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from the City of Calgary



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Interested in adopting a pet? Check out the adoptable animals on calgary.ca/pets.

Glendale's Stampede Breakfast a Resounding Success!



After a three-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic and a devastating flood at our beloved community hall, last month, Glendale residents once again came together for the annual Glendale Stampede Breakfast. Approximately 1,800 people showed up at the newly renovated community hall's grounds to reconnect over pancakes, sausages, hashbrowns, and coffee. Country music played in the background as friends and neighbours visited, and children played.

Thank you to Le Family Dental and Viki Fairbairn and her Royal LePage team for pouring more than 1,000 cups of coffee, the Federation of Calgary Communities for setting up some amazing lawn games, and to Hurst Construction and dozens of Glendale volunteers who flipped pancakes, grilled sausages, fried eggs, and grilled hashbrowns to make the breakfast happen.

A special thank-you to Glendale treasurer and prep chef Terry Craigmile for being the head shopper and kitchen captain. Thank you also to Glendale groundskeeper Spencer Murphy for making sure that the park was in such great shape for the breakfast.

Thank you also to Ward 6 Councillor Richard Pootmans, MLA Janet Eremenko, and MP Ron Liepert for joining the fun as well.



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THE THUMPER

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Board Meetings

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, and will be our AGM.

Annual Community Memberships \$35, Tennis Membership \$70, plus \$20 key deposit

To submit content for publication in the Thumper, please email thumpereditor@yahoo.ca

Oops!

Article and photo by Monika Smith

With July over, the surprises kept on coming. My bounteous fireweed (*Epilobium angustifolium*) was done and I'm hoping that the little green shoots will mature later on. The great showing of sticky geranium (*Geranium viscosissimum*) is now brown leaves and seed pods. Plants bloomed much earlier than last year. My beds of common sunflowers (*Helianthus annuus*) started to bloom mid-July. The giant hyssops (*Agastache foeniculum*) are magnificent and the licorice smell is delicious. More paintbrushes (*Castilleja* sp) popped up and have gotten close to the candy apple red colour I love; they look like they can hold on for a while. Harebells (*Campulana alaskana*) and blanket flowers (*Gaillardia aristata*) have shown up and hopefully will continue to bloom throughout the summer. This is a very different showing from last year.

Weeds! I have a veritable list of who's who of noxious plants this year. The Alberta government has a website that has 007 warrants out. Most I can find on the various lists (and good images) posted online. However, weeds are sneaky and the ones that do well have taken over the native varieties, so they all get tarred with the same brush. Canada thistles (*Cirsium arvense*) – bad. Our native hooker's thistle (*Cirsium hookerianum*) - good. Hooker's is a much nicer plant that doesn't colonize and is magnificent as an architectural plant but gets eradicated along with the Canada thistle.

Dealing with deadly beauties? Or just weeds? Pull them before they bloom. Bother them without going to chemical warfare.

What have I dealt with? Scentless chamomile (*Tripleurospermum inodorum*), which looks like the real thing, but it is noxious. Leave the scrappy pineapple weed (*Matricaria discoidea*) alone as it smells wonderful and can be used for tea. Another visitor? Of all things, alfalfa! This plant is in the wrong place. A good, high-protein crop for animal feed; but how did it get here? So, it got pulled. I've also let the strawberry spinach (or lettuce, *Chenopodium capitatum*) roam. It's an annual, spread by seed, and I'm seeing a drift of plants from the north side of my property to the south. The fruit are

astounding this year and I braved eating one. It doesn't have much flavour and I didn't die. Our modern taste buds have been trained for sweet and this doesn't have it. That said, my wild strawberries (*Fragaria virginiana*) are bountiful. Commercial strawberries will never equal that flavour. Amazingly, I don't have a battalion of squirrels or other critters on site. My luck.

The oopsie! With so many weeds this year, I pulled a lot. Many I knew. If I don't know what it is, looks like a weed, and the flowers are puny: pull. It's often hard to find references online. One tall plant looked scruffy, the emerging flower heads not that big, but something said, "wait." I'm so glad I did. Otherwise, I would have lost—again—nice patches of smooth asters (*Symphyotrichum laeve*), rising to a great height and showing cute bundles of yellow-eyed, blue-petaled daisies. I'm trying to pay attention and learn some lessons.

Want to show your garden to a friendly pack of plant lovers, who strive to learn and exchange knowledge, discuss successes, and gain some shoulders to sob on with failure? Contact me! There is an opportunity to have a community seed/plant exchange, plus a harvest sale of veggies grown right here in Glendale. Interested? Again, contact me!

