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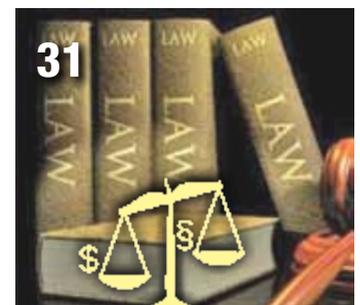
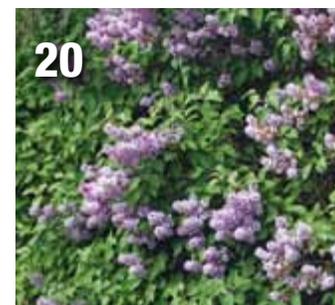
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

February Jazz Night Sold Out

If you were not at the March 1st Jazz concert, you missed some great jazz music. It featured Cédric Blary and the Jazz Winds Composers Collective. Every member of the group is a composer in their own right. The music at this concert was superb.

Each jazz event features a different local jazz group and features different styles of jazz. The next event is on Wednesday, April 5. It is a vocal jazz night with the Aimee-Jo Benoit septet. Doors open at 7:30 pm. We suggest that you come early, enjoy a beverage and get a good seat.

Spring Fling 2017

The date of Spring Fling this year is Saturday, May 27. There will be food, cash bar, live band, photo booth and silent auction. It is a fun event. It also is a fundraiser event with this year's net going towards the Prospect Trail project, which starts on the escarpment behind the community centre and extends through our community, Mount Royal Community and Elbow Park Community. It is a historic walking trail linking the three communities. The money raised will help fund community consultations and costs related to creating a community vision for the trail. More information on this will follow, but mark the date.

Mission Possible 2017

This year's Mission Possible is on Saturday, June 17. This is our version of what is called Neighbour Day in other communities in Calgary. Mission Possible started in 2013. It is held in the park on the north side of the community centre. We celebrate our community and the people of our community. There will be free entertainment and free burgers cooked up on site by the folks at Original Joe's. So mark this date also.

We need your help for Spring Fling and Mission Possible

The Spring Fling and Mission Possible are large events and it takes many people to help make them a success. If you would like to get involved, please contact our Social Directors, Kaeleigh Doherty and Amanda Weightman at cbmca.socialevents@gmail.com. You can get involved during the planning stage and/or during the day of the event.

17th Avenue Closures

Last month we noted in the newsletter about pending full closures of certain blocks of 17th Avenue SW during

2017. When we wrote that article, it was early February. Later, you may have heard concerns of the local merchants in the news. As a result the City is re-evaluating the situation. There still could be some closures this year. Apparently the major reason that full closures are needed is the water main in the middle of the avenue.

Redesignation Application filed for 300 block of 25th Avenue SW

On January 5th, there was a land use redesignation application filed with the City for the 300 block of 25th Avenue SW. This covers the same properties of the previous application in that block. We have not seen the application and thus do not have the details of what is proposed. However, we suspect it is similar to the previous application that requested changing the allowed maximum height from the current 15 metres to 24 metres. Apparently the City is in the process of determining whether this application should be considered an extension of the previous application or a fresh application. Our Planning and Development Committee is approaching this application very strategically and very seriously. We know the community opposed the previous application. We will keep you informed as we learn more.

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The *Mission Statement* exists to facilitate communication among residents of Cliff Bungalow-Mission. We welcome your story ideas, articles, letters, announcements and photos. Submissions may be emailed to cbmca.editor@gmail.com in .doc, .pdf or .jpg formats. You may also mail (or drop off) your submission to us at the UPS Store: 482, 1811 4 Street SW, Calgary T2S 1W2. Please put *Mission Statement* on the envelope and be sure to include your name, address and telephone number.

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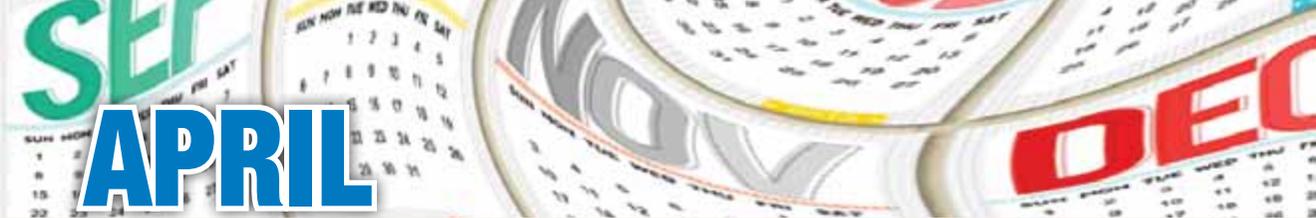
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

All events are at the Cliff Bungalow – Mission Community Centre (2201 Cliff St SW) unless otherwise noted.

Jazz Concerts

Featuring talented local artists playing in our historic venue. Discount for CBMCA members.

Wednesday, April 5, 8 pm – Vocal Jazz with the Aimee-Jo Benoit septet. **Cover is regular prices but because of the large number of musicians, we suggest that you put \$5 in the tip box at the entrance.**

Wednesday, May 3, 8 pm – The Lorna MacLachlin quintet

Doors open at 7:30 pm. We suggest you come early, get a good seat and enjoy a beverage.

Potlucks

Bring something to share and meet your neighbours. Good food and great conversations.

April potluck is Sunday, April 9, 6 pm

May potluck is Sunday, May 7, 6 pm. This is one week early due to May 14 being Mother's Day

Board Game Nights

Bring a Board game and some snacks. Cash bar. No entry charge.

April Board Game night is Saturday, April 22, 7 pm. May Board Game Night is Saturday, May 13, 7 pm.

Movie Nights

April movie night is on Sunday, April 30, 7 pm featuring short films by local artists. See the description and poster elsewhere in this newsletter. Free popcorn. No entry charge.

Next movie night is on Sunday, September 24, 7 pm.

ReTree YYC Tree Education Programs

Cliff Bungalow – Mission has been selected by the City of Calgary for the ReTree program in 2017. The primary goal is to work with citizens to encourage the proper planting and maintenance of our urban forest. There

are several events this year in our community including the following in April:

Wednesday, April 19, 6:30 pm – Gardening with trees and shrubs in mind

Monday, April 24, 6:30 pm – The Under Story

More details elsewhere in this newsletter.

Spring Fling 2017

The date of the Spring Fling this year is Saturday, May 27. Mark this date in your calendar as it is an event not to be missed.

