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Garden Build

By Audrey Smith, Chair/Director, Garden Committee

Preparation

Several volunteer teams have put in hundreds of hours to prepare for the garden build on June 7 and 8. A construction team spent the two weekends prior to the build on-site precutting a SeaCan full of cedar in preparation for volunteer teams to assemble and fill raised beds. Much site preparation work was done to ensure a good foundation for the elements that were placed on-site in Phase I.

A volunteer team organized the sign-up for a large number of volunteers and a food team was prepared to feed them several meals throughout the work days, organizing menus as well as sourcing a mountain of food.

The Build Weekend

This event was a huge success, with a legion of volunteers coming in the morning and working through the day both Saturday and Sunday. The work proceeded very quickly and smoothly with groups self-organizing around the tasks and working with an amazing level of energy and great good cheer.

The organizing Garden Team was astounded by how quickly the ring of beds was assembled and then filled with a mountain of black soil. We were amazed at how efficient the volunteer team was which meant we were able to add a completed perimeter path and the distribution of a large mountain of clay fill into the utility area. We were also able to build and install the cedar caps on the beds. Thanks to the efficiency and giant energy of the group, this build far surpassed our expectations.

In addition to these elements, a dedicated and creative team crafted a lovely hops garden – a project in conjunction with Village Brewery and ATB Financial. Thanks to both of them for their generosity in support of our garden.

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Family Fun Day Caps an Amazing Year for Soccer

By Raylene Habstritt, Director, Events

On June 14, the annual Family Fun Day and Soccer Awards event put a bow on this year's fantastic soccer season. It was well attended with over 300 guests in attendance. The sun came out and a great time was had by all.

The party included a petting farm, bouncy houses, the Mac's Froster Fun Team handing out Frosters, face painting, temporary tattoo parlour, bubble and sticker fun zone, craft area, balloon twisters, free balloons, as well as a delicious barbecue lunch and ice cream for dessert.

We would like to say a big thank you to our supporters and sponsors:

- Traci Nayeri and CIR realty - balloon give away,
- Vets To Go - tattoo parlour,
- Lions Club Catering - barbecue lunch,
- Lube Town - face painting area,
- Macs - free Frosters,
- Wood's Homes - craft area,
- Councillor Druh Farell and the City of Calgary - bouncy house and petting farm, and
- Parkdale Community Association (PCA) - balloon twisters



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Parkdale Community Association (PCA) Office Hours

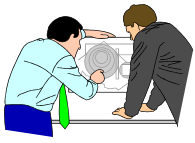
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For more pictures of Family Fun Day and Soccer Awards and the Garden Build, please see the July PCA Web Supplement which will be available from the PCA Website on July 15, 2014.



Planning & Development (P&D) Committee Update

By Judy Hoad, Chair, Planning and Development Committee, PCA

Vince Walker presented the annual Report of the P&D Committee at the AGM on June 16 2014. The overview below is a good summary of our work over the last year and our focus for the next year.

Last Year

The Committee and City planners spent significant time on the plan for our Neighbourhood Activity Centre (Parkdale Crescent). This Area Redevelopment Plan (ARP) will guide development within and around the crescent.

As a result of community opposition, Alberta Health Services has revised its plans for a replacement parkade for Foothills Medical Centre (FMC). The new parkade will be built on the site of the existing parkade and not on the south facing slope above Parkdale. Thanks to all residents who wrote letters and expressed opposition. There is no information on where current users will park during construction and we will continue to monitor this emerging issue.

The majority of single and semi detached developments in Parkdale were approved by the City as “contextual” developments, i.e. they were not circulated and there was no opportunity for resident or committee input. We perceive the result is an observable decline in design quality and a lack of sensitivity to the neighboring properties.

The City has now implemented a community feedback process for development permits that requires completion of a “qualitative” Community Context Questionnaire. In addition the City no longer provides bylaw checks on the circulated plans. Virtually all communities with a functioning planning arm are pushing back on this process.

There is an increasing preference for three storey homes in all areas of Calgary, not necessarily to increase density but rather to maximize floor area on small lots. The P&D Committee has consistently commented on the overlooking and negative impact on adjacent properties and the inappropriate massing but they are being approved regardless.

