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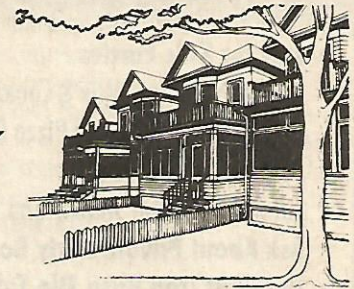
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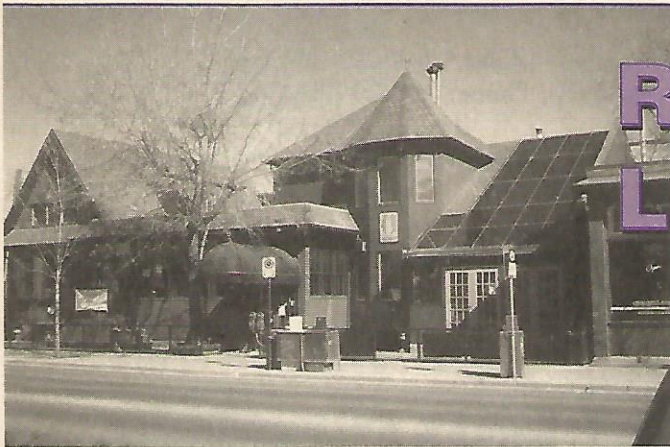
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THE MISSION STATEMENT



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Rose Has Left 4th

by Eilish Hiebert, Photographs by Bob Lang

4th Street Rose, 1981 trailblazer for 4th Street's present restaurant status, has closed. Dynamic 4th Street Rose originator Barb Beard, also a Lilac Festival original, feels nostalgia, tinged with a little sadness, but she's much too busy, involved and alive to dwell on it.

"It's like your kid going off, you know," said Barb, a keen businesswoman in other areas, still cooking up groundbreaking recipes for friends and family.

"We like to think of it as the Seinfeld syndrome," said Stephen Reid, owner of the building which housed the enormously popular 4th Street Rose at 2116 - 4th Street SW. "22 successful years, and we're going out in style!" Reid's business eye watched the bottom line of the restaurant stay static for a few years. Recognizing that restaurant popularity goes in cycles, Reid's keen business sense led him to move on. His company 'Creative Restaurants' (Wildwood, Bonterra, Catch) has now leased the building to two restaurants: 'Latin Corner' and 'TOWA Sushi.'

"But we believe there is still a market for the 4th Street Rose food choice," said Reid, an enthusiastic businessman, who closely watches international business. "We've already got feelers out to rebuild that concept elsewhere," continued Reid. Barb Beard is happy to hear that. It was, and is, a winning concept, according to 20-year customer Bob Lang.

"It's hard to believe these days," said Bob, "but 4th Street in 1981 was a backwater, in a way. Barb Beard moved in and broke all the rules with her idea of a sidewalk café." Indeed,

Barb challenged City regulations for parking and sidewalk use; she challenged the Liquor Board, with its requirements for tablecloths on specific kind of tables when serving liquor. Barb needed arborite tables and canvas chairs suitable for outside use, but the Liquor Board said 'No.' It may seem preposterous in 2003, but the Liquor Board's power 20-odd years ago was strangely reminiscent of a morality squad!

"It was a throwback to prohibition, probably," said Barb. "At that time, establishments serving liquor were required to have separate entrances." The 'Ladies & Escorts' signs seem now to belong in a museum, but in 1981, the power of the Liquor Board was strong, and the City, for the most part, appeared to go along with this. But Barb Beard's vision was stronger! She set out to convince the City that her café idea was the way to revitalize 4th Street. She had confidence that such a venture would flourish on what was quickly becoming a major thoroughfare.

"From travelling, and my love of cooking," said Barb, "I became determined to open a casual, easy-dining sidewalk café, such as I had seen on my travels. At the time, there were two café concepts in Calgary, the diner and the fine dining establishment.

"I just was not going to take 'No' for an answer," said Barb of her experience wading knee-deep through the regulations of the time. Barb began to garner support from a few people. One was a forward-thinking City person Ian Fawcett, who favoured the energy and ambience of Barb's café idea. He went out on a limb - which somebody had to do, because patio encroachment on the sidewalk was in question; also there was no available parking (they found some in a nearby professional building lot). Ralph Klein was also a supporter.

