day At The Library:** Family time is library time! Enjoy story times, children's activities, and reading together on Family Day. No registration required. Monday, February 15 | Noon-5:00 pm at these community libraries: Country Hills, Crowfoot, Fish Creek, Saddletowne, Shawnessy and Signal Hill.



If you can't make it in to the Library on Family day, make sure to stock up on books and make this holiday a family reading day!

**Celebrate Freedom to Read Week:** Who chooses what you read, listen to, and view? **Freedom to Read Week**, February 21 – 27, is an annual event that raises awareness about censorship and encourages Canadians to reaffirm their commitment to intellectual freedom. Celebrate your right to read with Calgary Public Library's online contest. Starting Feb.1, post your favourite banned book to the Library's Facebook page or Twitter account (@calgarylibrary). On Feb 19, one lucky entry will be chosen to win a bundle of banned books. Be sure to watch and see which challenged book is officially presented to City Council to mark this annual event.

## Make a difference in the life of a family...

Are you looking for a way to give back to your community?  
Our Home-Start program is looking for volunteers!

### What does a Home-Start volunteer do?

- Visits a family's home once per week
- Provides support, friendship and encouragement
- Gets the family involved with the local community
- Shares their own experiences of parenting and family life

### Interested in getting involved?

For more info, or to learn about upcoming training sessions, contact Home-Start or visit [www.boysandgirlsclubsofcalgary.ca](http://www.boysandgirlsclubsofcalgary.ca)

North Calgary: 403-660-6809 South Calgary: 403-660-1136



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## Community News

### Community Association Business Planning Meeting

The Rosedale Community Association board members held a productive business planning meeting Saturday January 16<sup>th</sup>. City of Calgary Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator, Brenda Annala facilitated the session, which took the board through a number of exercises that looked at Rosedale Community Association's values, vision and mission.

It was an opportunity for the board to discuss its long term goals. The board is now in the process of updating policies and procedures as they pertain to the operation and funding of the association. It will also fine tune its vision and mission statement and looks forward to sharing it with the community as a whole.

It was encouraging to hear Ms. Annala state that Rosedale Community Association is one of the stronger and more active boards that she works with.

### 2016 Community Memberships

Memberships are still available if you missed the community membership canvasser.

**\$25/family, \$15/single or \$5/senior household**

Your membership fee supports so many valuable community initiatives that help make Rosedale a special place to live. If you are participating in a community program, you need to have a membership.

You can email [marnie-jo@shaw.ca](mailto:marnie-jo@shaw.ca), drop off to 750 Crescent Rd NW, or go to the Rosedale website: <http://myrosedale.info>.

### HipKid February Project



This month, we are going to help create awareness of an agency that helps beloved pets receive the veterinary care they need that their owners can't afford.

You can make a pet toy like a rope made out of flannel or a chew toy filled with catnip. Just remember your toy should not have small parts that come off easily and be swallowed. Or you can think of ways you could raise \$50; could you have a bake sale or a raffle or a read-a-thon? Cut a piece of paper to look like a puppy dog's tail and write your idea on it for us to share. These toys and ideas will be given to Tails of Help to use in their efforts to raise the funds they need.

Tails of Help offers essential veterinary care for ill or injured pets of owners who are experiencing financial hardship. Their goal is to help keep pets healthy and living with their loving families. They help seniors, disabled or low income pet owners who own pets that need essential veterinary treatment. They can help care for companion animals of all kinds, from dogs and cats to birds and ferrets.

If you have any donations, they can be dropped off on Marnie's doorstep at 750 Crescent Rd, NW.

Please visit [www.behip.ca](http://www.behip.ca) for more information.

Humanity In Practice is a movement of Calgarians who want to simply make a difference.

### Winter Yoga Classes

#### Yoga for Backs (Critical Alignment)

with Bridgette:

Mondays, 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Jan 4<sup>th</sup> to March 21<sup>st</sup> (no class Feb 15<sup>th</sup>)

Drop-in: \$12/class

#### Hatha Yoga with Sophie:

Mondays, 9:30 to 11:00 am

Jan 4<sup>th</sup> to March 21<sup>st</sup> (no class Feb 15<sup>th</sup>)

Drop-in: \$15/class

Wednesdays, 9:30 am to 11:00 am

Jan 6<sup>th</sup> to March 30<sup>th</sup>

Drop-in: \$15/class

\*\*Participants in Rosedale Community Association (RCA) classes require a valid Rosedale Community Membership



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## Calgary Association of Lifelong Learners (CALL) Events:

All events take place in the Rosedale Community Hall and are free for Rosedale residents. CALL would like to wish everyone a happy and health holiday season.

