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## THE MISSION STATEMENT



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If you think that there is more graffiti in Calgary, you might be right. Before autumn 2002 an unused vehicle tunnel near the Max Bell Arena was used by the graffiti crowd (to use the vernacular, "graffers"). The police tolerated the graffiti, so long as it remained in the tunnel. Then, in response to liability issues created by the raves, which were being held in the tunnel, the City completely shut in the tunnel and the graffers were displaced. Now the hot spots are Spruce Cliff, Mission, Inglewood and 17th Avenue.

But if you think that you know the average graffer is a young skateboarder punk – you might be surprised; some graffers are middle aged, with actual jobs that they go to in the day-time. Constable Dubois told me of one graffer, in his late 40s, to whom others look as a mentor. Graffers pay him to teach them how to do a "bombing run."

Constable Marcel Dubois of the Calgary Police Force feels that there is enough of a graffiti problem in Calgary to keep six police officers occupied. There is only one—Constable Dubois—who is the Calgary Police Graffiti Unit. The Graffiti Unit has operated for over seven years, attaining official 'Unit' status in 2001. Constable Dubois started out gathering and compiling information and evidence, leaving it to other officers to make arrests. Today he handles everything, and has helped Calgary emerge as a leader in addressing graffiti problems. Working together, the police and the City of Calgary developed a model to interpret graffiti and to learn about its subculture, all with a view to controlling the problem. Thirteen arrests were made in March alone.

There is a hierarchy of graffiti: at the bottom are (graffiti is plural) the 'tags' – the graffers' stylized names. Above the tags is 'throwup' graffiti: bubble letters which may be col-

oured in (left alone long enough, they are often coloured). The next level up is 'piece graffiti', or murals. Finally, at the top of the heap are the 'freights' – quite literally railway freight cars. The attraction to the freights seems to be their high mobility and visibility. Freight sightings are photographed and posted on the internet.

at Graffiti?

In Cliff Bungalow and Mission much of the graffiti is antiwar and political graffiti, which Constable Dubois says is more difficult to chase because it is not accompanied by the graffer's signature. However, no matter what the type of graffiti is, Constable Dubois cites the three "R's" of graffiti control:

• 'Report' – phone the police (266-1234; or use 911 if it is in progress)

 'Record' – take pictures; if digital, you can email the photos to Constable Dubois at POL2288@calgarypolice.ca

• 'Remove' - paint over the graffiti. The police will supply

free recycled paint. To get some, phone 974-1453

Constable Dubois stresses the need to remove graffiti within 72 hours of its appearance. This discourages the graffers and sends out the message that the premises are well looked after - an important message that deters other crimes such as break and enter.

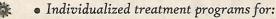


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## FROM THE BOARD

## **Newsbriefs**

Community Garden

Even the most cursory of drive-by gawking reveals our Community Garden is in full bloom and promises to be highly successful again, not only in terms of growing but also as the social gathering place that it is! I dropped by the other day and spent some time with Bart Batty. He was just finishing a day spent wrestling with the water supply to the garden. Two unintended showers later, Bart managed to deal with the problem and I can report that the water supply is functioning again.

When not wrestling with the water system, Bart is building on the success of last season's pepper growing project and has even added on the challenge of growing cantaloupes this season. Even the infrastructure has been upgraded, with the addition of an archway and paving stones at the garden entrance. I plan to get the kids out to William Aberhart Park as much as possible this summer where we can watch gardening wonders unfold – I hope to see you there.

## Lilac Festival

What a great success our Lilac Festival was again! The weather co-operated, the band played, the volunteers sold tickets and poured beer, and our patrons enjoyed themselves. This is our single most important event for raising general funds and as such its success cannot be undervalued.

A big 'thank-you' goes out to all the volunteers and to Jenni Myllynen, Marty Bober and Bob Lang for organizing the event. Last but not least, Ned Gilbert finally got his chance to sling beer – congratulations Ned and don't hold back next year!

### **Electoral Boundaries**

It looks like the provincial electoral boundaries will soon be changed such that

Cliff Bungalow and Mission will be moved from Calgary-Buffalo to Calgary-Currie. We had written to the Provincial Legislature to oppose this proposed change, largely on the basis that as an inner-city area we are best represented with other like communities. Obviously our position was not sufficiently compelling to those in charge of the proposed change and it looks to be proceeding.