"He had a liberal attitude in a time of archaic liquor laws," said Barb, "and he believed in social enjoyment

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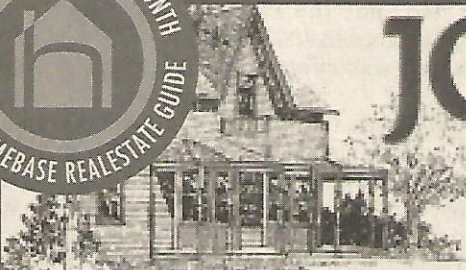
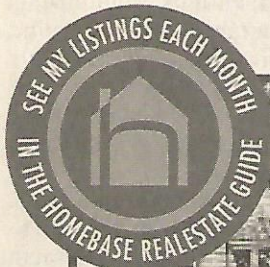
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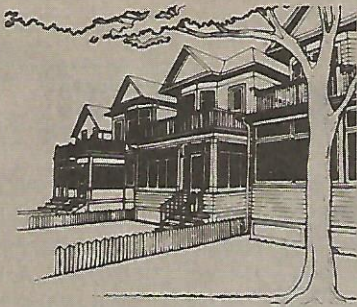
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and having fun.”

4th Street Rose eventually opened in one modest-sized house. “4th Street Rose became an immediate success,” said Bob, remembering its splendid opening, and his personal favourite dish – Rose’s unusual, delicious, mandarin orange salad, as well as Caesar salad, Rose’s gift to Calgary dining. “It became the place to see and be seen,” Bob added. “The bar there was wildly successful. There were vehicles from ‘Beetle’ VWs to BMWs parked all around, from Mount Royal, Elbow Park, Rideau and farther afield,” Bob remembers.

“People were lined up outside waiting to get in. Barb had revolutionized cooking, and had a fresh herb garden in the ‘Rose’ kitchen.”

4th Street would never be the same again!

Gradually 4th Street Rose expanded, with another house joined to the first. Other neat restaurants opened all around it. In 1991, Cliff Bungalow-Mission Community Association invited the growing businesses to discuss the seed of an idea which has blossomed into today’s Lilac Festival, the last Sunday of every May – this year it’s May 25th. The rest is history!

Mission Area Redevelopment Plan (ARP)

Open Houses
Thursday, June 19
4 to 9 pm
Presentation 7:30 pm
Saturday, June 21
10 am to 4 pm
Presentation 1:30 pm

Cliff Bungalow – Mission
Community Centre
2201 Cliff Street SW
(1 blk west of 5 St at 22 Ave SW)

by Bob Lang

The new Area Redevelopment Plan (ARP) for Mission could have a major impact on the future of our community, including whether or not the ARP will encourage the retention of our older buildings. We hope you will take the time to attend one of the open houses above!

In the last Mission Statement, we provided an overview of what an Area Redevelopment Plan (ARP) is and noted that the Mission Area Redevelopment Plan is currently under review. A draft revised Mission ARP is currently being prepared by the City. After internal review within the City, this draft will be available for pub-

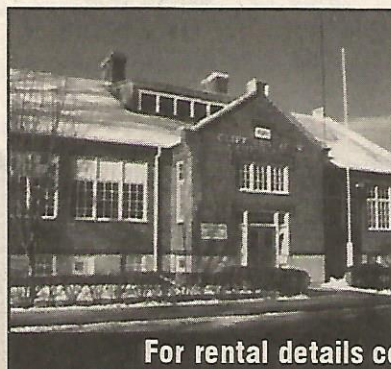
lic comments. As part of the process of obtaining public comments, there will be two open houses held at our community centre. There will be displays to explain this document and there will be questionnaires for your feedback. Development people from the City will be there to answer your questions. Members of the Community Association Board and Development Committee will also be there to learn what you think. The City will make a presentation once each day.

In October, the final draft of the Mission ARP goes to the Calgary Planning Commission for approval. A public hearing at City Council follows as early as December 8th.



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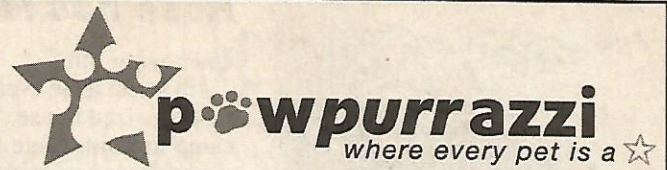


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May 30th - Ralf Buschmeyer Duo, mellow, torchy jazz

May 9th - Viviane Cardinal, sweet subtle jazz vocals

June 6th - Easy Living with Dr. G., jazz guitar & sax

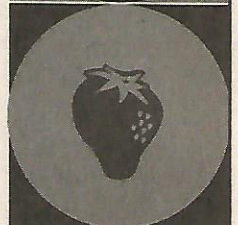
May 16th - The Downstairs Jazz Band of the Westwinds Music Society

June 13th - Myron Solo, swing guitar & vocals

May 23rd - Turkan Yildiz Exhibit
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June 20th - Diana Chaplin, jazz vocals

June 27th - Helen Davies, Blues Diva

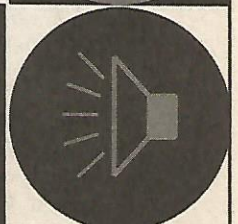


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President's Message

by Tiro Clarke

Community Garden/Compost Facility

The community garden on 24th Avenue is set to bloom for another growing season. Bart Batty has been busy repairing and improving the greenhouse so that all the gardeners can benefit. As to the compost facility, this project continues to be close to fruition, although not yet over the finish line - suffice it to say that locating a site has been problematic. While Robert Giles is working away on securing a good location, the matter seems to have bogged down, at least for the time being, with what we consider to be unrelated issues. This is still very much a viable and exciting project which we are working to complete.

