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THE CRESCENT VIEW

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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.

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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.



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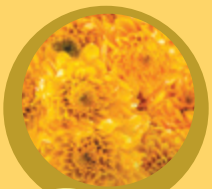
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A Bloom You Can Brew

Did you know? Chrysanthemums are November's birth flower—but some varieties are more than decorative! Certain chrysanthemum flowers and leaves are edible, and chrysanthemum tea, made by steeping the dried flowers, is a traditional beverage enjoyed across parts of East Asia.







PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we head into November, I'd like to start by thanking everyone who joined us for our Annual General Meeting on September 29. It was great to see community members come out and to share some of the work of the Association over the past year.

The AGM also marked a transition for our Board. A sincere thank you to our outgoing Board members—Harmeet K., Zach N., Simonetta A., Stephanie H., and Brenda A.— for the time, energy, and commitment they have given to our community.

We are also pleased to welcome Hayley M., Rolf R., and David K. to the Board. The new Board officially took over in October, with Directors elected to their roles at our first meeting. We look forward to a great year ahead!

After a busy year of improvements to our Community Hall, we're almost at the finish line! The kitchen renovation is the final major piece and is scheduled to be completed by the end of November.

You can read more about the things that kept us busy this past year in our "A Look Back at Our Year" in this newsletter.

With temperatures starting to drop, it won't be long before our community rinks are up and running again! Our rinks are a wonderful neighbourhood gathering place and wouldn't be possible without our dedicated rink rats, who put in many hours getting the ice ready and keeping it in great shape throughout the winter. Keep an eye out for updates on when the rinks are ready, then grab your skates and enjoy!

As always, thank you to everyone who volunteers, participates and finds a way to be involved in our neighbourhood. It's what makes Crescent Heights such a great community.

Marie







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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

by Stephanie Ho Lem, sholem3@telus.net

Calgary Is Losing Wetlands

The prairies are one of the most significant wetland areas in North America and Calgary is home to thousands of those prairie wetlands.

Alberta Called—People Came

Calgary's census metropolitan area surpassed 1.8 million residents by 2025, up from roughly 1.58 million in 2022—an increase of over 250,000 people. The provincial government made the call. Calgary is the fastest growing city in Canada, and our infrastructure can't keep up.

More land is needed for housing, and such developments frequently displace and drain natural wetlands to create buildable land. Draining wetlands destroys vital natural infrastructure, resulting in the loss of critical ecosystem services like flood control, water filtration, and carbon storage.

No exact census number recorded for the precise number of individual wetlands in Calgary during the 70s. By 2004, studies were showing that 90 percent of Calgary's original wetlands had been eliminated due to urban development, agricultural cultivation, and expanding city infrastructure. With the population boom, the province scaled back funding, but the municipalities had to step up to the plate to expand the needed essential infrastructure that included water systems, transportation network, housing, and green community spaces.

Why Wetlands Are So Important

They are marshes, bogs, and swamps, and are a natural defence system that provides:

- Flood control: Protect us from flooding by acting as sponges. They soak up and store excess rainwater and melting snow during heavy storms. They slow down the speed of moving water and release it gradually.
- Water purification: Filtering pollutants and removing nutrients like nitrogen and phosphorus, preventing harmful algal blooms and protecting downstream water quality.
- Wildlife habitat: Nurturing biodiversity by providing essential breeding, feeding, and nesting grounds for a wide variety of amphibians, reptiles, mammals, and migratory birds, and are vital for wildlife by providing important habitat for feeding, resting and raising young.
- Reduce Climate Change Impacts: Stores carbon and mitigate the risk of extreme weather events such as droughts and floods.

Calgary's steady expansion has already consumed 90 percent of the prairie wetlands that once comprised the area where residents now live, work and play. The loss of wetlands has serious environmental consequences including reduced water quality, increased flooding risks and decreased biodiversity.

