

ROSEDALE REPORTER

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Dates

Friday April 1

- April Fools' Day



Tuesday April 5

- Rosedale Community Meeting, 7:30 pm at the Rosedale Hall

April 10 to 16

- National Volunteer Week



May 3

- Rosedale Community Meeting, 7:30 pm

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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Spring has sprung... - Jennifer Edwards

Some people spend their money on a flight and hotel package to Vegas where they gamble on a lucky win...others sink money into seeds and plants, testing their luck at gardening! Or at least that's how I feel about the gardening experience in Calgary. Previously I have lived in more forgiving climates in B.C. where my non-green thumb still allowed me to produce a mildly successful garden. Now, my non-green thumb combined with unpredictable spring weather and very hungry jackrabbits means that my success rate has plummeted. It's a good thing we live so close to a Safeway as my garden will not be producing bountiful meals and beautiful flower bouquets anytime soon!

According to the CBC, Alberta's growing season has changed drastically since 1950, with the growing season increasing, on average, between three and four weeks across the Province. A longer growing season means we're now able to grow a larger variety of plants; however the shifting climate also brings with it more extreme weather. And as anyone who has carefully nurtured a just ripening fruit tree or delicate flower can attest, a big hail storm can wipe out all of one's hard work in a matter of minutes!

We have had some successes related to our garden. Two of the best and easiest investments we've made in our yard – rain barrels and compost bins – continue to provide great payoffs for the health of our yard and garden. Rain barrels not only reduce water usage, but rainwater is better for plants and soil. Our compost bins significantly reduce the amount of household waste we produce, and the finished product adds nutrients and improves the soil structure. I highly recommend adding both rain barrels and compost bins to your yard, if you haven't already.

Our next project will be installing raised beds. I'm currently researching the easiest vegetables to grow for a beginner in Calgary – tomatoes, green onions, lettuce and radishes look to be the best bets. With any luck, we'll be able to enjoy one nice salad before the end of the season.

Gardening seems to be one of those topics where the more I learn, the less I feel like I know; however each year I learn from my mistakes and patiently wait to try again next season (while keeping an eye on those hungry jackrabbits...)

Are you an aspiring green thumb like myself (or a champion gardener looking to learn even more)? The Calgary Horticultural Society's Garden Show is April 9th and 10th at Spruce Meadows. More information on this and other events and workshops put on by the Society is available online at www.calhort.org

Community News

Traffic Poll – regarding Crescent Rd (1st St to 7A St) and Rosedale

In the spring of 2015, after receiving concerns from residents and non-residents regarding vehicle speeds along Crescent Road and studying the impact of a speed reduction on the safety and on the traffic flow, the City implemented a 30 km/h speed limit along Crescent Rd from 1st St NW to 7A St NW. The RCA board has received both positive and negative feedback on this speed reduction, and committed to study the issue further one year after implementation.

As we approach the one year mark, the RCA Board is seeking resident's input both on the speed limit along Crescent Road, as well as the speed limit within the community of Rosedale as a whole. The purpose of this poll is for information gathering purposes only - the community does not have the power to change the speed limits, but would like to ensure it has information from the neighborhood in order to inform any future dialogue with the City.

The Rosedale Community Association Board requests your input. Please take the poll below

(Note: All responses are confidential. One response is permitted per household)

Name:

Address:

Speed limit on Crescent Rd (circle one):

30 km/h 40 km/h 50 km/h

Your comments:

Speed limit in Rosedale (circle one):

30 km/h 40 km/h 50 km/h

Your comments:

Submit paper copies to the Rosedale Community Association (901 - 11 Avenue NW Calgary, Alberta T2M 0C3) or online at http://myrosedale.info/traffic-survey-2016/

Rosedale Rink One of the Best in the City - Dave Guebert

Although the weather didn't always cooperate, the outdoor rinks at Rosedale were among the best in Calgary again this year. An incredibly dedicated group of rink volunteers worked with the weather we had, flooding whenever we had a below freezing forecast. The result was two great rinks that were a real hub of community activity from the beginning of November to the end of February. Thanks to all of the volunteers who all pitched in to make it happen (and realize the "zen" provided by standing out under the stars at 10 PM putting a good flood on). Rink takedown is scheduled for Saturday April 9 at 10AM. All volunteers welcome – bring rechargeable drills, wrenches and hammers.



