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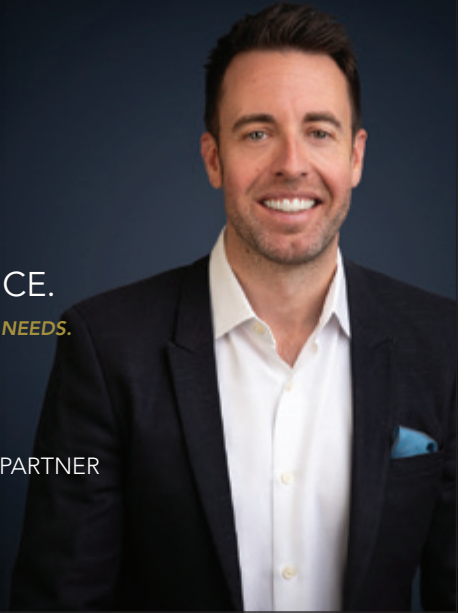
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THE CRESCENT VIEW

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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.

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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 7:00 pm every fourth 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.



Crescent Heights Community Association

Join our Board!

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CHCA Laneway Pride Project

Clean Up Our Laneways



Spring is here –
it's time to clean
up our laneways!

Let's create places
for people to feel
comfortable and
safe to move
through our
community.

Spread the word on your block!
Let's work together and take pride in our laneways!

**A reminder to take advantage of the CHCA
Community Clean Up on May 18th. Or check out
calgary.ca/cleanup**

CHCA Transportation Planning and Mobility (TPM) Committee 

New Parking Guidelines

For the new fee structure and to apply for a parking permit, visit www.calgaryparking.com/parkingpermits.

For more information, visit www.calgary.ctvnews.ca/there-s-a-fee-for-that-city-of-calgary-launches-first-change-to-permit-parking-program-1.6247738.

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Mini Galleries

Artwalk, beading workshop, and storytelling in Rotary Park on May 4.

Join Colouring it Forward Reconciliation Society (CIFRS) on Saturday, May 4 at 1:00 pm for the opening of $\Delta 4^{\text{th}}$ b^{o} piyêšiskâw (there is an abundance of birds), the Rotary Park Mini Galleries exhibit for May and June. Following the ArtWalk, CIFRS will host a beading workshop and storytelling in the trapper's tent.

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"Here at Rotary Park, where the hillside falls down into the river valley, you will be able to spot many beautiful species of our winged kin. The confluence of the rivers is a meeting place not only for us humans, but for many others as well. We invite you to consider how this place has changed in the last hundred years, but also the parts that remain. The nests that are built in these trees return spring after spring, and the generations of birds born here have found ways to live in harmony despite the rapid development of humans. What can we learn from them?"

Artists: Jasmine Piper, Amber Boyd, Riel Starr, Staci Duchene-Wolfe, Sarah Whalen-Lunn, and Hilary McDonnell.

Check CHCA's website www.crescentheightsyyc.ca/neighbourhood-update/ or follow us on social media for updates @crescentheightsyyc.

CHCA's Mini Galleries thank CADA and the City of Calgary for funding the FAO exhibit and workshop.



Chickadees by Hilary McDonell

SAFE AND SOUND

Window and Balcony Safety

from Alberta Health Services

With the return of warmer weather, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) would like to remind parents and caregivers of an often-overlooked hazard in the home – access to open windows. Every year, paramedics respond to emergencies where a child has fallen from an open window, often from the second floor. These can be avoided by following safety measures. Take the time to assess potential hazards in your home before a preventable fall occurs.

Windows and Screens

- Prevent access to windows by moving furniture such as cribs, beds, stools, and change tables out from under them.
- Keep drapery cords out of children's reach. Wrap excess cord around cleats, or tie-downs to avoid a choking hazard.
- Remember, screens are not safety devices. They are designed to keep bugs out, not children in.

Balconies

- Do not underestimate a child's ability to climb. Furniture and other items stored on balconies and decks can be used to climb resulting in falls over the railing.
- Ensure that your balcony railings are not more than 10 cm (4 inch) apart. This will eliminate access between the vertical bars of a balcony, or deck.

Further Prevention Tips

- Toddlers and preschoolers are at highest risk of falling from a window, or balcony, but it may happen at any age.
- Direct supervision of children is the single most effective way to prevent falls from windows and balconies.
- Install safety devices which limit the distance in which a window can open to a maximum of 10 cm (4 inches).
- Ensure the safety device can be released quickly, so the window can be used for escape in case of emergency.
- Consider purchasing a portable air conditioner, which will enable windows to stay closed and secure.

EMS is proud to be a member of the Partners Promoting Window and Balcony Safety. Take time to assess your home for window and balcony hazards and eliminate the risks before a preventable fall occurs.

