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2023 BRINGS A NEW VISION FOR THE CRESCENT HEIGHTS OUTDOOR SKATING RINK



Our success with the Calgary Flames Rink Award from the Calgary Flames Foundation and the Parks Foundation Calgary has provided our beloved, hardworking skating rink a solid funding start. A custom outdoor dasher board system, gates and more!

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THE CRESCENT VIEW

Newsletter Deadline

The Crescent View is published 12 times per year. The submission deadline is 6:00 pm on the fifth of each month for the following month.

For example, to be published in the June issue, the deadline is May 5.

Please email your articles or event listings, as an attachment in MS Word form, to the editor at: newsletter@crescentheightsyyc.ca.

Digital photos that are community related are always welcome as an attachment to the email and be sure to send a caption and/or the names of people who are in the photo. The requirements are 250 KB for a smaller picture and 1-3 MB for a larger (full-page) picture.

Editor:

Elizabeth Stady

Email: newsletter@crescentheightsyyc.ca.

Vision, Mission, Values

Vision

We are a vibrant inner-city community with engaged and connected residents.

Mission

Crescent Heights Community Association works with residents, members and stakeholders to improve the quality of life for its residents by:

- Developing and enhancing community enjoyment, safety, connection and belonging and;
- Advocating on behalf of the community.

Values

- We value integrity and transparency in our communication with all stakeholders.
- We value a sustainable future.
- We value diversity of our residents.
- We value inclusivity and compassion as we work to build community.
- We value the contributions our volunteers make to build a strong sense of community.
- We value community engagement through the arts and support local artists.
- We value protecting and enhancing our public spaces, forests and historic resources.

CHCA Board of Directors

We are always looking for people to join our core group of volunteers. It's a great way to learn/exercise leadership skills and a great way to build and connect your community. If you're interested, then go to our Volunteer page and send us a message.

The Board meets at 7:30 pm on the second Tuesday of the month and all CHCA members are welcome. If you are planning to attend, please send an email to secretary@crescentheightsyyc.ca at least 24 hours before the meeting.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello Crescent Heights!

Kind of an upside-down winter – warm weather and little snow, at least up to February 1.

I thought you would enjoy knowing what your Board has on the go right now.

- The rink and community hall are running just fine.
- The Traffic-Mobility team is monitoring the status of the Green Line, Crescent Road and, Unite the Heights projects, as well as safety and mobility issues in Crescent Heights.
- Our community garden registration is open.
- Our Community Partnerships director is meeting with groups such as the BIA and Crescent Heights High to enhance a sense of belonging and connectiveness for our residents.
- Stampede Breakfast planning has started.
- Meetings with residents to probe their interests have started.
- Our vibrant mini-galleries in Rotary Park has scheduled artists for 2023.
- The planning committee continues to respond to DPs and other land development issues.
- Our Parks Director is pushing forward with a major upgrade to our rink, a dog and human fountain in Rotary Park, the development of Goose & Bear Park overlooking Edmonton Trail, as well as contemplating a second annual Night Market and Concert in the Park.
- Our Climate and Sustainability Director is searching for projects that can be done within our budget and human resource limitations.
- Our Engagement Director is percolating with ideas such as a community run.
- The Communications team keeps this newsletter running, meets publishing deadlines, and plants us firmly in the electronic world with the excellent regular E-Blasts. To be current with Crescent Heights activities, you must sign up for our E-Blasts.
- Behind the scenes our conscientious Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and Secretary keep the trains running on time.

- Our Membership Director is percolating with ideas to increase membership. We need memberships to comply with the Societies Act which regulates our existence.

I know many activities have been missed, but hopefully you got the big picture.

If you wish to help our community as a volunteer or Director, just email me at president@crescentheightsyyc.ca. Youth and diversity are highly desired. Hope to see you around.

Dennis Marr, CHCA Board of Directors

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Off the Shelf

BOOK REVIEW BY JUDITH UMBACH

The Map of Salt and Stars by Jennifer Zeynab Joukhadar

The Map of Salt and Stars by Jennifer Zeynab Joukhadar is both a modern tale and an ancient tale.

When Nour was very young, her father told her the story of Rawiya, a brave, curious girl who secretly left home in Ceuta, on the north-west tip of Africa, to become an apprentice with a renowned 12 century mapmaker. Only made possible by disguising herself as a boy, her adventures entranced Nour so much that she begged her father to recount the long story endlessly. Until he was killed.

