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PRESIDENT/EDITOR'S MESSAGE

As we all know, our "Hollywood" sign that has graced the 9 Street entrance to Bridgeland off Memorial Drive for the past couple of years continues to shrink, thanks to icy road conditions and inattentive drivers. What started as a sign proudly marking the entrance to Bridgeland was the result of the generosity of JEMM Properties, the company behind the Bridge apartment complex, who approached the BRCA to see what it could do by way of a contribution to the community. As the sign is located on City of Calgary property, the BRCA agreed to assume responsibility for its maintenance under a contract with the City.

During a snowstorm last April, a vehicle coming off Memorial Drive lost control and hit the sign destroying the "D" and temporarily changing the name of our neighbourhood to "Bridgelan." Thanks to the security camera at Bridgeland Crossing's Optometry, the Calgary Police Service was able to apprehend the driver of the vehicle that committed the D-struction. Negotiations ensued with the driver's insurer and led to a settlement with the BRCA. We received a number of quotes from contractors to use the insurance proceeds to fix the sign and ultimately selected one to do the work. So far so good. But wait.

A few weeks ago, and just before the repairs were to commence, another out of control vehicle negotiating the exit from Memorial Drive to 9 Street hit the sign and sped off, resulting in the loss of the "N." Welcome to "Bridgela." Video footage has been turned over to the CPS and they are investigating. In the meantime, our little sign is once again the subject of media attention and commentary in social media, with the humour of Bridgelanders on full display. People have said the change to "Brid-gela" pays homage to our community's Italian heritage. Others have suggested rearranging the remaining letters to form "La Bridge," which will give our neighbourhood a certain cachet.

All joking aside, these incidents have brought attention to the fact that we have a serious safety issue with traffic entering the community from Memorial Drive. Given the increasing volume of pedestrian traffic from new apartments and businesses at the south end of 9 Street, people accessing the c-train station, and children being dropped off and picked up at the daycare centre less than 30 metres from the intersection, steps need to be

taken to force motorists to slow down as they enter and exit 9 Street. The BRCA is pleased to see the City has now commenced a traffic study at this intersection and looks forward to being consulted as the study progresses. We are thankful that it has not needed a collision with a pedestrian to prompt this action to be taken.

In the meantime, the BRCA will address the question of what can be done with our sign pending further direction from the City as to the design of the intersection. Suggestions are welcome. Volunteers have even come forward on social media to dress as the "N" to stand with our resident "D" person next Halloween. Stay tuned, this is not the ND of the story.

Alex MacWilliam



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FOR THE SOLUTION

Plant Together, Grow Together: BRCA Rooftop Garden

The BRCA Rooftop Garden is gearing up for another season of growing together with some exciting new activities focusing on creating community connections!

The garden, located on the roof of the BRCA community hall, has 20 individual small and large plots.

Applications for the 2023 growing season are open from March 1 to April 1, 2023. You must be a resident of Bridgeland-Riverside and a member of the Bridgeland-Riverside Community Association to be eligible to apply for a garden plot.

Preference is given to persons living in apartments and condos. Individual gardeners are responsible to weed, water, care for, and harvest throughout the season on their specific plot and must participate in the spring and fall cleanups. Applications are processed in the order in which they are received.

Large plots: \$40 Small plots: \$30

To offer barrier-free gardening, we have a limited number of plots that we can offer at a reduced rate. Please contact rooftopgarden@brcacalgary.org for more information.

Once the application period is open, the Gardener Application Form will be found at https://brcacalgary.org/programs/rooftop-garden/.

Help Out with the Rooftop Garden

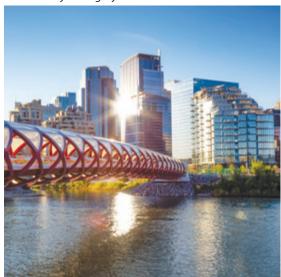
If you're interested in volunteering with the rooftop garden, please email rooftopgarden@brcacalgary.org.



YOUR CITY OF CALGARY

Business Map: Online Map Shows Calgary Businesses and Business Licence Information

from the City of Calgary



Wondering what businesses are open in Calgary? The business map shows commercial businesses and business licence information. You can search businesses by area through community districts, local area plans, and business improvement areas, or by business licences through license type categories or tradename. This map is located at https://maps.calgary.ca/businessmap/.To view more City of Calgary maps, please visit the Map Gallery at https://mapgallery.calgary.ca/.