Media Contacts

We are compiling a list of media contact information so as to be able to circulate Community news bulletins to a wider audience. This should raise the

profile of our Community, especially with respect to issues that have an impact beyond our boundaries. For important links on these issues, to see our community survey results, and to find out other community information, please see our attractive website at www.cliffbungalowmission.ca.

Sandstone

Well, this one got away. The Community Association had been led to believe that we could have several pieces of sandstone which had been salvaged from the old St. Mary's School, but this has fallen through. Too bad, but many thanks to Rob Jobst, Robert Giles, Marika Styba and others who were working on this project.

Community Events

2003 marks the 25th anniversary of the Community Association. In connection to this we are planning some special events, as outlined elsewhere in this issue. Come out and attend, volunteer, or both!

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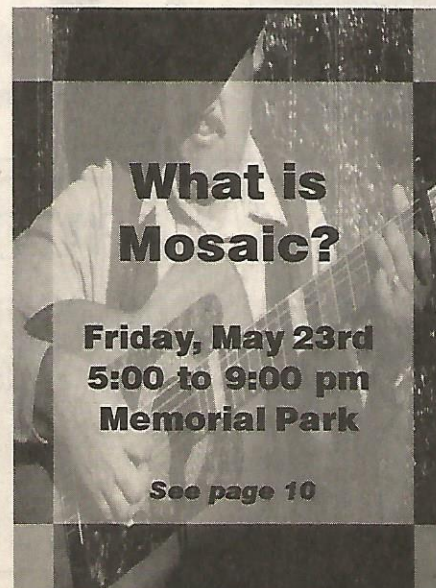
If you rent your home it's important to know what your rights are, and where to turn if you need information or assistance.

In Alberta, the rights of tenants are protected under the Residential Tenancies Act. Alberta Government Services publishes a handy tip-sheet that offers a good overview of the Act and what it means for tenants and landlords. This document is available on-line at <http://www3.gov.ab.ca/gs/pdf/landlord.pdf>. If you have any questions or concerns, or feel your rights are or have been violated and you don't know what to do about it, you can call Government Services toll-free at 1-877-427-4088.

In addition to the Residential Tenancies Act, Minimum Housing and Health Standards are in place to protect the health and well being of occupants of rental housing premises. For example, under these Standards, landlords must ensure that all windows and doors are in good repair and are capable of being locked, smoke alarms must be operational, and public hallways and stairways must be adequately lit at all times. These Standards are avail-

able on-line at www.health.gov.ab.ca/public/document/housing99.pdf.

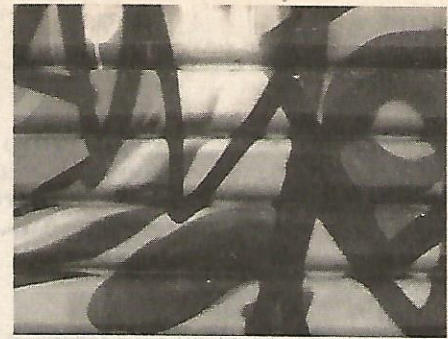
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What is Mosaic?

Friday, May 23rd
5:00 to 9:00 pm
Memorial Park

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Graffiti

As I indicated in the last issue, it seems to me that there is an increasing amount of graffiti in our neighbourhood, as well as in other inner-city communities. I have been trying to get in touch with the City Police 'Graffiti Squad,' not only to review this concern with them but also to learn more about what we can do to combat the problem. Hopefully we will establish contact soon so that I can get an article in the next issue.

The tradition continues ...

Cliff Bungalow - Mission Community

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(west side at same location as last year)

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Development report

26th Ave to River – Great West Life PE Landuse Re-designation to DC RM-7

We held another block meeting on this item before it went to City Council and the comments were consistent. Residents are very concerned about density, parking and traffic. At Council, Alderman King tabled the item and the result is an additional area of PE to be gifted to the City which was approved April 12th. This would create a 13m-landscape buffer between the surface parking and the bike path. It doesn't resolve the entire problem but it is something.

25/26th Ave and 100 kb – Great West Life, residential towers

Once the landuse is squared away the next step is to take the residential tower plans to Calgary Planning Commission (CPC). This will happen very soon. If there are residents who still have concerns they can write letters to CPC. This project is a difficult one; for the most part the committee supports the building on vacant land and the intended rental use. The land use bylaw allows for great density on these sites and density on these sites and the developers have provided adequate parking. The greatest issue is traffic and this cannot be addressed through this development alone.