Nour's family felt relatively safe in Homs, Syria, until a bomb from the once-distant war pulverized their house. Her mother decided that their family must leave Syria as refugees, to seek shelter from an uncle living in Ceuta. Thus, the parallel treks of the two girls begin to play out, not always completely in tandem. At night, Nour listens to the imagined spirit of her father recounting the old tale, comforting her with both his presence and the theme of overcoming frightening obstacles. Rawiya, with her mapmaker and another apprentice, travelled - sometimes feted and sometimes chased - through the medieval Arabic world, creating a marvel of documentation that in a non-fiction world still exists.

Soon, Nour dons the safer disguise of a boy. At a safe distance, we are exposed to the immense uncertainties navigated by those who find themselves on the refugee trail. Exploitation is a constant fear - the fear of losing one's money, or loved ones, or life. Cruelly, the family has to break up. Nour's oldest sister is seriously shot in the shoulder; in Egypt; the family waits to get her hospital care for a while, but the refugee routes are no place to convalesce. Although the family tries to go on as a whole, the patient has to return to hospital. Nour and her next sister are put onto a (possibly illegal) ferry, hiding in the hold, while crew members periodically check the cargo. Only minutes away from arriving in Libya, the ferry is attacked and capsizes. Luck, supported by resilience, is the only way to survive.

E-Blast Readers Sought

Would you like to stay informed about what is going on in the community? Events, planning issues, volunteer opportunities?

The community's monthly or bi-monthly email newsletter can help residents do just that.

Although The View goes out to all residents of Crescent Heights, due to production deadlines it is sometimes not possible to inform residents of more current events. That's where the E-blast fits in. Crescent Heights Community Association members are signed up automatically, but non-members also are encouraged to add their names using the sign-up form on the CHCA website: <https://crescentheightsyyc.ca>.



Happy Easter

Palm Sunday
April 2

Maundy Thursday
April 6

Good Friday
April 7

Easter Sunday
April 9

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Can help start or advance your career

Brings fun and fulfillment to your life

Let's keep Crescent Heights walkable!

Let's all be good neighbours and help keep our sidewalks safe for all as we get deep into our winter season! This is especially helpful to elderly people, those with limited mobility and anyone else needing a little help.

Here are a few tips to keep in mind

- Clear the snow as quickly as possible after a snowfall so that it doesn't get packed down
- If you're adjacent to a lane, clear the snow across the lane
- Salt is hard on puppy paws and the environment, so use sparingly
- Help clear your neighbour's sidewalk when they're not able, or just because



A friendly message from your Crescent Heights Community Association



HELP BUILD THE NEW CRESCENT HEIGHTS OUTDOOR SKATING RINK



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We need to raise \$185,000

What we have so far:

- Calgary Flames Foundation(Rink Award) & Parks Foundation Calgary Grant -confirmed = \$60,000
- Crescent Heights Community Association contribution-confirmed = \$ 7,500
- Volunteer Donation (in kind) - confirmed = \$ 1,500
- Community Facility Enhancement Program- Alberta Culture- applied tentative = \$69,973
- ***Balance needed*** = **\$ 46,027**

Rink Upgrades include:

- Designed & manufactured outdoor Dasher Board system
- Two access gates and one split wing machine gate
- Concrete pilings to support the dasher system's installation on the existing natural turf field



For more info contact: Humaira Palibroda
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Get Involved and Grow!

Crescent Heights Community Association's Community Garden & Food Forest Celebrating 5 Years in 2023!



In 2018, the Crescent Heights Community Association's Community Garden and Food Forest Committee formed with the intent to design a community garden in the neighbourhood - what a surprise that one didn't exist already in a well-established community with historical relevance!

Over a 9-month period, the committee met to establish a design and location for the plots, keeping availability of water, physical accessibility, and neighbouring residents' sightlines in mind. We met with City of Calgary staff to ensure that all leased land requirements were met, including the use of raised beds. Guidelines and membership agreements were written and sent out to interested community residents, and volunteers worked diligently (in one day!) to build, line and fill the 21 plots. The Crescent Heights Community Garden and Food Forest was ready for the 2019 season!

The 2023 season marks 5 years of the Community Garden and Food Forest! Members have come and gone over the years, and the pandemic brought about a deeper awareness of food security and sovereignty. There are plans to enhance the food forest, and plots have become available for this upcoming growing season. If you would like to volunteer or become a member, please be in touch garden@crescentheightssyc.ca.



HEALTHY FOOD FOR HEALTHY LIFE



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.



What is CEIP?

by Stephanie Ho Lem, CHCA Director – Environment, Climate Change, and Sustainability

The month of February was busy with homeowners applying to be part of CEIP, the Clean Energy Improvement Program that was launched on January 31. For those who are not familiar with this program, the following is some background.

