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<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:30 AM to 4 PM</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7:30 AM to 3 PM</b>
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# Community Crime Beat – December 2022 Year-to-Date

by John Kipp

For the Year 2022	Palliser	Bayview and Glenmore Landing	Pump Hill	Haysboro	Oakridge	Braeside
Assault (Non-domestic)	2	1	2	35	8	5
Commercial Robbery	0	0	0	2	2	0
Street Robbery	0	0	0	2	1	0
Violence ‘Other’ (Non-domestic)	3	1	6	13	2	7
Break and Enter - Dwelling	1	2	5	6	6	4
Break and Enter - Commercial	1	3	2	35	21	7
Break and Enter - Other Premises	5	0	0	32	6	5
Theft of Vehicle	7	0	2	33	6	9
Theft from Vehicle	22	13	2	88	21	36
Social Disorder	82	43	60	695	167	254
Physical Disorder	6	9	2	40	11	14
Totals	129	72	81	981	251	341

Source: Calgary Police statistical reports

## PBPCA Receives \$5K Grant from Embrace the Outdoors!

by John Kipp




A huge thank you to Parks Foundation Calgary and the City of Calgary for helping our community Embrace the Outdoors and spend time outside this winter. The grant went towards illuminating the smaller rink in the park as well as the new PBPCA mural and adjoining path to reach the rinks. The difference is astounding, and we appreciate the support of Calgary Parks!

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		Properties		Median Price	
		Listed	Sold	Listed	Sold
January	23	6	5	\$309,900	\$310,400
December	22	3	6	\$379,450	\$356,375
November	22	4	2	\$444,000	\$435,500
October	22	5	6	\$579,900	\$566,500
September	22	5	4	\$317,250	\$310,000
August	22	5	6	\$321,950	\$322,500
July	22	6	5	\$349,900	\$348,000
June	22	11	8	\$367,400	\$371,200
May	22	9	12	\$454,450	\$455,000
April	22	8	5	\$289,900	\$289,000
March	22	7	8	\$374,500	\$369,500
February	22	14	13	\$350,000	\$375,000

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## PUMPHILL COMMUNITY REAL ESTATE ACTIVITY

		Properties		Median Price	
		Listed	Sold	Listed	Sold
January	23	1	0	\$0	\$0
December	22	0	0	\$0	\$0
November	22	1	2	\$849,450	\$825,000
October	22	1	1	\$629,900	\$635,000
September	22	1	0	\$0	\$0
August	22	2	2	\$2,023,400	\$1,867,500
July	22	2	1	\$850,000	\$870,000
June	22	3	2	\$1,314,450	\$1,300,000
May	22	2	3	\$1,389,000	\$1,275,000
April	22	4	0	\$0	\$0
March	22	0	0	\$0	\$0
February	22	1	2	\$1,539,500	\$1,462,000

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# PBPCA Director Cal Melrose Receives Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal (Alberta)



by John Kipp

In January, Cal Melrose was a little startled when MLA Whitney Issik appeared at his door to deliver QE II's Platinum Jubilee Medal. The medal is awarded to those Albertans who exemplify the Queen's dedication to public service and commemorates

the 70th anniversary of Her Late Majesty's accession to the Throne as Queen of Canada. Created by the Province of Alberta, the medal is conferred on a distinguished group of people who have shown the same dedication to the province and to the community.

Whitney had not planned on visiting Cal that evening. Instead, she had orchestrated a UCP get-together for that evening of former UCP membership volunteers to surprise Cal with the medal. "I was the former membership chairman" says Cal, "and I was supposed to go to this thing. I asked Siri for directions on my iPhone but got lost because Siri had given me walking directions – not driving directions!" Cal, who turned 92 this year, returned home and was later visited by Whitney who conferred the award to her friend. "Cal and I have known each other a long time" said Whitney, "and he has contributed to his communities for decades. In addition to serving in the Royal Navy, Cal has served as the PBPCA's Director of Lifecycle and Maintenance since 2015 and has volunteered for other community-minded organizations." When asked if she thought Cal was happy about the award, Whitney said, "I think I was more thrilled for him than he was and that just speaks to Cal's humility and devotion to serving others."