Traffic on 25th Ave SW

The City is considering selling a large piece of land it currently owns on MacLeod Trail between Lindsay Park and 25th Ave. The question of traffic

continues to make residents' blood boil, so perhaps we can do something about it. Our options would be to contact Alderman King for a community block meeting, write letters to City administration and consult with neighboring communities. Each new development increases traffic, but no one project is the cause of our traffic problems. We need to find more effective ways of dealing with our intense traffic as it affects every part of our community.

21st Ave/2nd St and Holy Cross Lane – Elements of Mission 70 unit condo proposal

This was approved by CPC (Calgary Planning Commission) and there were a couple of items of concern that the Development Committee felt should be appealed. We all agreed that this is a very special piece of land, it has four fronts and faces the river at the Lindsay Park entrance. Any relaxations here would be inappropriate. The first issue is parking. The project has insufficient stalls for visitor parking, in response to which the administration has offered a handful of street parking permits. Greater concern arises from the fact that although the development meets the minimum parking standard of 0.9 stall/unit according to Mission ARP guideline of 1.1 (and Cliff-Bungalow proposed 1.3), less than one per residence is too little for the available street parking around the site and we felt that this would create more burden on the adjacent streets. Secondly, their landscaping does not reflect the



uniqueness of the site. The ratio of hard landscaping (patio, paving stones, planters) far exceeds the soft (grass, trees planted at grade, etc.). We are hoping that neighboring residents will help us in our quest for changes to improve the plans.

317, 19th Ave SW – Taymor Condo conversion/addition

Sable Developments purchased this building with conversion in mind. The core structure is concrete and so Sable were able to make plans to add stories to the existing footprint. This would bring the total units to 42. Their mandate has been to create affordable units within the community. The building was not built to today's bylaw standards. It is deficient in its setbacks and landscaping as well as parking. The developer is making the best out of an unfortunate situation. The front setback is so shallow that there are some concerns that the additional stories will loom over the rest of the street.

Holy Cross

Landscaping has been approved.

Conversion of former Comcare House on 24th Ave

Stay tuned for more information on a nifty spa idea that relies on approval of a proposal to change the use-designation for this property.

14-Suite Inn

Paperwork has been filed for a 14-suite Inn at 4th Street on the Eastside south of 22nd Ave. The project is quite unlike anything Calgary has ever seen and holds intriguing promise, however the conversion requires a landuse designation. More on this and other on-going Cliff Bungalow-Mission projects as details become available. See you at the ARP Open House on June 19th or 21th!



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Part of this pride comes in the form of your community newsletter, *The Mission Statement*. Within its pages can be found the issues and concerns that are at the heart of Cliff-Bungalow Mission residents. It embodies a coming together and sharing of information that is important to those that live here and is vital to maintaining that community spirit.

Too often we forget what it is to have the support and understanding of our neighbours. It is important, from time to time, to be reminded that the face next door is not as isolated from us as he or she may sometimes seem. To maintain strong ties in our community, it is important that you, the residents of Cliff-Bungalow, take part.

Support your local community association in all of its ventures, take part in activities and events, and consider volunteering a few hours to help build your community. When you read this newsletter remember that the businesses who advertise are your friends and neighbours who care enough about Cliff Bungalow-Mission to support your source of community information with their advertising dollars. Encourage local businesses to show their support of your paper. If you are involved with a business, take this opportunity to place an ad in the paper – all it takes is a phone call.

To be a part of a larger community is a great thing. Don't take for granted what this community has done for you. Instead, perhaps it's time to give something back. Think about it.

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by Chris Doe

So, do you sell your cumbersome house, lawn mower and snow shovel and move into a trouble-free condo? Or do you buy the apartment you've been renting all this time?

After all, condos are all the rage, especially in our area – the fastest growing dwelling choice of Calgarians at present.

Condo living has pluses and minuses, but one basic concept is this: you trade your private dwelling for living communally. Such co-operation can be interesting in a culture where one paramount value is that of individual rights. Add to that the number of people moving from private homes and yards, often in quiet landscaped neighbourhoods, where individual homeowners made all their own decisions, and you have an interesting cultural mix.

"I moved here to be closer to work, and now I find traffic belching fumes outside my condo."

"I'm going to phone the superintendent. My neighbour has garbage bags piled up in the hall."

"What do you mean, our condo fee is going up? And our taxes too?"

"This condo board has its head on backwards."

Caution! Condo = communal

Who elected these people anyway?"

"What do you mean I have to have someone check my place every 48 hours?"

"How come the superintendent can't fix my dryer?"

"Whose kids are those running up and down the corridor?"