Mission Possible 2017

Mission Possible 2017 is on Saturday, June 17. This is our version of Neighbour Day. Mark this date on your calendar. It is held in the park on the north side of the community centre. Free entertainment and free burgers. Such a deal.

History Book Sales

Copies of our award winning community history book "Cliff Bungalow – Mission, a Heritage Community" can be obtained at all community events at the community centre. \$30 per copy, cash or cheque.

Check out our website regularly for new events and other information not available at time of newsletter publishing.

www.cliffbungalowmission.com

Deadline for Mission Statement submissions

First of each month prior to month of publication. The Mission Statement is published monthly. E-mail to cbmca.editor@gmail.com.

See something cool in the neighbourhood?
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JOIN US

COMMUNITY POTLUCK DINNER

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 6 PM

COMMUNITY HALL

2201 CLIFF ST. SW

Please bring your friends & family and a dish to share with your neighbours.

For more info: cbmca.social@gmail.com



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Let's tell the world about life in Cliff Bungalow-Mission

See something interesting in the 'hood?

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- a selfie of you and friends at a 4th Street eatery? **Post it!**
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- birds at your backyard feeder? **Post it!**

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Use your membership card to save!

Did you know that you can save money by showing your Cliff Bungalow – Mission Community Association membership card at local businesses? The shops and restaurants listed below offer discounts and special offers to CBMCA members. Just show your card!

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European Bakery: 515 – 17 Ave SW, 10% off all items

Expedia Cruise Ship Centres: 615A – 17 Ave SW, \$50 discount towards a \$1500 Travel Package

Famoso Neapolitan Pizzeria: 105, 2303 – 4 St SW, 10% off food and beverages

4th Street Liquor & Wine, 1809 – 4 St SW, 10% off all items

Lorenzo's Pizza: 515 – 17 Ave SW, 10% off on pick up orders and 5% off on delivery orders

Momentum Health Mission: 909, 2303 – 4 St SW, 25% off initial assessment (includes message), 15% off all products they sell, free gait assessment.

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Tea Factory: 1820 – 4 St SW, 10% off all Loose Leaf Teas and drinks

Ten Thousand Villages: 323 – 17 Avenue SW, 15% off

The Tech Shop: 2424 – 4 St SW, 10% off regular priced footwear / accessories, 15% off regular priced apparel

UPS Store: 1811 – 4 St SW, 5% off all products and services (excludes Canada Post products)

Do you own or manage a business and would like to be part of this program? Please contact cbmca.editor@gmail.com. Residents may purchase a membership by using the membership form in this newsletter or online at our website www.cliffbungalowmission.com, click on "Get Involved".

The Cliff Bungalow - Mission

Jazz Series presents:



Vocal jazz night with the Aimee-Jo Benoit septet

Wednesday April 5, 8 pm
Cliff Bungalow - Mission Community Centre

Cover: \$15 cash (\$10 for seniors, students, and CBMCA members)

(because of the large number of performers an additional \$5 donation is recommended)

Doors open at 7:30 pm; music starts at 8 pm

No reservations taken; rush seating only

We suggest you come early, enjoy a beverage and get a good seat

Aimee-Jo Benoit - vocals
Mark DeJong - saxophone
André Wickenheiser - trumpet
Carsten Rubeling - trombone
Stephen Fletcher - keyboards
Stephen Shepard - bass
Jon May - drums

Vocalist Aimee-Jo Benoit's experience has taken her across many genres, and her performances guide the audience along the path of her emotional roots with the music of Sarah McLachlan, Daniel Lanois, Joni Mitchell as well as Leslie Feist, Michael Feuerstack and John K. Sampson. She takes a jazz approach to classic standards as well as interpreting well-known contemporary songs into a new sound. She recently performed an evening of improvised standards with Trio Velocity at the first of a new series "Jazz Rendezvous" at the Polish Canadian Cultural Centre. On this occasion, she will be joined by members of the Both Sides Now Ensemble to perform arrangements of her favourite Canadian songwriters. Because of the large number of performers, an additional voluntary donation of \$5 is recommended.

Next Jazz event is May 3 with The Lorna MacLachlan quintet



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Blue Cart Recycling Tip Of The Month

Did you know that tin food cans and tin foil are the only "metal" that can go in your blue cart? Frying pans, bike tires, car parts and propane tanks are all no-no's!

Here are some common "metal" items you may have in your home and the proper way to recycle or dispose it.

Yes – can go in your blue cart	Safely dispose – household hazardous waste drop-offs	Scrap metal recycling – bring to a City landfill (charges will apply) or to a metal recycler.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tin foil – crumple up into a ball • Tin pie plates • Tin cookie jars and coffee cans • Metal food cans including the metal lid • Metal jar lids 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Propane tanks (full-size and small camping size) • Helium tanks • Bear spray • Household aerosols (ie. cooking spray, shaving foam, hair spray etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pots and pans • Car parts • Metal shelves • Furniture • Barbecues • Lawnmowers
<p>If you're not sure of what to do with an item, use our online search tool at calgary.ca/whatgoeswhere to find the answers.</p>		