Wetlands may be protected as Environmental Reserve through the Municipal Government Act (MGA), or through provincial legislation through the Water Act and Public Lands Act, but although these mechanisms may be used for wetland protection, they do not ensure that all wetlands are protected.

May 14, 2004: Wetland Conservation Plan

Calgary is one of the first major cities in Canada to develop a wetland policy. In 2004, Calgary's City Council approved the Wetland Conservation Plan to balance wetland conservation with urban development in Calgary. The plan listed key principles that included conservation and sustainability and outlined policies and procedures for wetland identification, protection and mitigation.

In Summary: Wetlands Must Be Protected…Yet

Recent actions by the current Alberta government have removed "Water Act" approval requirements for routine agricultural activities involving ephemeral water bodies and temporary and seasonal wetlands on private cropland. The rule changes allow landowners to drain temporary and seasonal wetlands on their property without needing to get provincial approval which could have significant environmental consequences.

As Calgarians and Albertans, we must support protecting our wetlands.

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Off the Shelf

BOOK REVIEW BY JUDITH UMBACH

All Things Under the Moon by Ann Y. K. Choi

As a child, Kim Na-Young lives a pleasant, pastoral life in her small village. With her best friend, Yeon-Soo, she explores the nature she adores, living every moment as if it will last forever. In the 1920s in Korea, Japanese occupation means that nothing idyllic lasts. In *All Things Under the Moon*, Canadian author Ann Y. K. Choi tells us the history of Korea before the later mid-century wars.

When Kim's father is forced to contract a marriage for her to a man she has never met, the two girls flee, confident in their own abilities to create a new and just life for themselves. Instead, a Japanese patrol violently forces them on different paths.

Relying mostly on her wits, Kim plunges into perilous situations that persuade her to return home and accept the marriage. Kind attention from her father-in-law helps her become more educated, a rarity for women. Her relationship with her husband is almost non-existent, which is fine for a while. She develops a young maturity that takes more account not only of her circumstances, but also those of others around her.

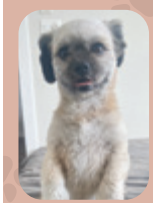
Yeon-Soo takes a different path, and Kim thinks she has been involved in the underground opposition to the government. That thought, and a growing apprehension about her father-in-law's intentions, send her to Seoul. At first the capital city is bewildering, but she can cope with change.

Employed in a tea house, she gradually meets people who perhaps can free her friend from incarceration; bribery, she learns is the only way to escape the death penalty. Kim feels guilty for enticing Yeon-Soo to flee with her originally and then reneging on her promises to live beyond family constraints. Too late, she understands that Yeon-Soo did indeed choose her own path, even though it was full of dangers. Her friend took Kim's declarations more seriously than she had herself.

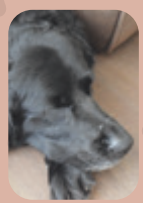
Educated in four languages during her marriage, Kim is persuaded to write her stories, almost unheard of at the time. She finds a liberation that helps her live without deception.



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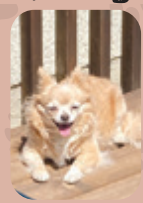
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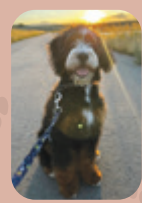
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A Look Back at Our Year

It was another busy year in Crescent Heights during 2025 to 2026, with plenty happening at our Community Hall, in our parks and public spaces, and across the neighbourhood. Here are just some of the highlights:

Investing in Our Community Hall

One of our biggest undertakings this past year has been the renovation of the Crescent Heights Community Hall. The project represents an investment of $108,900, made possible through a combination of CHCA funds, grants, donated labour and volunteer time.

Funding and support secured for our hall improvements included:

- $54,450 – Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP)
- $25,000 – ClimateReadyYYC
- $14,800 – Parks Foundation grant
- $5,350 – FCC ENMAX Energizing Spaces Fund
- $3,240 – Volunteer labour
- $11,100 – CHCA contribution

Our volunteers have played a big part, contributing approximately 150 volunteer hours to the project thus far. We're now in the home stretch, with the kitchen renovation and final pieces of the project scheduled to wrap up by the end of November.