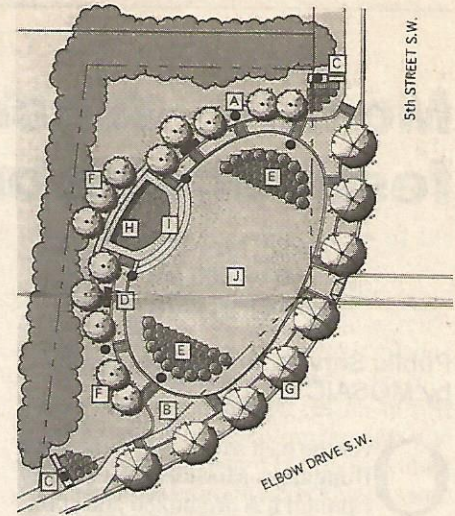
"We have loads of money in the reserve fund. Why can't we buy a gazebo, for heaven's sake?"

"These new people shouldn't be making these decisions. We've been here for 20 years!"

Strangely enough, each individual condo resident is usually operating from a viewpoint of making the place better, cleaner, more attractive, and have more value. Much of this springs from our North American highly-held value of pride in individual ownership and property values.

Condo living takes a bit of getting used to. But the rewards are also many. Gone is the snow-shovelling and lawn-mowing; many condos have heated parking underground or attached; some places have fitness centres, swimming pools, jacuzzis, steam rooms, workrooms, party rooms and extra guest suites. It can indeed be a sweet life.

Whether your condo building has 12 units or 112, some things are fairly universal. There's even a website outlining many common challenges and advantages of condos, and how to deal with them. The Regenesis Report - Innovative Homeowner Association Management Strategies – is available at <http://www.regenesis.net>. It's a most interesting publication!



Gateway Park concept

by Bob Lang

The concept of a gateway park is being considered. This would be located in the open space at the northwest corner of 5th Street and Elbow Drive SW.

The idea is to build a small park as an entrance feature that would communicate to drivers that they are entering a residential area. This open space is shared by Elbow Park and Cliff Bungalow-Mission Communities. This concept envisions a passive green space with street trees, ornamental decorative lighting, floral displays, flowering trees and a curved walkway leading to a slightly elevated podium with benches. There is an opportunity to have the two communities identified through entrance signs and to install interpretive panels on the early history of both communities.

While the idea of a gateway park has merit, it could be expensive. The two communities will need to work together on the design details, the cost estimate and the funding as the City will not contribute to the cost.



CULTURAL FESTIVAL

Mosaic – A community cultural festival of food, fun, dance and song!

Friday, May 23rd
5:00 to 9:00 pm
Memorial Park

Public Service Announcement by MOSAIC Group

Over the past seven years, the Cliff Bungalow-Mission Community Council has organized and sponsored an annual event in May known as the Heritage Carnival. The event, held in Memorial Park, focuses on providing a low-cost, culturally diverse evening of recreation and family-oriented entertainment promoting community and family connections. The event has traditionally been well attended and is a fun evening for everyone.

In 2003, this wonderful event is growing in scope to include an even broader community focus and is renamed MOSAIC. The objectives remain the same: 1) to celebrate community diversity and

community spirit and pride, and 2) to provide activities that are accessible, affordable and encourage participation and well being.

The significant changes to the event this year are:

- the increased number of involved organizations,
- a stronger emphasis on our cultural diversity,
- the desire to expand the event to engage a broader aspect of our community; to embrace young and old (and all those in between), residents and businesses, new comers and old tim-

ers, and

- expanded opportunities to portray Calgary as a city of diverse subcultures working together for the advancement of the urban community.

This event showcases local, emerging talent and expression that is a product of the creativity and diversity found within Calgary. Come and enjoy this community-based fun event. Bring a picnic supper or buy a hot dog on site. All entertainment and activities are free.

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Tea & Treats, Meet & Greet a great success!

by Cindy Lynn Roche

On March 23rd the CBMCA hosted a social event intended to raise interest in the community and give residents an opportunity to get together. About 50 people – including two lifetime members, dropped in to find the hall decorated with display tables and posters, Board members on hand to chat and discuss area issues, free coffee and tea, door prizes, and a bake sale table run by the 3rd Pathfinders.

Beyond the exposure it gave to the CBMCA (whether people saw the signs along 4th Street or actually attended), the Tea & Treats Meet & Greet was great fun and an excellent success! People said they had enjoyed themselves, everyone enjoyed the chat and refreshments, quite a few went home with either a t-shirt or cookbook prize, and most of us who were there met a couple of folks who could turn into friends. A fair number of memberships were sold and many individuals completed the volunteer interest surveys that will help the Community Association to determine the directions to take as we decide on programs, events and how to keep up the character of this really nifty little neighbourhood. We even raised some

money towards the next phase of the historic street signs!

