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- 3. Physicist William Higinbotham created the very first game called ______; and no, it's not what you think!
- 4. A video game classic, the character of Mario was originally called ______.
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Board Meetings

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at 7:00 pm. All residents are welcome to attend. Join us in person at the community hall, or email president@myglendale.ca for the virtual link.

Annual Community Memberships \$35, Tennis Membership \$70, plus \$20 key deposit

To submit content for publication in the Thumper, please email thethumper@myglendale.ca

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's May!

April showers bring May flowers. My tulips are in full bloom, and the lilacs are doing their thing (you might be sneezing). Thank you to all our volunteers at the Community Cleanup on May 4. It's always a fun time seeing things get squished in the garbage truck.

Now that the weather is (mostly) pleasant, you and many of your neighbours are out for walks and bike rides on our streets and paths and parks. As a driver, please keep an eye out for the kids, especially around the T-ball and soccer fields. Those with dogs out for walks can also exercise caution in our parks as the greenbelt from Optimist to Glendale Elementary School is used by many people of all ages. As per the City of Calgary's dog leash guidelines: Calgary is an "on-leash city," which means dogs must be leashed unless they are on their own property or in a designated off-leash area marked by signs. Keeping your dog on a leash is crucial for their safety, the safety of others, and the protection of the environment. Demonstrating responsible pet ownership contributes to a safer, more enjoyable community for everyone.

Our 'Naturally, Glendale' committee greatly appreciates your feedback from the online survey sent out last month. The team can move on to the next stage of the project with concept drawings and tightening up the scope.

Good luck to all the gardeners planting their seeds and seedlings this month. Fingers crossed for no May-long frost.

Lastly, our volunteer signups are open for the Stampede Breakfast and Casino fundraiser. Please consider joining us. Have a great month, Glendale!

Mvles Trawick



Volunteers of Glendale



Chris Welner, past president of the Glendale/Glendale Meadows Community Association, was recently honoured with a King Charles III Coronation Medal for his community service work.

Chris was among 30,000 Canadians

who received the medal for service to their community, region, or the country.

Signal Hill MP Ron Liepert handed out the medals to more than 20 recipients on March 19 at the Glendale Hall. Liepert praised Welner's volunteer efforts in spearheading the \$1.4 million rebuild of our popular hall that suffered a long shutdown after a sewage flood.

"The catastrophe of a sewage backup literally destroyed this building," said Liepert. "Chris's efforts turned what was a mess into what you're sitting in today."

Chris has volunteered in Glendale for almost 20 years. A semi-retired journalist, Chris is a recipient of the Federation of Calgary Communities Lloyd Said Hero Award, has volunteered at the Lake Louise downhill World Cups, the 2004 Athens Olympics, and the Canada Games. "It is truly an honour to be among the many Canadians recognized with the King Charles Coronation medal," says Chris. "The rewards far outweigh the time and effort that goes into being a volunteer. And when the King says thanks — that's pretty cool."

Congratulations, and thank you, Chris!

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Residents of Glendale

Kelwood Drive, Part I

by Colin Campbell, with thanks to Charles Clarke

I moved to Calgary from North Vancouver in 1973. In 1975, I started working in the motorcycle industry; that lasted several decades. I purchased a home on Kelwood Drive in December of 1979. I'm the second owner of this house. The original owners were the Hildegards, who, like most of the neighbours at the time, were the original owners of their homes when Glendale started being built in 1955.

Back in the early 80s Glendale was known as the country club neighbourhood by the police department because of the very low crime rate. Even back earlier in the 60s and 70s Glendale was an extremely safe neighbourhood. Some neighbours that have lived here their whole lives have told me stories, like one about the milk chutes that just about every home had, where some households would have a spare key in them. That is almost inconceivable today.