# PBPCA Elects a New President!

by John Kipp

At the PBPCA's Annual General Meeting on February 7, Sam Swain was unanimously voted in as PBPCA's President for the next two years. Sam moved to Palliser in 2017 with his wife Deanna; they were married in their backyard in 2018. Sam is a senior marketing manager with Benevity and works with businesses to integrate donations into their consumer facing products. Sam and Deanna have two young children.

Outside of work, Sam has been Chair of the Movember committee in Calgary, working with businesses across Calgary to run fundraising events that have raised awareness for critical men's health issues. Sam brings a new energy to the PBPCA, we'll report back in a later issue with Sam's goals for the PBPCA!

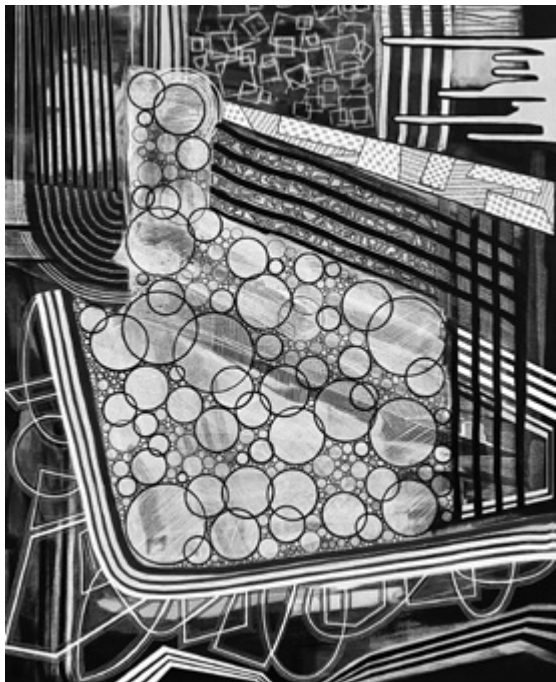
## 2023 PBPCA Board of Directors

President	Sam Swain President@pbpcommunity.ca
Treasurer	Virander Mahajan
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Director Maintenance and Life Cycle	Cal Melrose
Directors at Large	Jay Nelson, Sara Dosanjh Evans
Rink Team Lead	Trevor Brown
PBP Community Coordinator	Jean Kipp

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## Why Abstract Art?



*by Mary-Jo Lough*

Why abstract art? I have been asked this question numerous times and until recently I didn't know how to answer. I have spent time reflecting on what draws me to abstract art and I think I have mostly figured it out.

As a teen, the freedom that abstract art offered was magnetic. Both creating and viewing it offered me a world of expanse that I couldn't find in representative art. The fact that each person can interpret the same artwork in a totally different way intrigued me. The viewer is not given or directly told the subject matter, i.e., here is a mountain, here is a person's face. The viewer's interpretation is unrestrained by traditional form and entirely their own.

This leads directly to the main reason why I have always loved working within abstract art. There is no box I had to stay inside of. It felt as though there was an absence of failure, I could colour outside the lines, so to speak, and that was even encouraged. Working in non-representational abstract art gave me the feeling of being unrestricted, which was a breath of fresh air for me. I was a very hyper ADHD child, and as such, I felt a constant obligation to control, subdue, and bridle

my energy and my true self. I did this to conform to the expectations of others and avoid annoying or upsetting those around me. However, within abstract art I could completely express myself, my full energy, and my unique ideas. In this environment, my divergent thinking, impulsivity, and energy led to success rather than disappointment from others. It was exceptionally affirming to have a true part of me accepted and praised by people I respected and wanted to connect with.