BOARD GAME NIGHT



Presented by Cliff Bungalow - Mission Community Association

SAT, APRIL 22

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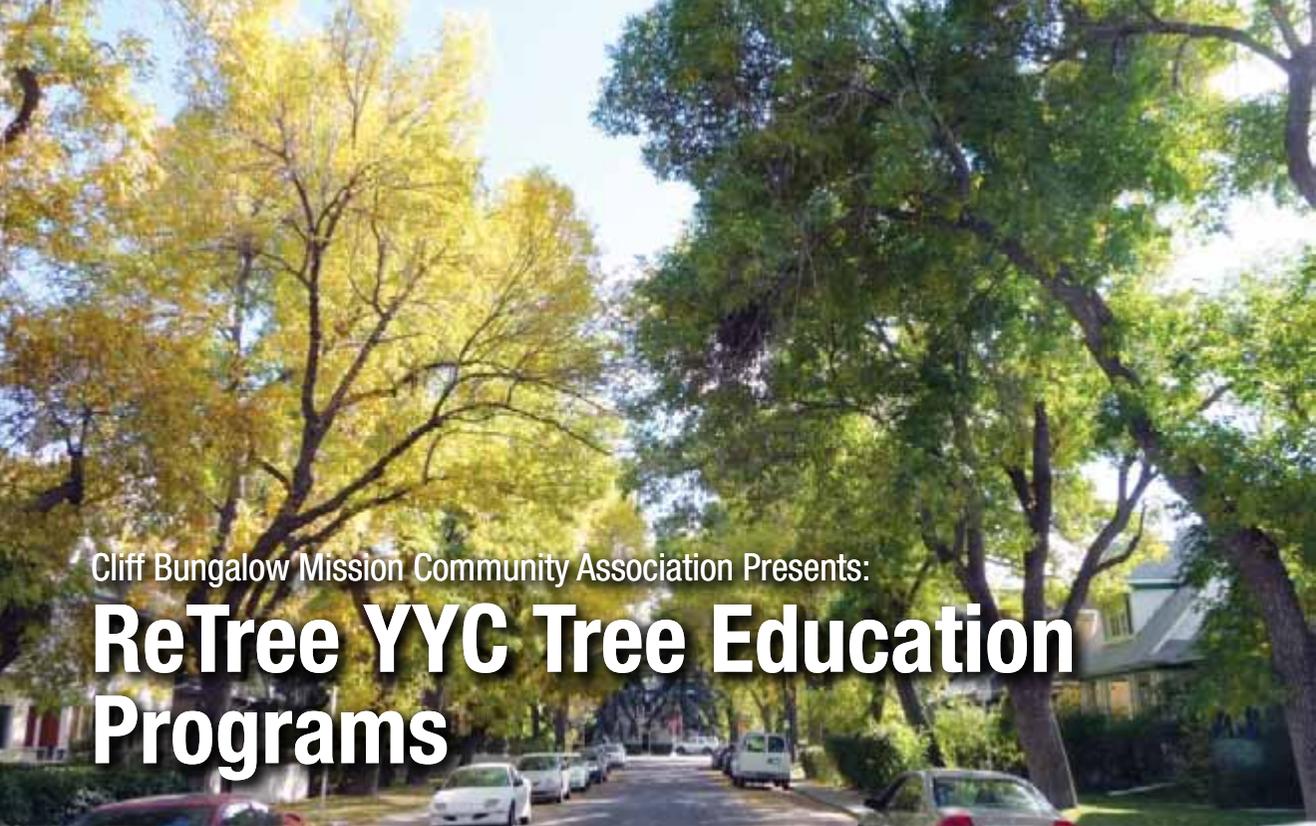
where: Cliff Bungalow Mission Community Hall

2201 Cliff St. SW (1 block west of 5 St. at 22 Ave. SW)

when: Thursday, April 6, 6:30 refreshments, 7 to 9 pm - let's talk

Donations gratefully accepted.

Everyone is welcome to attend!



Cliff Bungalow Mission Community Association Presents:

ReTree YYC Tree Education Programs

Please join the CBMCA and the City of Calgary for these educational events. The primary goal of ReTree YYC is to work with citizens to encourage the proper planting and maintenance of our urban forest. By helping Calgarians plant and maintain trees on both public and private property, we hope to make the city landscape better for generations to come.

The CBMCA community was chosen by the City of Calgary as one of the 25 ReTree Communities for 2017. These 25 communities were chosen based on many factors, the main ones being storm damage, open canopy space and community interest. The plan is to plant trees and provide the community with free tree education programs so that citizens can learn to care for their own trees.

Below is list of the events and registration info. We hope to see you there!

Wednesday April 19, 2017

Gardening with trees and shrubs in mind

Presented by the Calgary Horticultural Society

Have you recently acquired a new garden or looking

to 'spruce' up an existing one? The addition of a tree or shrub can be the backbone of your garden design, elevating it to the next level of enjoyment. Join us in Gardening with Trees and Shrubs to discover the variety of attractive and hardy species available to revamp your home and garden. Learn to maximize the health of your tree and/or shrub by understanding the various microclimates within your garden, water conservation strategies, and the importance of mulch. Did we miss something? Don't fret; there is an opportunity to ask questions at the end of the presentation to ensure everyone feels confident about the fresh addition to their property. Max capacity: 30

RSVP here: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/retree-yyc-mission-gardening-with-trees-shrubs-in-mind-tickets-32269525018>

Monday April 24, 2017

The Under Story

Presented by the Calgary Horticultural Society

Is the area around your tree lacking that certain spark you envisioned? The Under Story program will help you achieve the lush and scenic garden, around your trees,

that you've always wanted. Discover a variety of plant species that are guaranteed to beautify the space around and below your trees. Learn how to plan and create the understory of your dreams and get design tips from the experts at the Calgary Horticultural Society. Learn how to maintain your understory and understand why no understory is complete without the addition of compost and mulch. Max capacity: 30
RSVP here: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/retree-yyc-mission-the-under-story-tickets-32269654405>

Saturday June 17th at Neighbour Day

ReTree YYC Booth: Tree education, craft and games booth

The ReTree YYC Booth will be in our community on Neighbour Day and will be providing a fun and interactive station for families to enjoy. The ReTree YYC booth is all about learning through activities and art. Their energetic staff will provide various crafts and games while also acting as a tree education resource. Each craft and game will be focused on increasing your basic tree knowledge in a fun and interactive way. Take home resources on tree care and maintenance will also be available. No registration required.

Wednesday September 20, 2017

Pruning & Disease 101

Have you ever pruned your trees and were not sure if you were doing it right? Have you looked at your trees and noticed they aren't as healthy as they use to be and wondered what could be happening to them. Pruning & Disease 101 will cover what you need to know before "making the cut" as well as cover common tree diseases in Calgary, what they look like, what treatments can be used and where to go for more information. This is a beginner to intermediate course, but also a great venue for community experts to help educate their neighbours and discuss community tree care. After this course you can feel confident pruning and maintaining the health of your trees.

Still have questions? Don't worry! There will be plenty of time for Q & A with a certified City of Calgary Urban Forestry Technician at the end of the presentation. Max capacity: 30

RSVP here: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/retree-yyc-mission-pruning-disease-101-tickets-32269776771>

For more information or for questions, please email cbmca.environment@gmail.com.



Spring Yard Waste drop-off to City landfills

What's old is new again when composting your yard waste. From **April 7 – May 28**, all three City landfills will waive fees for residential spring yard waste. Bring your leaves, branches, plants (no sod – it's not accepted in the program) and other yard waste to any City landfill for free composting.

Please use paper yard waste bags, leave the material loose or bring it in plastic bags (plastic bags must be emptied onsite). This program is only for residential customers and charges will apply if your load contains other items.

By composting your yard waste, this material is kept out of the landfill and given a second life as compost.

Free mulch is available for pick up at all City landfills for both residents and businesses. Bring your shovels as you are required to load your own vehicle.

Please note that landfill hours have changed! Check the days/hours of your nearest landfill and other program details at calgary.ca/yardwaste.

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TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Our membership year is AGM to AGM. The AGM was on Wednesday, November 23, 2016, so if you have not renewed your membership, now is the time to do so.

