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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 [thumpereditor@yahoo.ca](mailto:thumpereditor@yahoo.ca).



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## Memories of Glendale

Although Angela Shea now lives in eastern Canada, she grew up in Glendale in the 1960s and has fond memories of the neighbourhood. Her grandfather bought a house on Glenwood Crescent in 1956 and then her father bought it from him in 1967. You may remember reading about Angela's daughter Victoria and her partner Michael in the December 2022 Thumper. They live in that same house on Glenwood Crescent today, which they bought in 2021.

One of Angela's fondest memories of life in Glendale in the 1960s and 1970s was the annual May Day parade that ran down 38 Street, just in front of their house. Kids would get so excited, decorating their bicycles to take part, and meeting at "the gully" as they called it—where our community centre is currently located—to enjoy games and a cake walk after the parade.

As Angela says, "When people move into Glendale, they don't move out." Which is probably why her own daughter has decided to put down roots in our community as well.

*If you would like to share your own memories of growing up in Glendale, please email Kendra at [thumpereditor@yahoo.ca](mailto:thumpereditor@yahoo.ca).*



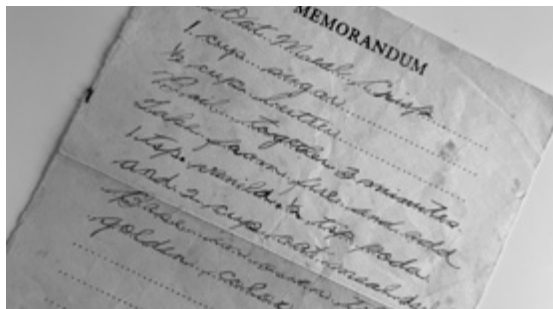
*Photos from the Glendale May Day parade on 38 Street circa 1968. Photo credit: Shea family.*



*Another photo of the May Day parade, by Karen Vetere.*

## RECIPE CORNER

*Submitted by Kendra Horosko*



This recipe was written out by my Great-Grandma Ida, who used to cook at logging camps in Northern Alberta with my grandpa. Give it a try and let me know what you think!

### Oatmeal Crisp

#### Ingredients

- 1 cup sugar
- ½ cup butter
- 1 tsp vanilla
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- 2 cups oatmeal
- Dash of salt

#### Instructions

1. Boil the sugar and butter together for three minutes.
2. Remove from the heat and add vanilla, baking soda, oatmeal, and salt. Stir to combine.
3. Bake in the oven until golden in colour.
4. While the original recipe doesn't include a temperature for the oven, or specific bake time, I've tested out this recipe myself and found that 25 to 35 minutes at 350° produced a lovely result.

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## Can't Wait for June?

Article and photo by Monika Smith

By now, many gardeners in Glendale are ready to plant the seedlings started outdoors and have been checking out the offerings of garden centres and big box stores. Very soon, I'll be picking up my native plants in plug form, with placement figured out.

Pollinators have been awake and hungry since the higher daytime temperatures and frost-free nights. Those aspens and poplar catkins are nectar, and the pollen is whisked around the trees producing seeds. Aspens rely more on their cloning ability, but developing seeds is another means of ensuring survival. If you have a dandelion or two, the bees are going for it. Once your yard is lit up with flowers, everything that needs nectar is on the hunt.

If you're interested in growing plants that produce nectar, you will have populations of bees and other insects, butterflies, and moths to tempt them. Growers and researchers are paying more attention to creating pollinator-friendly plants. While big floofy flowers are our go-to plants—who doesn't like a big colour show?—some growers are dialing back the thick, double and triple-decker layers and reviving "old school" plants so that pollinators can actually get into the flowers and feast. It's worth a look as to what plants are needed to attract the pollinators you want in your yard.

While we love butterflies, what about moths? They are incredibly good pollinators and play an important role in the long-distance transfer of pollen among plants.

Some of the native moths are spectacular. Leave leaf and plant litter for them to thrive and survive. However, both need host plants on which the eggs are laid that the caterpillars feed on and nectar plants, which are the primary plants for the adults—moths and butterflies—to feast on.

The two basic differences between moths and butterflies are in the wings and antennae. Moths have straight or feathered antennae, and their wings lay flat and to the side when they are at rest. Butterflies have clubbed antennae and hold their wings upright while at rest.