Over the last year the P&D Committee has expressed our concern with the wholesale removal of trees, especially on lots redeveloped under the contextual process. The loss of the urban forest is significant in our community. We request the 2:1 replacement for the removed trees but the size of the replacement trees in no way compensates for the loss of mature trees.

Coming Year

Unfortunately the Calgary Housing Corporation affordable housing project planned for the parking lot at 3 Avenue and 34

Street NW will not be built. We have been informed the land will be sold and we are waiting to learn more about the future of the site.

The Committee has met with Brookfield several times to discuss the redevelopment of the land at 29 Street and Parkdale Boulevard NW. Brookfield will most likely seek a land use amendment to permit residential development at a higher density than currently permitted. A community open house with more information will be held in September.

The Committee is beginning to develop a new community plan that will provide a vision and development guidelines for our community. We want everyone to be involved in determining our future and will consult with the community as the plan evolves.

The above information is current as of June 16, 2014. Questions may be directed to Bill Biccum at 283.5767 or bill.biccum@parkdalecommunity.com, or to Judy.Hoad@shaw.ca.

Have a great summer everyone!



SSASPG

By Vince Walker, Director, SSADC/SSASPG, PCA

The South Shaganappi Area Development Council (SSADC) is a citizens’ group, composed of community representatives from Parkdale, University Heights, St. Andrews Heights, Varsity, and Montgomery. Under the direction of their respective community associations, their purpose is to guide, maintain, and enhance the quality of life within their member communities by providing collaborative, strategic guidance to key stakeholders involved in the ongoing development and redevelopment of the area. The SSADC is committed to implementing and maintaining the South Shaganappi Communities Sustainability Plan and meets once a month for two hours to share concerns, issues, and information. This group then provides community representation to the larger stakeholder groups at the South Shaganappi Area Strategic Planning Group (SSASPG) meeting.

West Campus (<http://www.wcdf.ca>)

The West Campus Developments is a body set up by the University of Calgary to develop the it’s West Campus lands which incorporates approximately 180 acres surrounding the Children’s Hospital site and proposes over 6000 residential units as well as retail and commercial space. The Transportation Impact Study has been provided digitally to community associations (about 250 pages) and the project approval schedule is targeting the Calgary Planning Commission in June and Council in September with construction starting in 2015. West Campus is encouraging a Community Advisory Group to move forward through the approval stages. About 600 attended prior open houses, with 400 on e-mails list and 40 in a working group.

The plan is focused on Main Street, community Central Park, building materials, good pedestrian environment, office district,

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open spaces, 4 km perimeter pathway, 8 km pathways throughout and sustainability. Land use plan and building heights are consistent with the last open house.

There will be mixed use with low density and medium density residential along with retail. The road network and intersections and intersection level of service have remained the same. Information can be found at <http://www.calgary.ca> (search West Campus Area Redevelopment Plan).

University of Calgary (<http://www.ucalgary.ca>)

The University has begun the Mini University and Middle School kids programs and have a construction plan around the oval to keep family and construction traffic separate. Search “update on renovation and construction projects” on their website.

Vecova (former VRR) – Disability services and research (<http://www.vecova.ca>)

Vecova has 400 employees who provide Services (including employment, living, community access), Research, and Social Enterprise (recreation, recycling, airport carts). Vecova is planning an Integrated Service Model - Employment and Enterprise, Living, Wellness, and Research. They are completing the 2015 Master plan which includes improving the bottle depot. It will be larger, constructed of recycled materials, and looking at compacting on site. It will incorporate an education component and recycling. Christine Michaels School is investigating building in Varsity but geotechnical issues may exist with the selected site.

Innovate Calgary (<http://www.innovatecalgary.com>)

Innovate Calgary has opened Discovery Place – and is hosting their Annual Chili Cook-off in conjunction with Vecova on July 17.

Alberta Infrastructure/Alberta Health Services

Workshops have been initiated to look at aligning the new Cancer Centre design with the cancer plan and cancer services needed. Planning is on schedule. The Foothills Parkade preliminary design is being priced out (pre-cast concrete structure) and communities will be advised throughout the process. The FMC is hoping to build in 2015. They are currently waiting for the City regarding road improvements on the main entrance which is on City land.