You do not get a new card every year. The plastic membership card is permanent. You get a new date sticker when you renew your membership.

Having a CBMCA membership has become more popular partly because of the Membership Affinity Program. All you have to do is show your up-to-date membership card to obtain discounts. See details of this program elsewhere in this newsletter.

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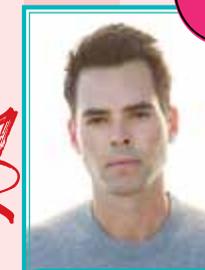
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April Movie Night

Sunday, April 30, 7 pm

Short Films by Local Artists

For April's Movie Night, we are featuring short films by local artists Ted Stenson, Gillian McKercher, and Guillaume Carlier. Ted Stenson is a writer and filmmaker who graduated from the MFA Theatre program at the University of Calgary with a degree in Playwriting. Ted works with a variety of media including poetry, fiction, film, and theatre. We will be screening a short film by Ted that won Best Canadian Film at Videodrunken Film Festival in Toronto.

Gillian McKercher is a Calgary-based filmmaker who works in both celluloid and digital media. A 2017 Alberta Foundation for the Arts Young Artist Prize winner, Gillian's work explores how circumstance affects our actions. Gillian is the co-creator of *The Calgary Collection* and a 2013 Chemical Engineering graduate from the University of Calgary.

Guillaume Carlier was born in Montreal and grew up in Calgary. At an early age he discovered film by working at The Uptown Theatre and Casablanca. Guillaume captured the attention of Calgary's artistic community with his short film, *Moses*, and has since been closely tied to Calgary's musical community by producing music videos and documentaries.

We are thrilled to host Ted, Gillian, and Guillaume at our Movie Night on April 30th. We look forward to thought-provoking films and discussion with the filmmakers!

As always, no entry charge and free popcorn!

Cliff Bungalow-Mission Community Association presents...

MOVIE NIGHT

Local Filmmakers Edition

Featuring Short Films by
**Ted Stenson, Gillian McKercher
& Guillaume Carlier**



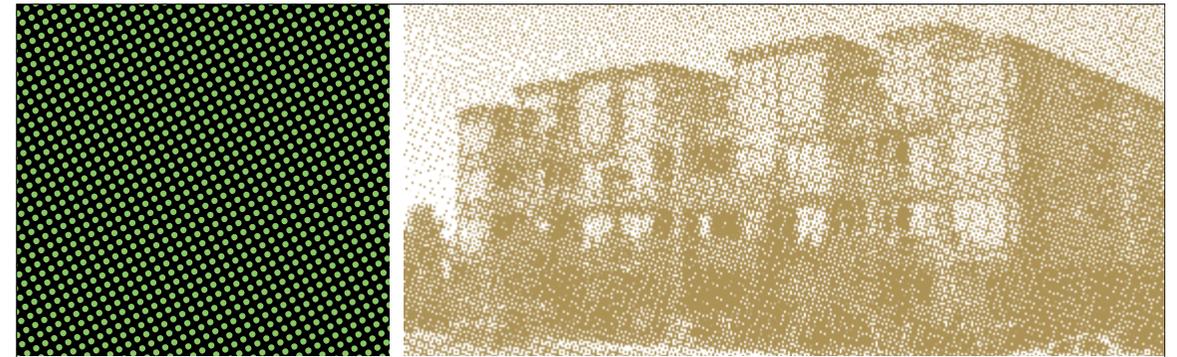
Sunday
April 30
7 pm

Free Admission. Complimentary Popcorn.
Location: Community Hall, 2201 Cliff Street SW
(one block West of 5th Street at 22nd Ave SW)



I have great faith in fools — self-confidence, my friends call it.

~Edgar Allan Poe



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Caring For Fragrant Old Friends

By Nancy Tice

DID YOU KNOW that many of the lilac shrubs which continue to thrive within Cliff Bungalow and Mission are our oldest living residents? They deserve respect and proper care. A frequent spring time question asks why a favourite lilac has failed to bloom. The most usual culprit is a poorly timed, extreme pruning which has lopped off all the flower buds before they had a chance to bloom.

Take a careful look at a lilac now, and you will see a pair of tightly furled, green leaf buds at the tip of each branch. Inside each leaf bud is a nascent sprig of flower buds which formed last autumn and have been protected all winter by the tightly wrapped leaf - an insulating parka of sorts. A radical pruning on a warm, sunny March afternoon with - horrors! - a gasoline powered hedge trimmer will remove flower buds while also deforming the natural growth habit of the entire shrub.

Common lilac (*Syringa vulgaris*) is best pruned soon after the spring blooms have faded. Before pruning, be sure to consider whether pruning is necessary. Perhaps kicking back with a beer on a sunny patio will indulge a burst of spring fever just as well. In view of the common lilacs' propensity for producing sucker growth, pruning strategy should be gentle: remove dead wood, broken branches, and branches which are touching the house. Excessive pruning will encourage enthusiastic suckering. Unwanted suckers should be removed at ground level while still young enough to be easily cut. Thankfully, common lilacs seem to produce fewer suckers in older age. Aim for gentle lilac management which

won't be an arduous job if it is done regularly. Most homeowners will do fine with good hand tools once a year.

Wildly overgrown, neglected lilacs may be renewed by shearing them to the ground and beginning anew by managing the new growth properly - a process now under way at the historic Athlone building front yard (330 - 19Ave. SW). Fair warning - thick, old lilac wood is as hard as iron. The shearing to ground level of a huge, densely grown old lilac shrub is a job best left to a certified arbourist who has expertise, good knees, the correct tools, safety equipment, and a big truck to haul away the unbelievably huge pile of debris the job will create.

Many of our lilacs are quickly approaching their centennial, and a few are already over a hundred years old. They have become emblematic of our community; and most of us savour the fragrant bloom season. Remember, when you mess with lilacs you're tampering with neighbourhood history!

On the subject of garden planning, some of us have already received delivery of seeds that were ordered back in January. I always enjoy the ritual slow perusing of the seed catalogues as an activity that celebrates the new year and its inevitable progress toward spring. I occasionally encourage inner city gardeners dealing with an overdose of shade to think of foliage in its myriad shapes and textures, and the varied hues, tints, and shades of green as a palette worth careful attention.

