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3:00 pm The Heebee Jeebees

5:00 pm Family Movie Night in the Hall (Free popcorn)

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- **Open Pickleball at the courts and hockey rink**
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- **Lawn Games** (courtesy of Federation of Calgary Communities)
- **Bouncy Castle**
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- **Beer Garden hosted by ORIGIN** (12 to 8:00 pm)



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1960 MGA



Article by Fred Nelson

Ken's bright red MGA was originally a California car. Somehow it was brought to Canada and ended up in Kelowna. The new owners gave it a concours restoration, even upgrading the painted white-spoke wheels to chrome ones with wide-whitewall radials.

Ken had gone to Kelowna to buy a different classic car but when the owners mentioned they might sell this one, he pounced on it. You will never see a nicer one.

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.

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Board Meetings

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 11, 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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Glendale Volunteers

Article by Laura Nixon

Monika Smith has been a Board member for quite a few years, managing the membership portfolio for most of it. She's the friendly Board member who tries to answer your membership questions as quickly as possible, as well as coordinating the database with events that you can register for. She would love to have the whole community on her email list, especially now that the hall is finished, and a lot of fun events and programs are in the works.

Monika has lived in Glendale Meadows since the mid-1980s and has seen a lot of changes. Sarcee Trail was a sleepy highway for quick access to the mountains, and the hills to the west were basically green fields. In those days, she worked as a communications specialist and focussed on visual communications for marketing and identity programs. However, she missed being an artist, and enrolled in the then Alberta College of Art and Design (ACAD) to get her degree in ceramics. She opened her own studio, The Visions West Studio, working with every kind of clay and making anything from functional tableware to sculptures! She is looking forward to expanding her sales, offering classes in her studio, and coordinating a handmade craft sale at the hall.

Monika also led the creation of a mural, comprised of photo tiles of Glendale's history provided by many residents, for Glendale's 60th anniversary. Stay tuned for its reinstallation at the hall!

Of course, Monika's great interests in native plants are featured in the Monika's Grove articles, and she is looking forward to projects that naturalize and beautify the hall's yard. She loves to chat and with gardeners of all experiences and interests and is currently enrolled in the Calgary Horticultural Society's Master Gardener program to learn more and help residents garden successfully.



Monika with her Red Circus ceramic sculpture.

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May 2024 Board Meeting

Recruitment for New Roles: Recruitment for the hall coordinator was successful, and the person stepping into this role will be announced shortly.

AGM Planning: Preparation has begun for our September update to the community and election of new Board members. Stay tuned for more information! Whether it is the Board or helping run events that activate our community, there is always room for more volunteers. Please reach out to president@myglendale.ca for more information if you are interested.

Fun Opportunity: We have begun planning the Stampede breakfast. If you are interested in helping out with the event, either planning and preparation, or on the day (July 6), please reach out to either Myles (vice-president@myglendale.ca) or Amanda (vice-president1@myglendale.ca).

May Recap

We had several well attended events at the Hall in May!

Monika Smith led two days of Jane’s Walks at the hall grounds talking about the trees of the neighbourhood.

Calgary-Currie MLA, Janet Eremenko, held her constituency open house in May. Almost 50 people attended the meeting where Ms. Eremenko offered updates of news from the Legislature affecting her constituents.

At least 178 vehicles looped by the Hall to take advantage of Community Cleanup Day on Mother’s Day to drop of metal, electronics, and garbage truck destined materials. A big thank you to the volunteers and neighbours who made sure this day, and the traffic, ran smoothly!



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.

July and August – Glendale Book Club – Check <https://myglendale.ca/book-club/> for confirmation of summer dates!

Saturday, June 15, 12:00 to 8:00 pm – Neighbour Day celebration at the Hall and free Dental Care Day at Le Family Dental – you don’t want to miss this day!

Saturday, July 6 – Glendale’s annual Stampede breakfast!

Wednesday, September 11 – Glendale/Glendale Meadows Annual General Meeting. Details TBA.



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Hello, Ward 6,

Seniors' Week is celebrated annually across Alberta and this year it will be held from June 3 to June 9. It is a time to show appreciation for older adults and the significant contributions they make to our communities. They support their families and friends, volunteer their time and resources to various charities, and play an essential role in making our communities better places to live.

Get involved! Whether or not you choose to attend a Seniors' Week event, Age-Friendly Calgary encourages you to celebrate aging in your own way. Help spread Seniors' Week awareness with the social media hashtags #seniorsweek and #agefriendlyyyyc.

Seniors' Week events and updates will be posted at calgary.ca/seniorsweek.

Another celebratory event happening just around the corner is Canada Day. This City of Calgary event is free and family-friendly, featuring Indigenous and cultural performances, live music, activities, art, and more.