October 3, 2022, Natural Resources Canada announced a \$25.6 million investment in four Alberta municipalities.

December 6, 2022, Calgary approved the CEIP Bylaw 53M2021 for \$15 million the City received.

The CEIP was launched the following month on January 31.

The new City initiative is to help the residential homeowner finance the up-front costs of energy efficiency and renewable energy improvements.

Availability is limited and provided on a first-come first-served basis.

The response to the program is welcomed. Some particulars are:

- The loan is tied to the property and not to the homeowner.
- Maximum loan available to each property is \$50,000.
- The loan is repayable through property taxes in 20 years or sooner.

Find out more on the City of Calgary's YouTube.

Please note that the content provided is for informational purposes.

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Heritage Guidelines in Crescent Heights: Find Out More!

by Brenda Erskine, Director, CHCA Planning Committee



What are Heritage Guidelines? How do you know if your property is within a Heritage Guideline area, and what does it mean if you are? We have answers!

The Heritage Guidelines team from the City's planning department will attend CHCA's planning committee meeting on Tuesday, April 18 at 7:00 pm at the community centre. There will be a short presentation, and time for questions. All interested residents and homeowners are invited to attend; no RSVP is required!

Large sections of Crescent Heights are within the City's new North Hill Communities Heritage Guideline Areas, approved by Council on December 6, 2022. These Heritage Guidelines are the first in Calgary. The success of these new Guidelines in preserving the heritage character of our community will inform subsequent Heritage Guidelines for other local area plans.

Background on the Heritage Guidelines, including maps showing where they apply (see graphic on this page), and the Implementation Guidelines, can be found in the documents section at www.engage.calgary.ca/NHCheritageguidelines.

Come to the presentation on April 18 at 7:00 pm to find out more!



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Mini-Galleries: Celebrate the Edge of Winter in March and April at Rotary Park

by Alexandra Writers Centre Society

Usher in spring while looking back on the delights of winter in a printed word and visual arts exhibit at Rotary Park's mini galleries this month. *The Edge of Winter*, curated by the Alexandra Writers' Centre Society (AWCS), brings visual poetry, blackout poetry, and short prose with a visual style to the galleries.

"This exhibit examines the transition between not-quite-winter and not-yet-spring," says AWCS executive director Robyn Van Eck. "Think solstice, equinox, or stories of growth. Expect odes to the joys of snow or a heated farewell to the cold. Read prose about turning over a new leaf or the excitement of something in bloom. Let this seasonal cusp inspire you!"

The first author readings and a gallery tour will be Saturday March 18, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. A second set of new works will be installed in early April.

"Our March-April exhibit is a little different," says CHCA's Brenda Erskine. "The text takes centre stage, as we engage art spectators as readers. We hope you'll take your time and visit often."

More details on the authors and their works will be announced on our Instagram.



SAFE & SOUND

Burns and Scalds

from Alberta Health Services

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).

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News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

Since the 1960s, various groups have lobbied to have Nose Hill preserved as a natural park. In 1972, a group representing eight communities pursued the matter. The result was the Nose Hill Design Brief, a City plan to set aside 1,600 hectares.

In 1976, however, the City rezoned part of the land for housing. In response to public discontent, the City reviewed the zoning issue, and in 1980, approved the Nose Hill Park Master Plan, which aimed to preserve 1,096 hectares as a park.

In 1981, the Nose Hill Park Communities Board was formed to provide public input into implementation of this plan. Twelve community associations were represented on the board, and it kept the issue in the public eye. The City finally reached a deal with remaining landowners in 1989 and the 1,052 hectare Nose Hill Park became a reality.

The remarkable Glenbow Library and Archive, a collection that documents the history of Western Canada, is now housed at the University of Calgary as the Glenbow Western Research Centre. The Nose Hill Park Communities Board files contain historical information: briefs, plans, proposals, reports, submissions, legal papers, maps, and drawings.

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spring

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IF YOU'RE LOOKING TO SELL.**

As the weather starts to heat up, so does the real estate market.
If you're looking to sell, here are a few tips to get prepared.

Interior:

- Clean windows
- Clean light bulbs & replace, if necessary
- Wash & polish flooring
- Vacuum & steam clean any carpeting
- Dust all surfaces
- Organize all closets & storage areas
- Declutter
- Repaint/Neutralize rooms, if necessary
- Deep clean appliances

Exterior:

- Reseal driveway
- Freshly mulch flowerbeds & gardens
- Trim shrubs & bushes
- Plant bright flowers & plants
- Clean windows
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