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## Dates

### March 7, Wednesday

- Rosedale Community Association Board Meeting, 7:00 pm

### March 17, Saturday

- St. Patrick's Day



### March 30, Friday

- Good Friday



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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## Development in Rosedale – by

James Reid

Rosedale may not currently be the hotbed of home sales and development that it has been in recent years past, but our small neighbourhood continues to see its fair share of houses on the market and no shortage of home-buyers looking for an opportunity to make a purchase and move into Rosedale; and with home sales come renovations, additions and development in the form of new homes replacing the existing ones.

These development pressures are relatively simple compared to those facing our neighbours in Crescent Heights or Sunnyside, where there are multifamily residential and commercial projects in addition to the more conventional residential projects. However, that doesn't mean that the residential developments in Rosedale are any less dynamic and exciting for those owners proposing them, or potentially challenging and disruptive to the neighbours living adjacent.

Having just come back inside, fresh from delivering notices to the homeowners around a site with a Development Permit (DP) application, I thought it might be helpful to talk about some changes and updates to the process and also new tools available through the City of Calgary.

One of the gripes the Rosedale Development Committee has had with the new DP review process is that it has gone digital; and actually, this is only a temporary gripe because this change will ultimately make our review process easier. We used to receive a hard copy, full-sized large-scale set of architectural drawings from the City; and these would be made available to residents during our hosted reviews at the Community Hall. However, the City now issues electronic drawing sets as image files which the Development Committee is not allowed to share – we can only present them on a laptop or print a tiny copy on tabloid sized paper; neither of which is as accessible as a large hardcopy set of plans. We have made the suggestion to the City that it would be preferable for the Planning Department to “host” the drawings online through a portal of some sort which would require a sign-in to keep track of who is looking at the drawings. Apparently, this is indeed something the City is looking into and plan to roll out as soon as they can. For now, please bear with the Development Committee if you receive one of our notices about a development nearby and you are underwhelmed by the tiny set of plans when you arrive at the review meeting.

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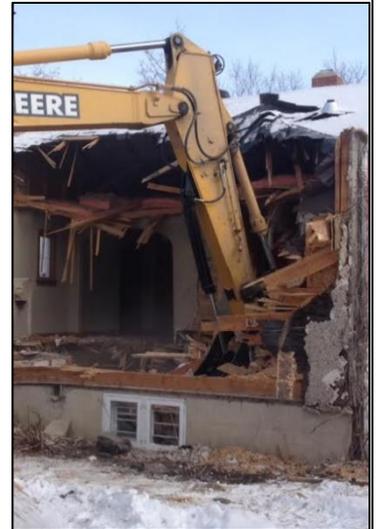


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In regard to development within Rosedale, if you are considering a major change to your home, or a complete demolition and construction of an all-new home; we urge you to meet with your neighbours and with the Development Committee as early as possible in the design phase to discuss your plans. Concerns such as drainage, noise, retention of mature trees and maintenance of views & privacy are much more easily discussed and remedied when everything is still flexible early in the design process, rather than at the DP stage when the design is fixed.

The Planning Department does not require any information regarding drainage or noise making equipment on Development Permit drawing sets; but some of the concerns we most often discuss involve downspout locations and where external air conditioners are placed. Drainage cannot flow onto a neighbour's property and it's un-neighbourly to install an exterior air conditioner unit between houses without acoustic dampening or a shroud. I believe a brief, preliminary meeting with the Development Committee can greatly assist in making a new home or a renovation as low impact as possible to the neighbours.

Becoming educated on development within Calgary has never been easier. If you are not familiar with the updates the City of Calgary has been diligently making to their website, then prepare to be pleasantly surprised! "[www.calgary.ca](http://www.calgary.ca)" is the main starting point – just type it into the address line on your internet browser of choice.

Once you are on the City homepage, look under "Building, Planning and Business" for the "**myHome**" header with tools for homeowners and links to guides, bylaws and processes for Home Improvement, Hiring a Contractor, Inspections, Buying and Selling a Home, Home Maintenance, Trees and Shrubs, Drainage and Water Control, Garbage and recycling day, and Untidy Properties. There are also links to City Services Maps and the Citizen Dashboard (see just how well your City is doing). Also of note is the "**ourCommunity**" header including the "myProperty" link to an interactive map that allows you to look up property details including land-use zoning, property reports, and property assessment. It's all very simple to navigate.

