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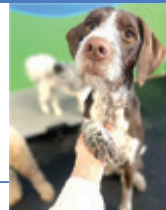
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# THE CRESCENT VIEW

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*The Crescent View* is published 12 times per year. The submission deadline is 6:00 pm on the fifth of each month for the following month.

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Please email your articles or event listings, as an attachment in MS Word form, to the editor at: [newsletter@crescentheightsyyc.ca](mailto:newsletter@crescentheightsyyc.ca).

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.

### Editor:

Elizabeth Stady

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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](mailto:secretary@crescentheightsyyc.ca) at least 24 hours before the meeting.



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello, Crescent Heights!

Summer is here, and one of our favourite community traditions is just around the corner! I hope you'll join us for our annual Stampede Breakfast on Sunday, July 12 from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm.

Come out and enjoy pancakes, ponies, and great music! It's a wonderful opportunity to catch up with neighbours, meet new friends, and celebrate the community spirit that makes Crescent Heights such a special place to live. Whether you're a longtime resident or new to the neighbourhood, we'd love to see you there.

We're still looking for volunteers to help make this event a success. If you can spare a few hours before, during, or after the breakfast, your support would be greatly appreciated. To learn more about volunteer opportunities, please visit [bit.ly/chca-breakfast2026](http://bit.ly/chca-breakfast2026).

Another great addition to our community this past year is the new fountain in Rotary Park. It has quickly become a favourite gathering spot, enjoyed by both our two-legged and four-legged residents. It's wonderful to see everyone appreciating this new feature.

If you enjoy the fountain and would like to help ensure it remains a valued part of our community, please consider taking on a role in its care and maintenance. To get involved, contact Humaira at [parks@crescentheightsyyc.ca](mailto:parks@crescentheightsyyc.ca).

Thank you to everyone who volunteers their time, energy, and enthusiasm to make Crescent Heights such a vibrant and welcoming community. Your contributions help create the connections and experiences that make our neighbourhood thrive.

Happy Stampede, everyone! Yahoo!

Marie



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# We need you!

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## **Facility Operations** *(Board position or Coordinator role)*

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- Help review facility conditions and identify improvements
- Obtain estimates for maintenance, repair and upgrade work.
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## **Community Programming** *(Board position or Coordinator role)*

Have ideas for bringing people together in our community? From pub nights and concerts in the park to family and seniors' programs, this role helps make it happen. If you enjoy connecting people and creating great community experiences, we'd love to hear from you!

- Initiate and coordinate social programming and events
- Support and grow Active Aging (seniors) programming
- Work with volunteers and help promote events

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## **Fundraising Director** *(Board Position)*

Help bring community ideas to life by finding funding and supporting projects that strengthen our community.

- Identify grants and fundraising opportunities
- Support board members with funding for projects
- Coordinate the biannual casino fundraiser



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Thank you for helping care for your community Hydration Hub!

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## Roots from Your Past to Your Future: Young Indigenous Artists Exhibit in Rotary Park's Mini Galleries May through August

*Roots from Your Past to Your Future* is a youth-led exhibition that brings together six emerging Indigenous artists—Sam Robinson, Sage Carriere, Katie Hunt, Jakob Kimber, Shaelee Crazy Bull, and Violet Truong—through a series of intimate and powerful mini galleries.

Each artist explores personal and collective identity by reflecting on where they come from and how those roots shape their future. Through a range of artistic practices, including realism painting, pyrography of Native homelands, and symbolic representations of the land, the exhibition highlights the deep connection between culture, place, and self.

Floral works speak to urban farming and land stewardship, while others reflect the circle of life and the relationship between home communities and current environments. Together, these pieces tell stories of movement, adaptation, and resilience.

At its core, the exhibition explores what it means to carry your roots with you—especially within urban spaces. It is about reclaiming space, honouring culture, and finding ways to Indigenize wherever land and community are present.

The Mini Galleries invite viewers to witness how Indigenous youth are shaping their identities, creating belonging, and envisioning futures grounded in culture, strength, and continuity.

The exhibit is organized by the Crescent Heights Community Association and USAY (Urban Society for Aboriginal Youth) with funding from CADA (Calgary Arts Development).



## Good fences (and signs) make great neighbours.



As we head into the warmer months, our community hall and the surrounding grounds become a popular venue for private rentals such as weddings, celebrations, and special events. You may begin to notice signage posted around the hall indicating when the outdoor space is reserved for private use.

### When these signs are displayed, we kindly ask all residents to respect the rental boundaries by:

- Refraining from entering the designated event areas
- Choosing alternate spaces for walking or playing with dogs
- Avoiding the use of outdoor tap for gardening or other use

We understand that this space is enjoyed by our residents, and we apologize if you are inconvenienced. Please remember that this area is also used for rentals and events, and these bookings help support the Association and upkeep of our community facilities.

We appreciate your cooperation and consideration in helping make our shared spaces welcoming and respectful for all.

