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**COMMUNITY TRAFFIC STUDY NIXED**

The City of Calgary's transportation department has chosen to undertake a formal community traffic study in the communities of Mt. Pleasant, Tuxedo Park and Capitol Hill for 2010 while the request from Bridgeland-Riverside will be kept on the list to be considered for a traffic study in 2011.

It is interesting to observe that the quiet community of Scarboro has had numerous traffic calming signs and barriers implemented recently even though there is virtually no traffic going through that community and there has not been a recent traffic study completed for Scarboro. Oddly, I believe Alderman John Mar lives in Scarboro.

In any event, this may be a good thing for our community as it shows that the city is willing to put up signs and barriers without a traffic study and can execute safety measures throughout the city on an ongoing basis, not just one neighbourhood at a time.

There are many traffic/pedestrian safety initiatives that could be implemented at a low cost without the need for a study. Some NO LEFT TURN signs, some rumble strips for cars going down the 10 Street hill, a few curb bump-outs to eliminate passing on the right and some more frequent or thicker paint jobs at crosswalks are a few simple ideas.

Hopefully, the pedestrian crossing lights on 1 Ave and 8 Street can be replaced by some real and visible OVERHEAD lights before the leaves show up on the trees this spring.

The closing of St. Georges Drive just north of the Zoo parking lot has further inundated Bridgeland-Riverside with cut-through traffic (drivers who were using that road to bypass our community). Hopefully, this will be a short term closure. Permanent closure would be short-sighted and ludicrous.

Driving through Bridgeland-Riverside, I rarely exceed 40 km/hr as I find it unsafe to drive any faster due to the large number of pedestrians and parked cars on

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### BRCA Planning Committee

At the BRCA Planning Committee meeting held on April 6, 2010 the Committee reviewed two new applications for Single Detached Dwellings in the community, one to be constructed at 402 8 Street NE and the other at 405 10 Street NE. Anyone interested in viewing these, or any of the plans that are circulated to the BRCA can easily do so by contacting the BRCA Planning Committee.

The BRCA Planning Committee meets the first Tuesday of each month to review development applications in the community. Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, May 4, 2010 at 7 p.m. in the Hall. The Planning Committee welcomes interested community residents and business owners to participate in the meetings.

Contact the BRCA Planning Committee by email at [planning@brccalgary.org](mailto:planning@brccalgary.org) with any questions or comments regarding planning and development in Bridgeland-Riverside.

### Art Space in Bridgeland-Riverside

This past month, Calgary Arts Development contacted the BRCA and presented an exciting opportunity to support artists and art groups in Bridgeland-Riverside. Through the Art Spaces program Calgary Arts Development aims to match various artists and art groups, including painters, musicians, dancers, etc with appropriate spaces to work, practice, display and perform. Anyone aware of potential art spaces in the community can contact Bil Hetherington, Program Coordinator of Art Spaces,

to discuss opportunities to match artists with these spaces (bil.hetherington@calgaryartsdevelopment.com). You can check out this and other work of Calgary Arts Development at [www.calgaryartsdevelopment.com](http://www.calgaryartsdevelopment.com).

### BRCA fundraising casino

The BRCA Fundraising Casino has been scheduled. This year, it'll be held on Thursday, August 19 and Friday, August 20 at the Stampede Casino. As usual, we will require a lot of volunteers, but this event is so important to the community, as proceeds from these two days support many worthwhile projects in Bridgeland-Riverside throughout the year.

If you're available to help, please email [casino@brccalgary.org](mailto:casino@brccalgary.org) or phone Matt at 403-618-7833. I need to know what you'd like to do (if you have a particular position in mind), what time and day you would like to work, your cell phone number and your email address.

**Please see page 14 for a more detailed description of the positions and duties required.**

### Summer newsletter delivery

Here's a great way to enjoy a short walk on a nice summer day and do something helpful for your community! Summer holidays mean our student volunteers from the Christine Mickle School won't be around to deliver the *Bridges* newsletter in early July and late August. Can you help us out?

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*submitted by Dawn Sanson*

As an avid garage saler who has hosted many successful sales, I have compiled some ideas to assist in the planning of your own spring sale. If you want a successful garage sale, remember that making money is a bonus; it is the purging of all your unused treasures that is the far greater payoff.

## Signage

Participating in a community garage sale is a great opportunity to get a lot of traffic to your sale. If this is not possible, you will need signs that are large, easy to read and placed at every intersection in your area. Signs on main streets should be placed well before the turn, so your potential shoppers have time to change lanes if needed, and make turns easily. If there can be any doubt which direction to turn, post a sign. You do not want anyone wondering where to go, or worse, ending up at someone else's sale because their signs were easier to follow. Also, do not forget to check your signs a few times during your sale. If you have a lull of customers, it may be because one of your signs blew over or fell down.

## Pricing and Product Display

Be cautious of pricing items too high. When people perceive your prices as high, they are less likely to buy from you. Make offers that encourage people to buy more. Kids' books are great items to do this with. One book may be twenty five cents but five for a dollar is even better! If a child is at your sale and looking at a small toy, give it to him for free. You will have a very happy child, a parent who now has time to look at your higher priced items, and one less item to drag to a donation bin.

Do not waste time pricing everything in your sale as this takes unnecessary time and effort. Make use of boxes. Write a price on the side and fill it up with items of the same value. A "free" box is a great

place for the little junky items you are unlikely to sell. For items you want people to be able to see more easily, use blankets and have one sign that applies to all items on that blanket. Four chairs and a piece of wood make a great table for showcasing your merchandise. String tied between two trees is an effective way to hang clothing. Group same priced items together and use one pricing sign whenever possible. When you have items that you want a specific price on, do not waste money on costly stickers, masking tape will do the trick.

## Change and Bags

Make buying easy! Be sure to have enough change on hand. Want people to buy multiple items? Provide bags to make it easier for them to transport purchases.

## Hours

The best time for a garage sale is Saturday between 9am and 2pm. Continuing your sale into Sunday is up to you, but be aware you will have minimal traffic and fewer purchases. It works best to sell everything you can on Saturday until 2pm, being more liberal with your pricing as the day goes on. At this point, remove any items you are not

willing to give away, and start telling all your buyers everything is now free. Yes, you read that right! Free! People will cart away free items by the boxful, saving you the hassle of getting rid of them yourself.

