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December 2023 Board Meeting

At the December 13 Board meeting, a representative from Counsellor Pootmans' office for Ward 6 attended to provide updates. Notably, a portion of the Douglas Fir Trail has been closed out of an abundance of caution due to deterioration of the boardwalk and stairs. The City will study erosion and drainage there to provide a safe trail for all users. We also discussed the developments occurring along 17 Avenue. We learned that the City's waste management services encourage sharing of waste and recycling bins between primary and secondary suites to help reduce bin crowding on roads and alleyways as density increases.

Fine tuning of the hall's operation continues as we open from the renovations. Lots of volunteer time and community member skillsets are going into these corrections and finalizations. Thank you to everyone helping out with this!

We are excited for Seedlings to start preschool operations at the Hall January 8!

March 17 to 18, 2024 is Glendale's next casino! This is an integral part of the operations of our community association. Volunteers are needed - please see myglendale.ca/casino to sign up.

Santa Parade

On Saturday December 9, we had the spirit of Christmas throughout Glendale! Santa and an enthusiastic group of elves toured Glendale for three hours, led by the Calgary Police Service. Everyone then gathered back at the hall for Santa photos, cookies, and hot chocolate. About 100 new toys were donated and distributed to Santa's The Magic of Christmas, and locally, Brenda's House in Killarney and Radiance Family Society in Westgate.



Marian Mulligan, of the Magic of Christmas, accepts a donation from the Glendale Santa Claus Toy Drive.

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Single Use Items Bylaw

With thanks to the Federation of Calgary Communities for this update.

Calgary's Single-Use Items Bylaw starts January 16, 2024. Single-use items such as plastic shopping bags, utensils, straws, and napkins are designed to be used only once before being thrown away. The bylaw aims to lessen what will end up as litter or go into landfill.

New paper and reusable shopping bags will only be provided on request and there will be minimum fees of \$0.15 for paper and \$1 for reusable. This applies to in-store, takeout, drive-thru, and delivery orders. Keep a small box, reusable bag, or lunch bag in your vehicle to hold your food while you drive. For delivery, indicate "no bags" on your order and provide instructions to put the order in boxes or bags you have set out.

Foodware accessories, such as cutlery, condiment packets, napkins, and straws will only be provided on request. This also applies to dine-in, take-out, drive-thru, and delivery. Use reusable utensils and straws where you can and only ask for them as needed.

Upcoming Events

Most events are free, and we ask that all participants have an active community association membership. Watch myglendale.ca/events for the following fun activities and to register.

January 14 to March 9 - Sportball Programs – Kids' multisport programs at the hall! Registration for two to three, three to five, and six to seven-year-olds is open at <https://www.sportball.ca/calgary/program-schedules/calgary/>. Search 'Glendale'. Fee is \$206.

Thursday, January 25, 12:00 to 1:30 pm – Free lunch and learn retirement seminar with Ken Zhang from Edward Jones: Longevity and the New Journey of Retirement. Register to reserve your seats and food for free via ken.zhang@edwardjones.com or 403-547-5433 by January 19. Seats are limited, RSVP today.

Saturday, January 27 - Family Winter Fun Day – At the hall and rink.

Tuesday, February 6, 2:00 to 4:00 pm – Glendale Card Sharks – Meetings are the first Tuesday of each month.

Tuesday, February 6, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm – Glendale Book Club – Meetings are the first Tuesday of each month. Review popular genres in a friendly group! Kids are welcome and toys will be available. Structure and titles will be discussed at January's meeting and the next title will be posted to myglendale.ca.

Thursday, March 28, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm – Free lunch and learn retirement seminar with Ken Zhang from Edward Jones: Making Your Money Last: Ten Principles for Living in Retirement. Register to reserve your seats and food for free via ken.zhang@edwardjones.com or 403-547-5433 by March 25.

Coming Soon: Kids in the Hall playtime (still looking for a volunteer coordinator) and nature-based summer camps at the hall!

Did you know? Alberta has nearly 26,000 non-profit organizations and, each year, 45.7 per cent of Albertans volunteer, providing 227 million volunteer hours to support the non-profit and voluntary sector at a value of approximately \$5.6 billion!



Say Cheese? Or Maybe Not...

Back in the 1840s, instead of saying "cheese," folks opted for "prunes" during photo sessions. Flashing a big grin was considered juvenile at the time. A savvy London photographer advised people to say "prunes" to maintain a more composed expression. This practice, predating the modern "fish face" selfie, harks back a good 180 years.



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Board Meetings

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at 7:00 pm. All residents are welcome to attend. Join us in person at the community hall, or email president@myglendale.ca for the virtual link.