Stadium Shopping Center – Western Securities (<http://www.westernsecurities.ca>)

Western Securities has submitted a pre-application review for infrastructure in the area including the 16 Avenue and 29 Street NW intersection which will be included in the pre-application process. Working with the City and Alberta Infrastructure, the plan is to design this year - build next year (2015) and concepts include a median on Uxbridge Drive NW, a traffic circle on Uxbridge Drive and Ulster Road NW, doubling the turning lanes on to 16 Avenue NW and a pedestrian overpass across 16 Avenue NW. Western Securities is working on formalizing their application and making changes to the south end of their site. Go to <http://www.calgary.ca> and search Stadium Shopping Centre

ARP for more information. The Western Securities website can also be viewed at <http://www.westernsecurities.ca/stadium>.

The City (<http://www.calgary.ca>)

There is platform extension work at Banff Trail and SAIT/ACAD/Jubilee Stations. Construction began in June and will take six to eight months to complete. The stations will remain open during construction, with the exception of a couple of weekends. In addition to extending the platform, the stations will also receive upgrades including heated shelters, new lighting, furniture and equipment.

The Shaganappi Trail Open House with the recommended plan was shown and generally received on May 1. Approval for the plan is expected to come officially in the fall. Without adoption, the existing 1970's design holds official status. The Crowchild Trail Study will restart in the fall once the Corridor Study Policy is approved. A future study of the Shaganappi/16 Avenue NW interchange area is planned to begin in the fall as well. Go to <http://www.calgary.ca> (Search “corridor studies” for more information. Search “Engage” to provide input.)

The City has reorganized the Land Use Planning group into three geographic areas; the file manager for Stadium and West Campus will remain so there will be continuity. The City is trying to maintain current file managers but going forward, these people will be assigned based on geographic area. The City is looking at co-locating Land Use and Transportation to coordinate and provide continuity from idea to implementation policy.

University Heights

The community has several concerns over the traffic impacts of the Stadium Shopping Centre development, overall density of the site, height, and the proposed hotel complex. Discussions are ongoing. University Heights is also fundraising to support an improved sports court and adding picnic tables around the sports field.

Varsity

Statesman has submitted a land use re-designation for the Crowchild site to which Varsity opposes any medical component. The old Turbo station site is being proposed for a housing project and they are having mixed issues with Bowmont Park - contentious regarding use off leash, playground, and on leash users. They also conducted a transportation survey for bicycles and cars that they are proposing to share with the City. The City recommends that Varsity share the information with Livable Streets – as a group they are interested in bike pathways and data studies. At the end of 2014 - Varsity Community Association will be 50 years old.

St. Andrews Heights (SAH)

The Executive is looking forward to the FMC parkade design.

SAH President met with Councilor Farrell regarding not receiving bylaw check for development permits. Councilor Farrell requested communities to send in comments.

Montgomery

Planning is underway for the 50 anniversary of annexation to the City of Calgary with events planned for September 19 and 20. The community held a Jane's Walk for the first time focusing on the heritage of the community. They have met with the Trinity Group regarding the development at Canada Olympic Park; Slopes of Paskapoo. A community representative has been assigned to work on this development.



Founders Dinner

By Audrey Smith, Chair/Director, Garden Committee

Once again, we have a great deal of good news to report.

Our Founders Dinner was a huge success with a sold out crowd enjoying a very special ambience and a delicious dinner prepared by a neighbourhood chef, Stan Mabbott and his team of kitchen wizards. Thank you to Mike Noble at Notables Restaurant for preparing our prime rib on their spit. It was unbelievable!

This meal was sourced from several of our market vendors and many other kind supporters of the Garden initiative. Donors included Shirley's Greenhouse, Brenda's Meat Pies and Rogers Farms.

Our event received generous support from a large and very active team of volunteers as well as generous service donations from Ashley Cook, event coordinator and Justine Maguire, branding artist.

The event also featured a silent auction generously supported by a host of local businesses, many from our market, as well as an exciting live auction to offer a dinner with gardening guru, Donna Baltzer. Supporting businesses included: Steeped Teas, Grasby Art Studio, Big Blue Moma, Epicure, Nature and Notes, Eight Gracies African Baskets as well as donations from Druh Farrell and Dr. David Swann.

Finally, we were grateful for the supportive words of both Druh Farrell and Mayor Nenshi who both spoke strongly in support of our project.

Thank you to the generous Founders who donated to create a fund that will be a huge support for the installation of Phase I this spring.