If you want to delve a little deeper into the information on the Building, Planning and Business page then have a look at the "**myDevelopment**" header and the "Residential Development HUB" link. This page is of interest to our discussion of Development because it is here that further information can be found in regard to the requirements for Demolitions, new home Development permits, new house construction and what is meant by 'contextual' dwellings.

Still want even more info? Then have a look at the "Bylaws and Public Safety" header under which you will find the "**Bylaws by topic**" search engine. Need to know when noise is problem or if that dust is really allowed to blow from the adjacent construction site onto your

## Winter Session Yoga Classes Continue:

All Classes: Drop-in \$15/class

**Yoga 4 Backs (Critical Alignment)** with Bridgette

- **Mondays, 7:30 to 8:30 pm.** Jan. 8 to Mar 19

**Hatha Yoga** with Sophie

- **Mondays, 9:30 to 11:00 am.** Jan. 8 to Mar 19
- **Wednesdays, 9:30 am to 11:00 am.** Jan. 10 to Mar 21.

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

## Rosedale Classified & News

- **The Provincial Martial Arts is in your Community!** Come train with World Champion Athletes and Coaches that have over 20 years experience in the martial art industry. We offer an amazing family program. FUN-FITNESS-CONFIDENCE-SELF ESTEEM. Come try a FREE TRIAL CLASS! [403-850-1845](tel:403-850-1845). Tuesday & Thursday. Kids 6-6:45pm, Adults 6:45-7:45pm
- **Rosedale Women's Bible Study** Mondays at 2:30. All women are invited even if you do not reside in Rosedale. Phone Henrietta for details, [587-586-1987](tel:587-586-1987).
- **Guitar Lessons** from an experienced guitarist at well equipped Rosedale home music studio. 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/hour. Call John: 403-284-0577

property? Then look here – or you can always contact me at the Development Committee.

Having grown up and gone to school here in Rosedale, I'm biased but believe our neighbourhood is indeed a lovely inner-city community filled with an interesting mix of housing types both old and new, and even historic; and we are lucky to have a lot of mature trees and shrubs still interspersed with the homes. In fact, anecdotally, we often hear later that it was these very things that most attracted someone to purchase a home in Rosedale.

Development doesn't have to be overly disruptive or feared as the bringer of negative change as long as home-owners considering a Development Permit application are willing to communicate the proposed intent with their neighbours as early in the design process as possible; and to make use of the resources available from the City and tap into the intimate experience of the Development Committee volunteers.

## Secondary Suites Motion

There is a Secondary Suites Motion coming before City Council on March 12, 2018. If approved, this Motion would mean that secondary suites would now require only a discretionary Development Permit (DP) instead of a Change of Land Use (Rezoning) before City Council.

Residents have until March 5, 2018 to submit comments if you would like them to be included in the public submission documents for Council. On March 12, 2018, this motion will be debated at City Council and a decision will be reached.

For more information: [www.calgary.ca/suitereform](http://www.calgary.ca/suitereform)

## Raccoons in Rosedale – Dawn Lewis & Jennifer Edwards



*Raccoon spotted in Rosedale (Photo submitted by a Rosedale resident)*

In our last issue, we reported on bobcat sightings in our neighborhood. This prompted a resident to provide photos of another wild visitor to our area – raccoons!

According to a recent CBC news article ([Raccoons in Calgary? Yup](#)) and Global news article ([Trash pandas in Calgary?](#)) climate change and development are causing more and more raccoons to move into the city. The furry bandits are nocturnal, so they aren't spotted very often during the day, though they are thought to be found city-wide.

Though cute, raccoons can be aggressive when protecting their young and can sometimes attack cats or dogs. Also, the feces should be avoided as it can contain raccoon roundworm eggs. If you discover feces that is not easily accessible to you, your children and/or pets, leave it to nature to take care of; otherwise, call a local pest control company to dispose of it as raccoon roundworm eggs are deadly.