What this would mean in terms of representation is that we would lose Harvey Cenaiko as our MLA and gain Jon Lord. Keep your eyes open as this develops

## City Planning Work on 2nd Street

The City is planning to resurface 2nd Street SW shortly after Stampede week (don't they usually do this type of thing during Stampede?). They will plane off the upper portion of the asphalt surface and the street will be repaved. After that, they will repaint the centre line, hopefully this time further to the west to allow shared use by cars and bicycles in the east lane. As you know the current centre line is too far towards the east edge of the street and there is not enough room for comfortable shared use. The City will also paint bicycle symbols on the pavement to remind motorists to share the road.





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## 25th Anniversary Event Kicks Off History Week

Please drop into our Community Hall to cel ebrate with us our Community's 25th Anniversary and hear more about our area's rich history.

Walk back into Calgary's history and help us celebrate Cliff Bungalow-Mission Community Centre's (CMBCA) 25th Anniversary in our charming Community Building, formerly a unique bungalow-style school, at 2201 Cliff Street SW (one block west of 5th Street at 22nd Avenue SW).

On historic Calgary's tour route, CBMCA community representatives will be on hand to acquaint you with our building and area, steeped in history. View our displays, historic postcards, pictures; hear anecdotes; refresh yourself with our delicious snacks for sale all day – supplied by Sharon Nesta, caterer for a Caribbean dinner at the same hall, same evening.

We look forward to meeting you on Saturday July 26th, between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm! (this event replaces our originally scheduled July 4th event).



## LETTERS

## **Letters to the Editor**

**Pigeons** 

There is a certain animal problem plaguing residents of Roxboro House. Pigeons. Trying to make a home on the range or more specifically, on people's balconies. This can be most distressing as copious amounts of bird poop are kind of yucky, unsanitary and downright unpleasant every time you go out on your balcony to survey one's kingdom. But what to do?

A variety of mechanisms to try to discourage pigeon traffic from plastic streamers to netting to model owls. Pigeons are very enterprising birds who like lofty protected perches away from the elements and apartment balconies are perfect for them – a pair even made a nest and laid an egg on one of my friend's balconies! In desperation, she tried many things before, finally, with some crafty internet research, she discovered a possible solution. The answer? Duct tape and thumb tacks.

Oh, were only all of the world's woes so easily solved. She wound the duct tape around the railing on her balcony while pushing thumb tacks (pointy side up!) through it to discourage the crafty birds from even landing in the first place. Last I heard, it seemed to be working.

If anyone has any suggestions about

how to make pigeons find passage to elsewhere, I'm pretty sure Roxboro residents would be pleased to hear them. Are there any other apartment dwellers who have had the same problem and have found effective and humane ways to prevent pigeon company? Perhaps, we should just build coops on the rooftops and keep pigeons like they used to do in old Europe – I hear they're great with poached pears and sherry. Did I say that?!

-Lison McCullough

### Sidewalks

We are wondering if your commu nity association can do anything about the horrendous state of sidewalks in our community? This includes much of 2nd Street, and neighbouring 24th and 25th Avenues. While we understand the need of new building projects for sidewalk use, the safety factor for pedestrians, bikes, strollers, joggers and walkers is precarious!

When we contacted the city, we were told that developers pay for use of these sidewalks. We are interested to know where this payment goes? Is there any way the community can have the fruits of these payments come back to us, the users of the sidewalks?

-M. Smith

## **Community Response**

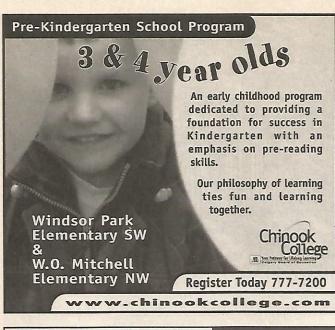
The Community Association, with assistance from Alderman Madeleine King, raised this exact issue with the City in November of 2002. Our position was, and remains, that if money is paid in respect of construction 'inconveniences' in our community, then our community should take the benefit of that money.

In a written response, the City noted that they are empowered to collect such fees by virtue of Bylaw 20M88 and that the money is used 'to cover administrative costs and for other public services. Therefore, these funds are used to provide public services to the city at large and benefit all communities.'

This response wasn't particularly compelling to me, in essence being that inconvenience specific to our community (i.e. Mission) translates into money for the entire City. When I raised this objection to a couple of individuals in the Roads division at the City, they were equally underwhelmed in return.

If anybody cares to take up this issue and push it on behalf of the Community Association, please contact me at tirol@shaw.ca.