Bringing Neighbours Together

Our community events continued to be a highlight of the year. In July, more than 550 people joined us for our annual Stampede Breakfast—a perfect summer morning to enjoy some pancakes and connect with neighbours. A big thank you to Pat, Melissa, and Diane for organizing the event and to the many volunteers who made it happen.

Jane's Walk once again brought residents out to explore and learn more about our neighbourhood, while volunteers pitched in for our annual pathway and McHugh Bluff cleanups and our Community Cleanup at the hall.

Our Mini Galleries featured five exhibits, supported by $15,000 in funding from CADA, and our community gardens were buzzing with activity throughout the summer—including the addition of a new composter.

Our weekly seniors' fitness classes continued, and we also launched family programming over the summer, with more opportunities to grow our community programming in the year ahead.

Making Our Neighbourhood Better

There was plenty happening beyond the hall as well.

Through the Centre Street Now project, the City has committed to a number of improvements in our community, including a community sign at Rotary Park, graphic art on the retaining wall, pedestrian crossing improvements, sidewalk extensions, benches, planters and bike racks.

Our new Rotary Park fountain officially opened in the spring after an impressive $26,600 was raised for the project.

CHCA was also successful in securing $36,150 in 2026 Parking Reinvestment funding for community improvements, including $35,700 for solar-powered pathway lighting at Rotary Park, along with funding for TerraCycle "Butt Out" signs and "Share the Pathway" signage.

Work is also moving ahead on the 2 Avenue Connector Project, with $14,280 secured so far, including:

- $6,280 in Calgary Parking Reinvestment funding for six planters and plantings.
- $5,000 from the Parks Foundation Stella Conceptual Drawing Grant.
- $3,000 from the United Nations Association in Canada for a resident event to create murals.

These funds are helping us move from ideas to activation—ultimately creating a more welcoming and vibrant 2 Avenue.

Behind the scenes, our Planning and Heritage volunteers had another busy year, reviewing 52 development applications and supporting residents with three appeals to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board.

It All Comes Down to Volunteers

None of this happens without volunteers.

Whether it's serving pancakes, tending the gardens, cleaning pathways, reviewing development applications, renovating the hall, organizing programs and events, or working to improve our public spaces, community members continue to give an incredible amount of their time and energy to Crescent Heights.

More than 100 volunteers contributed their time and talents to CHCA activities and projects over the past year.

To everyone who volunteered, participated, attended an event, shared an idea or simply showed up—thank you for helping make Crescent Heights a great place to call home.

Seeking a New Planning Director!

Simonetta Acteson

The Planning Committee needs a new director...could you be that person(s)?

The Planning Committee holds an important role in our community as we continue to experience redevelopment and increased densification. The reversal of blanket zoning will have some effects on proposals in our community, but with every sale we see the old being replaced with the new, usually with larger units housing more people. This is both a benefit and a determent as we welcome new neighbours but see the built fabric of our community with its strong heritage elements gradually change. Central to the efforts of our committee is a focus on preserving our urban forest, encouraging thoughtful and contextual design in new construction, and reducing negative impacts of new development on existing housing of all types and the fabric of our community. This can include commenting on massing, setbacks, shadowing, privacy, permeable land, tree and bush selections and much more.

The role of Planning Director can be a demanding position, one more suited to a two-person role, but as outgoing Director I am committed to transitioning the new Director(s) and actively working on ways to simplify and partition the role so other committee members can shoulder part of the responsibilities going forward. Experience and knowledge of planning processes and the ability to read and understand plans is a benefit, but the city and the Federation of Calgary Communities offer excellent courses for those interested.

Our last year with the Planning Committee was a busy one. The Committee reviewed and, in most cases, commented on 52 applications. Most of the applications were for Development Permits (DP), but we also comment on Land Use Changes (LOC) and Subdivision (SB) applications.