## Balloons

Balloons are wonderful things, especially at a garage sale! Place balloons on all your signs and in your yard and people will flock to your sale. Countless people have arrived at my sales and told me it was the balloons that brought them, so use balloons in abundance!

## Some Final Thoughts

At the end of the day, remove all your signs. Your neighbours will thank you, not to mention you will need those signs for the garage sale you will host next spring. We all swear we will never accumulate that much junk again, but we always do! It is not a bad thing either. Without unwanted treasures, there can be no sale, and garage sales are fun. Good luck at your next sale!



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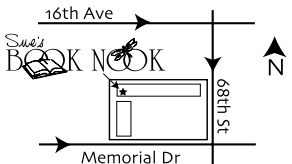


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# Facelift for the Langevin schoolyard



Dear Bridgeland-Riverside,

Langevin School is planning to naturalize our playground. This is what we have planned for our new playground so far.

We've been researching natural regions in Alberta and we're planning to put plants from those regions into our playground for educational reasons. Here is some information about some of the "regions" that we plan to develop in our schoolyard:

**Parkland** - This region has lots of vegetation so it needs lots of sun so we'll put it in the north where most of the sun is shining down. Parkland has plants such as Cattail and Bulrushes.

**The Canadian Shield** - This region doesn't need much sun so we're putting it on the end of a small, north-facing hill. This is similar to...

**The Boreal Forest** - Here, the coniferous trees don't need much sun to grow. Still, plants in the boreal forest region don't grow well because of the shortage of good growing weather in Alberta's climate, so it would make more sense to have fewer plants and focus on the trees if we end up making a boreal forest in our playground.

**Grasslands** - Grass needs lots of sun so we can put grass in a wide-open space where just enough light can reach it.

Here's some other information about our plans, as well as some ideas for vegetation use.

- White Spruce grows well in full sunlight and not well in soil that is sandy or loose from the ground. Instead, it would prefer hard packed, moist soil. They grow much better with other trees such as Aspen, Birch and Balsam Poplar. Ferns like The Bracken Fern also prefer woodlands and thickets.

- The Trembling Aspen would work well in the parkland or in a forest region that is built for coniferous trees (not deciduous trees such as the Aspen). Also, The Balsam-

root grows well on dry hillsides and forests.

We would also like to add some wild flowers to our park. Some good wildflowers for our grasslands are the Early Blue Violet, Yellow Prairie Violet, Common Mullein and Smooth Blue Beardtongue. We can also use our hill for flowers and a couple of trees that grow on slopes and in prairies or forests. Flowers and shrubs that would work well in a variety of conditions would be Colorado Rubberplant, Death Camas, Lyre-leaved Orckress or the Sagebrush.

Rough Fescue is a great prairie plant along with Prairie Rose and Red Fescue. For coniferous tree areas, Bog Cranberry, Fowl Bluegrass and Common Moonwort would be good.

For Rocky areas such as the Canadian Shield region, we can use the Prickly Saxifrage.

Our playground is very wet. We were thinking of making some sort of draining system to clear the water away. The soccer field is big attraction at our school, and we wouldn't want it to go to waste being the place where most of the water seems to pool up. So, we could turn the soccer field into a hill to drain water. You may be thinking that the water would just pile up at the bottom of the hill, but we planned for that. What we would do is we would put a bunch of water-loving plants at the bottom to suck up all the water.

Do you have any suggestions? You will have to see it all the time walking, cycling and driving past the school. Do you think we should add a drainage system? Please contact us for any comments or questions at [naturelangevin@gmail.com](mailto:naturelangevin@gmail.com).

Thank you for reading.  
Sincerely,

*A Grade 4 student from Langevin School  
and Bridgeland Community Member*

I am a Grade 6 student of Mrs. Hastie's Schoolyard Naturalization group. I am writing this article in hopes that it will spread word throughout the community and get more people actively involved in our Schoolyard Naturalization Project. The project will involve turning our barren schoolyard into a rich, natural learning environment and making a large outdoor sandstone amphitheatre.

If you have ever walked past the Langevin School soccer field, you'd know that it is unattractive and bare, most likely from the hundreds of kids walking over it every day. But about three years ago, the students of Mrs. Hastie's Grade 5/6 class decided to change all that. They began planting trees and small plants, but over the summer - because of lack of water - they died. They began planning again, and found there was a lot more research to be done.

Now, three years later, after long periods without getting anywhere, we have come to a crucial step in the naturalization process: Support! We need some champion members of the community to step up and support us as we try to naturalize our schoolyard. First, let's talk a little about what naturalization means.

## **Naturalization versus Beautification**

Naturalization is the process of planting native trees, shrubs and other plants to make an area feel more natural. It is kid-friendly, and there are almost no manmade objects or irrigation systems.

Beautification is the process of making something nice to look at, and it is usually abstract. Beautification projects are not always kid-friendly, they use many man-made objects and often use plants that are not native to an area.

If you would like to know more about what you can do to help, please check out the following website: [www.calgaryzoo.org/schoolyard\\_naturalization](http://www.calgaryzoo.org/schoolyard_naturalization)

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### Traffic Study, continued from page 3

the main roads obstructing the sight-lines of cars and people on foot. I would encourage all residents to drive at a safe speed and avoid rolling through stop signs.

Please continue to report specific traffic violations online to the police at [www.calgarypolice.ca](http://www.calgarypolice.ca). Click on Sections and Units, scroll down to Traffic Service Request form under the Traffic heading. <http://www.calgarypolice.ca/sections-traffic-service-form.html>.

As parking concerns of our local businesses would have been addressed in the traffic study, I would also encourage supporting the local businesses, many of whom are impacted by a limited amount of parking. Our support will help to ensure their viability and ongoing presence in the neighbourhood.

## BRCA PLAYGROUP

Parents and kids are welcome to join us for some fun and friendship every third Friday of the month.

**Next playdate:** April 16 at the BRCA Hall located at 917 Centre Ave NE, upstairs in the Lantern Room (north entrance).