Introducing Raylene Habstritt

Raylene Habstritt has joined the PCA Board of Directors as Director, Events. Raylene brings her extensive experience of being involved in the professional event industry for the past 16 years to the Board. Her planning, management and execution of various events will bring great value to the community going forward. Raylene planned and executed the incredibly successful Parkdale Community Family Fun Day and Soccer Awards event that was held this past June 14. Over 300 guests enjoyed an

entertaining and fun filled party.

Raylene has lived in the Parkdale area for more than seven years with her husband Greg and their six year old son Cooper and two rescue dogs. Greg is also active helping manage the Parkdale Soccer Program.



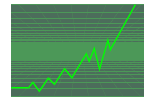
Event Volunteers Needed

By Raylene Habstritt, Director, Events, PCA

Do you have any time to help with our special events?

We need some help with pre- planning, various event tasks, day of help, set up and tear down and picking up and drop off of items. We only need a few hours of your time.

Please e-mail Raylene, Director of Events at raylenehabstritt@gmail.com.



Sponsorship Opportunities for Your Business

By Raylene Habstritt, Director of Events, PCA

We have many sponsorship opportunities at our events. From title sponsor for our Children's Christmas party to setting up your own promotion at our Family Day event.

We want to work with you to get your business out in front of the Parkdale community and help us with funds to support the many programs at the PCA.

Please contact Raylene Habstritt Director of Events, PCA C: 804-2134, raylenehabstritt@gmail.com.



AGM Caps off Successful Year for PCA

By Colin Brandt, Director, Communications, PCA

A year of hard work by Parkdale's Board of Directors, staff and volunteers was acknowledged and celebrated on June 16, as Parkdale residents and local representatives joined the Board in a summary of the financial and operational actions of the PCA in the past year.

Beginning the formal agenda with remarks from the office of Ward 7 Councillor Druh Farrell, the proceedings focused on the financial success and new programming opportunities available at the PCA.

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Highlights included:

- A breakdown of the PCA's present financial situation by Treasurer Paul Neave, noting the strong financial situation of the PCA, with a general improvement in revenue year on year;
- An introduction to the new Events representative for the Board of Directors, Raylene Habstritt, who discussed the upcoming events in the fall for the PCA, including the return of the Children's Christmas Party;
- A presentation of a special Community Garden paver stone to Gini Clarke, city representative who has been instrumental in both the Garden and the PCA's recent renovation projects;
- A capstone on this year's growing Soccer program, including the recent Family Day event with more than 300 attendees.



Finally, the meeting concluded with outgoing President Darcy Morgan's address, whose full remarks follow this report.

Morgan reiterated Parkdale's vision and mission statements and congratulated the Board on its accomplishments in the past year. Morgan's remarks closed with a final tribute to Bernie Novokowsky, Darcy's longtime mentor who is largely considered to be the saviour of the PCA following years of challenges.

Moving forward, expect significant changes in the Board, our initiatives and how we communicate to you. For more information and the latest PCA programs and services, visit <http://www.parkdalecommunity.com>.



Friends and Neighbours in Parkdale

By Darcy Morgan, President, PCA

Darcy Morgan has served as President of the PCA since 2011.

What is the relevance of a Community Association? The answer is "whatever we choose it to be." The question is a call to action for all of us. In 2013 your neighbours (that represent you) on the PCA Board of Directors invested several days of their time in deep thought, homework and vigorous debate about the future of our community. The results of their efforts are the Vision and Mission Statements for the PCA. You can find those statements (and much more) on the PCA website at <http://www.parkdalecommunity.com>.

For your convenience, the Vision and Mission are repeated here:

PCA Vision: A welcoming community where safety, beauty, and diversity inspire friendships among residents.

PCA Mission: Our purpose is to create gathering places for connecting the residents of Parkdale and surrounding communities by:

- Providing engaging activities,
- Supporting beautiful surroundings,
- Providing useful facilities,
- Establishing a strong communication network,
- Creating strong partnerships, and
- Managing the Association well.

I am confident these statements resonate with many of you. After all, they were created by residents of Parkdale much like you. But I expect that some residents will have other ideas for the PCA's mandate. That diversity is a good thing. I encourage you to bring those ideas forward so they can be included in the evolution of our community's future. The PCA's plans only gain relevance if residents like you add your voices and ideas.