Check out the hummingbird clearwing moth (hemaris thysbe), sometimes mistaken for a hummingbird (4.5 to 6.2 cm) as it can hover in front of flowers like the bird.

Preferred flowers include purple vetch, dandelion, lilac, and honeysuckle. This is a daytime moth, but many are nocturnal, for example, the polyphemus moth (anthraea polyphemus), one of Alberta's largest, with wingspans up to 10 to 15 cm! They are found throughout Alberta in wooded areas: adults are seen in June and caterpillars appear in July, which will chow down on white birch, red osier dogwood, willow, trembling aspen, pin cherry, hawthorn, choke cherry, and serviceberry. This huge nocturnal moth and other native species gather pollen and nectar by moonlight. For nocturnal moths, keep the yard as dark as possible, as they don't do well in artificial light.

Always remember: if you love butterflies, you should love moths. But, in all cases, you'll have to love the kids! And let them chow down on leaves.

There is good advice through the Water Smart initiatives on The City of Calgary website and a selection of plants that should do well.

If you wish to add native plants or are knowledgeable about biodiversity and would like to help our community association's native perennial garden grow, please contact me. You are welcome to give a talk on Glendale's natural world. Contact me about topics.

Until next time,

Monika's Grove

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*A fritillaria butterfly. Aster plants, dandelions, and thistles attract them. Host plants are the native white and blue violets.*

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### THE THUMPER

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## Board Meetings

are held the second Wednesday of each month.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday,  
May 10, 2023.

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All residents are welcome to attend. Please email [president@myglendale.ca](mailto:president@myglendale.ca) for the meeting link.

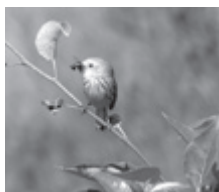
# The Yellow Warbler: A Little Winged Lemon in the Trees

by Cathy Warwick

The first warbler we can anticipate arriving in Weaslehead is the yellow warbler. ETA: mid-May. This tiny bird is a lemon yellow colour from head to rump, with a little black bead of an eye. It has no markings, other than a few cinnamon streaks on the chest of the male. It hangs around the tops of the trees lining the bike path singing its song. The common mnemonic for its song is "sweet, sweet, I'm so sweet." Truer cheeps were never cheeped, little bird, you are so sweet.

The yellow warbler makes little cup nests that are often stolen by the famously parasitic cowbird. When this happens, the warbler will build a new nest on top of the old one, sometimes resulting in layers of nests. I don't think there are many cowbirds in Weaslehead, thankfully for the yellow warbler.

These birds are designated as "conspicuous" so if you are a new birder you have no excuse, get out there and find one! It should be easy; they are so bright they are practically lit from within.



*A yellow warbler helpfully reducing the number of insects. Photo by Jane Potter.*

After I wrote my article on downy vs. hairy woodpeckers, I saw a great article about them on the Cornell Ornithology website. The best way to tell them apart is to look at the relative size of their beak compared to their head. This way you don't have to create an imaginary bird beside them! All the information is right in front of you.



*Hairy woodpecker: the beak is the same size as the head. Photos by Diane Stinson and Jane Potter.*



*Downy woodpecker: the beak is half the size of the head. Photos by Diane Stinson and Jane Potter.*

## GAMES & PUZZLES

### Guess That Movie!

1. On Amity Island, beachgoers are harassed by a bloodthirsty sea beast.
2. An unlikely chef fulfills his dream of working in a famous Parisian restaurant.
3. A visit to a theme park full of genetically modified creatures goes very wrong.
4. The anti-social protagonist embarks on a journey to rescue a princess and save his home.
5. An overwhelmed princess escapes her duties and explores Rome with a stranger.



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### Joke of the Month

What do you call a little bear with no teeth?

A gummy bear.





## **Mark your Calendar: Glendale Street Sweeping on June 13, 2023**

Street sweeping in Glendale will take place on June 13. Residential street sweeping runs Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. On sweeping day, please remember to move your car. Driveways, garages, and alleyways are great alternatives (be sure to leave enough clearance). To learn more, or sign up for street sweeping alerts, please visit [www.calgary.ca/roads/maintenance/spring-street-cleaning](http://www.calgary.ca/roads/maintenance/spring-street-cleaning).