### Summer schedule:

- May 14, Jul. 16 and Sep. 17 at 9 St / Centre Ave playground (next to BRCA Hall).
- Jun. 18 and Aug. 20 at 9A St / 4 Ave playground.

### Winter schedule:

Oct 15, Nov 19 and Dec 17  
at the BRCA Hall located at 917 Centre Ave NE, upstairs in the Lantern Room (north entrance).

**Dates for 2011 TBA.**

### About the playgroup:

- The playgroup is best suited for kids under 5.
- Participation is free, but a current BRCA membership is required (memberships may be purchased at the playgroup).
- The playgroup runs from 9:30 - 11a.m.

All interested parents and caregivers are welcome to contact us at [playgroup@brcacalgary.org](mailto:playgroup@brcacalgary.org).

We look forward to meeting you!

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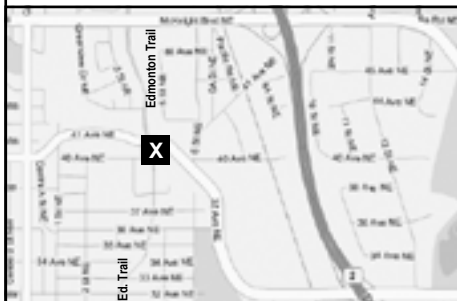
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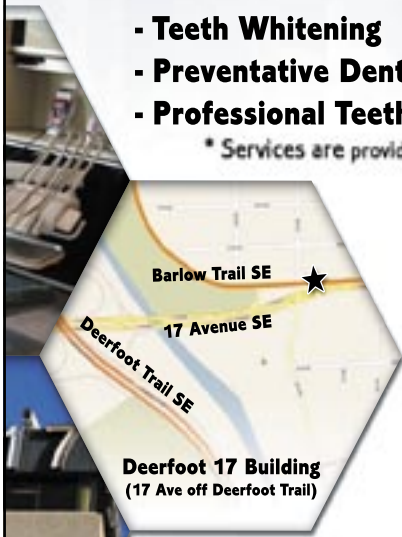
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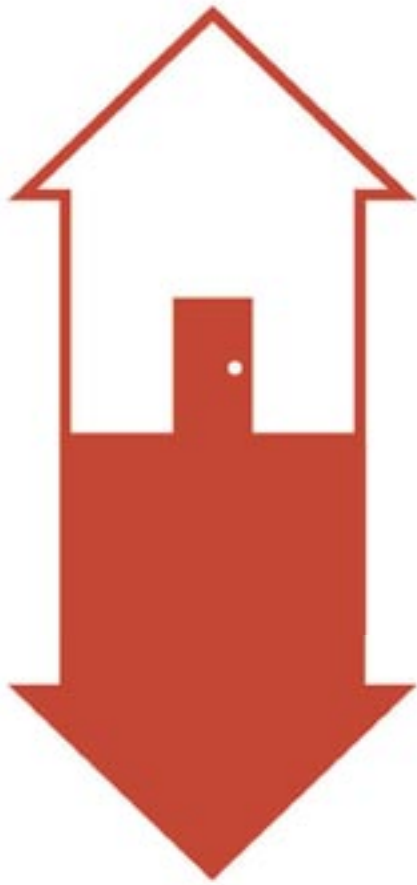
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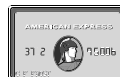
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 7A St to Centre Ave  
 Centre Ave from 7A st to 10 St

12 St to St Georges Drive  
 Bypass over Memorial Drive to zoo road

## type of closure

east curb lane  
 full road  
 full road  
 full road

west side  
 full road

## time frame

7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
 7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
 7:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
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With a two day health and wellness Expo, the new Scotiabank Group Charity Challenge and race day festival, the Scotiabank Calgary Marathon is more than a race - it is a community event that celebrates sportsmanship, healthy lifestyles and community participation.

**How to get involved:**

**Walk or Run**

The Scotiabank Calgary Marathon is a challenging, competitive and fun event with a race designed for everyone of any level. There is a full marathon, half-marathon, 10 km, 5 km family walk or run and kid's marathon.

The Scotiabank Calgary Marathon was voted the Best Road Race in Alberta by participants in 2009, is an AIMS certified course and a Boston Marathon Qualifier. Sign up for a race today at [www.calgarymarathon.com](http://www.calgarymarathon.com)

**Volunteer: 1,000 Volunteers are needed for 2010**

We rely on over 1,000 dedicated volunteers to make this a premier Canadian running event. There are a variety of exciting volunteer positions available leading up to the event and on race day. Our volunteers are eligible for exclusive volunteer draw prizes, so sign up today to get involved! Thank you to those of you who have already registered to volunteer and visit the Volunteer section on [www.calgarymarathon.com](http://www.calgarymarathon.com).

**Raise money for charity with the Scotiabank Group Charity Challenge**

Participants of this year's event can now go on line and sign up to fund raise for the charity of their choice. The 2010 official charities for the inaugural Scotiabank Group Charity Challenge are:

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- Alberta Cancer Foundation
- Alliance to End Violence
- *At My Best*<sup>TM</sup>
- Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Calgary & Area
- Calgary Meals on Wheels
- Canadian Humanitarian Organization for International Relief
- Canadian Liver Foundation of Southern Alberta
- Canadian Down Syndrome Society
- CAUSE Canada

- Colorectal Cancer Association of Canada
- Habitat for Humanity
- Inn from the Cold
- Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
- MEOW Foundation
- Sonshine Community Services
- STARS Foundation
- Team Diabetes – Canadian Diabetes Association
- Vocational & Rehabilitation Research Institute (VRRRI)

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### **Cheer**

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For more information or to register today, visit [www.calgarymarathon.com](http://www.calgarymarathon.com). Call us at 403-264-2996 or email [info@calgarymarathon.com](mailto:info@calgarymarathon.com)

Hope to see you out there!

Cheers,

Cheryl Lowery & Lynn Cox  
Scotiabank Calgary Marathon

### **Road Closures:**

There will be some road closures and traffic disruptions on Sunday, May 30, 2010 so that we can put on the Scotiabank Calgary Marathon. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you and have attached important road closure information.