Many years later, I discovered why I live on a street in Glendale that starts with a "K". Most neighbourhoods built in Calgary in that time had their street names starting with the first letter of their named neighbourhood. I discovered the name Kelwood was the name of one of the home builders in Glendale, Kelwood Corporation the owner Ellis Vee Keith (1917-1985).

In 1944, Ellis built and sold his first house. Over the next several years he hired several carpenters and grew his home building company. In 1950 he formed Keith Construction; in 1953 he formed Kelwood Corporation and was largely responsible for building Glendale,

Highwood, Wildwood, Kingsland, Haysboro, and Fairview. The 1960s saw Mr. Keith build two of Calgary's most luxurious new neighbourhoods: Willow Park and Lake Bonavista. He finally retired in 1971.

Stay tuned for Part 2 of the Kelwood Drive home story in the next *Thumper* issue.

Information source: https://www.calgarymodern.com/.





Kelwood Drive home, through the years.



Pets of Glendale

This Corgi with heterochromia (two different coloured eyes) is turning one years old in May! Little Lizzie loves Glendale because of the squirrels and birds she can chase in her backyard and all the nice people who say hi on walks. She's faster than you'd think for a dog that runs so low to the ground. If you see Lizzie, feel free to say hello with a pet.

To have your pet featured in an upcoming edition of the Thumper, please send a photo and short write-up to thethumper@myglendale.ca.



Glendale Hall Rental Rates

Please contact rentals@myglendale.ca or visit myglendale.ca/hall-rentals (includes a 3D walkthrough).

Full Space (Hall, Kitchen, Boardroom)

Monday to Thursday: \$95 per hour (minimum of 4 hours).

Friday Evening: 6:00 pm to 2:00 am, \$750.

Saturday:

Full Day, 10:00 am to 2:00 am, \$1,050. Afternoon, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, \$600. Evening, 6:00 pm to 2:00 am, \$750.

Sunday: Full Day, 10:00 am to 10:00 pm, \$900.

Wedding Weekend: Friday evening through Sunday, \$2,500.

Boardroom

Monday to Friday: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, \$50 per hour (minimum of 4 hours).

Security Deposit

\$500, returned seven days post-event.

Rates do not include cleaning and are subject to GST.



GROUND CONTROL TO MAJOR TOM On May 12, 2013, an unlikely beautiful voice in space emerged. Canadian astronaut Chris Hadfield, aboard the International Space Station, fittingly recorded a cover of David Bowie's "Space Oddity". His video, featuring him floating in zero gravity while singing, quickly went viral.

Note From the Editor



Volunteering at Community Cleanup Day is a lot of fun!

It is May and the days are getting warmer, and we are getting out into our parks and gardens! Another thing that May means is that there is only one more Board meeting in June until we take a summer break and then head into our AGM in September.

There are a lot of exciting things in the works for Glendale – we're working on some projects to

bring artists into the community to add some eye-catching colour around the Hall, there's the Naturally, Glendale project, our Hall has been full of a variety of programs and offerings, and we've had local community members reaching out to increase Glendale's partnerships with local businesses, brainstorm about hosting events like plays and concerts, and more!

There are many ways to get involved, and volunteers are the heart of bringing these exciting opportunities to life. If you're wondering if your time and talents have a fit in helping Glendale continue to be a great place for us all to live, the answer is yes! Volunteer opportunities exist on and off the Board, from helping to synthesize survey data, to leading an event (e.g. Halloween dance, casino coordination), to helping at an event (e.g. registration, bartending), contributing *Thumper* content, managing Glendale's response to development proposals, and more.

The AGM represents an opportunity to stand for election by the GGMCA membership for Board positions. Stay tuned for more information on available roles and contact president@myglendale. ca if you would like to discuss how you can be involved in any volunteer role!