Grand inspiration for this notion is now offered by the living wall at Jamieson Place downtown (+15 Level Winter Garden, 308 - 4 Ave SW). The largest interior green wall in Canada forms part of the Winter Garden which also contains a bamboo forest, a water feature, and large, fantastical glass sea creatures by Dale Chihuly. Located within easy walking distance from central Eau Claire, it is a lovely, serene space to visit on a weekend afternoon. Depending on the ambient light the living wall astonishes with its variations on the colour green. It is a marvel to see how an assortment of the most ordinary, common house plant species are transformed into an entirely new experience when they are so artfully interwoven to compose a deeply textured, verdant tapestry. Wow.

Re-published from the March/April 2011 issue of the Mission Statement.



Cliff Bungalow - Mission Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Cliff Bungalow
MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
February 2017	\$1,700,000	\$1,600,000
January 2017	\$0	\$0
December 2016	\$0	\$0
November 2016	\$0	\$0
October 2016	\$0	\$0
September 2016	\$862,495	\$822,625
August 2016	\$1,799,000	\$1,799,000
July 2016	\$0	\$0
June 2016	\$0	\$0
May 2016	\$799,950	\$788,500
April 2016	\$995,000	\$975,000
March 2016	\$1,799,900	\$1,700,000

Last 12 Months Mission
MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
February 2017	\$335,000	\$332,000
January 2017	\$319,900	\$306,250
December 2016	\$389,450	\$375,250
November 2016	\$342,450	\$319,000
October 2016	\$0	\$0
September 2016	\$339,987	\$300,000
August 2016	\$369,750	\$360,000
July 2016	\$512,000	\$490,250
June 2016	\$399,900	\$380,000
May 2016	\$409,900	\$396,088
April 2016	\$260,900	\$257,000
March 2016	\$344,950	\$338,000

To view more detailed information that comprise the above MLS averages please visit cliff_bungalow.great-news.ca or mission.great-news.ca

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IN & AROUND CALGARY

April 23-29 is National Volunteer Week

April 23 - 29 is National Volunteer Week in Canada and on behalf of all Calgarians we want to sincerely thank community volunteers for all they do each and every day to improve neighbourhood life in Calgary!

There are 151 community associations in every neighbourhood across our city, and they are all run by volunteers. In fact, more than 20,000 volunteers are involved in community associations here in Calgary, making it the LARGEST collective volunteer movement in the city!

Without their hard-working volunteers community associations would not exist. They would not be able to provide you with the programs you enjoy, put on the year-round special events that bring you together as neighbours, advocate for your community on local issues, or produce this monthly newsletter full of important information. These volunteers are dedicated to making sure your community is a great place to live, work, and play.

Community volunteers are the lifeblood of the community association movement here in Calgary, a movement that brings Calgarians that small-town feel in our large urban centre. **So take a moment during National Volunteer Week, April 23 - 29, to thank a volunteer in your community for their hard work and dedication to ensuring you love where you live!**

Have your say...

The Calgary Municipal Land Corporation (CMLC) is seeking feedback on its "Rivers District Master Plan". A document with background information can be found at:

<http://www.calgarymlc.ca/riversdistrictmasterplan#vision>

To complete the online survey, please go to:

<http://www.calgarymlc.ca/riversdistrictmasterplan#vision>



April is National Poetry Month . . . share poems and rhymes as a family!

Hearing poems and rhymes from their earliest days helps children develop really critical pre-reading and communication skills. Keep reading and orally sharing nursery rhymes and poetry aloud together; it helps your child read better . . . and learn to love reading! Here is one of our favourite poems that we love to share:

Keep a Poem in Your Pocket by Beatrice Schenk de Regniers

Keep a poem in your pocket
And a picture in your head
And you'll never feel lonely
At night when you're in bed.

The little poem will sing to you
The little picture bring to you
A dozen dreams to dance to you
At night when you're in bed.

So-

Keep a picture in your pocket
And a poem in your head
And you'll never feel lonely
At night when you're in bed.

Tips for sharing poetry with your child

- Start a tradition of reading a poem before bed every night
- Play a game of finding words that rhyme
- Younger children enjoy 'sing-song' poems with a strong rhythm like nursery rhymes
- Older children can enjoy an anthology (a book with a whole bunch of different poems and authors)
- Talk with your child about what you both feel and think about the poems you share together

Children's poetry book gems

- A Treasury of Mother Goose Nursery Rhymes, by Linda Yeatman
- Revolting Rhymes, by Roald Dahl
- When We Were Very Young, by A. A. Milne
- Falling Up, by Shel Silverstein

- The Llama Who Had No Pajama, by Mary Ann Hoberma
- The Random House Book of Poetry for Children, compiled by Jack Prelutsky

Calgary Reads helps children learn to read with confidence and joy. Help further our work by supporting our annual fundraiser, the **CBC Calgary Reads Big Book Sale** happening **May 12-14, 2017 at the Calgary Curling Club**. Please consider holding a book drive with your community organization, family or friends to collect and donate used books. We start accepting books Monday April 17 to Friday April 28 at the Calgary Food Bank and Tuesday May 2 to Sunday May 7 at the Calgary Curling Club. For full details of where and when and what we can accept, visit: calgaryreads.com.



What we call the sky is merely the limit of our vision into the atmosphere. The sky, like the horizon, is always as far away as one can see.

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MAY 5 – 6
CALGARY INTERNATIONAL BEERFEST –
BMO CENTRE, STAMPEDE GROUNDS

For the seasoned brew lover and budding beer enthusiast alike, Beerfest appears to have it all. Over 500 brews of all shades and compositions, contests, take part in beer seminars, vote for the People's Choice awards, meet new people, sample delicious foods, enjoy the atmosphere and entertainment, and most importantly have a great time! More info at albertabeerfestivals.com



MAY 13, YOUTH SINGERS OF CALGARY
PRESENT: #IAMMUSIC – 1415 14 AVE NW

The Youth Singers of Calgary have a long, proud history as ambassadors of true Canadian spirit and as a voice for Canadian youth through singing, dancing and acting. To celebrate Canada's 150th Birthday we have asked the question 'what does it mean to be a young, Canadian artist in this digital age?' On May 13th we raise our collective voices to answer that question. #IAMCanadian #IAMConnected #IAMMusic More info at youthsingers.org



MAY 24 – 27, CALGARY INTERNATIONAL
CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL – ART COMMONS
AND OLYMPIC PLAZA

Open the door to your imagination! The Calgary International Children's Festival (Kidsfest) celebrates its 31st anniversary this season. From its humble beginning in 1987, Kidsfest has grown to become one of the most prominent arts festivals of its kind in Canada and the largest presenter of performing arts for young people in Calgary. More info at calgarykidsfest.ca



YOUR COMMUNITY/CITY EVENTS AT A GLANCE...