To get a handle on noxious plants, go to https://aaaf.ab.ca/uploads/pdf/Weed_ID_Guide_2017.pdf. You will be surprised by what is listed.

Until next time,

Monika's Grove

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Smooth asters. So close to being composted, by accident.

GAMES & PUZZLES

Guess That Canadian City!

1. This city hosted Canada's first and only Summer Olympics in 1976.
2. Ginger beef was invented in this city in the 1970s.
3. Terry Fox began his "Marathon of Hope" in this city.
4. This city has the highest population and is the most visited in the country.
5. In the 1900s, illegal tunnels were built in this city to hide Chinese immigrants who were avoiding discrimination or who couldn't afford the head tax.
6. This town is dubbed the "polar bear capital of the world."



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Call for Glendale Stories

STORIES ENRICH OUR LIVES

The Glendale/Glendale Meadows community is full of stories waiting to come alive on the pages of this newsletter to be shared with our neighbours. We are always looking for content submitted by our local community members.

Even if you don't have a specific story to share in the Thumper, you can still contribute by:

- Submitting a recipe (and perhaps photo) for "Recipe Corner"
- Sending in a photo and write-up on your pet for "Pets of Glendale"
- Submitting a picture of artwork that you, or a child in your life, has created.

Please e-mail submissions and questions to Thumper Editor, Kendra Horosko at thumpereditoreyahoo.ca.



AGM NOTICE:

Glendale/Glendale Meadows Community Association

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

at 7:00 pm

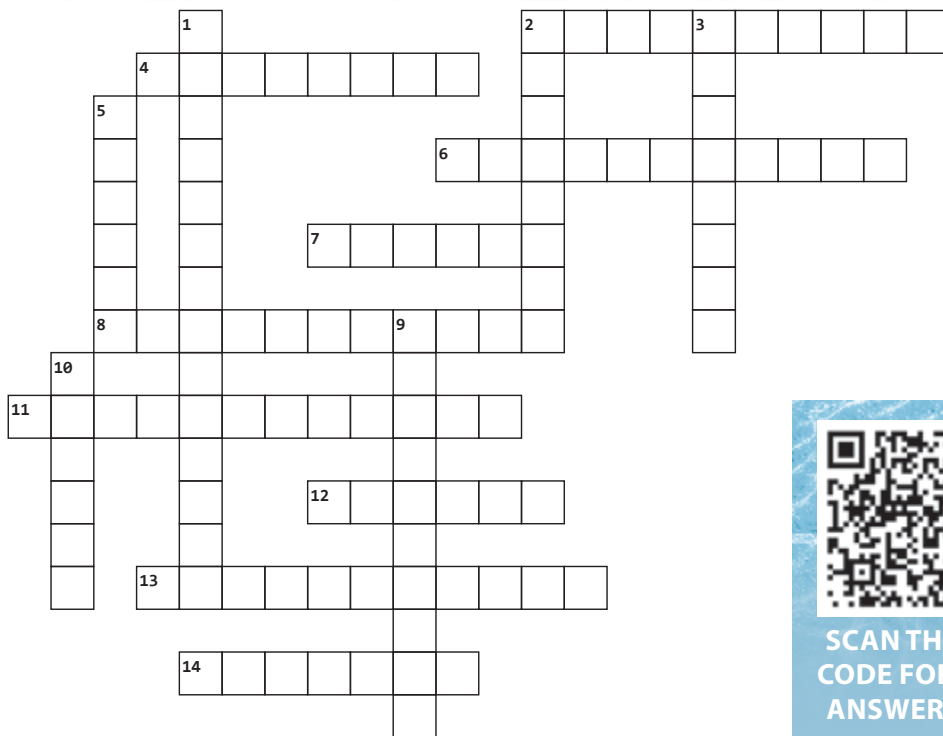
You can join in this meeting virtually or in person at the Glendale/Glendale Meadows Community Hall. Annual report presentations and the election of 2023-2024 board members will take place. Any Glendale/Glendale Meadows resident who is a member of the association and in good standing may attend the meeting and is eligible to serve and/or vote at the meeting.

Email secretary@myglendale.ca prior to September 7 if you need the link to attend the meeting virtually, or if you would like to put your name forward for election to serve on the board.