The 3rd Pathfinders made the event even better by assisting with refreshments, door prizes and wearing Lilac Festival promotional T-shirts. Participating with the community in this fulfills part of their program requirements and was also an adventure for them – they took the train from the NE, the bus into our community to lend a hand, and explored past the boundaries of their suburban neighbourhood. The girls baked brownies, cake and cookies to go along with people's drinks and hosted the bake-sale table where they raised funds they intend to donate to the Women in Need and the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation.

Special thanks for their assistance in organizing the day is due to Marty Bober and Jo-Anne Ouellet. Marty did much of the prep work and kept everything running smoothly, while Jo-Anne brainstormed over what to showcase, cut and pasted for posters, and then spent a Friday night plastering announcements up 4th street. Many thanks too, of course, to the nice people who joined us that sunny afternoon, we really appreciate your interest and support in what the CBMCA is up to.



Down by the River – An update

by Robert Giles

Update on the propping up of the riverbank et al between 26th Ave and Holy Cross Lane: our wish list for seating has come to pass, along with some super snazzy railings. The forthcoming construction of adjacent Elements of Mission will incorporate better access for cyclists and pedestrians to the bike path and footbridge to what's left of Lindsay Park. Is further poaching for more car park space on the horizon? If so, prepare to man (and woman) the barricades!

Parks, policing and social issues

Have Your Say with the City Survey, it's not too late yet!

The response to the City of Calgary survey on parks, policing and social issues has been very poor. To date only six responses have been mailed in. City staff are prepared to give more time for late responders. The results will be announced in the next community newsletter. If you have any questions please contact Jack Scissons at 268-5498 or jack.scissons@calgary.ca.



Have fun in your community. Volunteer!

The Cliff Bungalow-Mission Community Association is a volunteer based membership organization. Entirely driven by volunteers, our activities and the value we provide to the community are dependent upon the number of volunteers we can attract and their energy and interests. There's so much we can do, but we need people to do it! Below are some urgent roles to fill, but there are numerous other ways to get involved such as participating in our upcoming Membership Drive, fundraising, event planning, joining a Board committee, etc.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Jenni at volunteerCBMCA@yahoo.ca or 229-4479. We are always looking for new and exciting ways to involve our membership and build community spirit, if you have an initiative you would like to develop, let us know!

Lilac Festival

Residents of Cliff Bungalow-Mission know we live in the best neighbourhood in Calgary. And there's an annual 14-block party to prove it! The Lilac Festival gives the rest of the city a chance to enjoy our great fortune. The biggest street event in Calgary, this year's Festival will be on Sunday, May 25th, and the Cliff Bungal-

low-Mission Community Association will be at the heart of the action. Our 18th Avenue Beer Garden is party central, and in addition to being an important fundraising event for the Association, it provides numerous opportunities for you to get involved and enjoy the day. The fun starts at noon and ends at 7:00 pm, and to keep the party going we need lots of help. We have numerous two and a half hour shifts available for the following roles:

Set up and take down before and after the event.

Bar attendant – gain fast friends by taking tickets and pouring beer!

Cash box

Clean up and table service – a highly underrated role. Think of it as mingling!

Newsletter Volunteers

If you are reading this, you can already appreciate the work of our Newsletter Committee! You may not have realised it, but The Mission Statement is the product of a small, hardworking team at the Community Association, and to ensure its continued success, we need volunteers for the following:

Newsletter contributors: Ever want to see your name in print? Get tongues wagging with one sensational story or express yourself in a regular column? Get published sharing your thoughts and ideas. Contributions are required every two months.

Photographers: Share your photos of Cliff Bungalow-Mission to help us accentuate and personalize the newsletter.

Distribution Co-ordinator: Share your organizational skills by co-ordinating delivery volunteers, updating the volunteer roster, and overseeing the newsletter mail out. This will require approximately five hours of your time every two months.

Distribution volunteers: Enjoy two hours of exercise every two months delivering the newsletter to our friendly neighbourhood businesses and distribution sites. Get some fresh air, walk the dog, and meet your neighbours!

For more information, or to become a volunteer, please contact Jenni, Membership and Volunteer Director at volunteer CBMCA@yahoo.ca or 229-4479. For more details on volunteer opportunities, see our website at www.cliffbungalowmission.ca.

Cliff Bungalow-Mission Community Association Membership Form



Name: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

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)
 Full-time Student (\$4)
 Unemployed (\$4)

Names of Children (if any): _____

(No charge for children if parent is a member)

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)

YOUR NEIGHBOUR

Cobre's person Lana

By Lison McCullough

"Will the owner of a golden retriever please come to customer service". When Lana heard those words, she jumped "Oh my God, Cobre!", she thought in panic leaving her grocery cart in the middle of the aisle and rushing to the service desk. As soon as she arrived, the Safeway clerk informed her that someone had seen her dog being taken and was outside waiting for her. The observant customer had been pulling into the parking lot, saw Lana tie her dog up and while parking her car, noticed a group of strangers leading the dog away.

