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Murdoch Park by Deb Lee



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Email us at bridgelandwalks@gmail.com to be added to our monthly schedule distribution list.

Sept 4 Little Free Libraries

There are 7 little free libraries around the hood where you will always find something good to read. Check them all out. Bring a book to leave and find a new one for yourself. 5 km, some hills.

Sept 11 Memories of Little Italy

Enza is leading and can tell us about places where Italians gathered, and lived their lives over the decades in Bridgeland Riverside. Join us to hear the stories. 4.5 km, mostly flat.

Sept 18 East Village

EV resident Kate knows all the good places to check out. We'll walk over via the C-train and GC King Bridges and explore. 5 km, mostly flat.

Sept 25 Finale and Sunset

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"Cities have the capability of providing something for everybody, only because and only when, they are created by everybody. Designing a dream city is easy; rebuilding a living one takes imagination." - Jane Jacobs

One definition of city/urban planning is a system for the planning and control of the construction, growth and development of a city or other urban area. More specifically, city planning entails drawing up, evaluating, and forecasting an organized, coordinated, and standardized physical arrangement of a city and its underlying infrastructure, processes, functions, and services. This includes buildings, transportation infrastructure for vehicles, pedestrians and other modes of travel, neighbourhoods, commercial areas, and parks. As cities expand in geographic area and population over time, established (i.e., older) communities within the city become subject to redevelopment as existing homes and businesses are modified or replaced with newer structures and lands are repurposed. Land uses change in response to population increases and changes in land values. Municipal bylaws and planning policies also change and provide the legal and political framework governing the manner in which redevelopment takes place.

As one of Calgary's most historic neighbourhoods, Bridgeland-Riverside has seen, and will continue to see, significant redevelopment in comparison to other communities. The City of Calgary's Development Map (developmentmap.calgary.ca) currently identifies 144 Development Permit applications and six Land Use Redesignation applications in Bridgeland-Riverside. By way of contrast, my former neighbourhood Oakridge has 34 DP and one Land Use applications, and the Hamptons has 26 DPs and zero Land Use applications. The current applications in Bridgeland-Riverside range from a DP for a secondary suite to a land use redesignation to allow for the construction of 27 storey buildings in the south-east corner of the community.

You can see why the BRCA Planning Committee is the busiest of our volunteer committees. It receives and reviews every DP and Land Use application filed with the City for lands in our neighbourhood. The Committee reports to the BRCA Board of Directors and has active dialogue with residents and businesses and with developers. Its meetings are open to the community and

the Committee provides advice, feedback, background information and context to impacted stakeholders and to the City of Calgary on specific applications and on bigger picture planning issues. Where appropriate, the BRCA has appeared before City Council and the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board on behalf of the community.

To be most effective, engagement on planning matters needs to be community wide. Residents and businesses need to become aware of what is taking place next door, across the street and throughout the neighbourhood. Look at the City's Development Map and take the time to read the notice signs posted on specific lots and buildings. If you have a view (positive or negative) regarding a proposed DP or land use redesignation, make that view known to the Planning Committee and the City's File Manager whose contact information is provided on the Development Map and in the posted notices.

To assist and educate the community, the BRCA Planning Committee is holding a Planning Open House on September 17 at the BRCA Hall commencing at 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Representatives of the Committee and the BRCA Board will be providing information, resources, and tools to assist residents and businesses interested in planning issues and to hear the views of the community on these matters. I encourage you to attend. If you want to become further involved, the Planning Committee is always looking for additional members.

Alex MacWilliam



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We love our small businesses in Bridgeland and with the construction that has kicked off we are asking you to please continue to make a point of supporting the heart of Bridgeland – and that is all of our amazing businesses that call our community home.

Here are five easy tips to help you support local and small business in Bridgeland.