I have served multiple terms on the PCA Board, most recently three as President. In that time I have been enriched by the neighbours I have met and worked with, and that I now call my friends. When I first moved to Parkdale, I boasted about living near the beautiful Bow River, the green spaces that surround it and the inspiring escarpments that rise up beside it. Now, having involved myself with the PCA, I prefer to boast about my fine neighbours and friends. The surroundings in Parkdale remain beautiful, but through volunteering with the PCA, I have gained great friendships that are more beautiful than any landscape.

Several years ago Bernie Novokowsky, a Parkdale resident and a mentor and friend to many of us, shared with us that our Community Association was at risk of dissolution. He explained that our financial situation bordered on bankruptcy and that our spiritual and moral situations fared not much better. Undaunted by these dismal prospects, Bernie proposed a recovery plan. He believed that with the right people involved we could overcome the difficulties of the day. And so it was that he built a team of concerned citizens to tackle the issues, and I was fortunate to be included.

And tackle the issues we did. In 2010 the PCA was losing money at an alarming rate and facing an egregious lawsuit. Fast forward to 2014, and we have achieved a balanced budget with total revenues that have doubled. Austerity measures in 2010 required laying off all staff and relying only on unpaid volunteers to run the Association. Today we are proud to have four fine staff members. The campus is humming with activities. We offer a wide range of programs and services and we have more planned. So to reiterate the question: Is our Community Association relevant? Our Farmers' Market has served thousands. Recently our Family Fun Day was attended by nearly 300 neighbours and the Garden Founders dinner was attended by nearly 200. Our Garden-building project saw dozens of locals working and laughing side-by-side as they constructed the first phase of the Parkdale Gardens. The integrity of the northern river valley escarpment was protected from becoming the Foothills Hospital Parkade. Last summer we raised thousands of dollars in flood

relief through our “Rock the Bow” event. It seems to me that’s a whole lot of relevance.

So the formula is simple. Start with faith in the future. Add ideas about how we can improve our lives together. Do a little bit of work, and have a whole lot of fun doing it. The result is a community of neighbours that, through their collective efforts, become dear friends.

I thank the many volunteers I have worked with at the PCA during my terms on the Executive. You are an inspiration. I am proud to be part of our great community. As we start a new Board year, I offer my best wishes to the in-coming PCA Board and Committees.



The Calgary Cancer Centre Project

By Howard May, Communications Manager, Calgary Cancer Project, Alberta Infrastructure

A growing population, and improved cancer care have created a need for new infrastructure.

Cancer is by far the leading cause of premature death in Alberta. Every year, nearly 16,400 Albertans are diagnosed with cancer and more than 5,500 people die from it. Almost half of Alberta’s entire population, 45 per cent, lives in Calgary and southern Alberta.

The province announced funding for the planning and construction of a new cancer centre in March 2013, to be built on the current Foothills Medical Centre site. The Alberta Cancer Foundation has committed \$200 million to the project. The new facility will provide patients with greater access to cancer care, including advanced diagnostics and treatment that incorporates radiation therapy. The project will also incorporate research space to provide a greater opportunity for innovation.

Alberta Infrastructure (AI), Alberta Health Services (AHS), and Alberta Health (AH) are the main partners in this project. They have formed a project team and planning activities are well underway. Local community groups will also be involved in a variety of ways, including – but not limited to – regular public meetings, open houses, and direct engagement with community associations in the area.

There has been no decision regarding how the new Calgary cancer centre will be financed and procured. Alternative financing options are being investigated as well as traditional delivery systems. The essential planning and design work will lead to the development of a recommended approach – ie, P3 or not P3.

For additional insights the project team is looking at other jurisdictions financing models to assist in determining what

option will best meet the needs of patients and their families. The new cancer centre is in the planning and design phase. Alberta Infrastructure will post project updates to their website. Surrounding communities will be kept apprised of significant developments and have ample opportunity for input through newsletters, meetings, open houses, and other communications.

If you have any questions/concerns regarding this project, please contact Vince Walker (contact information is in the Board of Directors listing on page 2)

Your Local Realty Minute

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New Inventory Added, Allows Spring Sales To Keep Growing

As the warmer weather moves in, it has brought with it an increase in listings! These additional options for buyers have allowed for and spurred on more property purchases. Residential sales in Calgary for the month of May 2014 totaled 2,948 units, according to CREB® [the Calgary Real Estate Board]. That is a 16 per cent increase over the previous year. Sales in May were well above long-term trends and are the highest activity levels for the month of May, on record.