-Tyro Clarke





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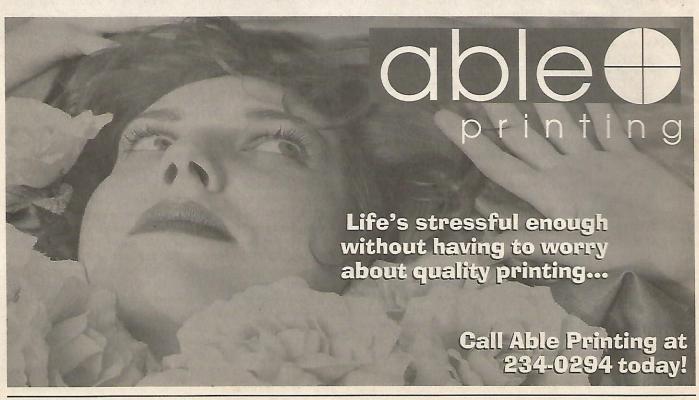
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## Wanna Spend a Day in the Office of Your Local Politician?

by Eilish Hiebert Bet it's not as you thought!

Provincially

Your local MLA's office can really put human faces on the social and economic problems of the homeless, disabled, students, pensioners, immigrants, the poor both employed and unemployed. That's because Calgary Buffalo office is street-side in a riding made up of innercity communities where 85 per cent of Calgary's non-profit agencies are located.

"I always have the coffee on, and cookies available," said a warm, personal Susan Young, Constituency Assistant to Harvey Cenaiko, our Provincial MLA (Member of the Legislative Assembly). Susan cites a long list of people who drop by the office for help with problems, mostly of a financial nature, connected to government policy in some way. From the Manitoba arrival who had frozen off fingers and toes, to the Bosnian who needs to write a letter, to those seeking grants for communities and non-profits – Susan welcomes them all as constituents, as does Harvey Cenaiko when he's in the office. Cenaiko knew these faces from a former time, when he worked the area as a member of Calgary's Police Force.

'Some are ill and will never get better," said Harvey Cenaiko, "like the individual injured when he was a baby, who gets a monthly AISH grant (Assistance Income for the Severely Handicapped). If he manages to work, he can have pizza and a movie on a Friday night, but he comes in to check how much he's allowed to make (it's \$200) before it becomes a problem, according to regulations, and

interferes with his grant.'

It is such human beings' need, combined with member communities' concerns about strategic core issues, like lack of affordable housing and energy costs, that shape Cenaiko's work in the provincial government for our, and neighbouring, communities.

Locally

Alderman Madeleine King's City Hall office often deals with bylaw infractions. Most city concerns come via phone, answered by another amazingly warm, personal woman, Lois Walsh, Assistant to King.

"We get everything from running or

barking dog concerns, to weeds, to unsightly premises, to icy sidewalks, to street cleaning, to overflowing garbage cans, to street lights that go out," said Lois. Alderman King's office welcomes every call, and King herself encourages her constituents to call. "That's one way we know what's happening out in the community," said King.

Often, Lois adds, people who call are angry and frustrated. "We feel citizens should have a place to call at times like that," said Lois, "like the man who phoned this morning after two packed buses passed him and left him late for work." Many phone calls are about transportation, roads, traffic, and transit. Often taxpayers give valuable feedback by phone, about need for four-way stops or overloaded bus routes, for example. Other call are about planning and development. People phone to request information about developing premises, or to comment on proposed developments in their neighbourhood. This again is viewed as valuable feedback.

"The City can be a confusing place for ordinary citizens looking for information," said Lois, who often facilitates callers' navigation around City departments.

Requests for information, citizen engagement and public opinion are much valued by King's office, and communities have ready access to Madeleine King, where Lois is most efficient and obliging about providing information. (People like Susan and

Lois should be cloned!)

Federally

60 per cent of the calls to Rt. Hon. Joe Clark's M.P. (federal Member of Parliament) office are about immigration delays and problems; many others are about student loans; and still others about taxes and benefits.

"We help people with problems in this office," said Kimberly Budd, Joe Clark's constituency assistant. "We like to ensure that people — families, students, seniors - have access to all federal programs. Although we don't have jurisdiction to influence decisions made by departments, we can often facilitate finding out the status of people's files, for example, family members' immigration applications; individuals' Employment Insurance, or Canada Pension."

Echoing Cenaiko's office, Clark's office deals with many student loan questions. Since this function has been taken over by Human Resource Development Canada, many issues have surfaced, possibly due to procederal changes. Both Clark's and Cenaiko's offices help many a student work out repayment schedules.