*A friendly message from your*  
**Crescent Heights  
Community Association**

# Why We Should Consider Rewilding

by Stephanie Ho Lem, promoting Living Green | sholem3@telus.net

## We are Losing Greenspaces to Heavily Developed Urban Environments

Calgary is currently growing at a faster percentage rate than Toronto and Vancouver, adding thousands of residents monthly as people relocate to Alberta. More land is annexed and more homes are built. Thanks to the sprawling suburban design, a vehicle is a necessity to commute, to transport family members to sports events or to even to get groceries and supplies. Calgary holds the distinction of having the highest rate of vehicle ownership among major Canadian cities, with 93% of residents owning or leasing a vehicle. This outpaces the national average (85%) and stands in stark contrast to denser Canadian cities that prioritize public and alternative transit. Calgary leads Canada in car dependency compared to 74% in Toronto. What this means is that more roads are being built and paved. More shopping plazas and massive parking lots to accommodate the population.

## Removing Mature Trees

Along with the urban sprawl, our inner city is faced with blanket rezoning. Developers maximize what they can build on a 30-foot or a 50-foot lots. While they are at it, mature trees are cut down to maximize 60% lot coverage. Height of development is exceeding 10 metres and not far from 11 metres causing shadowing to neighbouring properties. Blanket Rezoning, was to increase affordability, to increase density and lessen development in rural areas. Density increased but affordability is questionable. Blanket rezoning, was not well planned in my opinion, and became contentious with Calgary residents. Council recently voted to have it repealed.

## Other Cities are Rewilding Urban Spaces

I recently read an article about Adam Barnes who started "Rewilders Toronto." He brought awareness that our cityscapes need to be more climate resilient and bee-friendly. He is part of a growing movement of people and organizations that is promoting rewilding

in the city of Toronto. Rewilders Toronto is working. It started with one garden and has since blossomed into a community project supported by a handful of volunteers and city grant money.

## How Rewilding Works

Rewilding is a conservation and innovative approach focused on restoring natural habitats and biodiversity within urban areas. It involves transforming city spaces, such as parks, abandoned lots, and riverbanks, into thriving ecosystems that support wildlife and plant growth. The central idea is to encourage the return of nature's self-governing ways and move beyond simple landscaping to create functional ecosystems that foster coexistence between urban populations and wildlife. It is a strategy to tackle both biodiversity loss and the effects of climate change. Rewilding's goal is to create more green spaces, increase biodiversity and promote a healthier and more sustainable ecosystem. It allows natural processes to operate with minimal human intervention in urban areas such as parks, abandoned lots, riverbanks, and rooftops.

## How We Can Help

We are losing green spaces to heavily developed urban environments. We, collectively and as individuals, do have the power to make the world a wilder place.

We can start rewilding in our neighbourhood by decreasing size of our lawns and plant native plants that need less water, less care and will help the pollinators. Talk to our neighbours about the benefits of native plants and promote rewilding in our city.

Developers are not mandated to plant trees in their request for development permit approvals. In most cases, what's left after developers maximize 60% coverage, there isn't room to plant trees but developers can help the environment by planting native plants around their new builds. Rewilding should be encouraged.

Please note that the content provided is for informational purposes.

Sources: "Understanding Urban Rewilding: Some Definitions" by Hari Srinivas; Canada Press-Climate and Environment-Jordan Omstead





# Off the Shelf

BOOK REVIEW BY JUDITH UMBACH

*Wake Up, Maggie* by Susan Toy

When two girls met in kindergarten, they shed their given names and changed themselves. Both named Karen, one became Marie and one Margaret. In their teens, they added more fun to their friendship and adopted the nicknames of Mae and Maggie. In *Wake Up, Maggie*, Susan Toy draws us into the joys and turmoil that made growing up in suburban Canada in the sixties a time of personal exploration.

Marie's mother was a semi-invalid whose illness made her want to keep her daughter very close. Her father was more easy-going, always encouraging her to expand her horizons. While this caused occasional conflict, it was a friend, Maggie's mother, whom Marie's parents found unacceptable, because she was perceived as a floozy. Like most teens, the two girls ignored their parents, disapproval cementing their friendship.

A division first came at high school. Marie was academic and successful, thus channelled into an academic school. Maggie struggled to be average, thus assigned to a general high school. In spite of having new friends, the two girls continued to spend time together, particularly on weekends when there was more free time. Marie fell for the school jock, and he for her. Life was good.

Marie's choice to leave Toronto and attend Queen's University pried open the cracks both in her relationship with her mother and in her friendship with Maggie. Plus, her boyfriend was drinking too much, which was spoiling his sports career. With a great crash, all of these personal supports self-destructed within weeks of each other.

Regaining her name, a shattered but determined Karen went to Queen's. Four years later, her father suddenly died, just as she was applying for a Master's degree

in English. Recognizing his wish for her success, she continued on her path to a career as a professor and a writer, despite her mother's pleas that Karen should attend to her.

Maggie's friendship was never regained. Too many hurtful actions and words had eroded the easy camaraderie. Only as mature women were they to see each other again, far too late to pick up the threads of their once joyful spontaneity.

Susan Toy lived in Calgary for many years.





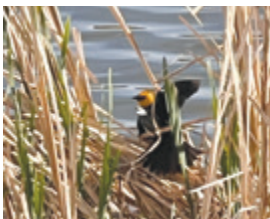
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