May 6 – 7, IFK Kickstart Garage Builder's Motorcycle Show - Christine Klassen Gallery

An annual showcase of garage-built motorcycles from across Alberta, most small in budget but all big in creativity. Join us from May 6-7 from 11am to 5pm and see what we've created over the winter! More info at facebook.com/kickstartshow

May 7, The Debaters Live! – The Jack Singer Concert Hall

A fundraising event for JFSC hosted by award-winning comedian, Steve Patterson, and features two of his favourite comics, (Dave Hemstad and Kate Davis) - they perform stand-up, followed by a comedic debate. More info at artscommons.ca/WhatsOn/ShowDetails

May 12 – 13, Vintage Redefined Market – Century Casino Showroom

The new vintage market with purpose! This ain't your typical tea-time at grandma's house. An exciting venue filled with treasures sure to delight and excite men and women alike! Over 80+ vendors featuring: True vintage, Collectibles, Re-purposed, Reclaimed, Oil & Gas, Records, Jewelry, Video Games, Antiques, Comics & more! More info at facebook.com/Vintage.Redefined.Market

May 13 – June 11, The Drowning Girls – Vertigo Theatre

The Drowning Girls is a lyrical exploration of a trio of murdered wives who gather evidence against their murderous husband by reliving the shocking events leading up to their deaths. One Yellow Rabbit Co-Founders Blake Brooker and Denise Clarke lead an incredible creative team in bringing this macabre fantasia to the Vertigo stage. More info at vertigotheatre.com

May 19, Raiders of the Lost Ark: Original Film with Orchestra – Jubilee Auditorium

The film that gave the world one of its greatest movie heroes, Indiana Jones, is back and better than ever before! Relive the magic on the big screen with the original great adventure, Raiders of the Lost Ark with John Williams' epic score performed live alongside the film by the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra. More info at calgaryphil.com

May 26, Nose Creek Players Presents: Anne of Green Gables – The Bert Church Theatre

Your community theatre company, Nose Creek Players, is proud to present Lucy Maud Montgomery's iconic tale of Ann Shirley. This beloved Canadian yarn tells the story of an imaginative red-haired girl searching for a place to belong; for her kindred spirit. More info at airdrie.ca

IN & AROUND CALGARY



EMS: Bicycle Helmet

Safety Head injuries are a leading cause of serious injury and death to children riding bicycles*. Most injuries occur when a cyclist suffers a fall, strikes a stationary object, or collides with another cyclist/pedestrian. Remember – it's the law in Alberta that cyclists under the age of 18 must wear a helmet (and highly recommended for all ages). Helmets should be CSA approved and worn during recreational activities such as skateboarding, in-line skating, and cycling.

Getting informed

- Wearing a helmet while cycling can prevent a serious injury, or even save a life;
- Brain injuries can cause permanent disability or death;
- Reduce your risk by always wearing your helmet;
- Replace any helmet that has been involved in a crash, even if it appears undamaged.

Getting started

- Allow children to assist when buying their helmet. Cyclists who choose their own helmet are more likely to wear them;
- Start the habit early. Young children learning to ride tricycles need to wear helmets;
- Parents must lead by example – always wear a helmet when cycling.

Getting the right fit

- Take the time to properly fit and adjust your helmet to ensure maximum protection in case of a crash;
- When worn properly, helmets should fit level, not tilted up, or down over the forehead;
- Helmets should feel snug, but not too tight. To test the fit, the helmet should not fall off when you shake your head from side-to-side while the straps are unfastened;
- Adjust the chin straps to form a "Y" below and slightly forward from the ears;
- Only one finger should be able to fit under the chin strap when it is fastened;
- Do not forget to use the sizing pads included with the helmet. They will help improve the overall fit, comfort and safety.

Calgary Fire Department

Greetings from the Community Safety Team of your Calgary Fire Department!

ICE SAFETY

With spring around the corner, now is a good time to ensure that you and your family continue to be safe when it comes to rivers, community lakes, storm ponds, or waterways.

Every year 25-30 Canadians die in ice related incidents, and countless others fall through ice and have a close brush with death.

Some tips to remember:

- Always keep a safe distance from riverbanks and lake-shores to avoid accidentally falling through the ice.
- Don't walk on ice-covered bodies of water, including storm ponds. It's difficult to assess the thickness of the ice and its ability to hold the weight of a person or animal.
- If a person or an animal falls through ice into water, call 9-1-1. Do not attempt to rescue them yourself. Encourage the person to kick and pull themselves up onto the ice and roll, rather than walk, towards the shore.
- For outdoor skating, only skate on open ice surfaces specifically designated for skating, and on City of Calgary or community rinks; for locations visit <http://www.calgary.ca/CSPS/Parks/Pages/Locations/Outdoor-skating-rinks.aspx>

What to do if you fall through ice into water

- Stay calm and try to keep your head out of the water and control your breathing.
- Try to pull yourself up onto the ice and on your stomach then, roll towards the shore, where the ice may be thicker.
- If you can't get out of the water in less than 10 minutes, stop kicking and trying to pull yourself out, and anchor yourself to the ice shelf. Continue to call for help.

If you do witness a person falling through the ice,

Stay back, do not go onto the ice and call 9-1-1.

For further information please <http://www.calgary.ca/CSPS/Fire/Pages/Safety-tips/Ice-safety.aspx>

Stay Safe!

Calgary Drop-In Centre News

February has been an exciting month at the Calgary Drop-In Centre.

We've rounded up a few stories we thought you might be interested to hear.

Towels & Razors Needed!

Our clients take thousands of showers every month. For many, the soothing hot water and a rare opportunity for quiet privacy makes those ten short minutes a particular highlight of their day. Not to mention the refreshing feeling after a clean shave.

As you can imagine, it also means we go through *a lot* of towels and razors!

These are items we are extremely low on right now. So, we could really use your support!

If you have any new razors or gently used towels that you can donate, we would be incredibly grateful. If this is something you are able to purchase, bring in the receipt with your donation to qualify for a 2017 tax receipt (less the GST).

Donations can be dropped off either at our main building (1 Dermot Baldwin Way SE | 24 hours/day) or at our Donations Centre (3640 11A Street NE | Mon-Sun 8am-4pm).

"Why don't they just call their mom and dad?"

A grade 1 student asked that question at a recent presentation about homelessness.

It's a great question. Unfortunately, with a very sad answer.

My name is Shaun and I work at the Calgary Drop-In Centre. I teach students about homelessness, poverty, and kindness. I myself stayed in a homeless shelter many years ago.