In addition, we have been involved with three resident led appeals to the Subdivision Development Appeal Board (SDAB). These are appeals of city approvals of developments. The committee involvement can be as simple as offering support and help to residents leading an appeal, or as involved as presenting the community position at hearings. The committee has also been involved in commenting on planning matters at the city that will impact the community, either in the form of changes to our governing plans (like our Local Area Plan), but also to proposed changes in overall planning approaches in the city (ie. The proposed Calgary Plan, and future changes to the Land Use Bylaws).

Our dedicated team reviews most DP's using a detailed checklist that helps guide our review and responses, while also referring to any statutory plans that pertain to Cresent Heights. Our work is closely aligned with the Heritage Committee, and comments are combined and submitted to the city.

We have also had the added advantage since March 2026 of having been selected for the city's Planning Liaison Program which pairs community committees with a planning liaison (two in our case). These dedicated city staff attend our meetings, provide information, take in feedback, and help our committee be the best it can be. We want to thank Kathy Ye and Jennifer Crack from the City of Calgary for their contributions.

Please consider stepping forward and taking on this meaningful role in our community! Volunteering has many benefits including meeting other residents from the four corners of our community while contributing to the evolution of our community and learning so much!

Reach out to planning@crescentheightsyyc.ca if you want to explore this opportunity!



Expressions in Print

The creative process involves engaging with the world around you and transforming your interpretations into individual expression.

During July and August 2026, nine local youth explored tactile printmaking techniques as a means of translating ideas, images, and materials that inspire them into their own forms of expressive mark-making.

Each of their artworks will be featured in the Crescent Heights Mini Galleries in two consecutive exhibitions. Linocut prints will be presented from September 12 to November 9, 2026, followed by monotype impressions presented from November 14, 2026, to January 11, 2027.

This exhibition and the precursor printmaking workshops were developed in collaboration and partnership between Crescent Heights Community Association, the Women's Centre of Calgary, and Alberta Printmakers, with funding support from Calgary Arts Development.



A Flower to Remember

Red poppy seeds can remain dormant in the soil for years. During the First World War, artillery and trench warfare disturbed the earth along the Western Front, allowing poppies to bloom across the landscape. The sight inspired Canadian Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae's 1915 poem "In Flanders Fields", helping the red poppy become an enduring symbol of remembrance.



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Create More Memories and Less Waste this Holiday Season



The best holiday memories aren't found under the tree. They're made with the people we spend time with.

During the holidays, Calgarians generate about 25% more waste from wrapping paper, packaging, and leftover food. As you get ready for the season, here are a few simple ways to create more memories and less waste:

- Gift experiences instead of things, like tickets, memberships or a day out together.
- Make a gift with a personal touch, such as homemade cookies, a photo book or a handmade gift.
- Shop locally to reduce shipping materials and packaging waste.
- Borrow, swap or share decorations with neighbours, friends or family.
- Reuse gift bags and bows or wrap gifts with fabric.
- Stick to a grocery list, use leftovers or send extras home with guests.

For more holiday waste reduction tips, visit calgary.ca/our-city/articles/calgary-conversations-podcast-015-howland-wark.html.

Healthy Conflict: Why Children Need to See Us Work Through Our Differences

by Nancy Bergeron, R.Psych | info@nancybergeron.ca

Many parents worry about arguing in front of their children. They may believe that being good parents means keeping disagreements private and presenting a picture of a relationship where everyone gets along. However, healthy relationships are not conflict-free relationships.

Children benefit from seeing that two people can disagree, experience difficult emotions, and still remain connected. When handled respectfully, conflict can become an opportunity to teach children some of life's most important relationship skills.

What does healthy conflict look like?
Healthy conflict isn't about never becoming frustrated. It is about learning what we do with that frustration. Healthy conflict might sound like:

"I'm feeling frustrated right now. I need a few minutes before we continue this conversation."

"I see this differently, but I want to understand your perspective."

"I don't agree with you, but I can understand why you feel that way."