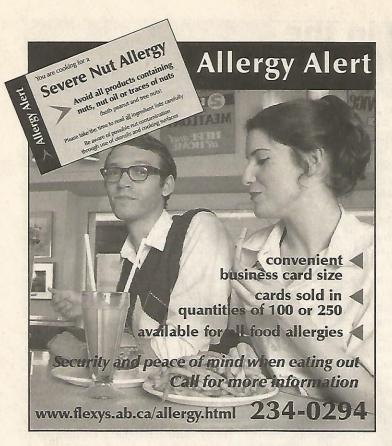
## Does a day in these offices match up with what you thought?

As a taxpayer, locally, provincially or federally, they all welcome your calls!

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## **Good Owner, Bad Owner**

by Lison McCullough

ast time in Your Neighbour section, I profiled good dog Cobre with her owner Lana. Sad to say, I hear through the vine from Cliff Bungalow Mission Community Centre facilities guy Marty Bober that two dogs in nearly as many days were killed on 5th Street in traffic. One apparently wasn't on his leash and the other simply got out of its yard. We send out our consolation to our neighbours who lost their dog friends in these unfortunate accidents and we hope that by drawing people's attention to this misfortune, that they will be reminded and warned about the dangers of their pets running loose. I'm afraid I have to go on a bit of a rant about bad owners. Some people out there still just don't seem to get it when it comes to caring for their canine companions. Perhaps a wee refresher course is in or-

First of all, as we all know, most dogs are extremely curious by nature. They love to frolic and explore and can get distracted easily by their adventures. In spite of the fact that the two-way conversion was supposed to reduce the speed of motorists, cars are lethal weapons and there are a lot of fairly dangerous blind corners on 5th Street of which both dogs and pedestrians need to be aware. Humans can cross at crosswalks however or make a dash for it with a break in traffic. Dogs, who mostly aren't too street smart, are not too interested in pressing the button for the crosswalk signal. They're funny that way.

As much as we like to think this is the sleepy neighbourhood it once was, it isn't. There are major thoroughfares through our hood, and drivers are more impatient and preoccupied than ever before. I am not naïve enough to think



that mistakes don't sometimes happen; it happened to my family once. We ended up with an extremely distressing six months of recovery; not to mention a mutt that went from free to being worth over \$2,000 after the vet got through with him. Please keep your dog on a leash at least until you get down to the path where it's safe. Even if your dog is super well behaved, a loose dog could cause a car accident by someone braking to avoid hitting the animal. His nose can lead him astray or he could get spooked or his attention can get diverted, and it is not worth his life - he is a family member after all. His freedom might be somewhat curtailed but in this case it is for his own safety!

Ensure that if your dog is inclined to make a break every time the garden gate opens or gets left unopened, you tie him up! Again, it's extra trouble but it's worth it. Let's face it - many dog owners think that their dog is fairly well trained. Maybe he is. Maybe he made the Dean's list at Obedience School. But accidents happen. It is hard for drivers to see a dog coming at them out of their line of vision - a dog generally being shorter than the hood of most cars. And I'm pretty sure I'm in good company by saying I would be totally freaked out if I hit a dog with my car. I think I hit a squirrel once and I just about needed therapy for crying out loud.

As a final note on dog-owner responsibility, I have to say that for all the good dog owners I see picking up after their dogs, quite a number of bad dog owners don't. I was sitting on a bench by the river enjoying a pleasant spring evening recently when suddenly I get this lovely whiff of fresh feces. I look up to see a dog mere feet away from me doing his duty. Amazingly, no one comes to retrieve the deposit - instead the owner stands waiting for him to finish! Where exactly does he think this poop is going to go? Strategically, the clever dog at least went somewhat in the bushes. As a not too subtle gesture of displeasure I rise without a word and transfer to another nearby bench. Make no mistake -I am thrilled that this owner is ensuring his dog gets out and gets exercise frequently. But if this one dog is doing this every day - well. Needless to say, the river walk is simply going to get poopier and more unpleasant as the days pass. But it is simply rude, irresponsible and ignorant not to clean up after your dog period.

## Alderman Madeline King

Spring (or even summer) may have arrived at last – not a moment too soon! That means the start of the annual roadworks projects. Some of the previous information has needed to be updated – sorry for any confusion.

2nd/5th Street SW: two-way conversion - remaining curb and gutter work to be constructed June to August. Traffic monitoring program on-going. Follow-up report on impact of changes late in 2003.