“*‘Strong sales activity is a reflection of improving fundamental conditions such as a growing population, favourable lending rates and rising wages,’ says CREB®’s chief economist Ann-Marie Lurie. ‘Leading up to May, resale market sales were somewhat restricted by lack of choice. However, recent price gains have encouraged growth in new listings, helping to meet some of the housing demand.’*”

“*‘The single family market varies depending on the price and location,’ explains CREB® President Bill Kirk. ‘While the majority of the sales are occurring in the \$300,000 to \$500,000 range, the number of new listings in this segment has lessened relative to last year, which indicates most new listing growth is occurring in the higher end of the market.’*”

Taking a closer look at the sales performance of the individual types of housing, both sectors of condos [apartment and townhouse] grew immensely over their May 2013 values. Apartment condo sales, for May 2014, were 24 per cent stronger than the previous years’ sales. Condo townhouse sales also experienced growth in the double digits, with May outperforming 2013 numbers in excess of 12 per cent. Meanwhile, single family home sales saw a more than 15 per cent jump, when compared to May 2013.

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Here is a look at the sales activity for Parkdale [411], West Hillhurst [410] & University Heights [416]:

Parkdale [411] - May 2014			
	Single Family Homes	Condos - Apartment	Condos-Townhouse
Inventory	18	5	0
Months of Supply	1.64	2.5	0
Sales	11	2	1
New Listings	14	2	1
Average Sale Price	\$838,864	\$423,500	\$405,000
Sale versus List Price	98.83%	98.51%	98.80%
Average Days on the Market	37	41	19

West Hillhurst [410] - May 2014			
	Single Family Homes	Condos - Apartment	Condos-Townhouse
Inventory	50	2	4
Months of Supply	2.94	2.0	1.33
Sales	17	1	3
New Listings	42	1	1
Average Sale Price	\$848,088	\$185,000	\$636,667
Sale versus List Price	99.96%	88.14%	97.06%
Average Days on the Market	24	276	34



University Heights [416] - May 2014			
	Single Family Homes	Condos - Apartment	Condos-Townhouse
Inventory	2	2	0
Months of Supply	2.0	0.67	0
Sales	1	3	0
New Listings	1	4	0
Average Sale Price	\$720,000	\$266,276	\$0
Sale versus List Price	98.64%	96.62%	0%
Average Days on the Market	17	17	0

Statistics and information provided by CREB® (Calgary Real Estate Board)

This message is not intended to solicit clients actively working with other realty associates.



From Councillor Druh Farrell's Office:

For many Calgarians, the ability to find a safe and suitable place to call home is becoming increasingly difficult. Calgary is experiencing a severe rental housing crisis, worsened by the 2013 flood.

More and more, Calgarians are asking for secondary suites. Applications for basement and laneway suites are up many-fold. Support is wide-spread: business and community leaders, Calgary Chamber of Commerce, Calgary Economic Development, the Calgary Homeless Foundation, the United Way, and Calgary's universities and colleges all support moving forward.

Regulated secondary suites have a number of benefits. For home owners, suites can provide extra revenue and a helping hand to seniors wanting to age in place, or help young families entering the housing market. They are also a simple and market-driven solution to the growing problem of housing affordability at no cost to the City.

Calgary is one of the last cities in Canada to allow secondary suites. Other cities that have adopted similar rules have experienced an uptake of only 10% of suites in any given neighbourhood as well as a decrease in illegal suites. With the approval of secondary suites, I want to ensure that we encourage good neighbours. My motion requested that the new bylaw address common concerns such as spill-over parking, overshadowing and overlooking for garden/laneway suites, and

landlord responsibility.

I have been a vocal advocate for secondary suites since I was first elected in 2001. Council has debated this topic many times over the years, resulting in incremental changes that are overly complicated and confusing. Several years ago, Council made the decision to allow secondary suites in all new communities and we have seen an increased interest in those neighbourhoods and throughout the city.

Growing cities like Calgary need to change and adapt to market realities. With the right mix of regulation and enforcement, secondary suites can help neighbourhoods adapt and flourish while providing affordable housing to residents. If you are interested in the laneway housing pilot currently underway, please check out <http://www.druhfarrell.ca>.