The best thing to do is to make yards less attractive for all types of wildlife – keep pet food inside; fix holes under decks or steps to avoid providing shelter (raccoons only need 4 to 6 inch hole to access to make an empty space a home); clear piles of leaves, branches and general debris; secure garbage and recycling containers; and consider installing motion-sensor lights. If you are concerned that raccoons or other wildlife have taken up residence in your home or yard, contact a local pest control company for advice.

If you're interested in seeing what other wild creatures call Calgary home, you can be a citizen scientist with the recently launched Calgary Captured tool! The online tool allows Calgarians to view wildlife captured by hidden cameras that have been set up in 12 city parks. Crowd-sourcing wildlife identification will help the city understand what animals are in the area, which will inform conservation decisions. For more information on Calgary Captured, visit

<https://www.zooniverse.org/projects/calgary-captured/calgary-captured/classify>

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## 2018 Rosedale Community Association Memberships

2018 Community memberships are still available if you missed the community membership canvasser. 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.

For a 2018 membership, email Marnie ([marnie-jo@shaw.ca](mailto:marnie-jo@shaw.ca)), drop off to 750 Crescent Rd NW, or go online at [www.myrosedale.info](http://www.myrosedale.info) under Memberships.

## Keep in Touch with the Rosedale Community Association

There are several ways that you can keep in touch with the Rosedale Community Association!

- The most obvious is the newsletter that you are holding in your hand! Residents are invited to provide submissions (articles or photos) at any time to the newsletter by emailing [rosedale.reporter@gmail.com](mailto:rosedale.reporter@gmail.com). You can view past issues of the Rosedale Reporter online at: <https://myrosedale.info/newsletters/newsletters/>
- The Rosedale Community Association website ([www.myrosedale.info](http://www.myrosedale.info)) also includes contact information for the board, community news, information on Rosedale's history, membership information, and facilities rental information
- Follow us on Social Media for information on upcoming community events or programs. Search 'Rosedale Community Association' and give us a 'like'.
- Are you on our email distribution list? The emails are used to communicate time-sensitive information, such as lost and found items, community events, or recent break and enters. Sign up on the website!

## You are invited to a Rosedale Pub Night!

**Featuring the Boomer Dance Party Band – celebrated and enjoyed by all – performing the best songs of the 50s to the 80s**

**Where:** Rosedale Community Hall, 901 – 11<sup>th</sup> Ave NW

**When:** Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018. 8:30pm to 11:30pm

**What:** You'll enjoy meeting and socializing with your Rosedale neighbours.

**Admission:** Advance tickets \$10 at [www.myrosedale.info](http://www.myrosedale.info) or from John Tatlow (403) 284-0577. Tickets at the door: \$15



**GREAT LIVE MUSIC**

## March HIP Project: “Bringing Easter to the Children”



This month we are going to help bring Easter to the children staying at the Sheriff King Home of the YWCA. You can donate Easter goodies (please be nut free) in bulk or create little goody bags. You can also supply a craft such as a coloring page or egg painting kit or your favorite craft for the children to do over the holiday. (Please include supplies & instructions for your craft).

These treats will be gathered and donated through HIP’s program which brings holiday treats and creative play ideas to the children whose mothers have sought shelter through the YWCA to rebuild their lives.

\*Humanity In Practice offers treats for the holidays all year...if you want to help with this program, send us an email. It is a really easy way to make a difference!

If you have any donations, they can be dropped off on Marnie’s doorstep @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.

## Presentation on Native Bees of Alberta & Bee Box Building Event

**A Collaboration Between the Alberta Native Bee Council & the Rosedale Community Association – Anne Thomson**



"The Alberta Native Bee Council", a registered non-profit organization, will give an educational presentation about native bees (did you know that Alberta has over 300 species of native bees?) and teach the participants to build bee boxes which they can install on their properties. The participants can then monitor bee activity in their boxes, and report back to the Bee Council. This data will be used in a scientific study of bees which the Bee Council is embarking upon. Participants will also be encouraged to participate in BumbleBeeWatch.org, a North American-wide initiative that engages citizen scientists to submit photographs of bees to help researchers track the status of our wild bees.

We hope that the bumblebee boxes will create interest and communication in the community. The participants will leave the workshop with the plans for building the bee boxes and will have the opportunity to build more boxes with friends and colleagues, install them, and provide more data to the Alberta Native Bee Council and BumbleBeeWatch.org for their research.