Tennis Season

The Rosedale Tennis Club 2016 season will begin in mid-April. Lights are installed on all three courts. Membership (\$80 for a family with an RCA membership) and Lessons sign-up can now be done online: go to www.rosedaletennis.net. The website has lots of additional information on social and competitive events.

The Spring Clean Up has been scheduled for Saturday, **April 9th** (weather permitting, otherwise April 16th) at 9:30 AM. Bring stepladders, gloves, rakes, brooms, garbage bags and help bring the courts back to life! There is a fair bit of work to do setting-up windscreens & nets and cleaning the leaves off the courts; even an hour of your time is appreciated.

To officially kick-off the season, everyone is invited to our annual Opening Day Social, on **Saturday, May 14th at 3:00 PM**. Whether you are a serious tennis player looking for a place to play, thinking about taking up the game, or would just like to enjoy some socializing with your neighbours, mark this date on your calendar and be sure to join us for an enjoyable afternoon and evening. The event will go rain or shine, as the Community Hall is booked. BBQ burgers are provided at 5pm, with a salad or dessert your entry ticket. Plans are to have mix-in tennis for adults and some tennis lessons for kids; watch for details in the next newsletter.

The Children's Lessons Program begins Monday, May 2nd and runs until the end of June with an after school program organized by age groups with a professional tennis coach. There is also a Junior Tennis Camp planned for the week of July 11th Check the website for details and for sign-up.

Once the nets are up in mid-April, the **Monday Night Drop-in Tennis** will commence at 6pm; on a nice evening we usually have 20 players at the courts, mixing-in newcomers of all levels as they arrive.

Inter-club competitive tennis teams, a singles box league, and a season kick-off doubles competition are being organized; see the website for details on signing-up, or contact the Club Director responsible for enquires.

A Ball Machine with a basket of balls is accessible to all members by joining the **Ball Machine Club** for a fee (see website); this is a fun & effective way for beginners and children to hit lots of balls.

Rosedale Reporter Volunteer Delivery Help Wanted

The Rosedale Reporter is delivered by volunteers to all homes from September to June. The deliveries take about half an hour each month. Two routes will need new volunteers for September and ideally, the volunteers would be residents of the routes.

- After 30 years of dedicated delivery, Mrs. Reid is retiring from Route 23. This route is the east side of 1400 block of 6th Street and the west side of the 1400 block of 5th Street.
- Route 19 is a very small route of both sides of the 1300 block of 6th Street and the 4 houses on the north side of Alexander Cres.

If you are interested in either of these routes, please email Olwen Thomas (olwent@shaw.ca)

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, drop off to 750 Crescent Rd NW, or go to the Rosedale website: <http://myrosedale.info> .

Spring Yoga Classes

YOGA CLASSES: COME IMPROVE YOUR HEALTH & YOUR LIFE!

All levels of students are welcome. Everyone works to their own abilities – there is no requirement to have taken yoga before.

'Yoga 4 Backs' (Critical Alignment):

Mondays: 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

April 4 – June 20th – Bridgette (11 classes)

Cost: \$110/session Drop-in \$12/class

Hatha yoga: Sophie 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Mondays: April 4 – June 20th (11 classes)

Cost: \$132/session Drop-in \$15/class

Wednesdays: April 6th – June 22nd

Cost: \$144/session

Drop-in \$15/class

HipKid April Project

This month, we are going to help children remember how important it is to stay healthy by being active outside! Do people know WHY it is important to be outdoors, in nature and to be active as a person and as a family? Make a poster (or a post card) illustrating why it is important and what things you can do to stay healthy and active. Focus on outdoor activities. These posters will be given out to promote 'NSTEP Running Room race in May!