"Get in," the good Samaritan motioned to Lana with her car door open, "They went down that alley." They spotted the dog with the men who had taken her. The car had barely slowed down when Lana had scrambled out and had grabbed her dog away from the dog-nappers kicking the perpetrator in the shins.

"It was pretty crazy," Lana recounted but "she's my baby; I couldn't let anything happen to her." A four year resident of Mission, Lana was born and raised in Prince George B.C. and now calls Calgary home. Her 'golden' retriever is considered a 'dark golden' and is actually more copper in colour hence the name "Cobre" which is Spanish for copper. Greeting patrons coming and going Cobre waited patiently outside Second Cup while her 'mom' told her story. "She is such a good dog," said Lana, "So attentive - and always so happy to see me when I come home." Cobre has a special dog house - good to 100 degrees, according to the pet store where she bought it. She also has a yard to stay in while Lana works long hours at the Joyce on 4th but as soon as Mom comes home, its walk-time for both of them. "This area is actually great for dogs," says Lana. "She loves going down by the river - and she loves winter." The dog-napping incident actually happened at the Safeway on 12th. Since that time, when popping in for groceries with her canine buddy, Lana never ties her dog up, preferring to let her wait without restraint. If lightning did strike twice Lana feels that the dog would be more inclined to not go with a stranger if there was no leash involved. Still, she keeps the gate locked to the yard where she lives, preferring to de-

ter uninvited visitors.

"She's a pretty special dog," Lana smiles. "I walked downtown the other day and I got a total of seven compliments about her." Certainly our neighbourhood would not be the same without our canine companionship. Quite a number of dogs, just by being here, add a sense of spirit and fun and a sense of playfulness that complements the neighbourly feel of the area. Whether waiting patiently outside shops for their owners, swimming in the river or trotting along the sidewalks, Cliff Bungalow/Mission dogs are a big part of what makes our area a friendly place to be. "Cobre warms my life," Lana says with shining eyes. Judging by how many instant friends that darn dog made in the time it took to sip a latte, I can see why.



Do you have a dog or know of one you think we should feature in the Mission Statement "Your Neighbour"? We're always on the lookout for interesting characters both canine and human to introduce to our readers. (Ok, Ok - I'll do feline too - don't want the kitties upset with me!) Please contact Lison at lisonmc@netzero.net or 245-6220.

Happy 25th



Anniversary

Cliff Bungalow-Mission Community Association!

Originally incorporated in 1951, Mission District Community Association later became the combined Cliff Bungalow-Mission Community Association (CBMCA). Although this revised community name only became official in 1990, the Association was incorporated in November 1978 - 25 years ago!

The catalyst for formation of CBMCA was the pending ARP (Area Redevelopment Plan), which is a blueprint for how to develop and build in the area. The Community Centre was opened in 1988 (Winter Olympics year).

To celebrate this special year, we at CBMCA are planning four special events:

Lilac Festival Beer Garden & Community Table - May 25th
[off 4th Street at 18th Avenue (watch for signs!), noon - 7 pm]

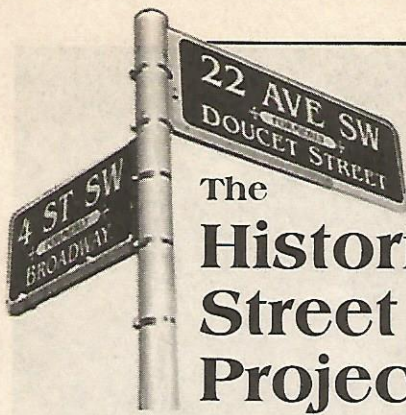
Community Stampede Party - Friday July 4th, noon
[Come on your way from the parade! (Location TBA)]

Saturday evening Dinner Theatre with 'Icarus' - September 13th

25th Anniversary Party - Wednesday November 26th, 6:15 pm
[combined with our Community Annual General Meeting ('AGM')]

Access to CBMCA community hall, at 2201 Cliff Street SW,
is from 22nd Avenue west of 4th/5th Street.

Please look for more information on these events, buy a membership to access community benefits, look over our items for sale, or taste Marika's delicious cookies at our 4th Street Lilac Festival Community Table on Sunday May 25th, noon to 5:00 pm. [East side of 4th Street at 19th Avenue]



The Historic Street Signs Project

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.



Yes, I want to help restore a piece of our history!

Please make your cheque payable to the **Cliff Bungalow-Mission Community Association** and mail it to:
462, 1919B - 4th St. SW, T2S 1W4

Enclosed is a cheque for:

\$750 (1 intersection) \$150 (1 sign) \$75 (1/2) \$25 (1/6)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal: _____

Phone (H): _____ Phone (B): _____

Cliff Bungalow-Mission Community is one of the most historic in the City of Calgary and also in Alberta! One of the ways visitors to our community learn this is through our historic street signs. Our community celebrates its 25th Anniversary this year. Wouldn't it be nice if we could install more of these historic street signs? If you would like to be part of this exciting effort, with even a small amount (it all adds up!), please fill in the accompanying form and send it in with your cheque.