Pig Beach

Major Cay, an island in the Bahamas, has been home to a colony of feral, swimming pigs for decades. No one knows for sure how they got there. Some suspect that the pigs were survivors of a shipwreck and swam ashore, while others believe they were put there by inhabitants of a neighbouring island who didn't want them living on their island.





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Meet Your Board Member: Sarah MacDonald

How did you first get involved with BRCA as a volunteer?

Sarah: I first got involved with the BRCA volunteering with the Farmers' Market almost

10 years ago! I was helping with set-up and then joined the committee. I was also involved with youth soccer. Both of my kids played soccer for several years, and I coached one year and was a team manager one year.

What led you to consider serving on the Board?

Sarah: I was brought onto the Board very naturally. I was acting as a liaison between the Farmers' Market and the Board, so I was attending Board meetings. It was suggested I join the Board in the role of program manager, overseeing the Farmers' Market and other programs, since that position was vacant and I was already attending meetings. Seemed like a natural fit.

What is involved in being a Board member?

Sarah: Being on the Board goes beyond attending the monthly Board meetings. There's a commitment to doing the work between the Board meetings. That might be sitting on a committee and working on projects, activities, or events, and then reporting back to the Board. There are lots of options to suit your skills, interests, and available time commitment. There's also a responsibility to be informed of what's going on in the community and engaging with people within the community, in whatever form works for you and your role.

What do you enjoy about being a BRCA Board member?

What I like about being on the BRCA Board is of course the people; the Board is a team. There's plenty of opportunity to engage with people within the community. But I also enjoy participating in the discussions that form the community, whether it's planning-related or an event or some other upcoming opportunity. I live here and care about where I live and the people I live around. So, participating and having a voice in the community where I live and seeing the direct impact of my involvement feels good.

What would you say to community members about joining the Board?

Go for it! Join the Board. You need to be able to commit to the time, but otherwise it's fun! And you probably have skills to share that you didn't even know about. Or you can learn new skills. I learned how to do website updates, which I really enjoy. I also learned how to (and not to) put up event tents! And if the Board feels like too much, there are always committees to join.







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Are <u>YOU</u> passionate about Bridgeland-Riverside and want to help make it even better? Then we'd love to hear from you as we have openings on our board of directors. It's a great way to give back to your community and meet your neighbours who share your passion.

Simply email <u>membership@brcacalgary.org</u> with your interest. Look forward to hearing from you!





A Riverside Story – Furniture on Fourth Street

by Deb Lee, Heritage Committee

The community of Riverside, adjacent to 4 Street NE, was a happening place in the past, especially if you were looking for furniture. In addition to being a major thoroughfare to Edmonton, Riverside was one of Calgary's earliest areas to be settled on the north side of the Bow River. Things really got going in the early 1910s!

At 102 4 Street, a fine new 2-storey block was built in 1911 by Thomas Sligsby, an Englishman. He opened a department store but soon after ran into financial difficulties and sold out to Sigurdur Siggurdsson, an Icelander who had arrived in Calgary in 1908. Siggurdsson started Alberta Furniture, a business that became a success over many decades. "Out of the high rent district to save you money" was the slogan for his store and over the years it grew to occupy three floors of the Sligsby Block. McClary coal ranges for \$64, cedar chests for \$98, and chesterfields starting at \$98 were highlighted in a 1939 advertisement. In a newspaper article celebrating 30 years in business, Alberta Furniture was described as "one of the most up to date and attractive centres for furniture sales in the city." Sigurrdsson retired in the early 1950s but his tradition was carried forward with the next owner. Jake Smolensky. Jake was very entrepreneurial and owned Riverside Hardware in the Armour Block across 4 street and had also started Riverside Furniture nearby.

Calgary's significant population influx in the 1950s and 60s led to a boom in the furniture business and the next generation of owners took full advantage of this. Jake's son-in-law Jack Eisenberg took over the business in the mid-60s Over time, they gave the Sligsby Block "a facelift" and a second 3-storey building was built to the east. The revolving sign that was added to the top of the building remains to this day. In the 1980s, Eisenberg acquired more land in the area and another store was added across the street in a former TD bank building (now the Women's Centre). Named Roxton House, the store carried solid wood products and was dedicated to Canadian-made furniture. Eisenberg's Fine Furniture opened in 1991 across the street at 77 Edmonton Trail. This was considered a "premier showplace for luxury furniture" and attracted a wealthier clientele.