"I didn't handle that well. I'm sorry."

"Let's figure out what we can do differently next time."

Children who hear these kinds of conversations learn that disagreement doesn't automatically mean rejection, abandonment, or the end of a relationship.

Children need to see repair
One of the most important things children can witness is what happens after conflict.

Parents sometimes lose their patience. They may misunderstand one another, become defensive, or say something they regret. What matters most is what happens next.

When children see a parent return to the conversation, take responsibility, apologize, listen, and reconnect, they learn that relationships can survive difficult moments.

This is a powerful lesson in resilience. The message becomes:

"We can have a hard moment and find our way back to one another."

Conflict can teach emotional regulation. Children learn emotional regulation partly through observing the adults around them.

When parents demonstrate that strong emotions can be acknowledged without becoming destructive, children are given a model for managing their own feelings.

They learn that being angry doesn't mean they have permission to hurt someone. Being disappointed doesn't mean they have to withdraw completely. And being upset doesn't mean the relationship is no longer safe.

Parents can model that it is possible to pause, calm down, return to a difficult conversation, and work toward understanding.

What children shouldn't have to witness
Healthy conflict is very different from destructive conflict. Children should not be placed in the middle of adult disagreements or exposed to intimidation, threats, humiliation, contempt, physical aggression, or ongoing hostile conflict.

They should not be expected to take sides, carry messages between parents, or become responsible for repairing the relationship.

There are also circumstances where safety must come first. When there is violence, coercive control, or fear within a relationship, the goal is not simply to teach children how to witness conflict differently. The focus needs to be on safety and appropriate professional support.

Your children don't need to see a perfect relationship
When parents demonstrate respectful disagreement and genuine repair, children learn that relationships require communication, accountability, patience, and forgiveness.

They learn that conflict is something we can work through, not something we have to fear.

Yielding to Emergency Vehicles

by Alberta Health Services



For everyone's safety, it is important motorists understand how to correctly yield right-of-way to emergency vehicles when their lights and sirens are activated. You can help all first responders navigate roads quickly and safely by following these basic rules.

When an Emergency Vehicle Approaches with Lights and Sirens Activated:

- If you're in the middle of an intersection, safely clear the intersection and then pull over to the right curb.
- On a one or two-lane road, motorists should move to the right side of the road, slow down, and then stop, remaining parallel with the road. Remember to signal.
- On one-way streets move to the nearest curb, either the right or left, and stop.
- On a road with three or more lanes, motorists should move to the nearest side of the road and stop. If driving in the centre lane, move to the right side of the road and stop. Remember to signal.
- Come to a complete stop and wait for the emergency vehicle to pass. Shoulder check for more emergency vehicles before re-entering traffic flow. Remember to signal.
- Emergency vehicles might use any available road space to maneuver. This could include shoulders or turning lanes, etc., in order to safely pass other traffic.

When Operating a Vehicle:

- Reduce speed to 60 km/h or the posted speed, whichever is lower, when passing any stopped roadside vehicle with flashing lights (emergency vehicles, tow trucks, maintenance trucks, etc.). This law applies to the lane immediately next to the stopped vehicles. If you're not in the lane next to the stopped vehicles, it's recommended to reduce speed and leave lots of space between yourself and emergency personnel.
- Do not break the rules of the road in order to give right of way to an emergency vehicle. This could include proceeding through a red light or making an illegal turn. Actions such as these jeopardize all motorists in the area.
- Drivers must place their full attention on the road and the safe operation of their vehicle at all times. The fine for distracted driving in Alberta is $390.00 and three demerit points.
- Do not follow within 150meters of an emergency vehicle with its siren and/or flashing lights on. For reference, 150m is nearly 1.5 times the length of a football field.

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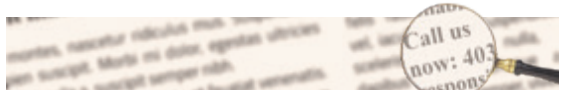
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