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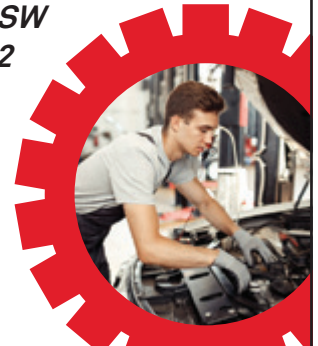
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Board Meetings

Our next meeting will be held on December 10, 2025 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

To submit content for publication in the *Thumper*, please email thethumper@myglendale.ca

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy December, Glendale.

'Tis the season for [insert all the things you and your family like to see/do/eat/experience at this time of year to make it special and memorable for you]. Here at the GGMCA we are looking forward to a relatively quiet holiday season after a very busy fall of events and getting oriented as a board for the year. One festive addition we initiated this year that we hope brings some joy as you pass by the grounds in the evenings is some festive lighting around the skating rink area. Huge thank-you to Jim, Josh, and Joe for the work they put into that lighting.

Speaking of the skating rink, I want to remind our readers that Glendale's outdoor ice is a major draw for skaters in the winter months and it's only possible because of the dedicated volunteers we have. Did you know that we once had 30 volunteers signed up in one season - that's seven crews (one for each night of the week) with four to five people per crew. What does it mean to be on a crew? I've heard from some hesitant volunteers it sounds intimidating, but the truth is - once you try it, you'll be hooked! You can be 14 years old or 65 years old, male or female, a hockey enthusiast or simply someone who enjoys the sheen of fresh ice in the moonlight. It's one of those things you can take pride in while enjoying some great company at the same time. Email rink@myglendale.ca or president@myglendale.ca to learn more and to join a crew.

From our board to your household - thank you for being a great member of our community and we hope you have a wonderful holiday season. See you around!

Take care,

Myles

President, GGMCA



Glendale Hall Rental Rates

Please contact rentals@myglendale.ca or visit myglendale.ca/hall-rentals (includes a 3D walkthrough).

Full Space (Hall, Kitchen, Boardroom)

Monday to Thursday: \$95 per hour (minimum of 4 hours).

Friday Evening: 6:00 pm to 2:00 am, \$750.

Saturday:

Full Day, 10:00 am to 2:00 am, \$1,050.

Afternoon, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, \$600.

Evening, 6:00 pm to 2:00 am, \$750.

Sunday: Full Day, 10:00 am to 10:00 pm, \$900.

Wedding Weekend: Friday evening through Sunday, \$2,500.

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 do not include cleaning and are subject to GST.



On the Cover

These good Samaritans were spotted out one sunny November morning on a mission to collect garbage (lots of little Halloween candy wrappers were found!) before the first snowfall. Pictured left to right: Zane, Mia, Izzy.





Updates from the City of Calgary

Downtown Events this Winter

Learn more about what's happening downtown at calgary.ca/exploredowntown.

Explore more about the city's ongoing projects and initiatives at calgary.ca/major-projects.html.

Cold weather is coming! For details on city bylaws related to snow and ice removal, please visit <https://www.calgary.ca/bylaws/snow-ice.html>.

Upcoming GGMCA 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.

Book Club - Book Club continues this winter on the second Tuesday of each month from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

See <https://myglendale.ca/book-club/> for book selections.

Talk About Trees by Steve Smith, Arborist - The presentation is followed by a Q&A about your tree issues. Free at the hall, Wednesday, February 18 at 7:00 pm.



JOKE OF THE MONTH



Why did the football coach
go to the bank?

To get his quarter back.

Volunteers of Glendale



Please welcome our newest member Margaret Chandler to the GGMCA Board!

Quick Questions

Q: Where were you born?

A: Leeds, England

Q: How many years have you lived in Glendale?

A: 16 years

Q: What attracted you to the neighbourhood?

A: Glendale feels like a green oasis in the middle of a very busy inner city. I enjoy all the friendly people we meet on our walks, the beautiful setting of the community centre and Turtle Hill Park, and the majestic trees and wildlife.

Q: What is your favourite memory of Glendale?

