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Or, please feel free to communicate with us about community events at events@BRCAcalgary.org

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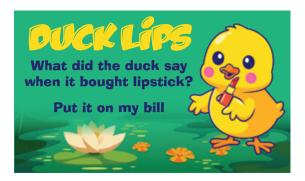
On behalf of the BRCA Board, I want to thank all of you who turned out for our 75th Anniversary BBQ and Movie in the Park. I particularly wish to thank the many neighbourhood businesses who generously provided sponsorship for this event. We are also appreciative of the efforts of the Bridgeland Business Improvement Area that helped to make this special day a success. Lastly, but certainly not least, our thanks go out to the many volunteers who assisted in the preparation and implementation of the activities for the celebration, including our Directors and our General Manager, Pam Swan.

Our neighbourhood is truly blessed with wonderful residents and businesses that make Bridgeland-Riverside a great place to live, work, and play.

Our cover photo this month should serve as a reminder of the improvements done to First Avenue as part of the City's Main Streets program. While the construction and resulting impacts to parking and traffic have been something we have all had to deal with over the past two years, the results will enhance our neighbourhood and hopefully promote the viability of our local businesses.

Alex MacWilliam









Beacon Original Art Show

Beacon Original Art returns to the BRCA Hall on October 18 and 19 for its Annual Fall Art Show and Sale. Meet over 40 local artists and explore hundreds of unique, handmade artworks, ranging from paintings and photography to pottery and wearable art. With a rotating lineup of emerging to established artists each day from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, you're sure to find something one-of-a-kind. Free admission, draws, and no GST. See you there Bridgelanders!

Beacon Original Art

Annual Fall Show & Sale Saturday October 18 Sunday October 19, 2025

10am - 4pm









Different Artists in Attendance Each Day!! Painting - Jewelry - Glass - Photography Ceramics - Sculpture - Textiles







BRCA Hall 917 Centre Ave NE Calgary Free Parking & Admission, Draws & No GST

YOUR CITY OF CALGARY

The 2025 General Election Is Here

by The City of Calgary

Eligible voters can cast their ballots for the 2025 General Election starting October 6, 2025.

During Advance Vote, from October 6 to 11, voters can vote at any of the Advance Vote stations, regardless of the ward in which they reside.

On Election Day, October 20, voters must vote at their designated voting station.

Voters can use the "Where Do I Vote?" tool on the Elections Calgary website to find their nearest Advance Vote location, as well as their designated voting station on Election Day.

Special (mail-in) ballots are available for request for voters who cannot vote during the Advance Vote or on Election Day for any reason. The last day to request a mail-in ballot to be mailed to you is October 3. The last day for in-person pick-up is October 20 at 10:00 am. All mail-in ballots must be received by the Elections Calgary office by 12:00 pm (noon) on October 20. Mail-in packages can be requested online or by calling 403-476-4100.

More information on where, when and how to vote, voter identification requirements and other important information about the 2025 General Election can be found at electionscalgary.ca/vote or by calling 403-476-4100.







BRCA YOGA REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION
FOR AUTUMN
YOGA WILL OPEN
IN OCTOBER.
CHECK WEBSITE
FOR DETAILS

NOV-DEC CLASSES

- ADVANCED CHAIR YOGA FOR SENIORS
- BEGINNER CHAIR YOGA FOR SENIORS
- STRENGTH TRAINING FOR SENIORS
- *NEW * ADULT YOGA WITH WEIGHTS

QUESTIONS? EMAIL PROGRAMS@BRCACALGARY.ORG

www.brcacalgary.org

World Class Trauma Care at 'The General'

by Deb Lee, Heritage Committee and CGH Project

Nowadays it is not uncommon to hear a helicopter flying overhead, especially at night. We know that it's likely the HAWCS police helicopter patrolling the area related to criminal activity. But if you lived near McDougall Rd in the late 1980s, hearing a helicopter meant something very different!