1. Follow local and small businesses, such as stores, merchants, and restaurants, on social media and engage with their content!
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Calgary General Hospital Commemoration Project - Update to the Community

by Deb Lee, BRCA Heritage and CGH Commemoration Project



We want to bring you up to date with activities that have contributed to progress on our Commemoration Project. Our intention is to tell the story of the Calgary General Hospital while enhancing Murdoch Park. Owned and operated by the City of Calgary for the majority of its existence in Bridgeland, many thousands of Calgarians experienced “the General” as physicians, workers, patients, or as newborns. When we’ve connected, there is unequivocal support for our Commemoration Project, and many have made donations. Our goal is to reach more people to increase interest and gain more support for the project. So, what have we been doing?

Regular readers of the *Bridges* will have seen monthly articles about the evolution of the hospital, from the beginning days (1890) of the re-purposed house on 9 Street SW to the final days (1998) of the almost 1,000 bed hospital. You will have read about the significant role of volunteers, the contribution of the School of Nursing, the evolution of health care with new buildings such as the Convalescent-Rehabilitation wing as well as the great food provided at “the General”. More articles will be coming, featuring important contributions made by the Calgary General Hospital over its 88 years providing health care in Bridgeland. You can also check out the BRCA website’s history section for more information: brcacalgary.org/history.

Over the past year we have reached out to the public through a variety of means. On the 25th Anniversary of the hospital’s implosion last October, we had media

attention from *CBC Eye Opener* and a feature on *Global News*. Two articles have been written by David Parker in the *Calgary Herald* plus an article in the *Kerby News*.

In early 2024, we initiated a series of information sessions at the BRCA hall with good attendance from a range of people. We have also shared the story of “the General” with groups such as the Chinook Country Historical Society, the Optimists, and several others, including Historic Calgary Week and a Jane’s Walk. We’ve learned a great deal from the memories shared by the participants. Many told us of their great affection for the hospital and how people worked together to make for a positive and caring experience for the patients. The strong connections between the Bridgeland community and the hospital has been evident though all our conversations. We plan to have more information sessions this fall. Watch out for the poster and plan to join us.

Financial support from large funders such as the provincial government, the City of Calgary via our Ward 9 Councillor Carra, and granting organizations is being pursued. A grant from the Historical Society of Alberta was received to research options for digital sharing of “the Generals” story. The Bridgeland BIA is supporting the project. Despite a very challenging funding environment, we are finding interest in and support for our Calgary General Hospital Commemoration Project.

How Can Bridgelanders Help?

- Attend an information session this fall and learn more about this historic hospital.
- Share information about the CGH Commemoration Project with those who have a past connection. A hard copy poster, brochure, and postcard can be obtained at the BRCA hall, and digital versions are available online.
- Invite us to present the story of “the General” to your group.
- Make a donation – (tax deductible) using the QR code or the donation link on the BRCA website.

With the support of Bridgelanders and the larger community, this project to tell the story of the Calgary General Hospital will come to fruition and will be a source of pride for all who learn about it, for generations to come.

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Choose one of the following sessions:

September 24 (Tuesday)	1:00 - 3:00 pm
October 10 (Thursday)	7:00 - 9:00 pm
October 23 (Wednesday)	1:00 - 3:00 pm
November 7 (Thursday)	1:00 - 3:00 pm
November 21 (Thursday)	7:00 - 9:00 pm
December 2 (Monday)	1:00 - 3:00 pm

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Normie Kwong Park Celebration

by Your BRCA Beautification Committee

The City of Calgary officially approved the names of eight of our small parks in 2023. This year we have been working on plans to design a plaque for our oldest and one of our most beloved parks, now formally named Normie Kwong Park. Our efforts are coming to fruition this fall as we plan to reveal the plaque and host a celebration with Normie's family and the neighbourhood.

Normie Kwong was born in 1929 and grew up in Riverside. His parents, Lily and Charlie, were immigrants from China. They owned and operated the Riverside Cash and Carry for many decades. Normie attended Riverside Bungalow School and Langevin Junior High School. He emerged from the playfields of Bridgeland as a strong athlete and when he was 18 years old, he earned a position with the Calgary Stampeders. In 1948, he became the first Chinese Canadian to play in the Canadian Football League (CFL) and the youngest player to win a Grey Cup. He went on to win three more Grey Cups with the Edmonton Eskimos. After retiring from the CFL, he married, and he and his wife Mary started a family. Normie then began work in real estate.