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Huge Flakes!

Although some are skeptical of the record, according to the Guinness World Records, the largest snowflake ever recorded came down in Missoula, Montana. In 1887, this city measured a single snowflake that was 15 inches in diameter! That's about the height of a bowling pin!



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Hello Crescent Heights!

Community is a powerful thing – it can go beyond knowing our neighbours and it's wonderful when we can work together to make the community better.

A big thank you to everyone who volunteered for our CHCA casino last month. This event involved many residents who stepped up to work lengthy and late shifts. With the help of these volunteers, we raised funds that will support our many community initiatives and programs. Also, a thank you to Tia who took on the task of coordinating the volunteer group for us.

The weather is warming and it's time for some community spring cleaning.

With the snow gone, let's remember to take the opportunity to clean up our laneways – making them a safe and inviting space for us to move through.

You can save a trip to the landfill for items that do not fit in waste and recycling carts by taking advantage of the CHCA Community Cleanup that will be held in the parking lot at the community centre on May 18. Go to calgary.ca/cleanup for more info on what is accepted at the cleanup.

You can also spend some fun and productive time outdoors helping clean up our beautiful river valley and pathways. The McHugh Bluff Cleanup is scheduled for May 4 and the annual Pathway and River Cleanup will be held on May 5.

And a reminder that Saturday, May 4 has an exciting line-up of events for the community:

- Jane's Walk will depart at 11:00 am from CHCA community centre.
- Mini Galleries will have its new exhibit opening/artist walk at 1:00 pm in Rotary Park.
- CHCA Heritage Celebration runs from 2:00 to 5:00 pm at the CHCA community centre.

More info on all these happenings can be found at crescentheightsyyc.ca.

Let's work together to make Crescent Heights better!

Marie

The Story Behind “100 Storeys”

by Dan Evans



The main event of the CHCA Heritage Celebration on May 4 is “100 Storeys”, an exhibit of 100 paintings of character homes in Crescent Heights by local artist Jackie Ramsay.

Jackie has been a resident of Crescent Heights for over 35 years and has been painting

for most of her life, having received her first set of paints and pastels at the age of 12. Early on she decided that making a living might be easier if she took the commercial art route. After graduating from Dawson College in 1975, Jackie’s first job was as a fashion illustrator and assistant art director at a Montreal magazine. She then worked in the layout department of MacLeans Magazine for a few years before taking a job as an illustrator for the Montreal Star.

Eventually, Jackie decided to head out west, working at an advertising agency for a few years, and then settling into a graphic design role at CFAC Channel 2 Television. There she worked on all types of design projects over the years which included everything from set painting and courtroom sketching to billboards and image campaigns. But Jackie’s first love has always been painting.

During Covid Jackie challenged herself to paint 100 of the character homes in Crescent Heights. She’s always loved the neighbourhood, and over the years while walking her dogs, took great pleasure in seeing how people landscaped their yards and painted or remodelled their homes. The “100 Storeys” project brings the beauty and charm of inner city living to life, and nods to the fact that this century old community has many stories to tell.

She’s excited to be exhibiting “100 Storeys” for the very first time at the Heritage Celebration event and is looking forward to a great afternoon sharing her work with community residents.





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Tips and Tricks for Watering Trees

by Damon Johnston, member of the CHCA Transportation, Planning and Mobility Committee.

Proper spring tree care is important to support the ongoing growth process. Watering in springtime is incredibly important for trees as they work to establish new leaves and to ensure they have a healthy growing season.

So, when's the best time to water your trees in spring?

Trees need water before their leaf out date. Depending on where you live, that date could fall anywhere from mid-March to early May. Hydrate your trees after the ground thaws out but before temperatures get warm enough to prompt new growth. Don't worry if you're a little late! Small spurts of growth here and there are nothing to worry about, but you should aim to start watering your trees well before their leaves are fully grown.

How much should I water my mature trees?

Supplemental watering is needed only if the weather has been exceptionally dry. If the soil feels moist four to six inches deep, either from recent rains or snowmelt, you should be OK. Newly planted trees need water each week, but Established trees and shrubs (planted three + years) don't demand quite as much. Most species will thrive on a good watering (to the root depth) one or two times a month during the growing season (April to September). You may need to increase this frequency to once a week during periods of hot weather.

To see if your tree needs water, poke a long screwdriver into the soil. If it's hard to push in and there is no soil sticking to the shaft, water. If the screwdriver penetrates easily and has particles sticking to it when pulled out of the ground, the soil is still saturated.

What if I'm planting a new tree?