11/12 Avenue two-way conversion: microsimulation modelling of the two way traffic operations is on-going and should be completed late this fall. The City is in the process of retaining a planning consultant to review the land-use impacts of the changes and a communications consultant to start work on the public engagement. The plan right now is to report on the results of the study in 2004 March/April.

Elbow Drive SW: phase 1 - 26 Avenue to Elboya Bridge – detailed design underway. To be tendered in June with construction from July to October.

Open House: This ward is a busy place and there's lots of work to keep me busy! I am arranging an open house for the whole Ward, with representation from a number of City departments for September 18th, at South Calgary Community Hall from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. If you have any questions, concerns, issues or even bouquets please mark your calendar now!

Provincial Politics: You may have heard on the news recently that I'm "tossing my hat in the political ring" to run for Federal Liberals in Calgary Centre, I'm continuing my role as your Alderman until the election is called, which is likely to happen in the spring or fall 2004, when I'd take an unpaid leave of absence just as Jon Lord did when he became an MLA. The first step is to win the nomination which is likely to happen after November. I treasure the opportunity to represent you at City Council and trust I can continue to have your support in doing so.

You can contact Alderman King at 268-1627 or mking@gov.calgary.ab.ca.

## Calgary is Designated a Safe Community

The efforts of grassroots organiza tions over the past three years, in making Calgary a safe city, have been recognized. Calgary was officially designated a member of the international Safe Community network, in a ceremony April 3rd, by the World Health Organization (WHO) at the Round-up Centre and received the national Safe Community designation from the Safe Communities Foundation of Canada, (SCF). Calgary is the largest community to receive these two designations in Canada. Our city is now linked with over 70 communities, world-wide, which enables our city to share information on safety initiatives.

Safer Calgary, an umbrella organization that coordinates safety promotion and violence prevention initiatives, spearheaded Calgary's designations. Safer Calgary provides a network for more than 100 organizations that represent a cross-section of the local community. Guidance and direction is provided by a Board of Directors, cochaired by an Alderman and a community member, representing different sectors of the community.

Safer Calgary recently released a report, providing a snapshot of how safe Calgary was at the turn of the century, that report will be used as a baseline to monitor the effectiveness of efforts to increase the level of safety in Calgary.

The report uses 17 indicators, ranging from emergency department visits and perception of safety, to the number of reported hate and bias-motivated crimes. Indicators are grouped into four categories: public attitude, beliefs and behaviours; injury prevention; crime and violence; and natural and built environment.

The City of Calgary and Safer Calgary hosted an international workshop, April 2nd to 4th to demonstrate how large urban centres can integrate the Safe Community Model. A public trade show, Safety Expo 2003, hosted by the Calgary Educational Safety Society, was held in conjunction with the workshop, to highlight safety initiatives at work, home and play. Safety in Numbers, Calgary's Safety Measurement Indicators Report for 2000, is useful in understanding where we are today so that we can continue to build on our safety programs and initiatives.

To obtain information on the safe community initiative in Calgary, visit www.calgary.ca/cs. Criteria to be designated a safe community and a complete list of network communities is available from the WHO Collaborative Centre on Community Safety Promotion, www.phs.ki.se/csp/introduction.htm or the Safe Communities Foundation at www.safecommunities.ca.

## Electricity Review Arms-length Council to Review Consumer Electricy Issues, Report in Three Months

lberta's Advisory Council on Elec tricity (AACE) has been directed by the Premier to review and make recommendations on consumer concerns related to electricity bills, and to report back to the Minister of Energy by August 15tyh. In announcing the expanded mandate for the Council, Premier Klein said that his government wants to investigate consumer complaints regarding high electricity bills in some parts of the province and the reasons behind the high prices.

To get to the bottom of the issue, the Premier has asked Minister Smith to broaden the Council's mandate so that it can review, evaluate, and make recommendations on what is happening with the price that ordinary Albertans and Alberta businesses are paying for power. The Premier stressed that the government is not revisiting its decision to deregulate the electricity industry in the province because the policy has had many benefits for Albertans which includes a 30 per cent increase in the amount of power available, the introduction of alternative power such as green power, and an increase in market options and choice for customers.

The Council's ongoing mandate to advise the Minister of Energy on high-level issues related to electricity in Alberta will continue.