In the 1980s, Normie was one of the owners who brought the Flames hockey team to Calgary. He returned to football in the 1990s when he became General Manager for the Stampeders and was credited with recruiting Wally Buono to coach and revitalize the team. Normie was also a philanthropist who was involved in numerous initiatives.

Normie Kwong's achievements did not stop there. He was named a Member of the Order of Canada in 1998 and in 2005 he was appointed the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, becoming the first person of Chinese heritage to hold the position in Alberta. He served the people of Alberta until 2010, welcoming Queen Elizabeth during her 2005 visit.

Normie was known for his understated manner and sense of humour. He was a family man who supported his four sons in all their endeavours. His success in life could be attributed to his quiet determination and approach to life. Normie passed away in 2016.

Wow, what a lifetime of achievement for a Bridgeland-Riverside lad!

Normie Kwong was honoured with a 'Heritage Moment', released earlier this year. You can see it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7RMv7tSYI3Y>.

We are so proud to be acknowledging Normie Kwong with the naming of our park.

The celebration is set for the afternoon of Saturday, October 12. We'll be working with the Parks Department to have the park in tip-top shape. Watch for details in next month's *Bridges* newsletter and on our BRCA webpage. Please plan to join us.



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BRCA Planning Committee Open House – September 17

by Anthony Imbrogno, BRCA Planning Director

We've got no shortage of planning notices coming into the community. The Planning Committee for Bridgeland-Riverside Community Association is organizing an Open House on planning issues. Join us at the Hall on September 17 anytime between 6:30 and 8:30 pm.

We'll have information on how to submit comments to the City, what our Planning Committee does at our meetings (held every two weeks), and what's next for our Local Area Plan process.

And we'll be looking for your ideas, comments, and suggestions for how best to present the City with information from our neighbourhood. So, mark your calendars!

September 17, BRCA Hall, 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

Anthony Imbrogno is Planning Director for the BRCA. You can reach him at planning@brccalgary.org.

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by the City of Calgary, Waste and Recycling Services



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Back-to-School Safety

from Alberta Health Services

Alberta Health Services EMS would like to remind parents and students of some safety tips as the school year begins again this fall. Pedestrians and motorists both have an important role to play – road safety is a shared responsibility.

Motorists

- Distracted driving carries a \$300 fine and three demerit points in Alberta. Avoid the use of mobile devices or engaging in any other behavior that diverts your attention away from driving.
- Give right-of-way to pedestrians who have activated overhead crossing lights, or who are waiting to cross from a street corner.
- Other than parked cars, it is illegal to pass another vehicle in a school or playground zone during posted hours.

Around School Buses

- Flashing amber lights mean that a bus is slowing down to stop – motorists should do so likewise.
- No matter which direction you are coming from, stop when approaching a school bus with activated flashing red lights unless the bus is on the opposite side of a divided highway from you.
- Driver courtesy goes a long way. By simply being alert and cautious when approaching a school bus, you are contributing to school bus safety.

Pedestrians

- Cross only at marked crosswalks or street corners that have clear visibility from all directions.
- Make eye contact with all drivers before crossing the street and keep distractions to a minimum.
- When activating overhead crossing lights, pause before stepping off the curb to ensure motorists in both directions have come to a complete stop.
- Stay within the crosswalk lines.
- Obey pedestrian lights at intersections. Cross the street only when you see the 'walk' sign and only when all cars have come to a complete stop.
- If you are with young children or pets, hold your child's hand firmly and keep a solid grip on leashes when crossing.
- Remember: children learn by observing. By demonstrating safe crossing habits, you can reduce the chances of your child being involved in a preventable auto/pedestrian collision.

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