Over the decades, Riverside had become 'the place' to shop for new furnishings. Unfortunately, the city's downturn of 2008/2014 was hard to overcome and prompted the closure of all the Eisenberg furniture stores by 2017. Sadly, after 98 years, there would no longer be furniture for sale in Riverside. New and different businesses have now occupied these prime spaces, bringing a new vibe to 4 Street and Marsh Road.

Used furniture could also be purchased in Riverside. In 1967, the Bliss family opened The Triple B in the Southwest corner of the DeWaal Block (former location of Jeffries Drug store). They sold antiques as well as used furniture. Their daughter, who still lives in Bridgeland, can recall going to auctions with her mother to find quality furniture items.

Across 4 Street on the main floor of the Armour/Reliance Block, was Bud's Used Office Furniture. Operating for many years, it covered the entire floor space of the two buildings and was a maze of desks, bookcases, and filing cabinets from many eras. There are no doubt many interesting stories that could be told about this Calgary landmark.

Who recognizes the Sligsby Block now? Hint – check the picture on the cover of last month's Bridges. Come down to 4 Street in Riverside and check it out!

Thank you to Devon Blean for her research into the early Riverside families.



Each year Emergency Medical Services respond to emergencies involving young children who have sustained severe burns or scalds. These incidents often occur inside the child's own home. Common causes include a child accidentally tipping hot liquids onto themselves, touching hot surfaces such as stoves, or making contact with electrical outlets. Fortunately, incidents such as these can be avoided by taking preventative measures.

Degrees of Burn

- 1°: Affects only the top layers of the skin; appears red like a sun burn; discomfort is generally tolerable.
- 2°: Deeper and much more painful than 1°burns; broken skin or blisters commonly develop.
- 3°: Severe: The deepest layers of skin and tissue are injured; may appear charred or leathery.

First Aid for Burns

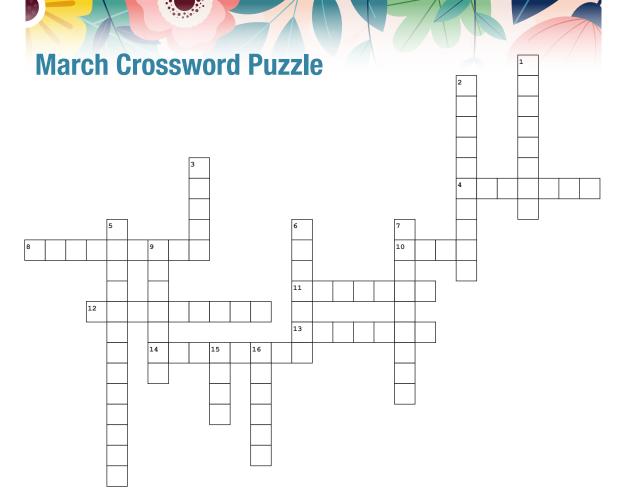
- Skin may continue to burn if not cooled. Immediately douse burns with large amounts of cold water.
- Cover the burn with a sterile dressing, or at least clean material to protect infection.

- Over the counter medications may be used for pain.
 Adhere to directions given on the label.
- Seek further medical attention, as required.

Prevention of Burns

- Check the temperature of your hot water tank. Temperatures as high as 60°C / 140°F will scald a child in just seconds.
- Use placemats instead of tablecloths. Tablecloths can be yanked downward causing hot drinks or food to spill on a child.
- Turn pot handles to the back of the stove and ensure cords from kettles, slow cookers, and other electrical appliances cannot be reached.
- Avoid picking up a child while holding any hot liquids.
- Ensure electrical outlets are made secure by installing commercially available safety devices which prohibit access.
- Keep children away from areas where appliances are in use (kettles, irons, hot stoves).

If you require immediate medical attention, call 911.