# COMMUNITY NEWS - MULTI-USE FACILITY

**On behalf of the community, the Bridgeland-Riverside Community Association, has applied for monies under a Conceptual Drawing Grant.** This money will be used to develop a design for a year-round multi-use facility. The Bridgeland-Riverside community is a vibrant piece of Calgary's riverfront and inner-city communities, offering a wide variety of recreation activities for a growing and evolving population. The area has a long established history, including being home to the Calgary General Hospital up until 1997. Since 1998, our area has seen tremendous growth in multi-family units and other housing types.

The BRCA represents the community in ensuring that the area develops in a way that meets the needs of the community members and that a variety of needs are met by this type of growth. One area in particular is in regards to recreation and leisure facilities and spaces, which has proven to be a challenge for the community association in the past. Several years ago, our community lost pillar recreation facilities that have yet to be replaced.

## **Ipsos Reid Study 2009/2010**

In order to better understand what the community is looking for in the short and long-term, the BRCA conducted a survey of residents with Ipsos Reid and the community in late 2009 to discover what values hold true for the majority of residents, what kind of community we would like to become and what parts of the rich community heritage will move forward. One of the recommendations of the Ipsos Reid report was the multi-use facility. With that in mind the BRCA is requesting \$5,000 from the Conceptual Drawing Grant Fund so that we may move forward with a conceptual drawing of our vision for a multi-use recreational facility.

Our first priority is to the community residents of Bridgeland-Riverside and providing opportunities that create community health and vitality. We know that the health and wellness of Canadian youth is being compromised due to alarming increases in obesity because children are simply not active enough. The BRCA recognizes the opportunity to improve our community's sport and recreation infrastructure and is steadfastly committed to the enhancement of facilities and programs that families can directly benefit from.

In 2008, the BRCA partnered with Communities Choosewell, an organization set up by Alberta Recreation and Parks Association and Alberta Health to help communities realize the value of healthy eating and active living. Our community goal is to provide the infrastructure and programs so that all children receive equal opportunity to be active within the community of Bridgeland-Riverside.

## **Our vision**

Our Vision is to build a multi-use facility to meet the needs of virtually all residents (young and old included) regardless of their physical abilities. Bridgeland-Riverside is home to a large community of at-risk and low-income individuals and families. We value diversity and hope that many children of all backgrounds and abilities can benefit from playing on this new and exciting multi-use facility that meets the community's needs at 917 Centre Avenue NE adjacent to the Community Hall.

This multi-use facility will offer safety, accessibility and fun to children of all ages and abilities within our community, involving parents, caregivers, grandparents and visitors. The space will play a central role in the Community, serving as a natural gathering place for the community and creating a sense of home and fellowship. The BRCA would like to create through this revitalization process a sense of community spirit, volunteerism and camaraderie, while working with all stakeholders to create a sense of shared ownership of the park and play space and to ensure that the play space meets the needs of the entire community.

## **Our scope**

To create a play space with a natural area feel, with structures suited to a wide range of ages and abilities of children, offering accessibility options within structures and to include safety standards while blending into the natural area as much as possible. We look forward to the local area residents using this facility year-round for ice hockey in the winter and as a summer reprieve, as well as local-area assisted living facilities being able to make this a part of their residential exercise use.

We will continue to keep residents apprised as we go through the process. Please look to future articles in your *Bridges* newsletter on this latest venture by your BRCA.

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## **Inn from the Cold volunteers**

Are you looking for a meaningful volunteer opportunity? We are looking for volunteers at the St Mary's Cathedral Inn from the Cold. Inn from the Cold is an organization that provides shelter and food for the homeless. We are looking for people to volunteer for the overnight positions and also for our morning cooking team and clean-up team. If you are interested in any of these volunteer positions, please email me at [Leticia.sheldon@cssd.ab.ca](mailto:Leticia.sheldon@cssd.ab.ca) and I can give more information. We are looking at starting again in July. The commitment is once a month (usually the fourth Wednesday of the month). Volunteering for Inn from the Cold is a very rewarding opportunity.



# BRCA FUNDRAISING CASINO

The BRCA Fundraising Casino has been scheduled. This year, it'll be held on Thursday, August 19 and Friday, August 20 at the Stampede Casino. As usual, we will require a lot of volunteers, but this event is so important to the community, as proceeds from these two days support many worthwhile projects in Bridgeland-Riverside throughout the year.

I need 52 volunteers to complete full eight-hour shifts (no shift-splitting unfortunately) on either the Thursday or the Friday. To work in the cash cage, the shifts are either in the morning from 10:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. or in the evening from 6:00 p.m. to close. Alternatively, working in the count room involves volunteering from 10:00 p.m. to close.

## CASH CAGE GENERAL MANAGER / ALTERNATE GENERAL MANAGER DUTIES:

- Ensures a sufficient number of volunteers for each day.
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- Witnesses cashier/player transactions of more than \$200.00.
- May be required to relieve the banker and chip runners during meals/breaks.

**Note:** Must be in the casino at all times.

## BANKER DUTIES:

- Controls the cash cage float of chips and cash.
- Witnesses cashier/player transactions of more than \$200.00.
- Generates fills/credits for cash/chip transfers through the CasinoTrack computer system.
- Is busiest during opening, volunteer shift changes, and closing of casino.

**Note:** Computer skills are very helpful.

## CASHIER DUTIES:

- Cashes in chips for players.

**Notes:** Good manual dexterity is helpful.

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## CHIP RUNNER DUTIES:

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- Operates a touch screen portable computer.

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**Notes:** Good computer skills are helpful.

Not required to handle cash in this position.

## COUNT ROOM STAFF DUTIES:

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**Note:** Recorder assists count room supervisor; computer skills are helpful

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Thank you so much from the entire BRCA team for your support. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

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# Soccer Season has arrived!



The Bridgeland Riverside Soccer League U4 through U12 runs Monday thru Thursdays from April 19th to the middle of June at the Soccer pitch located at 917 Centre Avenue NE.

Please come out and cheer on our athletes as they learn the game of soccer!