Laura Nixon



YOUR CITY OF CALGARY

Create a Beautiful and Resilient YardSmart Yard This Spring!

by The City of Calgary

A YardSmart yard stays beautiful longer during hot and dry weather compared to yards completely planted with grass. The City's YardSmart program provides helpful resources that show you how to how to plan, build, and maintain your yard, including:

- Layouts and plant lists for all over your yard wet, full sun, partial sun, and shade areas.
- Easy to follow information on planting, watering, and maintenance.
- How-to videos including how to garden on a budget and creating a pollinator-friendly yard.

Remember, new plants need lots of water to get established, especially during the heat of summer. You can do your part to reduce your water consumption and help your yard and garden retain moisture by:

- Installing a rain barrel to use in your yard and garden.
 It is a simple, yet effective way to reduce your water use by acting as a backup source of water.
- Only giving plants the water they need.
- Mowing less often to keep your grass five to seven cm (two to three inches) high to shade the soil.
- Replacing portions of your lawn with garden features that use less water and help absorb rainwater such as low water-use perennials and shrubs, lawn alternatives, or groundcovers.
- Adding good quality soil to help retain moisture and mulch on top to reduce evaporation.

To learn more about how to create a beautiful, resilient yard and garden that uses less water, visit calgary.ca/YardSmart.





Board Updates

We can't welcome spring without celebrating another successful year at the rink. Thank you so much to the rink crews for working through -30 and melting temperatures to keep Glendale's treasured rink in shape through our winter season. We celebrated the rink crew at a local pub in April...it was a tie between Wednesdays and Saturdays being declared Best Rink Night.



Updates from the City of Calgary

Street sweeping started April 14! If your street hasn't been swept yet, you can check your location on the schedule at: https://www.calgary.ca/roads/maintenance/spring-street-cleaning.html.

The City is working to grow and expand our tree canopy coverage to 16%. You can help through the annual Branching Out program. Trees are provided at no cost by the City of Calgary; see: calgary.ca/branchingout. The City has also launched a pilot project called the Community Tree Ambassador Program. Community Tree Ambassadors help their community advocate for an increased or improved urban canopy. Reach out to president@myglendale.ca if you are interested!

Starting April 22, many Calgary households saw blue, black, or green cart pick-up days moving to improve routes. These updates also align with the return of citywide weekly green cart collection. The new collection schedules are available on calgary.ca/cartschedule.

The City of Calgary is offering complimentary compost made from the Green Cart program for residents to use in their yards and gardens this spring. Compost is available for pickup from April 14 to May 31, by appointment only, at Shepard (South) and Spyhill (North) landfills. To book an appointment or for more information, visit calgary.ca/compost.

Upcoming Events

Most events are free, and we ask that all participants have an active community association membership. Watch myglendale.ca/events for the following fun activities and to register.

May 31, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm – Glendale's annual Parade of Garage Sales is back! Register by May 28 for free at www.glendalegaragesale.ca.

June 21 – Neighbour Day! No events at the Hall this year but start planning with your neighbours. Information available at https://www.calgary.ca/events/neighbourday.html, including how to apply to close your street for a block party.

July 12 – Hold this date for Glendale's annual Stampede breakfast!

July 20 to 21 – Glendale's casino fundraiser date has been assigned! Volunteers needed! Sign up will be available shortly at https://myglendale.ca/event/ggmca-2025-casino/.



The bell-shaped flower Lily of the valley's scientific name is Convallaria majalis, with majalis meaning "of or belonging to May"—making it the perfect birth flower for the month.

Plans For City Parks, Greenspaces, Naturalization and More!

Article by Monika Smith, Master Gardener

Many residents find themselves questioning some of the City's decisions, which can sometimes lead to concerns about higher taxes, infrastructure challenges, or conflicts between residents, bylaws, developers, and staff. However, there is positive news to share.

The City has created a master parks plan, called: Connect: Calgary's Parks Plan. You can download it as a PDF from https://engage.calgary.ca/ParksPlan.