### Science and Environment Speaker Series

Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:30 to 9:00 pm **Oil and Gas Development Norwegian Style**

Like Alberta, Norway is rich in oil and gas resources. But the Norwegians took a radically different approach to the development of those resources and the revenues they garnered. Once the second poorest country in Europe, Norway now has a \$1 trillion sovereign fund and is preparing to transition to a green economy. How did they do it? Are there lessons from this approach that could be applied in Alberta?

Gillian Steward is a Calgary-based journalist. She was the 2014-2015 Atkinson Fellow in Public Policy which enabled her to extensively research the Alberta oil sands, including a visit to Norway. A series of articles based on her research was published in the Toronto Star last September; please click Atkinson Series to view.

### Treks and Travels

Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 to 9:00 pm

#### **Scenic and Cultural Guatemalan Highlands by Bill Skinner**

Bill has made many trips to Guatemala since 2007 mostly in the western Highlands. Most of his time has been spent in smaller towns and villages, mostly working with the local Mayan people. He has also had time to visit some of the better known tourist destinations and to do some hiking. His talk therefor will focus on scenic and touristic themes, as well as the culture of the indigenous Mayan people.



### CALL Café

Monday February 8<sup>th</sup>, 1-3pm **Who Cares? Social Activism in Calgary**

Join us for a panel discussion on Syrian Refugee Resettlement Initiatives.

Panel Members will include Antoinette Godbout, Refugee Sponsorship Coordinator, Calgary Catholic Immigration Society; Dr. Laureen Swann, who is currently hosting an adoptive Syrian family of four, and a Syrian refugee, a recent New Canadian who will discuss adjustment challenges.

**A new interest group is starting at Rosedale.** It's called Climate Change: Basics and Issues. The group meets on Friday afternoons, 1-3 pm from Jan. 22nd to March 11th.

Climate change has been called the defining challenge of the 21st century. The Interest group will use peer learning to explore the meaning of the terms used to discuss climate change, e.g. greenhouse gases. Topics the group could look at include:

- What is the Intergovernmental Committee on Climate Change and how can they make reliable predictions in such a complex topic?
- What are these various climate change protocols: Kyoto, COP21, etc.?
- What are the fundamental arguments of climate change skeptics?
- What are the anticipated climate change effects on regions, such as Canada's Arctic?
- Why do some Pacific Islands believe they are in danger of disappearing?
- What are some of the main climate change adaptation methods?
- What are the main components of Alberta's new Climate Change Plan? Do they make sense?
- What are the relative advantages of carbon tax vs. cap and trade in meeting GHG reduction targets?

To register for this group and to find out more about it, please go to the CALL website at:

<http://calgarylifelonglearners.ca/climate-change-basics-and-issues/>

## Rosedale Rink News

It doesn't get much more quintessentially Canadian than playing shinny on the outdoor rink for Christmas day. Although it was chilly, blue sky and sunshine welcomed the participants.

The much older dads and the not so young sons included the Sevalruds, the Gibbs, the Taylors and the Gueberts.

Lots of fun was had by all.



## ★Rosedale Reviews★

We're featuring noteworthy businesses in and around Rosedale, and we invite your 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](mailto:rosedale.reporter@gmail.com).

## ★La Viena Restaurant★ (802 16<sup>th</sup> Ave NW)

In the mood for thin crust pizza or fresh pasta? Try La Viena for eat-in or take-out. The service is always friendly, and there are many classic Italian dishes to satisfy your cravings. The pizzas are fully loaded with flavourful toppings, but the pasta is the true standout – no surprise given that they make their pasta in-house. In order to sample a few types of dishes, we ordered the Combo Italiana, which comes with Polo Parmigiana, Lasagna Fiorentina and Ravioli Pesto. The pesto sauce accompanying the ravioli was creamy and delicious – comfort food at its best. – The Edwards



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## Snow and Ice on Sidewalks – a message from the City

**Clearing Snow and Ice from Sidewalks:** Clear and safe sidewalks are essential for many Calgarians, especially those with disabilities, older adults, and children who walk to and from school. Under the Street Bylaw 20M88, the owner(s) and/or occupant(s) of a private property are required to clear snow and ice from sidewalks in the front or to the side of their property within 24 hours of a snowfall. If the sidewalk is not cleared within that time, The City may have the snow and ice removed from the sidewalk at the property owner's expense. If you own a rental property, you are responsible for ensuring that adjacent sidewalks and pathways are cleared.