Also, we are always looking for coaches and referees so if you would like to lend a hand please email Nickie at [hall@brcacalgary.org](mailto:hall@brcacalgary.org)  
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# BRCA PLAYGROUP



## New books for community playgroup!

Thanks to a generous donation from the BRCA, the Bridgeland-Riverside Playgroup now has 16 beautiful children's books to enjoy at monthly get-togethers.

The Bridgeland-Riverside Playgroup is an informal gathering of neighbourhood parents (or caregivers) and tots that meet monthly for some play and conversation. We have been meeting and making friends for over two years now, at the BRCA Hall during the winter months and at the neighbourhood playgrounds during the warmer weather.

In addition to providing the Playgroup space free-of-charge at the Hall, the BRCA provides a budget to purchase toys and craft supplies. A BIG THANK YOU to the BRCA for continuing to support this social network of young families.

If you are the stay-at-home parent or caregiver of children ages newborn to 5, and would like to get to know others in the community, come join our monthly playdates. We meet the third Friday of every month, from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Email [playgroup@brcacalgary.org](mailto:playgroup@brcacalgary.org) for more information.

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# Area Event and Resource Guide

# Community

## MOUNT PLEASANT

### **Mount Pleasant Community Association**

**Hall: 602 - 22nd Avenue NW**

Hall Rentals: Call 403-282-1314

Newsletter email: publicity@mpca.ca

### **Parenting Power - Let's Talk Toddlers and Tantrums**

Full of energy and excitement, our toddlers experience emotions with their whole bodies. Bring your questions and learn how to support your toddlers through their ups and downs. We'll talk tantrums, toileting, and even time-outs. Gain practical approaches to help keep you calm and your child learning. Everyone welcome!

Thursday May 20th - 7:30pm - 9:00pm

Lower Hall Mt Pleasant Community Hall

Free for Playgroup members

\$20 for MPCA members, \$40 for General Public

Any questions, please contact Brigid Hogan: bnb3117@telus.net

### **Mount Pleasant Community Garage Sale**

**May 30 at the hall.** Contact Sherrie Bohan at 403-660-0763 for more information or to book a table email: sherriebohan@shaw.ca

### **Pleasant Times - Upper Hall, 602 22 Ave. NW**

**Adults-only gathering.** Meets 2nd Wednesday of each month for conversation and activities.

### **Summer Day in the Park**

Make a note The Annual Mount Pleasant Summer Day in the Park is August 28.

### **Pool Party - Dates: July 10 and August 7**

Where: Mount Pleasant Pool - 2310 6st NW

Cost: Regular Pool Admission

### **Lawchair Theater - Date: July 8**

Where: Confederation Park 10th Street NW, behind the flags

Time: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Cost: Free

### **Yoga at Mount Pleasant Hall**

Instructor: Trish Hardy, BEd/PEd, Certified Yoga instructor

For information go to [www.trishhardyyoga.com](http://www.trishhardyyoga.com), email Trish at [hardytrish@gmail.com](mailto:hardytrish@gmail.com) or call 403-620-4990.

### **Guiding Program in your Area**

Contact: Victoria Woodward, District Commissioner

Tel: 403-235-6505, Email: [guider28pf@telus.net](mailto:guider28pf@telus.net)

## CROSSROADS

### **Crossroads Community Association**

**Hall: 1803 14 Avenue NE** Ph: 403-277-6201

Hall Rentals: Call Marlene at 403-277-6201

Newsletter email: [convenor.editor@gmail.com](mailto:convenor.editor@gmail.com)

**Crossroads Community Pub Night:** Fri, May 28th at 7pm in the upper hall. Darts, pool, foosball and more! Good times with great neighbours! Members and guests are welcome.

### **Death by Chocolate Ladies Night Out - May 8th.**

Tickets are now on sale so call the Preschool at 403-277-2168 and leave a message, or call Christina at 403-863-4709. Tickets are \$20. There's a happy hour discount between 6 and 7 pm. Lots of YUMMY chocolate items and definitely lots of FUN!

### **Bingo Fundraisers: Bingo Barn, 10 - 1107 33rd St NE**

Friday, May 7 from 9:30 pm to 1 am

Friday, May 14 from 8:30 to 11:15 am or 10:45 am to 3:15 pm

Thursday, June 3 from 5 to 9:30 pm

Tuesday, June 15 from 10:45 am to 3:15 pm

**If you can help out for these bingos, please call Sandy at 403-277-0841 or Ann at 403-276-1716.**

## CROSSROADS (cont)

### **Crossroads Preschool Summer Camps**

Looking for a unique opportunity for your 3- to 5-year-old? The following summer camps are designed to provide social interaction, physical development, intellectual challenges, creative opportunities, and a whole lot of fun! Each themed camp will include games, crafts, snacks, cooking and physical fitness.

FAIRYTALES: July 19 to 23

SUPERHEROES: July 26 to 30

HAWAIIAN HULLABALOO: Aug. 16 to 20

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE: Aug. 23 to 27

All camps are from 1:30 to 4 pm. The cost is \$105, and six spots are available for each.

**Crossroads 50 Plus Club:** 6:45pm at the Crossroads Community Centre. Join us for fun times and meet your neighbours. For information call Lorna at 277-7710 or Anne at 276-1716 or visit our website at: [www.crossroads50plusclub.com](http://www.crossroads50plusclub.com)

### **Guiding Program in your Area**

We will be coming around door to door with our famous Spring Cookies! Watch for our girls in uniform (of course with adult supervision) on April 10th! If you would like cookies before then, please call Karen Anderson at 291-0628.

### **Belfast School 80th Birthday - looking for alumni!**

We are planning several events to celebrate it. The first will be held in May 2010 and we are looking for alumni to **contact us at belfast80tbirthday@gmail.com** with your contact info and years you went to the school. If you don't have email, you can **contact Larry Leach at 403-244-5789**. All alumni are invited to join us.

### **Crossroads Community Association Multicultural Festival**

All Day Event on June 26. Multicultural Festival. activities start outdoors at 11 am, featuring 30 to 40 distinct cultural groups. Free outdoor events, tickets sold for the evening concert of Beatles tribute band *8 Days a Week*. Do you have a cultural-based business? For \$30, you can rent a table to profile your business.