The 'NSTEP EAT WALK LIVE program provides fun, interactive nutrition and activity education to every student and teacher within the whole school community which are the key elements to start the deep cultural shift for healthy habits for life. The 'NSTEP Running Room sponsored race happens Saturday May 14, 2016 at South Glenmore Park.

If you have any donations, they can be dropped off on Marnie's doorstep @ 750 Crescent Rd, NW. Please visit www.behip.ca for more information. Humanity In Practice is a movement of Calgarians who want to simply make a difference.

★ 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.



★ Gillette's Fabricare ★ (1941 Uxbridge Drive NW)

Gillette's Fabricare dry cleaning and laundry is really good. It is owner operated and she pays very close attention to looking after your clothes properly. I have been using Gillette's for several years and won't go anywhere else now. It is located in the Stadium shopping center a few doors south of Goodwill and the Scotiabank - Margaret Burrell

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

Science and Environment Speaker Series

Wednesday, April 6th, 7:30 to 9:00 pm

The Bow River: Its Past, Its Present, Its Future

The Bow River is our source of water, our place for recreation, a home for fish and a place where we dump our sewage. Should one have priority over the other? If so, who should decide? Who did decide? What were the decisions? How were they made? Did you agree with them? Do you agree with them now? What do you think should happen in the future? Come for an evening of history, discussion and insight.

Dr. Paetkau is a retired zoologist and educator. As a pollution research biologist for the Alberta Government in the early days of his career, he studied the Bow River. He took samples, he set up a bioassay laboratory and he puzzled over what should be done and who should do it?

He went on to do other things in life: such as working as an agro-forester in Kenya; teaching Marine Biology at Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana, with his son; marrying his current wife, Jan Geggie, three years ago with their combined six sons as their attendees; and playing the cello in the Calgary Civic Symphony, but never forgot those earlier questions.

Treks and Travels

Wednesday, April 20th, 7:30 to 9:00 pm **Patagonia by Dr. Madeline Kalbach**

Patagonia is the continental landmass nearest to the Antarctic. It is a large wedge at the tip of South America encompassing the most southerly sectors of Argentina and Chile. At the southern tip of Patagonia, rocky beaches and rolling



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surf are home to the spectacular penguins as they frolic in the frothy surf. Large expanses of grasslands are here too. They are home to gauanaco, rhea, and tinamou. Above the grasslands rise the mighty Andes. Here one might see the magnificent Andean Condor on the wing. The Fitz Roy Massif is one the most spectacular sights in all of Patagonia. This cluster of peaks is located in Parque National Los Glaciares in southern Argentina. The indigenous people called Fitzroy “the smoking mountain” because its summit is often shrouded in cloud.

Madeleine Kalbach , Professor Emeritus , University of Calgary, has long had a research interest in population studies of birds, publishing articles and photographs of birds as well as being a major participant in the Breeding Bird Atlas project for Ontario. A collection of her photographs are part of the current exhibition, “Birds of a Feather “at the Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum in Ilwaco, WA.

CALL Café: Monday April 11th, 1-3pm **Not your Grandmother’s Library**

Now that construction on the building itself is underway, Calgary Public Library is even more excited about its new Central Library. Our guest speaker, Ellen Humphrey, will describe some of its new features as well as the role of the public library in the 21st century.



Ellen Humphrey is the Deputy CEO of the Calgary Public Library. Ellen completed her undergraduate, graduate and library education at the University of British Columbia and the University of Alberta. A long-term library employee, she has also served as Manager of the Humanities Department in the Central Library, Manager of Human Resources, Assistant Director for Customer Services, and Interim CEO. Ellen has been involved in the development of service strategies, human resource planning and training throughout her library career and considers staff to be the Library’s principal asset.