**Snow Angels:** Keeping sidewalks shoveled, ice-free and safe can be very challenging for older adults and other Calgarians who have limited mobility. The Snow Angels campaign encourages citizens to clear snow and ice from the sidewalks of their neighbours who may be less able to do it themselves. Watch for people in your neighbourhood who could use help removing snow and ice and lend them a hand. For more information please visit [www.calgary.ca/snowangels](http://www.calgary.ca/snowangels).

## 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.

# City of Calgary

What's happening	More info
The City is recruiting census takers for the annual Civic Census. Applications are available until the end of February. For more information visit <a href="http://calgary.ca/census">calgary.ca/census</a> or call 403-476-4111.	<a href="http://calgary.ca/census">calgary.ca/census</a>
Check out the Citizen Dashboard pilot, an online tool that gives Calgarians access to information about City performance and how City services contribute to Calgary's quality of life.	<a href="http://calgary.ca/citizen/dashboard">calgary.ca/citizen/dashboard</a>
Spend the Family Day weekend in nature! Enjoy outdoor skating, nature-themed activities and playtime in the park at our free We Are Family events.	<a href="http://calgary.ca/parks">calgary.ca/parks</a>
Register your child for a spring break nature adventure! Our half-day and full-day camps explore the exciting world of bugs, birds, plants and animals using hands-on activities and outdoor play. Before and after camp care is available.	<a href="http://calgary.ca/parksguide">calgary.ca/parksguide</a>
The whole family is welcome to our special Family Day weekend climbing and gymnastics drop-in.	<a href="http://calgary.ca/leisure/centres">calgary.ca/leisure/centres</a>
The City is looking for more Calgarians to join Calgary's online panel. Sign up at <a href="http://CitizensView.ca">CitizensView.ca</a> .	<a href="http://citizensview.ca">citizensview.ca</a>
The Spring & Summer Recreation Program Guide hits the stands February 24. This issue includes summer day camps & sailing school. Don't miss picking up your guide to fitness and adventure.	<a href="http://calgary.ca/recreation">calgary.ca/recreation</a>

## Know Your City Hall

Calgary City Hall is, by definition, a public space where citizens can visit, attend Council and Committee meetings, and present on issues that matter to them. City Hall 101 aims to throw open the doors and welcome you to this important city space.

Much like an introductory course at University (hence the "101"), this afternoon workshop is an interactive welcome to your City Hall. In just two and half hours, you will learn about the inner workings of Council and its Committees. And to help you find your voice in government, the event will explore the many ways (at City Hall, online, or in your community) that you can connect with your City, Mayor, and Councillors.

City Hall 101 starts by welcoming you and other Calgarians to Historic City Hall and the Municipal Complex.

Beyond touring these important public spaces, you will also learn from citizens like yourself about how you can present to Council or Committee. From getting your turn at the microphone or getting tips or tricks about speaking with Council, the goal of the workshop is to help you get the knowledge and confidence to connect with The City and your politicians about the issues that matter to you.

The next City Hall 101 is 4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 7, 2016. You can register at [Calgary.ca/CityHall101](http://Calgary.ca/CityHall101).

## The City is recruiting civic census takers now!

The City's civic census is conducted annually and that means census taker recruitment is underway. The City needs nearly 1,000 flexible workers to help with the door-to-door physical Census collection and data recording in April.

Census takers need to be able to walk in seasonable weather conditions and easily operate a tablet computer. Census takers are provided with essential training, to be completed at home online and must be available for an in-person session in March.

Applications can be downloaded online and are accepted in person, at The City of Calgary Election and Information Services office, 1103 55 Ave NE, between 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday to Friday. In addition to completing an application form, there is a written skills assessment test that takes approximately 30 minutes to complete. If you or anyone you know would be a good fit as a census taker, be sure to send them to [calgary.ca/census](http://calgary.ca/census) to fill out an application.