July 3rd CBMCA Board Meeting

August 1st
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September/October Issue

July 26th 25th Anniversary Historic Open House 10:00 to 4:00 pm (see ad page five)

August 3rd
Walking Tour (see story page twelve)

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September 4th - CBMCA Board Meeting

Fun in the Sun' Summer kid's program contact Kristan Blackmore 262-2006

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## DEVELOPMENT

## **Development Report**

## 26th Avenue to River - Great West Life PE Landuse Re-designation to DC RM-7

This has been approved since the last newsletter. The approval includes the increased land being contributed to the city. There was some talk about moving the cul-de-sac forward but given the constraints of parking and access to buildings, Roads and Parks agreed that this move would not provide much additional greenspace.

## 25/26th Avenue & 100 block -Great West Life, residential towers -225 units

This project was approved. Although issues of traffic and density are still a concern, neighboring residents did not feel strongly enough to warrant an appeal. The Development Committee is considering working with City transportation to trying to get more attention paid to this area of our community.

## 25th Avenue and 4th Street former location of Royal Flush

The space was 3000 sq feet, and the building owner is dividing it in two. The half facing 4th Street has been leased to Confetti's ice cream, which is very exciting. The proposed use of the other half is for a Liquor Store. We have spoken to residents through the two nearest condo associations who would be affected and the vote was divided. We do have concerns, as does the City, about Liquor Store proliferation on 4th, however the market will bear only so many and this decision may be best left to the market.

## Traffic on 25th Avenue SW

The City has conditionally sold a large

piece of land on MacLeod Trail between Lindsay Park and 25th Avenue. Increased density on this land would certainly require increased road access. The idea has come forward to open 22nd Avenue in Erlton to MacLeod trail. Alderman King is currently opposed to the idea because she believes it would slow commuter traffic to downtown. The residents in Erlton believe it would be great for them and for us as there would be less traffic on 25th and it would help to ease traffic tensions surrounding Talisman center. There had also been some talk about an overpass at 25th and MacLeod, which would not be favourable for us. If this discussion gets more serious, we would lobby changes to the C-train line first. Lots of opportunity here for community involvement!

## 21st Avenue/2nd Street and Holy Cross Lane - Elements of Mission 70 unit condo proposal

The Community appealed the relaxations of this project. We were successful in our request for additional trees along the river that will have additional soil depth. The site is cleared so construction is around the corner. Residents are encouraged to call Alderman King regarding park/pathway access during construction. Given the tight parameters of the site it is likely construction will include rental of a portion of the street from the City.

## 317, 19th Avenue SW – Taymor Condo conversion/addition

This project was pending approval hinging on the parking situation. Access will be from the lane, so interruption to residents should be minimal on 19th Avenue.



## 318, 19th Avenue SW - 18 unit condo project

This is the one we are excited about given its modest scale. The developer has come back with a request to make changes to the roof – we were in favor.

## 313 - 317 18th Avenue SW - SoHo Project

The existing houses have been demolished which was sad in more ways than one. These houses were an attraction to vagrants as they were not fenced off and had also become a safety hazard as a result of amount of water damage. The developer has come back with a proposal to drop the number of one bedroom to increase the number of two bedroom overall decreasing the density. The size of the building would be affected by this (bigger) and the parking also (smaller). The committee would therefore like to negotiate more land-scaping.

## 4th Street and 22nd Avenue-

A novel idea for a Bed and Breakfast has been proposed for the present Sushi location. This is an attractive proposition. The committee is presently working on some potential problem areas – parking and a loading zone.



## Free Historic Walking Tour August 3rd

August 3rd, 10:00 am Rouleauville Square 18th Avenue & 1 Street SW

Torseveral years the Chinook Country Chapter of the Historical Society of Alberta has sponsored Historic Calgary Week, a series of events and walking tours designed to raise public awareness of Calgary's history. Once again, a walking tour of Cliff Bungalow and Mission is a featured event. It will cover some of the most historic and architecturally interesting buildings in Cliff Bungalow and Mission, and it should take about two hours. This year's tour will be led by Jim Bowman and Bob Lang, and will be divided into two groups if more than 100 people show up.