Starting in 1986 the Lions Air Ambulance regularly transported critically ill patients to the Calgary General Hospital (CGH). Any time of the day or night the helicopter would land on the baseball diamond to the south of the hospital, sometimes relying on the ball players to first clear the field. A ground ambulance would then transport the patient to the hospital up the hill. The extra transfer only added 15 minutes, but it wasn't long before 'the General' initiated major updates to improve their trauma program. Collaboration in the following years with the Foothills Hospital resulted in the STARS air ambulance that we know today.

What had led to this innovation? Many of the city's medical and health care practitioners had gathered at the General Hospital's annual McKid Lecture that was focused on increasing trauma survival rates. Dr. Trunkey, an expert in the field was invited to share the latest in research and clinical practice. At that time in Alberta, accidents and trauma were the leading cause of death for people under 50, so it was evident that a co-ordinated health system response was needed for Calgary and area. Costing \$225,000, an elevated helicopter pad was soon built adjacent to the Emergency Department of 'the General'. Other physical changes were made within the hospital including upgrades to the thirty-one bed Intensive Care Unit which had been operating since 1978.

Success for any health initiative goes beyond the physical structures. From the accident to the trauma centre and the return home, it's the people and their co-ordinated responses that are critical to saving lives. The Hospital board was fully supportive as was the CGH administration. Medical leadership was provided by a number of physicians over the years – Dr. Dean Sandham, Dr. Bill Dunlop, and Dr. John Kortbeek – who offered their unique skills to make significant contributions to the program. Numerous hospital departments committed



to a dedicated multi-disciplinary response team. Dr. Rob Abernethy led the Emergency Department processes, which went beyond the CGH staff to those in rural areas who were often the first to encounter trauma patients. A toll-free hotline for rural physicians needing emergency consultation with CGH doctors was set up. Nurses and ambulance personnel in rural areas benefitted from the basic trauma life support course that was offered by CGH.

Trauma cases are complex and once out of ICU, patients were cared for in different wards such as Orthopaedics, Neurology, or General Surgery. With recovery comes the next step of rehabilitation, where patients were helped to regain as much of their pre-trauma function as possible. Each component was critical to success and with the involvement of Pam Holberton, the first clinical nurse specialist, the care of trauma patients was co-ordinated and optimized in all areas of the hospital. Important data was collected, showing that overall survival rates improved significantly.

The community stepped up with extra funding for specialized equipment and resources. Contributions came from the Calgary Police Service, Lions Club, Canadian Legion, and Suncor to name a few.

The closure of CGH in 1997 ended the helicopter landings in Bridgeland, with the trauma services transferred to other hospitals. It's a source of pride and a part of our history that 'the General' offered a world class trauma program for Calgary and area for over a decade.

Bridgeland Riverside Continuing Care Centre – Community Update



Following the recent fire at the Bridgeland Riverside Continuing Care Centre construction site, timelines are currently under review by Alberta Infrastructure. Final dates will be shared with the public once confirmed. We would like to remind the community about the services and residents expected in the new facility. The centre will be home to approximately 200 adults and seniors, most of whom will require a long-term care level of support. Residents will have varying and sometimes complex health needs. The facility is designed to provide a safe, comfortable environment for individuals needing continuing and complex care. Some residents with more advanced conditions will live in secure areas with 24/7 staff oversight and secure outdoor spaces. This is not a consumption site, nor will it offer consumption-related services. The centre will also include outpatient seniors' clinics and day programs. Once construction is complete, several months will be needed for commissioning. This includes equipment installation, system testing, staff training, and final preparations to ensure the site is ready to provide safe, quality care. The facility's opening date will depend on the revised construction timeline, and AHS plans to do more community outreach as that date approaches. For more information, visit www. albertahealthservices.ca/about/Page13606.aspx.





Thank you for a vibrant and bountiful garden season! From the BRCA Rooftop Garden Committee. See you next year!