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## Cool camps for your little critters

Send your kids on an action-packed nature adventure this spring break! The City of Calgary's nature day camps connect children with the natural world through hands-on activities and outdoor play. Campers will spend an unforgettable week exploring bugs, birds, plants and animals, and gaining a better understanding of nature and their place within it.

Nature day camps run from Monday, March 21 through Friday, March 25 and are located at Inglewood Bird Sanctuary, Ralph Klein Park or Devonian Gardens. Half- and full-day camps are available.



*Nature Fun Camps*, designed for children four and five years old, introduce preschoolers to the natural world through bite-sized adventures using games, crafts and stories. Camps run from 9 a.m. to noon and are \$115 per child.

*Nature Spring Camps*, designed for children aged six to 10, focus on nature's amazing transformation during the spring season. Campers will learn about insect, plant and animal adaptations through games, art and outdoor activities. Camps run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and are \$225 per child.

Worried about childcare? We have you covered. Before- and after-camp care is available upon request at a cost of \$25 per timeslot.

For more information or to register, visit [calgary.ca/parksguide](http://calgary.ca/parksguide) or call 403-268-3800.

## Rosedale Playschool

Rosedale Playschool is already gearing up for the 2016/2017 school year! If you are interested in finding out more about our Reggio inspired program, we invite you to attend an open house for students and parents on Feb 2. A parent information night will be held on Feb 17. Online registration for returning students is on Feb 18 and for alumni and new students on Feb. 24! Be sure to mark your calendars! For more information on our NEW registration process, go to [rosedaleplayschool.com](http://rosedaleplayschool.com).



## Nestle into nature this Family Day weekend

Family Day is a great time to reconnect with loved ones - a time to slow down, focus on family and create lasting memories together. Finding activities for the holiday weekend that everyone will enjoy can be challenging, but rest assured, this year it will be a walk in the park.

The City of Calgary will be hosting free *We Are Family* events throughout the Family Day weekend at three of Calgary's beautiful parks. Grab your skates and join us on Saturday, February 13 at Carburn Park or Sunday, February 14 at Prince's Island Park for ice skating, fireside nature activities and family-friendly fun.

If you prefer an indoor celebration, drop by Devonian Gardens, Calgary's downtown tropical oasis, on holiday Monday, February 15. We will have entertainment for all ages, including nature games, crafts and a variety of animal furs and bones to see and touch.

All events run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information about our We Are Family events, visit [calgary.ca/parks](http://calgary.ca/parks).

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

Since our last report, we have received no new development permit proposals for comment. However, consistent with our observations in recent reports, we did receive notification of an already-approved permit long after any meaningful feedback comments could be made to the City to be passed on to the owners/developer. As we are concerned about

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the process, we contacted City Planning and voiced our concerns. In reply, City Planning recommended that we take our concerns to our City Councillor and we will be doing so. We will be advocating for a re-opening what were once highly effective lines of cooperative communication.

To put this in context, in the past we have held meetings with immediate neighbours to proposed developments for both contextual and discretionary projects. We found this process to be favourably received by most Rosedale residents. Rosedale has had a history of active participation and partnership with the City's planning department with respect to the development decisions in our neighbourhood. Recently the City has altered the neighbourhood consultative process and has not asked for neighbourhood input with regard to "contextual" developments. If the proposals meet the contextual guidelines the development permits for said proposals are approved and our committee and Rosedale residents are notified of the approvals afterward. It has become abundantly clear that City Planning has restricted the consultative process. We are now only made aware of proposed developments and asked for input if said proposals are "discretionary".

As we commented in an earlier edition of the Rosedale Reporter, because of this change in the planning departments' policies we have decided to alter our process of calling meetings to discuss development proposals. We will now be sending out notices of contextual approvals to the neighbours and indicating our willingness to meet with any neighbours who request it. We will suspend our past process of automatically calling meetings for contextual development permits but will retain our past process of calling meetings for proposals that the city considers to be discretionary.

This makes it all the more important that anyone wishing to renovate or build new in Rosedale will hopefully contact our Committee prior to their application for a Development Permit. By doing so it is our hope that neighbourhood input can be part of a process that makes any application more expedited and favourably received.

Additional information about Development Permits or Committee Information may be found on the Rosedale website at <http://myrosedale.info>.

- Your Rosedale Development Permit Committee

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