This event may inspire more interest in native bees, and more observation while outside. Learning about native bees is a gateway to infatuation with the insect world, which is an endless journey of learning. In many ways learning about and observing insects brings back nostalgic memories of childhood and is an activity that all ages can enjoy.

The boxes should be installed as soon as the snow is gone, so the event will be **April 4, 7:00 – 9:30**. Check [myrosedale.ca](http://myrosedale.ca) for more details and mark your calendar!

## **Paced breathing to kick-start your health** - Dr. Alexa Birdgeneau, Rosedale resident and naturopathic doctor

When you are feeling stressed, whether from being chased by a bear or from the busy nature of modern life, your body is not working on those health issues that you experience on a regular basis — it’s focused on surviving in the here and now. In order to heal and relieve your symptoms, your nervous system needs to shift from stress mode to relax mode.

Breathing at a rate of 6 breaths per minute has been shown to activate the parasympathetic (or “rest and digest”) portion of the nervous system. Not only does this allow your body to relax and heal, doing this regularly can improve digestion, decrease heart rate and blood pressure, and even reduce certain abnormal heart rhythms.

Breathing exercise:

- Sit comfortably upright, allowing space for your ribs and abdomen to expand.
- Inhale for 5 seconds. Exhale for 5 seconds.

- Feel your abdomen expand on each inhale, but there's no need to force deep breaths.
- Continue for at least 7 minutes.

Notes:

- You may also do this lying down or standing, however it's best to practice in the position that you will spend most of your day, in order to slowly integrate it more frequently into your routine.
- You may breathe slower if it's comfortable.
- If it is uncomfortable to breathe this slowly, start with 3 or 4 seconds per inhale/exhale and slowly increase to 5 seconds.
- Doing this for shorter bursts throughout the day is also helpful, such as when you're waiting in line at the grocery store, on the train, or in the bathroom.

**Disclaimer:** Information can be empowering, but we all have unique health profiles and needs. Health-related information contained in this article is intended to be general in nature and should not be used as a substitute for a visit with a healthcare provider.

## City of Calgary: Recreation Activities

**Free public swimming:** Free swimming is available on some statutory holidays at select pools. Check online for the dates and locations of upcoming free public swimming at [calgary.ca/pools](http://calgary.ca/pools). Not available at our Leisure Centres.

**Free public skate:** Free skating is available on some statutory holidays at select arenas. Check online for the dates and locations of upcoming free public skating at [calgary.ca/arenas](http://calgary.ca/arenas).

**Saturday and Sunday Splash Swim – \$1 for kids:** Check your favourite pool schedule for Splash Swims, admission is \$2/adult and \$1/child or senior. Search [calgary.ca/pools](http://calgary.ca/pools).

**Terrific Tuesdays at Southland Leisure Centre:** Tuesdays, 4 - 10 p.m. Come join us for 50% off regular admission. **(Waterpark access begins at 7 p.m.)**

**Wild Wednesdays at Village Square Leisure Centre:** Wednesdays, 4 – 10 p.m. Come join us for 50% off regular admission. All ages.

**Thursdays at Southland Leisure Centre:** Toys in the Waterpark from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Try out our giant inflatable obstacle course or “walk on water” in one of our WOW balls. Anyone age 7 and up can try them out. General admission applies.

**Saturdays for 50% off regular admission:** Saturdays, 7 – 10 p.m. at Village Square Leisure Centre. Come join us for 50% off regular admission.

## Community Preparedness - *A message from the Federation of Calgary Communities*

As Calgarians we know that emergencies can affect our communities at any point. Many emergencies may not be preventable, but we can minimize the risk by being prepared. Here is a list of ways you and your neighbours can be prepared.

- **Know your neighbours:** If an emergency does arise, if you know your neighbours you can readily identify neighbours who may have special needs, mobility or those who need additional assistance in an event of emergency.
- **Know the potential risks and hazards in your community:** The more residents are aware of areas in their community that are potential risks, the better prepared a community can be. Be proactive!
- **Know the evacuation routes:** Knowing how to get of your neighbourhood can reduce traffic congestion and allow for emergency personal easy access.