I understand now that my artistic process is a form of problem-solving. In many facets of my life, I am most excited and engaged when challenged with resolving problems and finding workarounds or new processes to achieve a goal in the most efficient way. Although my art process isn't efficient (my work takes a long time to complete), to me it is an aesthetic challenge. My first step is to create a foundational composition through multiple layers of paint. Once I am happy with the balance, depth, and form, I will begin to lay in the pattern, and this is where the problem-solving comes in. My work is firmly based on intuition; therefore, these pieces are not planned out ahead of time. My challenge is to take a multi-colour, very busy base, and calm the chaos by adding in detail and pattern. Additionally, while doing this I need to maintain balance within the composition and colour placement, create a new layer that moves the eye around the canvas, and tells a story. For me, this process is invigorating and presents an opportunity for unique problem-solving, divergent thinking, and workarounds. The fact that there is no map or blueprint to follow can make this endeavor quite intimidating; however, this in and of itself, makes figuring out the puzzle that much more stimulating and satisfying.

This may not be specific to abstract art, and I am absolutely certain it is not specific to me, but when I am being creative my mind empties, and I can be 100% present. It's the only time my busy overactive and overstimulated brain has silence and peace. I feel the most grounded, sure of who I am and what my purpose is when I am in my studio creating.

I believe that if I had to define why I love abstract art in a single word, it would be liberation. Abstract art affords me the freedom to unmask and step outside of societally imposed boundaries and fully express myself through my creativity. The liberation abstract art grants me fills my soul, grounds me, and allows me to communicate authentically with the world; how could I not be drawn to it over and over again?



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October	22	0	1	\$650,000	\$636,500
September	22	2	1	\$1,089,900	\$1,025,000
August	22	0	2	\$2,135,000	\$2,076,000
July	22	1	3	\$849,900	\$827,500
June	22	1	1	\$2,750,000	\$2,850,000
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April	22	1	0	\$0	\$0
March	22	0	2	\$1,447,000	\$1,357,500
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# The Brooks Real Estate Team and PBPCA Team Up for the Winter Carnival!

by John Kipp



It was a fabulous day for a Winter Carnival! January 14 turned out to be a gorgeous Sunday with the temperature reaching 7 degrees Celsius. Amy Brooks and Emily Sudermann of Brooks Realty readied the hot chocolate and coffee station and laid out a table of smore kits for the kids. Inside the main hall, the ladies brought in a face painter and set up tables for colouring. Cal Melrose was on hand to set-up the fire pit and Adirondack chairs the Brooks team rented for the event. The night before, Trevor Brown and his crew watered down the ice rinks to a mirror finish. All that was left to do was wait for the 20-odd families who showed up to have fun and enjoy our wonderful park and facilities!



Emily and Amy

## RESIDENT PERSPECTIVES



### Houseplant Design

by Carolyn Brown. Credits to the Calgary Horticultural Society

Whether you start with your home office, the family room, or the bathroom, create living harmony with the three 'P's of houseplant design: plant, pot, position. For example, plant a bold sansevieria (snake plant) in a solid square pot for impact, utilize a series of similar shaped pots to create flow with say, miniature ferns, or create a planter with varieties of succulents.

Tree-like tropicals like banana and figs bring an element of scale to larger rooms. Have a high ceiling? Climbing philodendron and vines like pothos are a perfect way to create a more intimate space. Do you live in an apartment or basement suite with low light? Try a zebra, snake, or cast iron plant. Choose beautiful pots as these slow growers may be with you for a lifetime!

Typically, the room with highest humidity, such as a bathroom with a window or skylight, is perfect for growing ferns and orchids. Did you know that mirrors will reflect even more light onto your plants? So, go ahead and find cute hanging pots and mini containers to add some 'funk factor' to this small utilitarian space. Have some fun with shape, colour and texture.