Jim Bowman has been involved with the Cliff Bungalow-Mission Historic Walking Tour for most of the years that he has lived in this neighbourhood. His involvement with the Chinook County Chapter of the Historical Society of Alberta (one of the oldest volunteer organizations in the province) is as a long-standing volunteer member. The Historic Walk began with a city librarian (volunteering in the community) who originally brought Jim into this project. It has now become an annual event attended by an ever-increasing number of curious citizens. As an added point of interest, he actually did "write the book" on the area's historically significant sites

Talking to Jim about what sites people

can expect to see on the tour, brought reactions of both "Oh yes I know the one... really?!" and "Where is that again?" It's an architectural smorgasbord reflecting the area's origins, its industrial and commercial advancement, as well as its social and cultural development. Both Jim and Bob Lang are men who have lived here a long time and care about our community; they know the history of it and the stories within it. In taking the tour, you have an opportunity to learn how the area has grown and changed, what's behind its unique character, and where it might be going in the future. When asked for details about stops on the tour, Jim gave great hints without giving anything away - he said he likes to have a few surprises, like the homes of some famous-type folks. Many of the stops will be at familiar places - buildings you've walked by and wondered about; others will be spots you hadn't noticed before that have a neat tidbit of historic fact attached.

Rouleauville Square is the start-point and the tour route follows something like a figure-eight pattern through Cliff Bungalow-Mission. How many times do you think you've walked by the Rouleau brothers' homes? There's a taste too for those with more artsy interests, music, theatre, dance... the comings and goings of cultural movements in the community. Whether you're interested in nifty facts, or you like architecture or are looking to know more about where you live, the Historic Walking Tour through Cliff Bungalow and Mission is a chance for a couple of hours out enjoying an evening- you might even pick up a few suggestions on where to have your next dinner out! Hope to see you there Sunday August 3rd!

Cliff Bungalow-Mission Community will be kicking off Historic Calgary Week (July 25th to August 4th) on Saturday July 26th, with an Open House 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Come for some 25th Anniversary birthday cake! (See notice in this newsletter.)

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# Cliff Bungalow-Mission Community Association Membership Form Name: Address: Phone (home): Phone (work): Membership type: (memberships are valid for 1 year from date of purchase) Regular Single (\$6) Regular Family - 2 adults at same address (\$10) Senior Single (\$4) Names of Children (if any): Please send cheque, made payable to "CMCA" and form to 1919B - 4th St. SW, Suite 462, Calgary AB T2S 1W4 or drop off at Mailboxes Etc. (1919B - 4th St. SW, Suite 462)

May/June 2003

## **HISTORY**

## 1918 Spanish Influenza, a Part of Our **Community History**

As you walk down our streets, you

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about the people who lived there.

by Bob Lang

Thile SARS is the one of the hot topics of today, Spanish influenza was the hot topic in Calgary in 1918. Medical officials have had a lot of trouble getting SARS under control with all the technology we have today - just imagine how difficult it was in 1918! There is a significant link with the 1918 Spanish 'flu and our commu-

nity. Dr. C. Stanley Mahood, then Medical Health Officer for Calgary, lived in our has a double story to tell: one about community when this medical crisis took place.

Dr. Mahood was born in Huron County, Ontario in 1882. He obtained his medical degree from the University of Toronto in 1908 followed by postgraduate work in Chicago. He then spent two years in Denver with their public health department. Married in London, Ontario in 1911, Dr. Mahood and his wife Ina came to Calgary. Shortly afterwards he was appointed Medical Health Officer.

Dr. Mahood received an urgent wire in October 1918 from Regina, warning

him that soldiers returning by rail had become ill. He ordered them into isolation when they arrived in Calgary. Unfortunately, it became obvious that other travellers had already brought the flu to Calgary. While he did not have the power, he ordered quarantine measures that included not

admitting 'flu sufferers to hospital and closing schools. Isolation hospitals

were set up in schools and even tents. Public movement was restricted. He also or-

dered the wearing of flu masks in public. These measures were difficult to enforce. While he initially had full public support, the War Victory in Europe tended to undermine the public's fear of the flu, particularly as the initial flu wave started to recede. Dr. Mahood predicted there would be a resurgence of the flu and was proved right in December of that year.

Not surprisingly, fighting the flu out-



Dr. Mahood (with two nurses), ca, 1938 (Glenbow Archives NA-2361-8)

break raised criticism about the cost to deal with this medical emergency. However, in the end, the city was grateful and Dr. Mahood continued as Chief Medical Officer.

The house at 529 - 19 Avenue SW, where the Mahoods lived, was built sometime between 1912 and 1915 (sources disagree as to the date). This house is a 1 3/4 story Arts and Craftsman style building. The builders of these types of homes tended to put their individual stamp on each house. These buildings generally have exposed rafters and special upper window treatments. This house has field stone features on the verandah columns. They lived there until 1920. Sadly Dr. Mahood lost his wife to another outbreak of influenza in 1922.