New Speaker Series: Tuesday, April 15th, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. **Who Cares: Social Activism in Calgary** (April’s feature is the Calgary Food Bank)

This Speaker Series showcases the work of agencies and volunteers helping the disadvantaged and disabled in the Calgary area. Each event will typically feature a panel presentation consisting of one speaker from the agency’s executive, one of its volunteers, and a beneficiary of the agency’s work (where possible). Panelists’ talks will run approximately 15 minutes each followed by a Q&A from the audience.

Two new interest groups held at Rosedale are starting soon: Computer Basics and Understanding Hinduism. Check the CALL website for more information: <http://calgarylifelonglearners.ca/>

Rosedale Community Centre – Beugin Hall, from 1pm till 3pm on the following dates:

- April 14th – Social Media – Facebook and Twitter.
- April 28th – MS Excel, e.g. how to format the cells for numbers, currency, dates, etc.; simple formulas, etc.
- May 12th – Internet and e-mail: what the Internet is, how individual computers connect to it, and how email is an important part of it; good and bad websites, spam email, and the more dangerous emails that are attempts to obtain your passwords and personal information; and tips on basic internet security strategies.



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- **For Sale: Schwinn 230 Recumbent Stationary Bike.** 6 programs and built in HR monitor (in handles). Excellent condition. \$100. Phone: [403 289 3799](tel:4032893799)
- **Rosedale Community Association Casino Night** is May 6 and 7. Volunteers are needed. Contact cindyfyvie@gmail.com
- **Guitar Lessons** from an experienced guitarist at convenient, 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!! \$40.00 per hour. Call John at 403-284-0577.

City of Calgary

What's happening	More info
Join us in celebrating our history at the Calgary Heritage Authority Lion Awards Gala on July 28, 2016. The deadline for nominations and submissions is May 20, 2016 at 4 p.m.	calgary.ca/lionawards
The City is asking Calgarians to help ensure the spring street sweeping program runs smoothly by keeping streets clear for crews.	calgary.ca/sweep
Recreation is for everyone. We offer classes that respond to the varying needs of Calgarians of all ages and abilities; including those experiencing chronic health conditions.	calgary.ca/gentlefitness
Winter's thaw cycles causing water to pool on your street? Find out what you need to know about residential storm drains by visiting calgary.ca and searching 'storm drains'.	calgary.ca and search the term 'storm drains'
Renovations are coming to the interior of Rundle and Marlborough LRT stations this spring.	calgary.transit.com/stationrenovations
Do you know a Calgarian who has made a difference? Nominate them for a Calgary Award. Deadline is May 6.	calgary.ca/calgaryawards
Help keep our parks and off-leash areas pet-waste free by always picking up after your pooch.	calgary.ca/puppy

City crews ready for spring street sweeping program

Spring is just around the corner! That means the City's annual Spring Clean-up is coming to neighbourhoods across Calgary.



Spring Clean-up is an annual street sweeping program that removes sanding materials and debris that has accumulated on roads and along major sidewalks and boulevards during the winter months. The program, kicking off April 3, improves safety and mobility for Calgary motorists, cyclists and pedestrians. But you might see crews out there working hard before April 3: pre-sweeping has already begun, so we're busy removing materials along roads and boulevards.

This year, street sweeping will end by June 1. In order to make this happen, crews will be sweeping streets on a compressed schedule, working 7 days per week.

Keeping Calgary clean is a collaborative effort. To make sure the program runs smoothly, we're asking all Calgarians to help us make the city beautiful by removing vehicles and carts from city roads when they see street sweeping signs in their community. This year, that includes weekends.

During the program, Calgarians can visit calgary.ca/sweep to:

- Find answers to all of their questions on our FAQ
- Visit a live map to track sweeper progress across the city
- Learn if there will be a parking ban in their neighbourhood, and

- Enter their address to confirm their street sweeping date.

Make sure to visit the website to learn more about street sweeping, and don't forget to watch for signs in your neighbourhood starting April 3.