The City is dramatically growing in population and demanding densification of older neighbourhoods, which we're certainly seeing in Glendale. Yet everyone agrees that Calgary needs more trees and more accessibility to nature. Wellness is now considered an important aspect of parks, and the City ensures in its 20-year plan that the park system needs to be thriving and welcoming but also sensitive to biodiversity and a healthy ecology. The expansion of the park system has to be done in thoughtful ways to meet the future needs of all residents, regardless of their age, ability, income, culture, or background.

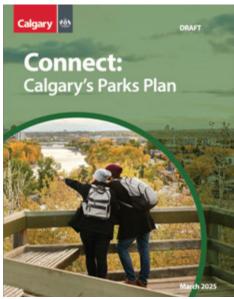
"The park system is a critical component of a thriving, attractive city that supports healthy living. The system plays an important role in mitigating extreme weather, protecting Calgarians by providing shady relief from extreme heat events and managing storm and flood waters. The system supports economic development by providing space for tourism, events, community gatherings, and celebrations. While often overlooked as key infrastructure, parks are as integral as roads and utilities in providing connections between urban communities, as well as contributing to residents' well-being."

The City has endorsed naturalization of parks and encouraged residents to favour drought-resistant plants and promote hardy species that can handle our weather and still look beautiful. During the early days of Naturally, Glendale and Monika's Grove, I was encouraged in creating my wild and messy native plant garden. The City also has a responsibility for urban wild animals and is working hard to keep corridors, food, and water optimal for them.

There are quite a few residents who are adding native plants, or water-wise plants that can deal with drought and are hardy to our weather conditions. There are many native plants that can become wonderful focal points in your garden. Many are long lived, tough, and beautiful and even provide great winter interest, while providing shelter and food to birds, insects, and other bugs and critters. Many provide foods. 'Old fashioned' plants have proven their worth, such as the common lilac with its beautiful fragrant blossoms or a big shrub that can live to more than 100 years and are food and shelter for birds and many insects. I love peonies! I have one already 50 years old and still thriving; and will be for another few decades.

Let's attract native bees, hummingbirds, butterflies, and moths and provide the environment where they can thrive. Our park, that somewhat green desert, can become a healthy ecology full of life, while we benefit from being in a beautiful, flowering yard that lets us take time enjoy a place to picnic, read, relax, and smell the roses.

For more information about Naturally, Glendale or Monika's Grove contact Monika Smith at naturally glendale@ myglendale.ca.



Cover of the Connect: Calgary's Parks Plan. Download and read about the plan to modernize the park system that will serve the needs of Calgarians and support a wide variety of users.

Glendale 2025 PARADE OF GARAGE SALES

It's that time of year - Spring Cleaning Time!

Clean out your closets, drawers, garages, basements and sheds and turn those unwanted items into \$\$ on SATURDAY, MAY 31 - 9 AM to 3 PM. If you do not have enough stuff, join up with a neighbour or make it a street event!

To register and have your garage or yard sale advertised free of charge, please go to our website to register:

www.glendalegaragesale.ca

Lawn signs, directional maps, and a list of all participating homes will be available for pick-up at the Community Centre the evening before the sale.

On the morning of the sale, directional signs will be placed on the main streets

Registration deadline is May 28, 2025
For questions please contact:

Dorothea Sautter & Viki Fairbairn (sponsors)
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Classic Cars 1961 Ford Starliner

Article by Fred Nelson

Last month we showed you a 1962 Chev with the new 409-V8 engine. Quarter-mile drag racing was the big thing back then and, like now, the Performance Image helped sell a lot of new cars.

The Big Three were the main contenders and once again, Ford had returned to their familiar token fins and round tail lights.

Ed's Starliner came with the new 406-V8 and triple carbs. He further upgraded to the famous 427-V8 that powered the Shelby Cobra. When it comes to horsepower, more is better.

If you have a classic car that you would like to see featured in the community newsletter, please reach out to Fred Nelson at 403-242-3856.

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