Don't have a business? Why not share your culture through visual arts and traditional entertainment? We have identified over 30 different cultures that have large populations within Calgary and Crossroads.

We will need a large number of volunteers to help with logistics and organization. Please contact Larry Leach or details on various volunteer positions at 403-244-5789 or e-mail [larrytheadman@gmail.com](mailto:larrytheadman@gmail.com).

## BRIDGELAND-RIVERSIDE

### **Bridgeland Riverside Community Association**

**Hall: 917 Centre Avenue NE** Ph: 403-263-5755

Newsletter email: [newsletter@brccalgary.org](mailto:newsletter@brccalgary.org)

**Visit our web site at: [www.brccalgary.org](http://www.brccalgary.org) for a complete listing of programs and classes.**

**Bridgeland Riverside Playgroup:** We meet 3rd Friday of each month. The playgroup runs from 9:30-11am. Participation is free, but current BRCA membership required (memberships may be purchased at the playgroup).

**Date: Apr 16. at the hall, 9A St** at 4 Ave NE

Summer schedule: May 14, July 16 and Sept 17 at 9St / Centre Ave playground (next to BRCA Hall).

June 18 and Aug 20 at 9A St / 4 Ave playground.

For more information please email: [info@brccalgary.org](mailto:info@brccalgary.org).

### **Calgary Marathon: Back in Bridgeland!**

Sunday, May 30, 2010. For more information or to register today, visit [www.calgarymarathon.com](http://www.calgarymarathon.com). Call us at 403-264-2996 or email [info@calgarymarathon.com](mailto:info@calgarymarathon.com)

## TUXEDO PARK

### **Tuxedo Park Community Association**

**Hall: 202 29 Avenue NE**

Ph: 403-277-8689

Newsletter email: [sam@cherubconsulting.com](mailto:sam@cherubconsulting.com)

### **UPCOMING 2010 EVENTS - at the hall**

May 13 ..... Community Meeting  
May 14 ..... Community Supper, Cabbage rolls/perogies  
Jun 10 ..... TPCA Community Meeting  
Jun 11 ..... Community Supper, Lasagna/pizza  
Jun 26 & 27 ..... Dog Agility Trials  
Jul ..... No TPCA Community Meeting in July  
Jul 01 ..... **TPCA Canada Day Breakfast**  
Jul 16 ..... Community Supper, Steak Pot luck - no charge

Community supper is at 6pm and costs \$14 per person, children 6 years old and younger - \$7 each.

**Our events are open to everyone: members, residents, family and friends of Tuxedo Park both in and outside our community.** For more information please call Kelly at 277-4723 or Bev at 277-8689.

### **Garage Sale at Tuxedo Park Community Hall**

Saturday, May 29th - 9am to 4pm.

Sunday, May 30th - 9am to 2pm

Table Rental: \$10 per 2 days

Accepting donations until Friday, May 28th.

Call Bev to drop off your donations or to book a table.

403.277.8689 (Hall), 403.809.7392 (Cell)

**Perennial Plant Exchange - Sunday, May 30th - 10am to 2pm**

### **Guiding Program in your Area**

Please contact Sandra Williams at 403-295-3840

or email: [sandra\\_williams@shaw.ca](mailto:sandra_williams@shaw.ca)

### **Programs at Tuxedo Park**

A variety of programs and courses take place at the hall, please call or visit the hall for more information.

### **CRAFT NIGHTS AT TUXEDO PARK COMMUNITY HALL!**

Second Wednesday of the month, from 6:30 to 10pm.

There is no fee for the evening, but we ask that you purchase a current community membership (\$5 for singles, \$10 for families), which are available at the hall.

## CRESCENT HEIGHTS

### **Crescent Heights Community Association**

**Hall: 1101 - 2nd Street NW**

Hall Rentals: Call 403-804-5600

Newsletter email: [elizhancock@shaw.ca](mailto:elizhancock@shaw.ca)

### **Fourth Annual Crescent Heights Community Cleanup**

Saturday, May 22, at the CHCA community hall. If you would like more information, or can come out and lend us a hand, please contact Daniel Dang at 403-355-0058. In addition, **all household electronics, computers and TVs will be accepted.**

**Massive Garage Sale!** - 1000 Centre Street North, Saturday May 29, 2010 from 9-3pm. Huge deals on everything! Spring cleaning has begun and everything must go!

### **Crescent Heights Plant Exchange - Sunday, June 6th, 2009**

Bring your plants to the hall (1101 - 2nd Street NW) at 12:45pm on Sun., June 6th for set up. Exchange will run 1 to 2 pm. Plants that have not found a new home by 2 pm will be available for purchase until 2:30 pm at the very reasonable price of \$2 with the proceeds going to the Crescent Heights Community Association. Please bring exact change for your transactions. For further information, please contact Sharon Anderson-Marr at 403-276-1831 or [sandersonmarr@shaw.ca](mailto:sandersonmarr@shaw.ca)

# Connections

## Area Event and Resource Guide

### HIGHLAND PARK

**Highland Park Community Association**  
**Hall: 3716 - 2nd Street NW**  
Hall Rentals: Call 403-276-6969

#### **Watch for it! Coming to a school near you...**

George P Vanier Junior High is celebrating 50 years! Celebrations in late May. Watch for details or call the school at 403-777-7460.

#### **Bobby Chan Seniors Table Tennis Club:**

Highland Park Community Hall. Phone: 403-295-9553 or 403-860-9838. 2010 memberships now available. Welcome to everyone!  
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www.bobbytabletennis.shawwebsitespace.ca

**Highland Park 1910-2010:** Our community is 100 years young this year! To share your stories and pictures of Highland Park – contact Kirsten, our newsletter editor, at highlandparkeditor@gmail.com. Watch for commemorative events throughout the year.

#### **Mother Goose Program:** Highland Park Community Centre

For infants and their grown-ups. 11am to Noon. Thursday morning sessions run from April 15 to June 10. Contact Margo for more info. 403-714-7994/margo@weconnectyou.ca or Tracey to register at 403-275-6666 ext. 276.