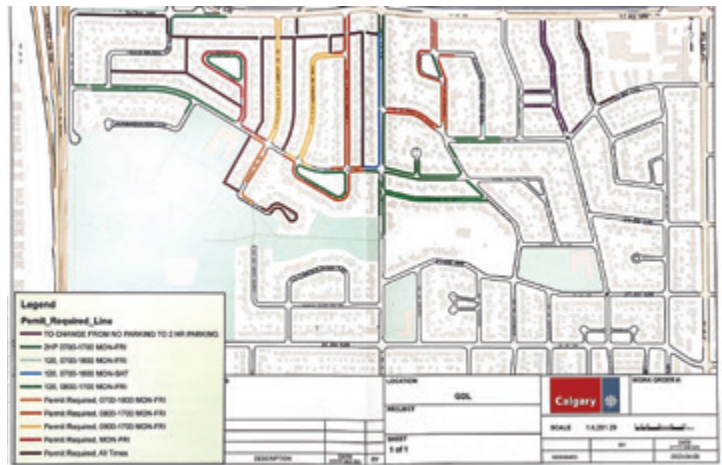
## **New Fees Coming for Glendale Parking Permits**

Almost 400 Glendale homeowners will face extra charges for parking on the street in front of their homes when their current free residential parking permits expire after May 2023.

The annual charges are \$50 for the first vehicle, \$75 for the second, and \$125 to park a third vehicle. Visitor passes are \$75 a year and homeowners have to register their visitors when parked on their street.

The new fees affect most homes north of Glendale's greenbelt on streets and alleys that currently have parking restrictions. See the map printed here that shows affected streets and alleys with current parking restrictions. Residents who have concerns with the new program can express them to the Ward 6 Councillor's office by emailing [eward6@calgary.ca](mailto:eward6@calgary.ca).

Calgary City Council approved a new residential parking policy in January 2021. The parking rates were approved by Council as part of the City's \$4 billion 2023 budget, Councillor Richard Pootmans told the Glendale Board at its April meeting. Also attending was Chris Blaschuk of the Calgary Parking Authority. He said the new program is designed to recover the annual \$1.8 million administrative costs of the City's parking program.



## **Community Hall Reconstruction Making Great Progress**

Restoration and renovation work at the Glendale Community Hall is making significant gains this spring. From the outside, you can see new roofing and gutters have been installed while a new main entrance door was roughed in on the south wall in April.

Inside, the guts of the building have been completely revamped with new boilers installed, new HVAC ductwork that will carry air conditioning and heating, new washroom and kitchen plumbing, fire safety devices, and upgraded electrical wiring and panels.

The work is part of a \$1.2 million renovation and restoration project brought on after a catastrophic sewer backup that damaged the hall in January 2021. The project is being led by The City of Calgary's Facilities Management Team, consulting engineers Morrison-Hershfield, and Hurst Construction.

Completion for the project is expected by the end of June. Glendale hopes to resurrect its annual Stampede Breakfast on July 15 to welcome the community back to the centre.

## **Get Your Tennis/Pickleball Membership**

Glendale community members are welcome to purchase the 2023 Tennis and Pickleball membership right now. For just \$70, members get access to two newly resurfaced tennis courts and three pickleball courts. There are also pickleball nets, paddles, and balls in the locked storage box outside the west end of the hockey rink. New members will also be charged a \$20 key deposit. Log into your personal Glendale membership profile to purchase racquet sport memberships.

## **Fire Safety**

There was a significant fire in Glendale in February, which resulted in the complete destruction of a detached garage and exterior damage to the







This little cutie is Arwin. She is about eight or nine years old. She loves walks, food, and cuddles. Sometimes she also likes playing with the little humans that live in her house, but it kind of depends on the day.

*To have your pet featured in an upcoming edition of the Thumper, please send a photo and short write-up to [thumpereditor@yahoo.ca](mailto:thumpereditor@yahoo.ca).*

A photograph of a person's hands wearing pink and white patterned gloves, planting a small green seedling into a hole in the soil. The background is a blurred garden scene with other plants and sunlight filtering through.

### Glendale Community Garden

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A large, faceted green emerald gemstone is shown in a 3D perspective. The text "THE EMERALD" is written in a stylized, green, serif font across the middle of the gemstone.

# THE EMERALD

The emerald is May's official birthstone. Unlike some birthstones, emerald is classified as one of four precious gemstones. Although the oldest emeralds date back 2.97 billion years and were first mined in Egypt, emeralds have been found in Canada, although they're rare. Canada's first emeralds were found in 1998 in Yukon Territory!

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