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

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Classic Cars



Photo by Margo Moore

1970 Nova SS-396

Article by Fred Nelson

Colin had muscle cars back in the 70's but life got in the way. Years later he went looking for an early Camaro, but the prices were astronomical.

When he ran across this stock-looking California Nova SS-396 4-spd in Citrus Green, with stock wheels and dog dish hubcaps, he had it shipped home to Glendale.

Although he always drives it in a civil manner, when you boot one of these, they're not unlike a kittycat on a hardwood floor.

If you have a classic car that you would like to see featured in the community newsletter, please reach out to Fred Nelson at 403-242-3856.

Hall Rental Rates

For rentals, please contact rentals@myglendale.ca or visit myglendale.ca.

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Sunday:

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Boardroom

Monday to Friday: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, \$50 per hour (minimum of 4 hours).

Security Deposit

\$500, returned seven days post-event.

Rates include cleaning and are subject to GST.

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.

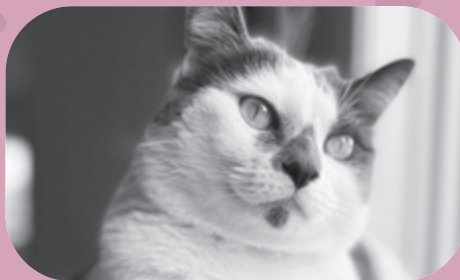
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News from the Birding World

by Catherine Warwick

Big news in the world of birding! The American Ornithological Society came out with a statement: they are going to change the English names of all birds named after people. The aim is to focus “attention on the unique features and beauty of the birds themselves”. The controversy! The uproar! I’m starting to think birding attracts people with strong opinions and that’s okay. Please just don’t send your strong opinion to me, send it to the AOS, add it to the long list of comments at the end of their article.

Either way I think this is happening. Here is an incomplete list of species in and around Calgary that are candidates for the name change.

- Wilson’s Warbler
- Cooper’s Hawk
- Franklin’s Gull
- Bonaparte’s Gull
- Swainson’s Hawk
- Clark’s Nutcracker



A Wilson’s Warbler. I would imagine its new name might reference its little black cap. It looks like a news cap. How about “Startled Newsie”, or perhaps it looks like a Toupee. Once again, a name about people; however, this is difficult, and I don’t envy the AOS.



The Clark’s Nutcracker is always fun to see on trips out to the mountains. Since its habitat is mostly mountains perhaps that could be in the name, Mountain Nutcracker. It also is very dependent on pine trees so ‘Pine Nutcracker’ would also fit.

In reality this is a very singular bird already. There is only one species of North American Nutcracker, and so we are lucky to have this one a drive away. According to Wikipedia people also call these Nutcrackers ‘Crow Woodpeckers’. These are the same people who say “Pass the thingie” when they need you to pass a tool. As long as the AOS keeps the “Nutcracker” part I’ll be okay with this name change.

One thing is for sure, the birds couldn’t care less what you call them. They have other problems.



Happy Birthday, Jim!

On January 17, 1962, a comedic legend was born in Newmarket, Ontario. The star of hit movies like Ace Ventura: Pet Detective, The Mask, and Dumb and Dumber, Jim Carrey will turn 62 years old this year. Can you believe he has been gracing our screens since 1981 when he played Tony Caroni in Janet?



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year to all of our Glendale friends and families. We hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and that 2024 brings you all good fortune and good health.

Glendale counts on community memberships to help fund our activities and upkeep in and around the community hall, so please take time to visit myglendale.ca to sign up for your membership. It's only \$35 a year and it's a small way to support the volunteers who help maintain our facilities.

Do you skate at the Glendale outdoor ice? You should be a member. Do you play tennis or pickleball? You should be a member. Do you walk your pet through the park? You should be a member. It's community volunteers who flood the ice and empty the trash bins where pet owners deposit pet waste. Remember pets should be kept on a leash in the Glendale Community Hall grounds.

Glendale members get to take advantage of our Card Sharks Club (bridge and cribbage). We also have a new Book Club starting this month. And the best part of being member is that you get to bring forward ideas for new programs that the entire community can enjoy.


Very little happens in Glendale without support from some amazing organizations. Glendale has been the fortunate recipient of significant funding from the City of Calgary, the Province of Alberta, and the Federation of Calgary Communities for our recent Community Hall renovation. We also received very generous grants from the Parks Foundation Calgary, the Calgary Flames Foundation, and the Saddledome Foundation that helped to fund our new basketball hoops, the upgrades to our tennis and pickleball courts. Hopscotch and four-square lines were also added.

The existing tennis courts were well past their typical lifespan and the restoration was greeted with much enthusiasm. The courts have been busy ever since, which was instrumental in bringing people back to our park during the hall renovation.