From MLA Dr. David Swann's Office:

Greetings Calgary Mountain View Constituents,

It looks as though summer has finally arrived, and with it, a very early closing of the Legislature in May. As always, I welcome your thoughts on the past session, as well as what you hope for in the coming months. If you have questions or concerns, or need assistance with provincial matters, please don't hesitate to contact my office at calgary.mountainview@assembly.ab.ca.

I also invite you to sign up to receive my new eNewsletter. You can do so by visiting <http://www.davidswann.ca/enewsletters>.

Finally, my annual Stampede Breakfast takes place at the Hillhurst Sunnyside Community Association on Saturday, July 5, from 9:00 to 11:00 am. Everyone is welcome to attend and I encourage you to please consider bringing your own dishes and cutlery to cut down on waste, and remember that each year we gratefully accept donations to the Calgary Food Bank.

All the best,



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Our Saturday afternoon work was energized by the arrival of the Calysto Steel Band who played through the afternoon to the delight of all, especially that gentleman with the exuberant dance. You can see it in our video/PowerPoint of the weekend available at <http://www.parkdalecommunity.com>.

Volunteers Efforts and Significant Community Supporters

I express my deep gratitude to the host of volunteers who have been working more and more intensely over the last period of a year to bring this project to the community. By this point, thousands of hours of volunteer time have gone into this project. These volunteers and community supporters are the people who 'make it happen' and our project has been blessed with a host of them. There are no words to express the extent of my admiration and gratitude.

A special word of thanks and recognition to Bob's House of Pizza who donates regularly in support of many of our events and meetings. Delicious and nutritious addition to our work!!!

Engraved Garden Pavers

As we move into the installation of Phase I, we are offering an opportunity for community members to participate with an engraved paver that represents their family or perhaps is a memorial recognition of a significant individual or family. For many of us, our non-human friends contribute greatly to our lives and we have neighbours who will recognize the passing of these important 'people' with their paver. I will purchase pavers to include my family in this project as well as to recognize my garden mentors.

The pavers cost \$75 and can be purchased on-line at our website <http://www.parkdalecommunity.com>.

They will be installed in the base of the beautiful entry pergola being designed and built as a garden donation from G E Miller Builder and Contractor who are also donating the labour and expertise to prepare the earthworks for the center circle.

Our garden project would not have been possible without grants from the Walmart Evergreen Foundation as well as a Neighbour Grant from the Calgary Foundation.

Garden Membership

At this point we are taking names for a waiting list as the initial set of beds is fully subscribed. Please contact Audrey Smith to indicate your interest in becoming part of the expanding garden (Audrey Smith, Garden Chair/Director, (403)283-2457, garden@parkdalecommunity.com).



Parkdale Farmers' Market

Wednesdays

2:30 to 6:30

Year

Round



3512—5 Avenue NW



Calendar of Events

Ongoing Events

- Alcoholics Anonymous - Daily (call for details 283-5767)
- Zumba Classes - Thursday Evenings 6:15 pm.
- Ballroom Dance Lessons - Monday and Tuesday Evenings (call for details 220-0049)
- Youth Theatre - (call for details 283-4622)
- PCA Board Meeting
Last Tuesday of every month (except July, August and December) starting at 7:00 pm, Main Hall, PCA Complex
- PCA Planning & Development Committee
Second Tuesday of every month (except July, August, and December) starting at 7:15 pm, Main Hall, PCA Complex - residents welcome
- Indoor Farmers' Market
Every Wednesday from 2:30 - 6:30 pm, PCA Complex

September Newsletter



The deadline for submissions for the September, 2014, issue of the PCA Newsletter is 5:00 pm, Sunday, August 10, 2014. For more information on submissions of material or ads, please contact David Wing, Editor (270-8579 or wingd@telus.net).



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Upcoming Events at Morpheus Theatre



MORPHEUS THEATRE 2014/2015 SEASON

Morpheus Theatre is pleased to announce our 2014/2015 season.

Join us for our 20th Season of Shows Worth Seeing! - Season Ticket packages are now available.