A: The great neighbours we have and the fun times we've had getting together.

Q: Anything else to share?

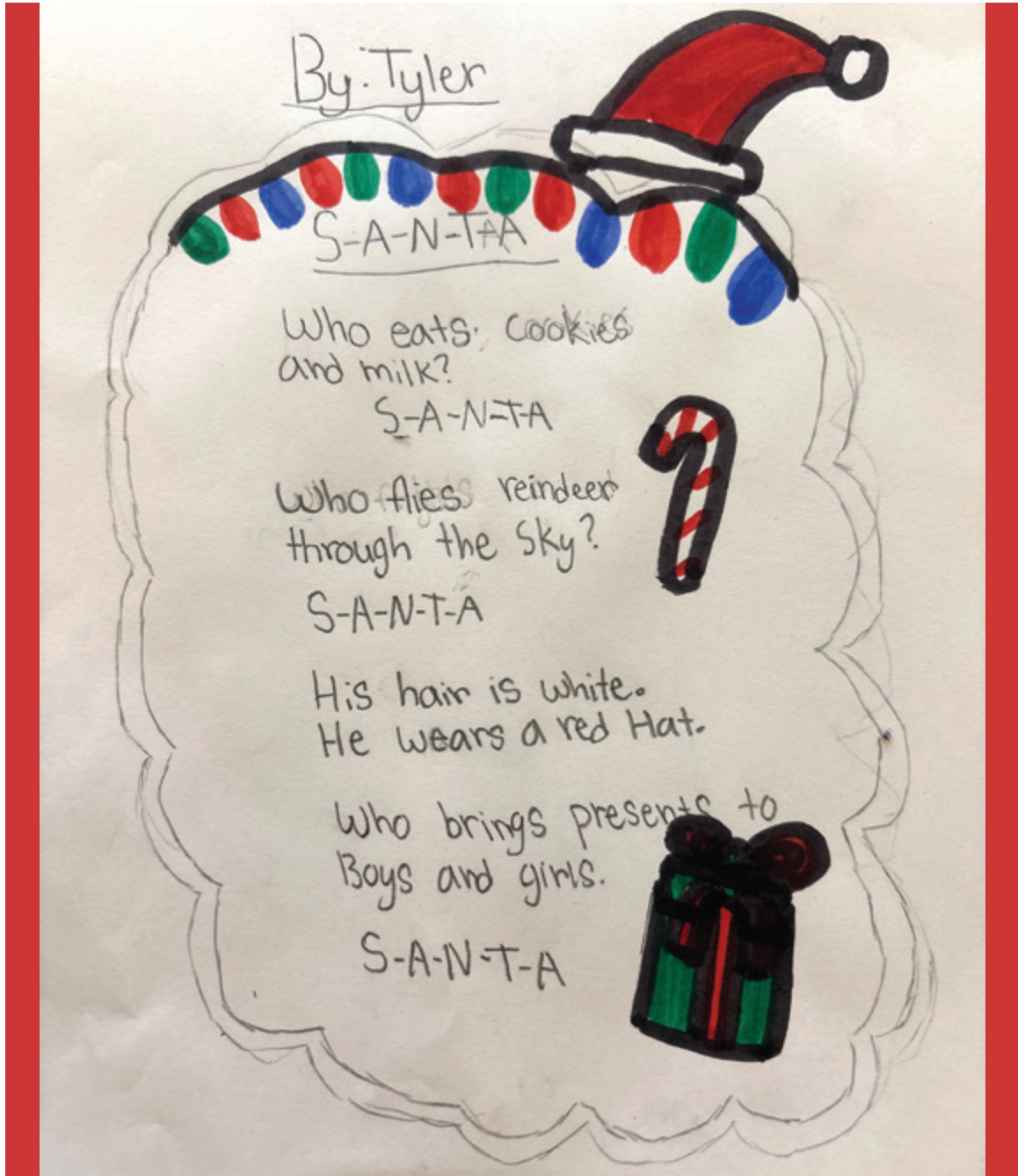
A: Anything else you want to share... Glendale is a fabulous community, and we feel very fortunate to live here. Sixteen years in one community is a record for me!