#### **Afternoon Adventures:** Free After School Program

Thursdays, from 3:30 to 5:30pm, until May 27.

Highland Park Community Centre. For children attending grades 1 to 6. Free Program (registration is required) run by City of Calgary Community and Neighbourhood Services. For further information please contact Christine 403-221-3841.

**FREE PLAYGROUP: Until May 25** Highland Park Community Centre Tuesdays, 10 to 11:30pm. Drop-in, relaxed playgroup for children (aged 0-6 years). Play with some new toys and get to know other parents in your neighbourhood. Please contact Margo at 403-714-7994 or margo@weconnectyou.ca for more details.

**Good Food Box** Call Syd Deck at 403-277-8098 for more information.

**Seniors' Luncheons: Noon at the hall.** Schedule: May 17 • Jun 21  
Call Anne at 403-277-3388 for more information.

### RENFREW

#### **Renfrew Community Association**

**Hall: 811 Radford Road NE** Ph: 403-230-7055  
Hall Rentals: Call 403-230-7055 and leave message.  
Newsletter email: mail@renfrewcommunity.ca

#### **Renfrew Bingo - The little hall with the big payouts!**

**Saturday and Monday evenings.**

Nickel Games at 6:20pm, regular games at 7:05pm.  
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#### **Jelly Bean Dance:** Friday, May 14; 6 to 9pm. \$3 at the door.

Great fun at a great price. (Parent supervision advised for younger children) Dee-jay. Pop, hotdogs and candy available. Volunteers always needed and welcome. Please contact Maria Train at 403-453-5028.

#### **Guiding Program in your Area**

##### **Girl Guides of Canada**

For more info contact Karen Anderson at 403-291-0628

#### **Renfrew 50 Plus Club - 1918 Regal Crescent NE**

Daily events and activities. Contact Tina Wilding at 276-4747 or email renfrew50club@shaw.ca for more information. You don't have to live in Renfrew to attend.

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### RENFREW (cont)

#### **Renfrew Tiny Tots Playgroup**

**Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30 - 11:00**

Renfrew Community Center, 811 Radford Road NE

Want to meet other parents and children in the community? Tiny Tots meets every Thursday morning for a little playtime and socialization. All ages are welcome. Call Leora at 403-269-1356 or email rc-tinytots@hotmail.com

**Renfrew Community Pub (Social Room)** Most Fridays from 7pm until close. Non-members welcome - be our guest.  
Free pool, free shuffleboard, free darts!

### MARLBOROUGH

#### **Calgary Marlborough Community Association**

**Hall: 636 Marlborough Way NE** Ph: 403-273-5894

Hall Rentals: Call 403-273-5894 or email

calmarca@telus.net

Newsletter email: cmccnews50@yahoo.com

#### **Ladies Night Out!** - Thursday, May 6th, 7 to 9pm.

Admission for this night is still only a TOONIE which allows you a chance to win one of the many great door prizes, which our vendors so graciously supply. Come and join us for this evening of fun, share a glass of wine with old friends or new ones and enjoy cheese, crackers and fruit. Hope to see you there. For more info, call Celia at 403-272-2542

#### **Jelly Bean Dance** - May 14, 6:30 to 9:30pm

Marlborough Community Center

Ages 12 and under. \$3 admission. Parent volunteers needed, please contact Dawn at 403-248-7272

**Jam Session:** Last Saturday of the month, May 29 and June 26 in the Lounge (Fireside Room)

#### **Bingo at the Bingo Barn Volunteers needed:**

Please call Marg at 273-7952.

#### **Upcoming Events -**

June - Community Clean-Up - Saturday June 5

Jelly Bean Dance - Friday June 11

July - Stampede Breakfast - Saturday July 17

Fundraising Casino - Thursday/Friday July 22/23

### MARLBOROUGH PARK

#### **Marlborough Park Community Association**

**Hall: 6021 Madigan Drive NE**

Hall Rentals: Call 403-248-1775

Newsletter email: marlpark@shaw.ca

#### **Marlborough Park Annual General Meeting**

Tuesday, June 8th at 7pm.

#### **Marlborough Park PreSchool**

Ongoing Registration. Please call Tara at 403-235-2996

#### **Canadian Blood Services**

In the MPCA gym on Saturday, June 12th from 9am to 2pm.

#### **Marlborough Park Block Watch Program**

Next meeting May 13th at 7pm at the hall.

#### **Drop in Crib**

Join us at the Community Centre for adult drop-in Crib every Monday night starting at 7:00pm. Everyone welcome.

**Seniors Crib Club: Meets** Fridays at 1pm. Join us at the Community Centre. New-comers are welcome. To learn more please call Tony Saldana at 403-281-4534.

### MARLBOROUGH PARK (cont)

#### **Bingo Schedule for Volunteers:**

Saturday, May 8 Evening Event

Tuesday, May 18 Evening Event

Wednesday, June 2 Afternoon Event

Tuesday, June 15 Evening Event

Friday, June 25 Evening Event

**If you can help please call Denyse at 403-248-5931 or the hall at 403-273-1775.**

#### **Drop-in Tai Chi**

Drop-in Tai chi is held at the Marlborough Park Community Centre every Tuesday from 9:15 to 10:15am.

**Scouts Canada Program** - For more information on the program please contact Walter Miller (group commissioner) at 403-272-6568.

**Come Join the Fun! Girl Guides of Canada** Ages 5 and up. For more information please call Meribeth at 403-874-7297

#### **East Calgary Scout pre-registration night**

Wednesday, May 26 from 6-8pm at the Marlborough Community Hall. The youth are allowed to join in the activities with the appropriate section. The cost (\$145.00) for pre-registering is going to include your families community membership ( up to a \$20.00) savings.

**Our area covers: Marlborough, Marlborough Park, Penbrooke and Forest Heights.**

### WINSTON HTS - MOUNTVIEW

#### **Winston Hts - Mountview Community Association** **Hall: 520 - 27 Avenue NE**

Hall Rentals: Call 403-277-2433

Email hallmanager@winstonheights.ca

Newsletter email: newsletter@winstonheights.ca

#### **Winston Hts - Mountview Annual General Meeting**

Tuesday, May 18th at 7pm.