MOVE OVER, MRS. MARKHAM – October 3 – 11, 2014
by Ray Cooney & Johnathan Chapman; Directed by Jay Newman

When Philip Markham, loving husband and children's book publisher, agrees to allow his business partner to borrow his flat to romance his latest girlfriend – well, that's when everything goes topsy turvy as only a classic bedroom farce can and Morpheus Theatre's 20th season has officially begun. All Philip really wants to do is take his wife out for the evening and the conundrums ensue as a parade of lovers begins to arrive to what they believe is an empty apartment, perfectly suited for their planned revelries. Cancelled plans, couples not expecting anyone else to be home and the unexpected arrival of a popular children's book author promise to delight, and don't worry, once you have your ticket booked that seat is yours, no one else will ask to borrow it.

YOUNG SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE CASE OF DICK WHITTINGTON'S CAT – December 5 – 14, 2014

By Craig Hewlett; Directed by Sean Anderson

Elementary, Watson!...Whitsun? What's going on? It's Panto! Morpheus welcomes back this popular Christmas season tradition with classic characters of pantomime and fiction as everyone's favourite detective solves the mystery at hand – young Dick Whittington has disappeared! He was last seen wearing lipstick, fishnets and high-heeled boots? Holmes and Whitsun are on the case! Join us as we flip genders, boo the villain and rejoice in the antics of the saucy Dame, Maisie Luvaduck. A sloshingly good time will be had by all. Case closed. Oh yes, it is!

I HATE HAMLET – January 23 – February 7, 2015

By Paul Rudnick; Directed by Michelle Brandenburg

Andrew Rally, a television actor of some renown, is facing the role of a lifetime: William Shakespeare's, Hamlet. He is also learning the ropes of an abstinent relationship with his girlfriend and all while he has a houseguest. The ghost of John Barrymore, who used to live in Andrew's apartment, has moved back in, garbed as the broody prince of Denmark himself and he is not leaving until he has convinced Andrew to strut the stage and play the part. Seances and swordfights, love for his girlfriend and love for his fans; Andrew juggles it all while attempting to make this life changing decision. Something is wildly entertaining in the Pumphouse Theatre in January of 2015 and we hope you'll join us!

RUDDIGORE – April 17 – May 2, 2015

by W.S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan; Directed by Dale Hirlhey
Written just after The Mikado, this comic operetta from Gilbert and Sullivan brings more spectres and spooky, musical fun to wrap up our 20th season. As only they can, Gilbert and Sullivan parody melodrama while at the same time employing some of its classic elements – a poor and virtuous heroine, a villain who steals her away, heroes and faithful friends. And we mustn't forget the ghosts who live in the family portraits.

Hidden identities, courtship gone awry and a good old fashioned family curse showcase such songs as "In sailing o'er life's ocean wide", "When I'm a bad Bart, I will tell taradiddles" and "When a man has been a naughty baronet". So don't risk being moody and sad, make sure you have your tickets to Morpheus Theatre's 20th season Gilbert and Sullivan operetta.



MORPHEUS G&S JUNIOR THEATRE SCHOOL

Our Theatre School program will be returning for a fourth year culminating in a production of Ruddigore on the set of our mainstage production in the Victor Mitchell Theatre at the Pumphouse Theatre next spring. All interested youth (whether children or grandchildren), ages 9-14, who wish to expand acting skills and challenge themselves with the lyrics and patter of a Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, should enroll forthwith in Morpheus G&S Junior! The theatre school program will run Saturday mornings from 10:00-11:30 beginning in Mid-October. This program is unique in that it focuses solely on the works of Gilbert and Sullivan, in conjunction with our theatre season. Classes will include professional instruction in Acting and Voice. The 2013/14 class sold out, so we encourage you to sign up early when registration opens.

*Dates Are Subject to Change.

Fifth Annual Book Sale

Do you have books gathering dust? Morpheus Theatre will be partnering with Books Between Friends for our 5th annual book sale this fall to help raise funds for our charities. Morpheus Theatre will be accepting books at the Parkdale Community Centre up to September 3rd. Books need to be in good condition. Unfortunately we cannot accept Readers Digest, magazines or text books.

Then on **September 5th, 6th & 7th** we invite you to bring your friends to the sale located at 1816 - 25 Avenue NE. We hope to see you there!

Contact Morpheus Theatre by calling (403) 246-2999; emailing tickets@morpheustheatre.ca; visiting us online at www.morpheustheatre.ca or stopping by the lower level of the Community Centre for more details.