SOCIAL DISORDER WHO TO CONTACT

SOCIAL ISSUES SUCH AS HOMELESSNESS, ADDICTION, ENCAMPMENTS, ROUGH SLEEPING, OR MENTAL HEALTH ARE NOT TYPICALLY A CRIMINAL MATTER. TO BEST SUPPORT COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN CRISIS OR FOR HELP DURING NON-EMERGENCY SITUATIONS THAT REQUIRE ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE, PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

311 CALGARY

311 allows you to access City services and information 24/7. The information reported to 311 helps the City record keep and direct their response where needed. Call 311, visit calgary.ca/311 or download the 311 app.

ALPHA HOUSE

Alpha House offers a range of outreach programs aimed at engaging clients into services and helping reduce the impact of addiction and homelessness on the broader community and public systems.

TRANSIT SAFETY

Calgary Transit partners with Peace Officers, the Calgary Police Service, and the Alpha House DOAP Team to respond to situations as they arise. Oncall support is available 24 hours a day, seven days per

211 ALBERTA

211 provides access to a network of community, social, health, and government services. You can call, text, or chat online - ab.211.ca and be connected to a broad suite of social resources and supports.

★PLEASE BEGIN BY REPORTING ALL CONCERNS TO 311★



HOMELESSNESS + ROUGH SLEEPING

Alpha House HELP Team

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ENCAMPMENTS

Alpha House Encampment Team T: 403-805-7388

*Please be sure to report all encampment concerns to 311



TRANSIT SAFETY

Transit Safety (24/7)
Text 74100 or call 403-262-1000 (option 1)

Alpha House Transit Team T: 403-827-7106



NEEDLE DEBRIS

Alpha House Needle Response Team

Call/Text 403-796-5334
*After hour requests will be
answered the following day.
Urgent after-hours needle
debris collection: call 311



MENTAL HEALTH + ADDICTION

211 Alberta (24/7)

If you or someone you know is seeking help for addiction or mental health, contact 211 for available local resources.

SAFE AND SOUND

Halloween Safety

by Alberta Health Services



As a member of Calgary's Child Magazine Partners for Safety initiative, AHS EMS would like to remind parents and trick-or-treaters of some Halloween safety tips as October 31 approaches. Partners for Safety vehicles will be out patrolling communities on Halloween night to provide a visible safety resource for parents and trick-or-treaters.

Trick-or-Treaters

- Remember: All regular pedestrian rules still apply. Be sure to cross the road at marked crosswalks, or well-lit corners only. It is safest to work your way up one side of the street, and then cross once to the other side.
- Avoid houses that are not well lit. Do not accept rides from strangers or enter any home you feel is unsafe.
- Let your parents know where you are going to be at all times (route) and advise them if you will be late returning.

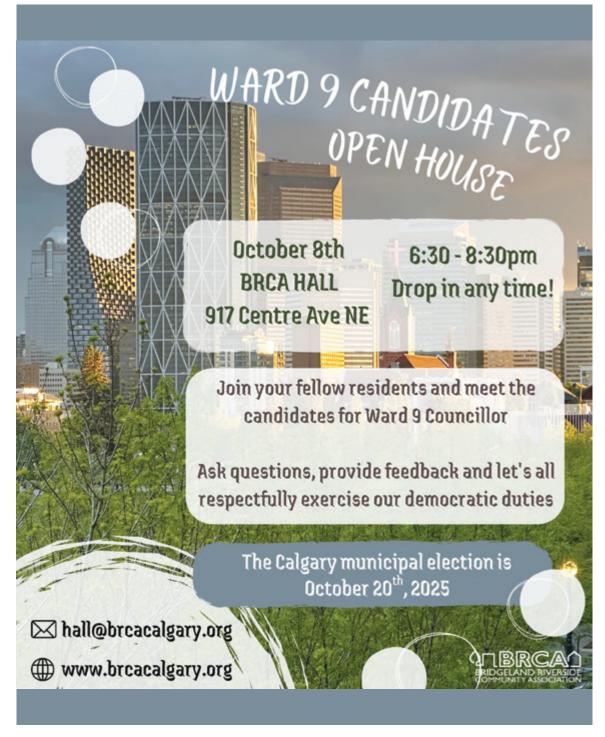
Parents

- Be certain that young trick-or-treaters are accompanied by an adult. Older children should stay in groups.
- Pre-determine boundaries to trick-or-treat within and establish a firm time to return home.
- Advise children not to eat anything until they return