In the first phase, these signs were installed on Sunday, October 3, 1999. The unveiling ceremony took place at the northeast corner of 22nd Avenue and 4th Street SW. This was followed by a reception held at the former 4th Street Rose.

The area of the community to the east side of 4th Street was a village named Rouleauville, incorporated in 1899 when there were 250 residents. When Rouleauville was annexed to Calgary in 1907 the area became known as Mission. "Mission" was originally a land grant to Father Lacombe in 1883. The settlement that grew up on this land was predominantly French-speaking and in 1889 a large sandstone church called Notre Dame de la Paix (Our Lady of Peace) was built on the site of the current St Mary's Cathedral.

The street names east of 4th Street related to the Catholic Church and the local clergy. For example, 22nd Avenue was called Doucet Street after Father Doucet who was one of the original clergy in the new "mission" in what would become Rouleauville.

The area west of 4th Street, now known as Cliff Bungalow, was a land grant to the CPR for building the railway. The streets were given English names and many were of Governor-Generals. On the western side of 4th street, 22nd Avenue became Lansdowne Avenue after the 5th Marquess of Lansdowne who was Governor-General of Canada from 1888 to 1893.

It will take around \$35,000 to complete the whole community, with each phase costing \$3000. You can also visit our table at the Lilac Festival on May 25th. The table will be located at 19th Avenue and 4th Street SW. If you have any questions, call Bob Lang at 229-2762.

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URBANE GARDENER **Community compost**

by Robert Giles

Bart Batty, our intrepid and tireless fixer-upper and somewhat eccentric grower of lethal-hot peppers is in the throes of re-jigging our greenhouse. Once the hanging and hammering is complete, two notable garden enhancements are on the order paper: to replace the rustic and fragile arbour by the gate with a handsome tubular metal version, the better to drape our climbing roses over; also to rebuild the ramshackle lobby-cum-vertical cold frame at the greenhouse entrance. Meanwhile he's raising about a jillion pepper plants from seeds originating from as far away as India, Thailand and Peru, along with a hundred or so tomatoes ranging from modern hybrids to European and American heirloom varieties. He's even press-ganged his sister, Kayleen, one of our keen gardeners and well known to us as a tomato nut, into converting her basement into a growing-on area, so our Mission Mudlarks will have a plethora of choice. Nor have flowers been ignored. A new lily bed just north of the gate was planted last autumn from donated bulbs and one of the overgrown lilacs from the bed beside the shed is being transplanted to a more suitable site. All this should make quite a show!

Although our garden plots are full for this year, DO leave your name on our community phone for a plot next year!

June 10th - Deadline for Mission Statement July/August Issue

May 14th, 7:00 pm
Development Committee Meeting

May 15th, 7:30 pm, CBMCA Board Meeting

May 23rd - MOSAIC

May 25th - Lilac Festival

June 5th, 7:00 pm
Development Committee Meeting

June 19th, 7:00 pm
Development Committee Meeting

June 19 & 21, 7:00 pm
ARP Open House (hosted by City)

June 26, 7:30 pm - CBMCA Board Meeting

July 4th - Community Stampede Event

Fun in the Sun Program - ongoing July/August
Contact Kristan Blackmore. Phone 262-2006.

The tradition continues ...

Cliff Bungalow - Mission Community Beer Garden

at the
Lilac Festival

**Sunday, May 25th
Noon to 7 pm**

18th Avenue and 4th Street SW
(west side at same location as last year)

**Thirst-quenching brews by
Big Rock**

**Mouth-watering food by
The Planet**

Burger Inn is also on site

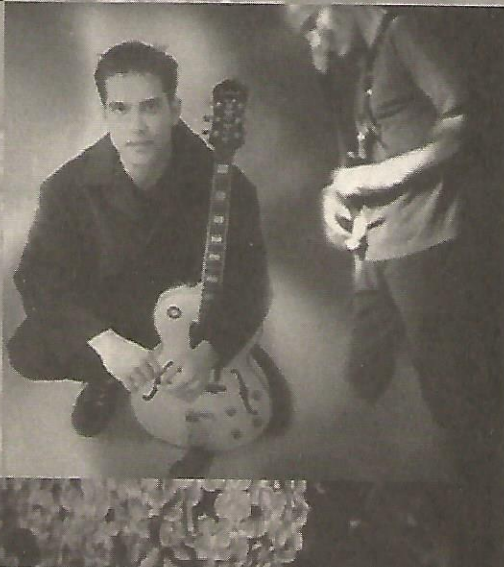
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(formerly Moon)**

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