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Kid's Corner

by Contributing Writer Tyler S.



Out and About the Neighbourhood

It has been such a beautiful autumn in Calgary. Did you know that 1917 was the warmest November in the history of Calgary, Alberta? The average daily high temperature was 13.1 °C, and the average low was -0.9 °C. This year, too, has been unusually warm with tennis enthusiasts still spotted on the courts in the middle of November.

Halloween Recap

The Halloween season was officially launched on October 22 with a showing of *Beetlejuice* at the Hall. Kids arrived armed with pillows, camping chairs, and oversized bean bags ready for Michael Keaton's classic spooky film "It's Showtime!"



Just three days later, families arrived in some very impressive costumes to dance the night away at the annual Halloween Party. Thank you to the many volunteers who supported this event, from setting and cleaning up to selling tickets and operating the canteen. It truly has become a favourite tradition for families in the neighbourhood.



Little Lenore, a perfect little complement to our whimsical insect mural.



Congratulations to Lindsay Sali for winning the best costume at the dance.



Truly, mother nature really cooperated with the little trick-o-treaters this year (and, a-hem, all you Blue Jays' fans). If you happened to meander down Grove Hill Road, you'd have likely stopped to watch Game 6 on the big screen setup on the boulevard. Alternatively, you might have spotted the ingenious stroller mounted TV! What a series!



Craft Fair

The November Craft fair was a success with 28 vendors selling their beautiful artisan goods - oil paintings, pottery, crocheted animals, jewellery, and wood carvings (just to name a few). Thanks to Monika Smith for coordinating this event.



Christmas Lights Up at the Rink

You may have noticed some heavy machinery parked down at the rink during November. Thanks to Jim for braving the heights to install some new lights that will add some extra sparkle on those cold winter nights.



Thoughtful Stuff

Many thanks to Heather Smith for capturing and sharing this photo of a Little Free Library, located on 19 Ave, near 37 Street. In her words, the image "shows what a wonderful community Glendale is! Someone even thinking about the pooches in the 'hood!"

Being Inspired!

by Monika Smith, Master Gardener

There's a lot happening with Naturally, Glendale. We're at a stage where we are working with Parks Foundation to have the concept vision turn into reality; see the last issue of *The Thumper*. With a big budget to match.

As someone who has always thought our valley as special but figured out that we were missing a key component to biodiversity: native flowering perennial plants. The grass was blah, old, and needed to be constantly cut. It was also weedy, but amazingly, white clover established and is advancing, with the benefit that bees were showing up. That's nature for you, it isn't static; things will move, grow, die back, just show up, without us doing anything.

I have been looking at parks and green spaces for years, often vicariously in books and have been enchanted and amazed by horticulturalists, botanists, definitely entomologists, biologists, and gardeners who interact, encourage, and study the life around us. We can make our park amazing. I'm especially joyful that people are embracing native plants and a naturalized look. We might be the first community association to aim to be a very large native plant garden.

As for inspiration? At the top of my list is the High Line, New York, www.thehighline.org, created on an old abandoned elevated freight train track. Too much bother to tear the whole thing down once it served its purpose, parts were left and just closed off by 1980. People noticed that things grew up there: trees; and growing wild for 25 years after the trains stopped running. It took a long time, great political will, and a jaw dropping amount of money to develop the 2.33 km length into the 'park in the sky'. Seven to eight million visit every year. To see a garden.

According to Piet Oudolf, who designed the gardens, "My biggest inspiration is nature. I do not want to copy it, but to recreate the emotion." Today's High Line gardeners allow natural processes and have a very good understanding of how plants evolve. The High Line concept has expanded into other areas, turning dull, industrial space into welcoming, green spaces. Many things have been embraced: environmental sustainability and maintenance, composting on-site,

and pollinator-friendly practices. During the winter, dried leaves, stalks, and seedheads are left standing. This fourth season is loved by visitors and is important habitat for birds and other animals. In the spring, as new growth shows, hundreds of volunteers cut back the plants by hand, composted and returned to the soil.