As you walk down our streets, you should remember that every house has a double story to tell: one about the type of building it is and one about the people who lived there. In both instances, many stories are significant and worth preserving for those who follow us.

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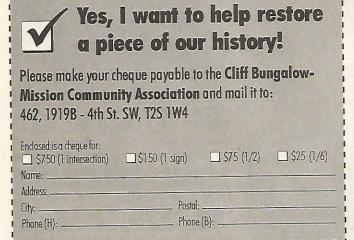
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529 - 19 Avenue SW, 2003, Photo Credit Bob Lang



Unique in design and colour, our neighbourhood heritage signs are both a link to our history and a recognition of our present-day vitality. We are currently accumulating donations towards the \$5,000 needed to do the next phase of the project. So if your block (or your neighbour's block) doesn't have a heritage street sign yet, please consider helping.







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## Mosaic, a Cultural Festival in the Park

nhe world came to Memorial Park on Friday, May 23rd. The people who attended this festival in the park had a virtual song and dance tour of many of the cultures that make up the inner city and Calgary as a whole. The event started with a piper leading the kids around the park and ended with the feature act, the Rembetika Hipsters, a wonderful group with Greek roots. Europe, Africa, Middle East, South America and Asia were all represented.

There were exhibits from many groups that provide services in the inner city. There were lots of great door prizes.

There was great food available. Memorial Park Library was especially open for the evening and had a historical display for everyone to learn more about its history. There were astro jumps and other activities for the kids. There was even free cotton candy for eve-

ryone's sweet tooth.

This event, formally know as the Heritage Carnival, was a much bigger production than ever before. It allowed a positive use of this historic park. It was made possible by financial and in-kind contributions by many including Connaught Community Association, Victoria Community Association, Victoria Crossing BRZ, Calgary Catholic Immigration Society, City of Calgary, CUPE Local 38 and Key Savings and Credit Union. Next year's event is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 5th. See you there!



## **Volunteer Corner**

by Jenni Myllynen

The community's lilacs blossomed a few weeks behind our Festival, but the day was a great success anyway! Huge thanks goes out to all of the volunteers who helped make our Lilac Festival Beer Garden and community table such smashing successes – we couldn't have done it without you! The beautifully sunny day brought more than 100,000 people to 4th Street annual festival, as well as several hundred to our Beer Garden, and we're already looking forward to next year.

Events like the Lilac Festival and programs of the Community Association are dependent on people like you, people

interested in meeting others, supporting their community, expanding their skills and having some fun. To better serve our members, we are creating an improved membership database, developing sponsorship opportunities with local businesses, and hope to provide new membership cards soon. To continue building the Association's involvement and value to the community of Cliff Bungalow-Mission, we are looking for volunteers to take on some interesting new roles. To get the ball rolling, we are recruiting volunteers for the following roles:

Database Manager- maintain our Access database, keep our membership list



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## In Our Community

Calgary Historic Week Kickoff event Saturday, July 26th, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Cliff Bungalow-Mission Community Centre (2201 Cliff Street SW – one block west of 5th Street at 22nd Avenue SW)

Historic Calgary Week Tour in Cliff Bungalow - Mission

Historic Calgary Week this year is July 25th to August 4th. Once again, there will be a walking tour in our historic community. It will be held on Sunday, August 3rd at 10:00 am starting from Rouleauville Park. Well-known archivist and author of the City's walking tour booklet on our community, Jim Bowman will lead this interesting tour of our community.

Calling neighbourhood artists/artisans/craftspeople!

Any interested in exploring a community sale idea, please e-mail eilish@consult skills.com or phone Cliff Bungalow-Mission 245-6001.

current, 3 hours/month, long term.

Manager, Corporate Membership and Sponsors- approach local businesses seeking their membership in the Community Association and their sponsorship of programs and events. We need someone to get this program up and running; it is a six month commitment with the greatest time requirement early on.

Manager, Member Services- help us improve our member relations through the sourcing and production of membership cards, the creation of a community directory, and any other wonderful service you can dream of! This is a long-term commitment requiring ten hours per month.

Opening on the Board of Directors! Are you a social butterfly, consummate organizer and lover of fun and community? If so, apply for the role of **Director**, **Programs** and serve on the Board of Directors of CBMCA.

For further details on these and other volunteer opportunities, please see our website at www.cliffbungalowmission.ca. Volunteering is a great way to apply your skills, meet new people, expand your resume and give back to society – we are sure to have a volunteer role that meets your objectives. Come and join us!

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