Young trees need more care and attention for the first 2-3 years. During their initial establishment period, trees focus energy and resources on growing their roots, which is why you'll see little above ground growth. The magic is happening underground! Newly planted trees need up to 20 gallons of water each week. By providing the tree with enough water, you're helping grow strong, substantial roots while also promoting stem and leaf growth. If you don't water your newly planted tree enough, your tree may develop minimal roots, suffer from canopy dieback and take longer to establish.

What's the best way to water?

Use a regular garden hose or a soaker hose and move the hose frequently to ensure that all the area under the tree's drip line is saturated. To determine the tree's "drip line", look at where the rain falls from the tree during a rain shower. You can also use a soaker hose, running anywhere from 30 minutes to 2 hours at a time.

This approach slowly releases water, which may mitigate runoff and improve absorption. Note that it will take some experimentation to discern how much water per minute your hose releases.



Source material for this article was gathered in part from: Davey Tree Care website; City of Calgary Trees and Shrub maintenance blog; and arborday.org/treecare

How Carbon Pricing Works

by Stephanie Ho Lem, CHCA Director – Living Green

Everyone seems to cringe when the word “tax” is brought up in conversations and certainly carbon tax. As on April 1, the customer carbon levy for gasoline was raised to \$80 per tonne from \$65 which means the carbon price on a litre of gasoline will now be 17.6 cents per litre, up 3.3 cents per litre from before. That means filling a 50-litre tank from empty will cost about \$8.80 in carbon price, about \$1.65 more than before.

Greenhouse gas emissions have contributed to climate change and for 2023, we experienced the warmest year on record with wildfires spreading across the country. In Alberta, there were 1,092 wildfires burning a total of 2.2 million hectares. The wildfires have destroyed habitats and for threatened species (Alberta Wilderness Association), it will never be the same again. Much of Alberta is under extreme drought as this past winter has been warm compounded with the lack of snowfall. The province has declared the start to the wildfire season on February 20. Will we see another year of record wildfires or was it a rare event?

There is no single approach to reducing emissions that works for every part of the country. As a nation, a price on pollution is a cornerstone of Canada’s plan to tackle climate change. The federal price on carbon, implemented in 2019, means that every jurisdiction has had a price on carbon pollution. Canada has two different carbon pricing programs - one for big industry where companies pay the price on a share of their actual emissions, and a consumer carbon levy which is applied to fossil fuel purchases. Putting a price on pollution is better than doing nothing.

Unlike most other taxes, the carbon tax comes with a rebate. “All direct proceeds from the federal pricing system are returned to the province or territory where they were collected” - Government of Canada. The Parliamentary Budget Officer, Yves Giroux has noted the carbon tax minus rebates would benefit lower income households the most. It’s estimated that eight out of ten households receive more from the rebate than they pay in added costs created by the tax. In Alberta, individuals will receive a quarterly payment of \$225 and a family of four will receive \$1,800.

Canada’s carbon pollution pricing will contribute as much as a third of Canada’s emissions reduction in 2030 and to reach net-zero by 2050.

Economists in general have reiterated that the most cost-effective way to attack greenhouse gas emissions is to put a price on pollution. The carbon levy reduces emissions at a lower cost than other measures, and it has a negligible effect on overall inflation.

BC has had their own carbon tax since 2008. They are a textbook example of carbon taxation as it covers approximately 70% of provincial GHG emissions. Generally, the BC policy has been successful in significantly reducing the level of GHG emissions without compromising economic growth and development.

Sources: Calgary Herald – March 30, April 2, 4 and 5; Government of Canada website “How carbon pricing works”; World Economic Forum.

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**The 57th Annual Pathway & River
clean up happens on
Sunday, May 5th
from 10am-1pm**

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Off the Shelf

BOOK REVIEW BY JUDITH UMBACH

Anna, Like Thunder by Peggy Herring

At age eighteen, Anna sails with her new husband on a trading/conquest mission down the west coast of modern Canada and the US on behalf of the Russian Tsar. Author, Peggy Herring, deeply researched history, and cultures to create a historical novel from a few comments in the accounts of men. *Anna, Like Thunder* is the voice of a ghosted woman.

Still water in the straights forces the ship into a narrow harbour, where the relentless ocean swells drag the ship onto sharp, hidden rocks. The crew and Anna abandon ship.

The men, including Anna's husband, the navigator, are extremely fearful of the local people. The Russians are certain that the locals intend to kill them, probably as that is what they intend to do to the local people. Because aggression has made them sailors, they cannot adapt otherwise to circumstances. Feeling themselves to be conquerors, civilized and infinitely superior, they steal food for their own survival without a single thought to the needs of the people who gathered it.

Of course, the local people are highly skilled at living in their own environment. Several different groups interact with the stranded Russians, some aggressively and some more diplomatically. After no interactions bring reasonable results, Anna, and the ship's cook, Maria, and two of the men are taken away by the locals. Anna's new education begins.