Those points are part of how our 'yard' will evolve. As our climate is very different from coastal NY, our choices for plants are of course different, but we all consider appropriate, local species, which are hardy and water wise; leaving plants to reseed; enjoy the increased insect, critter and bird life; create educational programs and a fun learning environment. We will create zones to take advantage of our bowl shape; and like the High Line, designed to be a bit on the wild side to let us have a bit of nature to relax, breathe and enjoy low key activities in a beautiful space. Join us in this journey to do something wonderful in our yard.

If anyone is interested in having a plant share event next spring? Contact me. For more information about Naturally, Glendale, contact: Monika Smith at naturallyglendale@myglendale.ca.

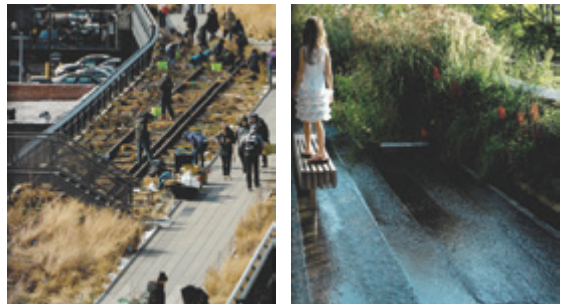


Image from Piet Oudolf's book 'Gardens of the High Line'. It's available through your local library. Share your story if you've visited The Highline.

Pets of Glendale

Hello, my name is Doc. I'm a retired farm dog who now lives in the city. I am a gentleman who loves people and to travel. I'm very friendly, my hobbies now include long walks or a quick run. Please say hello if you see me.



To have your pet featured in an upcoming edition of the Thumper, please send a photo and short write-up to thethumper@myglendale.ca.

X Marks the Festive Spot



You might think “Xmas” is just a modern-day abbreviation for Christmas—but it actually dates back to the 16th century! The “X” comes from the Greek letter “Chi” which is the first letter of the word “Christos” meaning “Christ”.



It's Christmastime in Calgary

by Garth Paul Ukrainetz

It's Christmastime in Calgary
In foothills west a silent night
The constellations fill the sky
Forever sharing starry light

The whitetail deer in Nose Hill Park
Prancing over city's glow
Sweet homes of dancing candlelight
Gentle as the falling snow

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1934 Plymouth Pickup



by Fred Nelson

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- Keep your thermostat at a minimum of 15°C, even if you're away from home.
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- Repair broken windows, check doors, and insulate areas that allow cold exterior air to enter.
- Insulate your hot and cold-water pipes located in cold areas.
- Open interior doors and cabinets in cold areas to allow heat from the house to warm unprotected pipes.
- Turn off, disconnect, and drain the water line to outside faucets, garden hoses, pools, or decorative water features.
- If your hot water tank is in a maintenance room outside of your home, make sure the area is adequately heated.
- Regularly run water in your pipes through everyday use.

Visit calgary.ca/frozenpipes to learn more, including actions you can take if you suspect you have frozen pipes.

*Wishing you a joyful
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Dear Ward 6 Residents,

I am deeply honoured and grateful for the trust you have placed in me to represent you on Calgary City Council for the next four years. Thank you for your support, your conversations at the door, and your belief in a shared vision for our community. This victory belongs to all of us. Together we will make Ward 6 an even better place to live, work, and raise a family.

As your Councillor, my top priority is to ensure that Ward 6 remains a vibrant, safe, and connected community. I will work tirelessly to have smarter spending, thoughtful development, and safer streets. I am also committed to strengthening city services, promoting small business growth, and protecting our parks and green spaces for generations to come.

Equally important is keeping an open line of communication with you. Transparent, accessible, and responsive representation will guide every decision I make at City Hall. Together, we can make sure Ward 6 continues to thrive and that your voices are heard on every major issue that affects our community. Please stay connected through email, my social media channels, and website to receive upcoming newsletters, community updates, details on future town halls, and much more. The Ward 6 team and I are always here to listen, answer your questions, and address your concerns. I am excited for what we can accomplish together over the next four years.

Wishing you and your family a safe and joyous holiday season. Merry Christmas!

With gratitude,

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