I stayed in a homeless shelter for one single night. The next day, I called my mom and dad and asked for help. By the end of the week, I was in treatment for addiction. Then I went back to work and back to school. I got a degree. I traveled around the world. I fell in love, got married, and started a family. Now I work at the largest homeless shelter in North America.

What if I did not have my mom and dad to call? Where would I be?

Our clients, for whatever reason, do not have someone to call. Not in the way that I did. Otherwise, maybe one of them would be presenting to schools today, answering the heart-stirring question, "Why don't they just call their mom and dad?"

Our Spirits of Gold

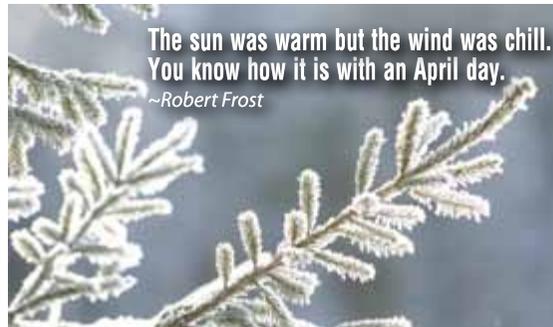
The United Way does incredible work to support local charities and community organizations. One can't help but be inspired by their talent for bringing people and businesses together under a shared mission of creating a vibrant and thriving city of Calgary.

We are proud to call them a partner.

Every year, as part of their Days of Caring campaign, employees of the Calgary Drop-In Centre fund-raise for the United Way through our Shift Change Café. It's a month-long event which includes fun games, bake sales, and draws for coveted prizes including an extra week of vacation and a gift of flight from West Jet. It's a fun team building exercise for our staff. But, more importantly, it supports a great cause.

This year, we're proud to say we broke our previous fundraising record by bringing in over \$10,000 for the United Way!

Noting the hard work and enthusiasm of our staff, the Calgary Drop-In Centre was awarded the *Divisional Excellence Award for Agencies* at the United Way's annual Spirits of Gold gala. This is a recognition we hold dear and it speaks volumes to the engagement of our tight-knit community.



Ask Charles

I just spent \$50,000 to finish my basement with high-end finishings. Now, I'm listing my house for sale, and my real estate representative says she can't include the basement square footage in the total size. Why not?

You developed your basement and it's beautiful. You're sure any potential buyer would agree that it looks great, and is definitely livable space. But, your real estate professional is correct, the square footage of your basement cannot be included in the size of your home for listing purposes.

In Alberta, real estate professionals are required to follow the Residential Measurement Standard (RMS) when listing a residential property for sale. The RMS contains nine principles that enable real estate professionals, as well as buyers and sellers, to determine and compare the size of residential properties. The RMS sets out the specific parts of a residential property that can be included in its size for listing purposes.

Above grade levels are the levels of a residence that are entirely above grade. Below grade levels are the floor levels of a residence that are partly or fully below grade. If any portion of a level is below grade, the entire level is considered below grade. Below grade spaces include lower levels and basements. The RMS size of a property is, essentially, the sum of its above grade levels. Below grade levels are not included in the RMS area.

Without the RMS in place, there would be little consistency in how real estate professionals, and their sellers, measure and describe their property. Some may want to include their basement (unfinished or not), some may include an enclosed sunroom, while others may include the space created by a bow or bay window.

The RMS provides a consistent means of measuring, and describing, residential property size in Alberta.

Sellers, and their real estate representatives, are welcome to include additional measurement information in their listings, but the primary size listed in the listing must be the size according to the RMS.

Sellers need to remember that size isn't the only factor that will affect a property's list or selling price. Other factors include location, condition, quality of finishing, layout, and even type of ownership. You may not be able to include the square footage of your basement in the total square footage of your home, but the features of your home will set it apart from other properties. Size matters, but it's not the only thing that matters.

"Ask Charles" is a monthly question and answer column by Charles Stevenson, Director of Professional Standards with the Real Estate Council of Alberta (RECA), www.reca.ca. RECA is the independent, non-government agency responsible for the regulation of Alberta's real estate industry. We license, govern, and set the standards of practice for all real estate, mortgage brokerage, and real estate appraisal professionals in Alberta. To submit a question, email askcharles@reca.ca.

Binky?

When rabbits 'binky' this is an expression of joy. They will run, jump into the air, twist their body and flick their feet.





White-Faced Ibis an Unusual Visitor

Article by J.G. Turner

The White-Faced Ibis is a medium sized, dark wading bird, with long dark legs and a long, downward curving bill. Its plumage is dark chestnut in colour, with a purple and green glossy look during the breeding season. Breeding adults have a bare pinkish face in front of the eyes, bordered with white feathers and red eyes. In the non-breeding season, the White-Faced Ibis appears as a much more drab brown bird with dark wings.

Fun Facts:

- This South American native that had its first confirmed sighting in southeast Alberta in 1974.
 - Most of its kind lives in the United States, Central America and the southern half of South America. For the winter this unusual visitor migrates to find warmth in the southern United States.
 - The conditions found in that corner of the province were sufficient to attract a small but consistent number of breeding pairs. This bird is considered to be an isolated breeder in the province, separated from other populations, which are breeding further south on the continent.
- This bird's sickle shaped bill is ideal for foraging for its favourite foods. It pokes its bill down into water and mud to find insects, leeches, snails and earthworms, and also fish, crayfish, newts and frogs.
- The White-Faced Ibis chooses to nest in marshy areas where there is dense vegetation such as reeds, cattails and bulrushes and builds its nest from the stalks of these plants.
- The White-Faced Ibis lays a clutch of 3 or 4 green-blue eggs.
- The White-Faced Ibis will live about nine years.

White-Faced Ibis populations have shown modest growth in some areas of North America over the years. However, they face many threats from human activities:

from being hunted to habitat destruction. As the White-Faced Ibis is reliant on wetlands and marshes for both feeding and nesting, changes to wetlands, such as those caused by pollution or draining to increase farmland acreage, can have a very harmful impact on their survival.

If you find an injured or orphaned wild bird or animal in distress, please contact the Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society hotline at 403-239-2488, for tips, instructions and advice, or look at the website at www.calgarywildlife.org for more information.

Make a difference in the life of a family...



Are you looking for a way to give back to your community?
Our Home-Start program is looking for volunteers!

What does a Home-Start volunteer do?

- Visits a family's home once per week
- Provides support, friendship and encouragement
- Gets the family involved with the local community
- Shares their own experiences of parenting and family life

Interested in getting involved?

For more info, or to learn about upcoming training sessions, contact Home-Start or visit www.boysandgirlsclubsofcalgary.ca

East Calgary: 403-660-6809
West Calgary: 403-660-1136




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CBC Calgary Reads Big Book Sale

Calgary Reads needs your used books please!