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Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design - Federation of Calgary Communities

Did you know that our environment directly affects our behavior because we constantly respond to what is around us? These responses help us interact safely in our communities.

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design or CPTED (pronounced sep-ted) enhances safety by influencing the physical design of our environment and encourages positive social interaction. Join us and Shirin Radmehr with the Calgary Police Service as she explains the value of CPTED in Calgary communities. You will also have the opportunity to meet one of our Urban Planners to network and discuss how CPTED and urban planning can work together.

Date: Wednesday April 13, 2015 **Time:** 7:00 – 9:00pm **Location:** North Glenmore Park Community Association (2231 Longridge Drive SW) **Presented by:** Calgary Police Service CPTED Coordinator Shirin Radmehr

For more information and to register for this FREE event, visit calgarycommunities.com/workshops-events/

Smoking and Home Fire Safety – Calgary Fire Department

The place where we feel safest — at home — is where most smoking-materials structure fires, deaths, and injuries occur. Smoking materials are the leading cause of fire deaths. Every year we have over 500 fires started due to smoking materials; this is preventable and can be reduced!

Some tips to remember:

- If you smoke, smoke outside. Most deaths result from fires that started in living rooms, family rooms and bedrooms
- Keep cigarettes, lighters, matches and other smoking materials high out of the reach of children. *We have found the kids to be very observant regarding “hidden” lighters.*

PUT IT OUT , RIGHT OUT !

- Use a deep, sturdy ashtray. Place it away from anything that can burn.
- DO NOT discard cigarettes in vegetation such as mulch, potted plants, landscaping, peat moss, dried grasses, leaves or other things that could ignite easily.
- Before you throw away butts and ashes, make sure they are out. Dousing in water or sand is the best way to do that.

Your Calgary Fire department has been called to many fires burning on the outside of homes from ignited peat moss in planters while occupants were sleeping inside.

For further information please visit <http://www.calgary.ca/CSPS/Fire/Pages/home.aspx>

Calgary Public Library

The Book Truck Your library on wheels is out and about in Calgary! Visit calgarylibrary.ca/booktruck to see where The Book Truck will be next and to request The Book Truck at your event.

Play! Play Spaces at Calgary Public Library are designed to give parents and caregivers colourful, fun, and playful spaces to help babies, toddlers, and preschoolers develop skills that will prepare them for reading and success in school.



Library Play Spaces include areas to promote learning in all sorts of interesting ways:

- Reading & games with puzzles, books, quiet games
- Dramatic play & storytelling with puppets, costuming, play materials
- Large & small building activities with Duplo, blocks, shapes, mixed materials
- Writing & creative arts with paper, paints, white boards

Our latest vibrant, interactive, and playful Early Learning Centre is now open at Fish Creek Library!

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Teen Takeover! The last week of April is Youth Week 2016! This year, the Library is hosting *Teen Takeovers*: we'll turn over seven libraries to teens, and have plenty of games, snacks, and activities for them to enjoy. See calgarylibrary.ca for locations and times.

Authors Live at Calgary Public Library - To register, visit calgarylibrary.ca

- **An Evening with Lawrence Hill:** Lawrence Hill reads from his award-winning book, *The Illegal*, which tackles the timely topic of refugees. Monday, April 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Central Library
- **An Evening with Wade Davis: White Darkness and the Living Dead:** Wade Davis recounts his work investigating zombies and the Haitian voodoo culture, where he was propelled into a world beyond his imaginings and developed an appreciation of a fascinating and complex culture. Thursday, April 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Library

Development Permits Committee

- Bob Moir, Laura Snowball and James Reid

1431 – 7A Street (DP2015-3763): The owners of this project contacted us early in the process and sent us electronic copies of the proposed new residence. Immediate neighbours were also contacted by the owners to make them aware of the plans for the new residence. This development permit was approved by the City as a Contextual project. Upon receipt of the approval we delivered notices to the immediate neighbours. The existing residence went through remediation for asbestos and is now under demolition. We expect that construction will follow shortly.

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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