home. Dispose of any items that appear to have been tampered with, or that are not properly wrapped.

Costumes

- Choose bright coloured costumes that are highly visible. Adding reflective tape to costumes further increases visibility.
- Consider sending your children with a flashlight for additional safety and increased visibility.
- When purchasing or making costumes, look for materials and accessories that are labeled flameresistant.
- All costume accessories, such as sticks, rods, or wands, should be soft and flexible, with no sharp edges.
- Consider using hypoallergenic make-up kits instead of masks that may impair breathing, or vision.
- Be sure costumes are loose enough to be worn over warm clothing, but not so long that they become a tripping hazard. Costumes should not be longer than your child's ankles.
- Ensure your child is wearing adequate footwear that takes into consideration weather conditions and walking.



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YOUR CITY OF CALGARY

Beltline Community Investment Fund (BCIF) Call for Letters of Intent

by The City of Calgary

The Beltline Community Investment Fund (BCIF) supports capital projects that enhance the wellbeing of residents and visitors in Calgary's Beltline community.

Past funded projects include:

- Upgraded sidewalks and lighting
- Park and open space improvements
- Street trees and landscaping
- Benches, bike racks, and waste/recycling bins
- Public art installations

Applications are accepted year-round and reviewed quarterly by the BCIF Committee. The next review date is December 8, 2025, and the deadline to submit your application for this round is October 31, 2025.

Before applying, organizations must submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) for approval. LOIs are accepted and reviewed on an ongoing basis. To get started, email your LOI to BCIF@calgary.ca.

For more information about BCIF and how to apply, go to calgary.ca/bcif.









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Calgary's Future Announces Official Endorsement for Ward 9: Harrison Clark

Harrison Clark is a Curator of Community

Harrison Clark may be new to politics, but he has broad experience in community relations, management, and communications. Born and raised in Calgary, Harrison is an entrepreneur who values authenticity and quality. He has owned and operated Murphy's Mid-Century in Inglewood since 2018.

Harrison is an independent candidate dedicated to representing the needs of residents first. He's ready to be a champion for everyone, taking action to preserve the ward's unique character while also growing affordable housing options to allow more people to build lives in the community. Harrison has a plan to develop Ward 9 with a connected and diverse transportation network, turning it into a true cultural destination and community that can meet everyone's needs.

Here's why Harrison Clark is the right choice

Harrison Clark is a candidate who will listen first, act responsibly, and represent his ward, not just an ideology. He's focused on transparent communication and getting a fair share of investment for historic Ward 9, including his plan for an inner city recreation hub, a revitalization

strategy for the Music Mile and unlocking city owned land to build affordable housing. Residents deserve leadership rooted in honesty, hard work, and community engagement. After over a year of campaigning across Ward 9, Harrison is ready to bring residents' voices to city council.

Here's why we're endorsing Harrison Clark

- Entrepreneur: Owns Murphy's Mid-Century in Inglewood
- **Historic community builder:** Knows how to preserve character
- Working Hard to Engage: Campaigning for over a year

"The collective needs, wants, and hopes of the residents of Ward 9 are not ideological. They are the aspirations for a better quality of life".

- Harrison Clark, Calgary City Council Candidate for Ward 9



If you want to hear more about where Harrison Clark stands on the critical issues facing Calgarians, check out his answers to our Candidate Questionnaire