For more resources, check out the Building Safe Communities tab at [calgarycommunities.com](http://calgarycommunities.com)

## Calgary Public Library

School's Out! Fun Activities at Your Library: Kids ages six to 12 can drop in to the Library anytime on PD Days for games, crafts, and other fun activities. No registration is required. Learn where and when this program is offered by searching "School's Out All Day" at [calgarylibrary.ca/programs](http://calgarylibrary.ca/programs) or downloading or picking up a copy of our program guide *Library Connect*.

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

Rosedale residents are invited to attend for free The CALL Café and speaker series now being held at the Varsity Acres Presbyterian Church at [4612 Varsity Drive NW](http://4612VarsityDriveNW). Here are the presentations for March. For more information, check the CALL website at <http://calgarylifelonglearners.ca> CALL small interest groups continue to meet at the Rosedale Hall, and are open to Rosedale residents.

Science and Environment Lecture Series: Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 – 9:00 pm

### What's Cool About Climate Change?

**Speaker:** Dr. Ann-Lise Norman

What's weird and wacky with the weather and why are some saying that events like the 2013 flood in Calgary are related to changing climate? Why use the words climate change anyway; doesn't that just let those who do the predictions off the hook? A quick overview of what's known, unknown, and curious about climate change here in Alberta and around the world will be presented, followed by a lively discussion as well as question and answer session.

Ann-Lise Norman heads the Atmospheric and Environmental Physics group in the Department of Physics and Astronomy. Her research is highly interdisciplinary, spanning cloud and atmospheric physics, chemistry, and oceanography. Locally, Norman performs isotope apportionment studies to identify and track atmospheric gas and aerosol emissions in Alberta including volatile organic compounds (VOCs), CO<sub>2</sub>, and CH<sub>4</sub>. Dr. Norman also serves as an expert witness for hearings and is consulted by municipal, provincial and federal government agencies regarding cumulative impacts from emissions and on air quality issues.

CALL Café: Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 1 – 3 pm **Beyond Blackfoot Crossing – The Story of Treaty 7**

The signing of Treaty 7 in 1877 was a founding event of modern Southern Alberta. But, to most people, it's an obscure, misunderstood historical artifact. *Making Treaty 7* is the theatrical storytelling of the agreement and its

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significance and consequences. Dr. Andrew Bear Robe will introduce and present the video of *Making Treaty 7*.

Dr. Bear Robe is an elder of the Siksika Nation, the Board Chair of the Making Treaty 7 Cultural Society. He is a former CEO of the Fort McKay First Nation, the former Tribal Manager of the Siksika Nation and a former director of the Province of Alberta's International, Intergovernmental and Indigenous Relations department. He is also the founding director of the Indigenous Leadership and Governance programs at The Banff Centre for Management. Dr. Bear Robe holds a Master's degree in Political Science and Canadian Studies, and a Ph.D. from the Interdisciplinary Graduate Studies program from the University of Calgary.

**Treks and Travels:** Wednesday March 21, 2018, 7:30 – 9:00 pm **Exploring Libya's Ancient Past**

**Speaker:** John Humphrey

Libya has been much in the news over the past six years, sharing with Syria the failure of the Arab Spring and quickly descending into civil wars that still continue after a brief period of positive change and hope. In Libya's case, the country is divided by political and tribal feuding, and the western-recognized government in Tripoli is unable to unite the country.

For this lecture we'll transport ourselves back to a happier time, not just before 2011, but two and a half millennia before then. We'll visit the three cities of ancient Tripolitania—Sabratha, Oea (Tripoli), and Leptis Magna—Cyrenaica in the east, and some remote sites in the Sahara. We'll see gloriously preserved Roman theatres and markets, humble desert outposts of the Garamantes, and mud-brick villages that were occupied from antiquity till the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

A graduate of UBC, John Humphrey joined the Classics Department at the University of Calgary in 1973, retiring 42 years later. His early research studied Roman Emperors (especially the notorious Caligula), but his heart was really in archaeology. He spent 15 seasons excavating at Greek and Roman sites in Greece and Turkey, has published two books on the history of ancient technology, and led 40 UofC Travel Study Tours to all but four countries bordering the Mediterranean.

**Health and Wellness Speaker Series:** Tuesday, March 27, 2018 1:00 - 3:00 PM

**Topic and Speaker to be announced. Check the CALL website for updates.**

## Rosedale Community Association Volunteer Board

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