Never mistreated, they are expected to work, at first startling for Anna but not surprising to Maria, who, as a Russian serf, is quite used to the tasks needed to keep a large household fed and clothed. Slowly, Anna begins to understand the way in which people thrive when they are in tune with natural cycles. She thinks about the Russian culture that grabs everything possible – fish, land, people. She marvels at how the people of this alien household harvest berries, plants, sea food and fish with great care to preserve stocks for the coming years. Very slowly, she recognizes that Maria has relaxed into this new culture, in which she is freer than at "home", a place she has not seen since childhood.

Anna, Like Thunder is a revealing glimpse into the cultures of the west coast at the time of contact with Europeans. More importantly, it is a meditation on the rights and obligations of all communities.



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Two Important Cleanups in May

We can always use extra hands at our annual cleanup events, so if you can lend a hand for either or both of them, please contact us at treasurer@crescentheightsyc.ca or johnmcdermid@shaw.ca.

Pathway and River Cleanup - May 5

The 57th Annual Pathway and River Cleanup will happen on Sunday, May 5 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. This year's event falls on one of the most jam-packed weekends of events in recent Crescent Heights memory. We had planned to go out as usual on Saturday, but that coincides with a series of Jane's Walks and other community events, so we'll hope for continued good weather and meet by the river on Sunday the 5th.

Our river reach is from 4 Street NE to Centre Street, River Left, or the near (north) bank of the Bow. We hope to see some of our regulars out on the pathway. Crescent Heights has been tackling this river reach for more than 20 years! Let us know if you can join us and we can get a sense of our numbers for securing supplies. We'll meet by the river at the Reconciliation Bridge and work Westward to Centre Street. Join us!

Crescent Heights Community Cleanup - May 18

Our very popular Crescent Heights Community Cleanup is now set for 2024. Our assigned date is Saturday, May 18 from 09:00 am until 2:00 pm. Please think about helping out at the cleanup - we can certainly use your help, and being onsite gives you the first pick of the Free Store's treasures (see below). The City recommends having 15 to 20 volunteers onsite, as community cleanup events are increasingly popular and draw people from across the city. The more people we have to direct traffic and activity onsite, the better our traffic flow and cycle time will be.

We always enjoy partnering with our trusted third-party vendors to determine the scope of materials we can accept; our friends at TechnoTrash will be with us again this year to dispose of electronics, as will the Women in Need Society (WINS), which accepts gently used household items. We hope to have a metal bin for metal recycling but haven't yet confirmed this. Please remember that organics should be disposed of through your green bin or take advantage of the City's Spring Yard Waste Program from April 15 to May 25 at City of Calgary Landfill sites, but don't bring your hedge trimmings and yard waste like to our cleanup.

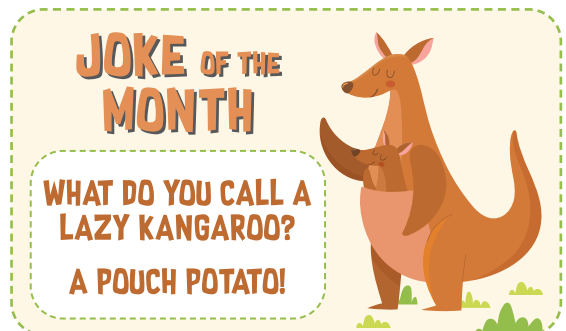
What's the Same for 2024?

Same place. CHCA community hall, enter from 2 Street NW at 11 Avenue; packer trucks will be positioned to accept household waste, stuff that may not fit in your black cart. Volunteers will be on hand to direct the traffic flow. Remember to stream recyclables to your blue cart or to a neighbourhood depot so we're not sending recyclable materials to the landfill. Similarly, hazardous waste products (paints, chemicals, etc.) should be disposed of at a designated firehall or landfill equipped for those materials. No concrete rubble can be accepted because it damages the equipment. No glass, please! No tires! Ensure your load is properly secured and tarped enroute to the hall. Please don't bring materials and drop them off before or after the event we'll be watching!

The Free Store will be in operation once again to help gently used items with life left in them find new homes. Non-claimed goods will be loaded into the trucks in the last hour of the event. If you can help with this effort, please come to the site around 1:00 pm to help us clean up and close.

Please be prepared to unload your materials: volunteers will be on hand but only to manage the traffic flow onsite. Our trusted City staff are there to operate the equipment; remember that they are volunteering their time too! Unload as quickly as you can to keep things moving.

Can't wait for our date? The city-wide Community Cleanup program kicks off in April and events are scheduled at different communities across the city. Visit the website below for dates, times, and locations: <https://www.calgary.ca/csps/abs/partnership-programs/community-cleanups.html>.





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