#### **For Sale - Chairs and Tables**

Some of the Winston Heights - Mountview community hall chairs and tables have recently been replaced and we now have the old ones for sale. 3'x6' wooden tables - \$10 ea. Chrome chairs, two types - vinyl \$5 or fabric \$15 ea. Please contact the hall by telephone 403-276-5474 or by e-mail at winstonmt@telus.net

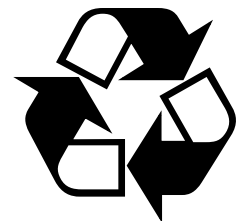
#### **Perennial Plant Exchange** - May 16th, 10 to 11am

At the Sportsplex behind the main hall. Bring 5 plants - take 5 plants!  
Exchange runs until 10:30am, then plant sale until 11am.

#### **Centennial Garden Clean-up** - May 16th, 9:00 am to Noon

Volunteers enjoy a wonderful morning of sprucing up the Centennial Garden. Please bring gloves and gardening tools. Coffee and muffins/donuts will be provided. Call or email Darlene to sign up: 403-230-8395 or dbrobb@telus.net

**Visit our web site at: [www.winstonheights.ca](http://www.winstonheights.ca) for a complete listing of programs and classes.**



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# TEN GOOD REASONS TO JOIN YOUR BRIDGELAND-RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

**PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR ALL AGES** - Community Associations offer programs directly or provide support to other organizations offering programs such as Girl Guides or Scouts. Many associations also partner with the City of Calgary to offer such programs as Park n Play and Youth Drop-in programs. Community associations may also provide support services to residents in need such as snow shovelling for seniors.

**SPORTS** - Community associations offer organized sport opportunity for children and adults.

**COMMUNITY SAFETY** - Block Watch, Block Parent and bicycle safety programs are examples of how community associations ensure safety in the neighbourhood.

**SPECIAL EVENTS** - Many events are provided throughout the year which provides families an opportunity to meet others in the community and have some fun. Events include stampede breakfasts, craft fairs, skating parties, recycling days, and many others.

**AWARENESS AND RESPONSE TO PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ISSUES** - The community association makes every effort to keep track of development and planning proposals in the areas such as transportation, roads, park and playground development, and traffic issues. The City of Calgary often consults with the community association on these issues.

**COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER** - The community association communicates to the residents the activities, programs and services that are happening in the community through a regular newsletter.

**FACILITY OPERATIONS AND RENTALS** - Many community associations operate a facility that is available for programs, meetings, social and private functions. Outdoor ice rinks and tennis facilities are also maintained for the benefit of the community residents.

**HOME AND AUTO INSURANCE DISCOUNTS** - Membership does have its benefits. Many insurance providers will provide special group rates for all community association members.

**REPRESENTING THE COMMUNITY ON REGIONAL COMMITTEES AND INITIATIVES** - Community association designates represent the community on regional issues of interest such as major parks, major infrastructure projects in the area or social issues.

**IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE** - Community associations are created by individuals who want to improve the quality of life for themselves and others in the community. Share the feeling of community pride-become a community association member and volunteer.

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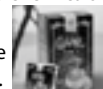
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# Bridgeland - back in the day

By Larry Simon



Back in the sixties, a twelve-year-old girl won her schools' Artist of the Year award for her sculpting. She really was quite a talented young lady, back in the day.

Sometimes, when she was working on her clay art pieces, the lonely old woman next door would belittle her work. She would yammer on that the girl was "playing in mud".

One day, the girl was just about ready to break out in tears, when a man from around the neighbourhood (who was considered to be a little 'simple'), came walking down the sidewalk, carrying the fish he had just caught in the Bow River. He witnessed the old lady spew off her temper, and he shook his head at the woman's rudeness. When the old woman went into her house, the man decided to say something to the poor girl.

Still shaking his head, he said quietly, "I feel sorry for that old woman". The girl looked at him in disbelief, then, forgetting her hurt, replied "You feel sorry for her?"

The man slowly drawled "When I get mad, my stomach hurts all night. She must have stomach aches a lot 'cause she's always mad." The girl thought about that, and, realizing the wisdom in what she had just heard, it helped encourage her to, as the old lady called it – play in the mud, despite the old woman's mean-spirited comments.

A few years later, she created a life-like bust of Father Lacombe, which was presented to the Father Lacombe Church. She also sculpted a bronzed bust of Nick Taylor, who was, at that time, the head of the Alberta Liberal Party. There were many others she lovingly and skillfully created too.

Then she got married, and quit her sculpting for many years. Her husband was a doctor, who didn't always know what house calls meant, particularly with his female patients, if you catch my drift. He developed a brain aneurism and was off work for about a year. The girl, now a woman, spent her time looking after both her husband, and her son, who had heart problems. She also put herself through College during this period in her life.

Eventually, when her husband recovered from his illness, he ran away with another woman, leaving his wife and son alone in a town far away from her family. So, they moved back to Calgary where she managed to support the two of them, never really having the time to devote to her sculpting. Now after much longing and time away from it, she's enjoying the feel of the clay in her fingers again, having gotten back into it a few years ago.

I believe that her experiences in life have given her pieces a richness of quality and expression. Be sure to watch for news of her art exhibition when it opens in the fall of this year. And, has you may have suspected, she is my daughter, and she counts herself among my family's third generation of Bridgelanders. These days, she is known simply as Sylvia of Calgary. For more information, or to see some of her works, you can email her at [sylviasimon10@yahoo.com](mailto:sylviasimon10@yahoo.com)

*This is a regular column running (almost) monthly in Bridges, and edited by Lori Losowy. Larry Simon spent his formative years in Bridgeland-Riverside, and went on to become a multi-talented artist. He loves to share his stories and memories of the way things were, "back in the day."*

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For the record...  
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As some of you may know, I've decided not to seek re-election in the October civic election. It has been a great 15 years and I am grateful for all the community support, energy and collaboration.

It will be business as usual in the Ward 9 office until the election on October 18th, so please do not hesitate to contact me with your questions, comments or concerns.

I look forward to seeing you at community cleanups and events.

*Sincerely,  
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