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August Crossword



Across

2. This Pickering, Ontario singer-songwriter rose to fame on Vine.
4. This heroic 18-year-old from Port Coquitlam, BC aimed to complete a cross-Canada run to raise funds for cancer after being diagnosed and having his leg amputated.
6. The cities of Pompeii and _____ were destroyed on August 24, 79 A.D., by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius.
7. National _____ Day, celebrated on August 24, commemorates the patent for this modern breakfast appliance.
8. Born on August 28, she is Canada's "queen of country pop."
11. This Cole Harbour-born hockey player was the youngest NHL captain to lead his team to a Stanley Cup victory in the modern era.
12. National _____ Day celebrates the accidental invention of this helical children's toy.
13. This holiday is observed on the first Monday in August in Alberta.
14. This lime green stone is August's primary birthstone.

Down

1. This dystopian debut novel is narrated by Wil Wheaton, who is also briefly mentioned in this well-known sci-fi book by Ernest Cline.
2. In August, the _____ moon appears in the sky and is named such because of the abundant fish that Algonquin tribes were able to catch at this time of year.
3. On August 21, 1911, this artwork was stolen, making it one of the most famous pieces in the world.
5. The reason August is referred to as the "dog days" of summer is because of this star that rose at the same time as sunrise in August during Roman times.
9. On August 28, 1963, Martin Luther King Jr. famously delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech in this city.
10. August 1, 1997, was the Canadian release date of the first movie in this popular family-friendly series featuring an athletic golden retriever.



Freya has been a familiar face to many Glendale residents through her twice daily jaunts through the neighbourhood over the past ten years. An Alaskan malamute nearing age 14, she's known by name to many and enjoys her daily interactions with the folks in Glendale.



Meet Fig, a five-year-old golden retriever mix who came from a farm in Maryland. He loves the kids he lives with, chasing tennis balls, swimming, and going for walks. He does not like balloons.

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Calgary's Early Residences: Brower House

by Anthony Imbrogno, a volunteer with The Calgary Heritage Initiative Society/Heritage Inspires YYC

While driving along Calgary's boulevards and trails, have you ever noticed an old building or two that seem to stick out from the surrounding area? One such place is Brower House, located just east of the intersection of Memorial Drive and 10 Street NW.

Sunnyside is better known today for its abundance of condo buildings, infills, and retail spaces than structures like Brower House, but it represents how the neighbourhood used to look, with stately homes overlooking the Bow River.

Actually, these homes came later. Sunnyside was settled in the 1880s by homesteaders. Then, workers and their families from Eau Claire Sawmill and the Canadian Pacific Railway moved in. Their homes were wood-framed cottages, the sidewalks were also wooden, and the roads were dirt. Over time, mansions were constructed facing the river along Memorial Drive (formerly called Sunnyside Boulevard, until it was renamed after the Great War).

Brower House is one of these residences. It was listed on Calgary's Inventory of Evaluated Historic Resources in 2010 as one of the oldest houses in the neighbourhood. Built in 1907, Brower House symbolizes the expansion of urban life northward across the river from the city's centre.

It's also unique for its construction. Its architectural style is Queen Anne Revival, which was popular in Calgary roughly between 1890 and 1914 and features fanciful and exuberant flourishes. While more moderate than other examples, Brower House's large front veranda with turned supports, its flat roof deck, and buff-coloured bricks all fit the mark.

Real estate speculation at the time of its construction meant Brower House had five different owners within three years, until it was bought by the Brower family in 1919. Frank C. Brower published the *Olds Gazette* and lived there with his brother Archibald and family.

The House was spared destruction when the CTrain's "Northwest Line" was built in 1987. In 1993, it was sold by the family. Today, Brower House is a Calgary Heritage Award-winning office space redevelopment. It's no longer a home (and has no official heritage protection), but it retains its charm and history as one of Calgary's early residences.



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"Baseball team, Olds, Alberta," 1912, (CU1193654) by Vogel's Studio. Courtesy of Glenbow Library and Archives Collection, Libraries and Cultural Resources Digital Collections, University of Calgary.
Back row, L-R: Will Saunders; H. A. Samis; Mr. Maybank; A. H. Mann. Middle row, L-R: P. Cutton; F. Peterson; W. Bruce; Joe Girding. Front row, L-R: L. Walkley; Frank Brower.



Brower House, April 2023. Photos courtesy of Anthony Imbrogno.

Classic Cars



1956 Canadian Pontiac

Article and photo by Fred Nelson

Darryl drove this Poncho Wagon in High School but concluded that it should have a few upgrades.

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