Thanks to all of these amazing organizations for their support.

Chris Welner
President




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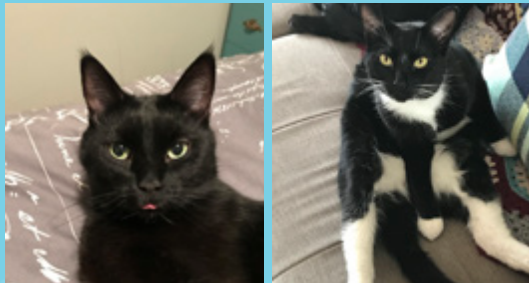
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Pets of Glendale

Introducing Stinky and Simi! One cold night many years ago in Sunalta, there was a persistent and distinct meowing of a kitten. The sound got louder and became less of a “hey” and more of a “help!”

Out in the condo hallway, wedged between the open stairway door and the wall was the small bottom and long tail of the tiniest black kitten, showing kind and thankful green eyes. This poor kitten was in rough shape, and he smelled sour. “Hey there little stinky,” was the welcome, trying to make sense of his sudden appearance in the hallway of a second-floor unit.

After attempts to reunite “Stinky” with his owners, fondness grew and he became forever a well-loved Stinky, who made the move with his new family to Glendale. Simi was adopted from the Humane Society, shortly after Stinky was claimed. Simi was feral and needed a home. With a love for cats, it was an easy choice to bring Simi home too.



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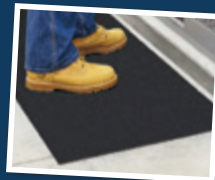
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What's In Your House?

Article and photo by Monika Smith

As 2023 is now safely in the rear-view mirror, and its truly winter, what greenery do you have in your house? Is the Christmas amaryllis (*Hippeastrum cultivars*) done? Paperwhites (*Narcissus papyraceus*) or other bulbs you've grown in a clear vase wilting? Is that red poinsettia (*Euphorbia pulcherrima*) losing its leaves and bracts?

One plant that, with a bit of care, has delightful and long-lasting blooms is the Orchid!

Big box stores love to have them, as the blooms are pretty and last a long time. There is quite the colour and pattern selection available now. The best-known orchids are the 'moth orchid', (*Phalenopsis cultivars*) or Phals, which are epiphytes (on trees, up there) and grow without soil or potting media. The coarse bits of bark and rocks found in pots is important, but not quite the way you think. They derive their nutrients and other vitals from the air, water, dust, and debris around them. They were among the first tropical orchids in Victorian collections and are still a favoured plant in the house. One is not enough for some and can become addictive, with people growing hundreds of plants of various species in greenhouses.

There are people who are orchid shy, but they aren't hard to care for and will bloom again, with a bit of encouragement. They bloom in their full glory for several weeks. At home, the flowers may last two to three months. What's not to like? A little water, some humidity, a few hours of filtered sun, normal house temperatures, but away from vents, and you're on your way. Read the label! There are plenty of internet sites to give you precise information. If you've got a Phal that's not happy, send them my way.

Do you know that there are native orchids growing in Alberta? You might have seen the yellow lady slipper (*Cypripedium calceolus*), a gorgeous perennial! They are showy! As they are terrestrial plants, look down. As with any flowering plant you might find beside trails and walks, don't pick, don't dig them up. Leave them for others to see and enjoy. I've found my special places to see them.

It was a shock to find that there are companies that now grow lady slipper orchids! Usually cultivars with interesting colours. That I will investigate, as having orchids grow in your yard: how special is that? I have a grove, a meadow, now an area to grow yellow slipper orchids. Or any of the many varieties of native lady slippers we have!

If you're interested in showing your garden to a friendly pack of plant lovers, who want to learn, exchange knowledge, tell us about successes and get some shoulders to sob on with failure, contact me!

Book recommendation: *Orchid Basics* by Brian Rittershausen. One of many you can get at the library!

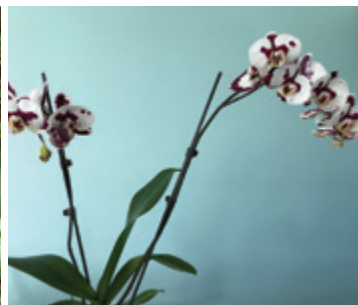
Until next time,

Monika's Grove

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The yellow lady slipper orchid (*Cypripedium calceolus*), seen on a walk!



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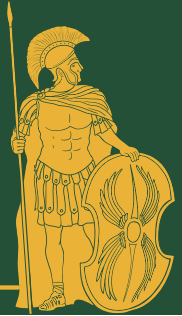
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