Canada Day is for everyone. It's a time to honour the rich traditions of Indigenous history and culture and welcome those who have moved here from all over the world. We can all be proud to live in a great city and country where people from all walks of life unite on Canada Day to celebrate culture and community.

We want Canada Day celebrations to reflect the many different interests and backgrounds of Calgarians. Whether you attend often or haven't attended for a while, this is your opportunity to tell us what's important to you on Canada Day and what an ideal downtown event looks like.

Have your say at calgary.ca/CanadaDaySurvey. The deadline to provide input is July 4, 2024. Feedback collected will be used to shape future Canada Day celebrations in Calgary.

Regards,

Councillor Richard Pootmans

Pets of Glendale

You've certainly heard Watson walking down Grant Crescent. He's got the bravado of a large dog packed into a 15 lb frame - he's just not aware of it. Watson loves to do his "happy dance" after walks and call his owners to bed by 7:00 pm. He also enjoys exchanging "hi hellos" on his morning walks with you all!



To have your pet featured in an upcoming edition of the Thumper, please send a photo and short write-up to thethumper@myglendale.ca. (Our Cat-alogue is steadily growing, and birds, fish, reptiles are welcome too!)

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Rain Gardens

Article by Monika Smith

Just west of the courts where Glendale's 'property' ends there was a sloppy, wet area in May. Not enough to get a soaker, but enough that you paid attention and tried to get around it.

Some might recall that the Glendale Hall is located in a flat-bottomed valley. With somewhat steep slopes surrounding, this area once held water and was named 'Glendale Lake'. How deep was this body of water? Does anybody know?

It was probably shallow. Recently, I came across a couple of aerial photos of the lake. In 1948, there is nothing there except for a couple of big trembling aspen groves - a sure sign that water was there for these trees.

Later, a 1953 aerial photo shows a big body of water some 45 acres in size stretching from the school through our park and the City parks to Sarcee Trail. Our hilly community, courtesy of glaciers shoving all those rocks and clay into Calgary, created a natural depression where water collected! When development reached our hilly bit of land with a big patch of water, there were thoughts of a lakeside community. Then, whatever the thinking was in 1955, possibly for safety, the lake was drained and filled. The community hall now sits on it.

Or it might have just disappeared again, as the lake seemed to be ephemeral. One year here, one not. And possibly seasonal, full in the spring and nothing in winter.

However, the park still gets an annual wet spot through water draining from a small culvert under 45 Street. Wouldn't this be a great location for a rain garden?

Segue to your own yard. You can create a beautiful rain garden at end of your downspout. We have rainy months, and small barrels don't have the capacity to capture what is coming of the roof. A rain garden can make use of this water.

Creating a rain garden near a downspout can offer an attractive garden area of a goodly size, which also controls runoff and some flooding before it enters our stormwater system.

Simply create a depression where the water is puddling or where you want it to puddle - usually a few meters from the house. Fill it with loose soil, and select plants, both perennial

flowers and shrubs that will attract bees, butterflies, and birds. Nothing exotic, but you can aim for bullrushes as they have been planted in stormwater management areas that dry out later in the summer. Using native plants, once established, will require little to no water than that from the sky and no fertilization. The following native plants would thrive in a rain garden setting: Joe Pye Weed (*Eupatorium maculatum*); Tufted Hair Grass (*Deschampsia cespitosa*); Beebalm (*Monarda fistulosa*); Showy Milkweed (*Asclepias ovalifolia*); Goldenrod (*Solidago canadensis*); native willows (*Salix* spp); and Blazing star (*Liatris spicata*). They provide interesting foliage, colour, and height - a display that will wow you.

For a better understanding on how to capture or direct rain in your yard, check out rain gardens through the City of Calgary online resources.

Until next time,

Monika's Grove

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A noticeable wet spot that originates from a culvert under 45 Street. A good rain garden candidate site.



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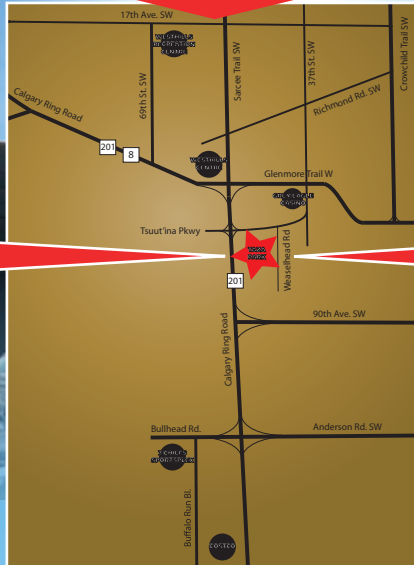
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