How about a string of pearls? Dolphins? Turtles, anyone? These diminutive trailing plants are often referred to as 'plant babies,' adding a touch of whimsy to the kitchen. How about an artillery or candystick plant to spark conversation in the den? Foliage colour can enhance a room or provide contrast within it. Gold, variegated, and deep purple leaves will make a statement or blend in seamlessly.

From big bold leaves to fluffy ferns, incorporating texture adds drama and interest throughout the house. Repeat patterns and plant varieties for a sense of calm and touch of class. Keep these design principles in mind to bring any room to life beautifully.

#### Fun Fact

The benefits of green leafy plants are proven to boost mood and the wellbeing of humans and animals alike. A natural air freshener, plants help to remove toxins and improve the quality of the air that we all breathe. With proper selection and care, plants bring pleasing aesthetics to any space when given the right environment.

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# PBPCA - Board of Directors Recruitment

*by Dave Illsey, Former Director, Civic Affairs for the PBPCA*

Your Palliser Bayview Pump Hill Community Association Board of Directors has opportunities for you to:

- Contribute time and share ideas for the future of this community.
- Meet to exchange/share ideas and strategies with others who share similar interests!
- Develop ideas for community events which will make PBP a more attractive community to live, raise a family, or to enjoy your senior years.
- Fill a leadership role as part of the PBPCA BOD.

Are you interested in collaboration with others to develop plans for the future of Palliser Bayview Pumphill Community? The City of Calgary is expected to begin a Local Area Plan for our communities in the SW district of Calgary. Ideas, community visions, and concepts of future development possibilities will be presented and discussed as part of the process.

If the above opportunities are of interest, you may wish to attend the next meeting of the PBPCA Board of Directors to get to know them and determine possibilities for your involvement.

The PBPCA needs your knowledge, experience, and skills in representing our community, planning and implementing community social events, maintaining the existing facilities, and involvement in a future community development process.

The PBPCA BOD is currently looking for candidates who reflect the full diversity of the communities that we serve to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors for the 2023-24 period. Our current Board of Directors is comprised of a knowledgeable, diverse group of individuals from various disciplines and stages of careers. What do these Directors all have in common? They care about their community and want to promote positive change. Come join our team and help the PBPCA provide and coordinate accessible community, health, and social services for the benefit of your family, neighbours, and larger community.

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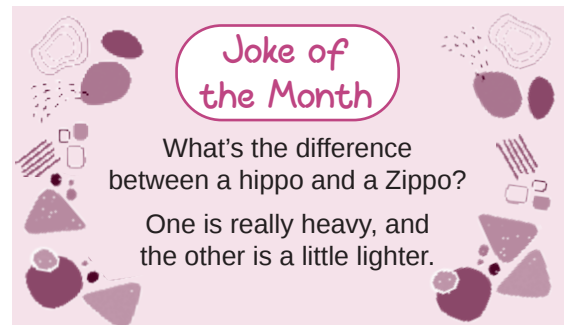
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Include in your submission, an outline of current business or employment background and resume outlining your qualifications and areas of interest in support of your submission. PBPCA is fully committed to equity and wants to ensure diversity of race, gender, age, sexual orientation, religion, ethnicity, national origin, and all other fascinating characteristics that make us unique and different are reflected on our Board of Directors. Please highlight any HR, finance, legal, or fundraising skills that you possess. The approximate time commitment for this position is five to ten hours per month.

Applications and nominations will be reviewed by members of the Executive committee. You will be contacted to arrange a one-on-one interview with our President and/or Vice-President. The interview will be a casual discussion around your background, knowledge, and understanding of PBP communities and the ideas and ambitions you may have for future consideration.

More information about our Association is available on our website, [www.pbpcommunity.ca](http://www.pbpcommunity.ca), or you can visit our electronic media pages: Facebook: <https://facebook.com/PBPCommunityAssociation> or Instagram: [@pbp\\_community](https://www.instagram.com/pbp_community).





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