Down

- 1. March's birth flower
- 2. This best-selling French-Canadian singer was born on March 30, 1968
- 3. You get pinched if you don't wear this
- 5. Both a dessert and a celebration of mathematics that takes place on March 14
- 6. The saint most popularly associated with March 17
- 7. Popular chocolate and what you might find at the end of a rainbow
- 9. This children's author and cartoonist was born on March 2, 1904
- 15. Roman god of war who shares a name with this month
- 16. On March 25, 1990, Canada took home gold at the Women's World Hockey Championship in this city

Across

- 4. This day signals the start of spring in the northern hemisphere
- 8. Born on March 27, this Calgary-born singer and songwriter is famous for her hit single "Insensitive"
- 10. On March 6, we celebrate this cookie's 111th birthday
- 11. According to ancient Greeks and Romans, this was believed to be a path from the gods
- 12. An important international holiday celebrating gender equality
- 13. Each March, this city's river is dyed green
- 14. Another word for a three-leaf-clover

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Choosing a Meal Delivery Service

from the Better Business Bureau

Meal delivery services give consumers a more convenient way to make home-cooked dinners by delivering fresh, pre-measured ingredients and easy-to-follow recipes to your doorstep. But just like any other service, each company is different.

Pricing, ingredients, and preparation requirements vary greatly between services. You'll need to do some homework to pick the one that best meets your family's needs. If the appeal of a meal delivery subscription is learning new recipes and experimenting with ingredients, you might choose one company. But if your main interest is speed and simplicity, another may be a better fit.

The following tips will help select an ideal meal delivery service for your household:

- Research the delivery service. Ask friends and family, read reviews, and check BBB.org to learn about past customers' experiences.
- Set a budget and check the fine print. Pricing can vary from one company to the next. Make certain the service aligns with your budget. In addition, not all meal delivery services include shipping fees in their pricing read the fine print.
- Know your skill level. Before committing to a plan, research what kind of cooking techniques you'll need to know. If a company's recipes require searing, roasting, and braising, do you know how? If not, make sure you have the time to learn new techniques.
- Consider ingredient quality. Not all companies offer organic, non-GMO, or free-range meal ingredients. If these are must-haves for your family, make sure the company offers them.
- Determine how much prep work you want. Some companies do more chopping and sauce-making than others. This seemingly small difference can make a big difference in how long each meal takes to make.
- Consider the customer service. If there is ever a problem – a missing recipe card or ingredient, for

- example you want to know that you can count on customer service. Make sure there are clear, easy ways to contact the company, even late in the evening. Read the company's reviews and keep an eye out for any indication that customer service is lacking.
- Check the cancellation policy. Before making a decision to subscribe to meal delivery, understand the cancellation policy. Each company is different and some may have very strict policies.
- Be careful with personal information. Most food delivery services process payments online. Make sure the company is legitimate before offering up personal information such as financial information and address.
- Review BBB tips for shopping online. Since meal delivery services don't usually have brick and mortar storefronts, consider BBB's tips for smart shopping online.





Bridgeland Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Bridgeland MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price	
January 2023	\$320,000	\$320,000	
December 2022	\$332,400	\$325,850	
November 2022	\$349,900	\$335,250	
October 2022	\$384,900	\$370,000	
September 2022	\$749,950	\$710,000	
August 2022	\$269,000	\$260,000	
July 2022	\$324,900	\$320,000	
June 2022	\$439,900	\$435,000	
May 2022	\$412,350	\$402,000	
April 2022	\$350,000	\$342,000	
March 2022	\$439,900	\$442,000	
February 2022	\$465,000	\$533,500	

Last 12 Months Bridgeland MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

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	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold		
January 2023	29	19		
December 2022	9	12		
November 2022	17	14		
October 2022	18	13		
September 2022	16	6		
August 2022	11	8		
July 2022	17	11		
June 2022	18	17		
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April 2022	21	19		
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February 2022	33	21		

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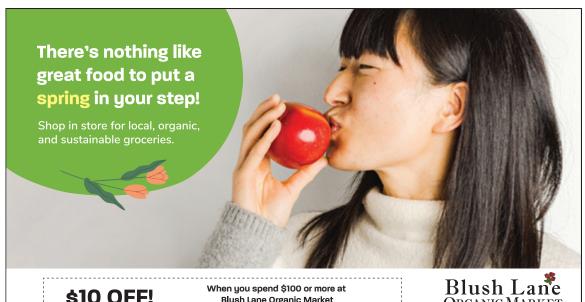
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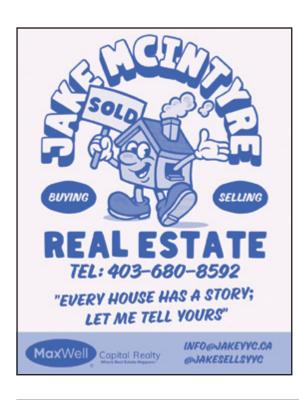
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