We're getting ready for our 15th annual **CBC Calgary Reads Big Book Sale** happening **May 12-14, 2017** at the Calgary Curling Club.

Please will you, your colleagues, family, friends, neighbours or sports team hold a book drive for us? Funds raised support Calgary Reads' literacy programs in schools and the community.

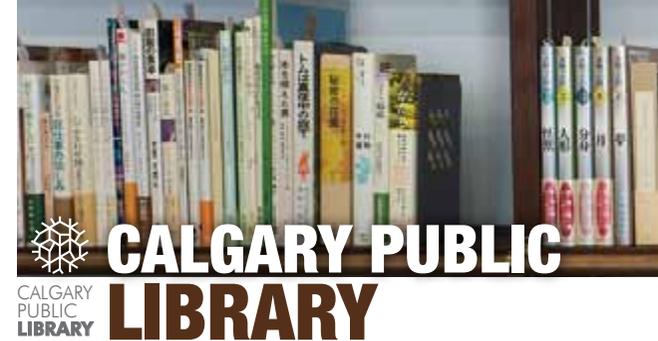
One of the easiest ways is to set up a **Central Collection Point**. This donation spot can be in your office, home or your club venue. Place boxes to collect the books. Let people know why and when you are collecting. For the book sale we collect pre-owned adult and children's books (*fiction and non-fiction*.)

WHERE and WHEN to drop off your book donations:
Calgary Food Bank, 5000-11th St. SE • Monday April 17th to Friday, April 28th (Monday to Thursday 8am - 7:30pm; Friday 8am - 3pm)

Calgary Curling Club, 720-3rd St. NW • Tuesday, May 2 to Sunday, May 7 (Tuesday - Thursday 9am - 8pm; Friday, Saturday, Sunday 9am - 5pm)

We cannot accept dictionaries, encyclopedias, Readers Digest, Harlequin, Avon or Signet romances, magazines, or textbooks. Learn more: calgaryreads.com

Thank you!



CALGARY PUBLIC LIBRARY

National Volunteer Week

Calgary Public Library's volunteers are honoured each April during National Volunteer Week (April 23-29, 2017) at our Volunteer Recognition Event. Our volunteers make an incredible difference in our community every day, allowing the Library to do so much more: offer more programs, in more locations, more often, to so many more Calgarians. Thank you to all our volunteers!

Bill's Book Café with Mike Morrison

Take in *Bill's Book Café* with Library CEO Bill Ptacek and *Mike's Bloggy Blog* creator Mike Morrison. It's guaranteed to be a lively discussion of *Your Inner Critic Is a Big Jerk* by Danielle Krysa.

Louise Riley Library
April 7 | 6:30 p.m.

To register, visit calgarylibrary.ca.

Summer Reading

Looking for ways to keep kids busy this summer? The Library can help with that! Kids can be part of a *3 Things for Canada Action Squad* and help with community projects, learn to code using Scratch, and get messy with our science program. And of course we've got books that kids love to read!

For details, visit calgarylibrary.ca.

APRIL MOON CALENDAR



First Quarter
April 3



Full Moon
April 10



Last Quarter
April 19



New Moon
April 26



It's Cookie Time!!

Spring is here and that means those yummy sandwich cookies are here. Our Sparks, Brownies, Guides, Pathfinders and Rangers will be selling them the first weeks in April so look for us in your neighborhood or at a local retail location. They are only \$5.00 a box and support our many activities.

The Spark units are eagerly looking forward to spring. The change in the season will see them keep busy with sleep-overs, a visit to the animal clinic, participating in

Sparklefest, potting plants and looking for ways to be outside and celebrate Earth Day.

The Brownie units will be selling cookies, hold Easter celebrations and be hopping around doing clean-up in their communities for Earth day.

The Guide units made birthday boxes for the Calgary Interfaith Food Bank, went curling and many 3rd year Guides are finishing up work on their Lady Baden Powell Award by preparing for tent camping and organizing service projects.

The Pathfinder & Ranger units attended Alberta Girls Parliament in Edmonton, went downhill skiing, made doodle bags and are prepping for backpacking and camping.

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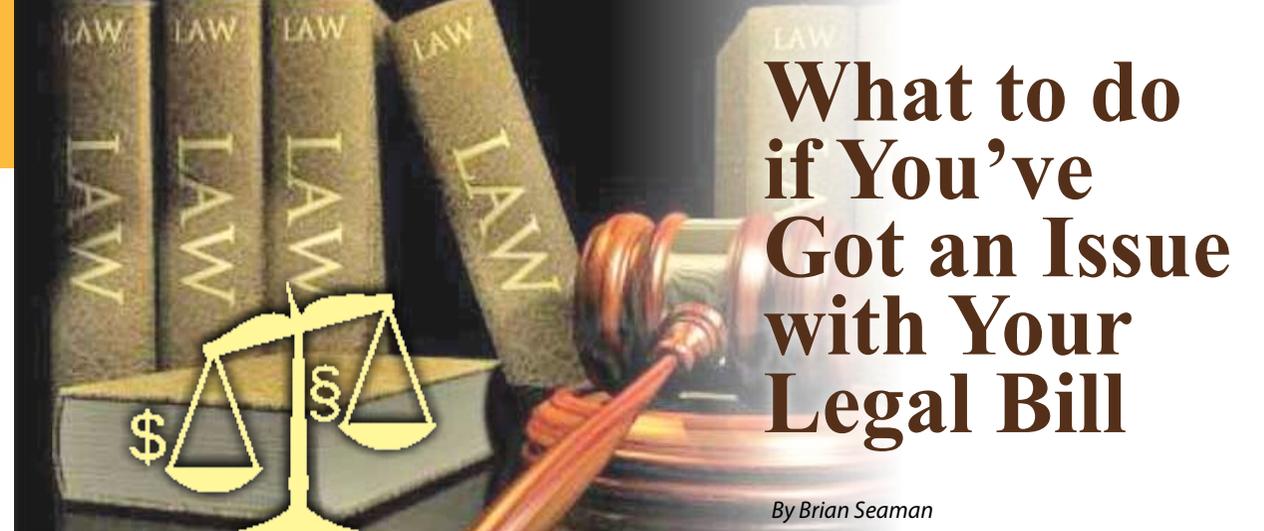
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What to do if You've Got an Issue with Your Legal Bill

By Brian Seaman

If you've got a legal bill that seems too high for the work that was done on your behalf, did you know that you have an option to possibly get it reduced? This process is unique to the legal profession and is set out in the *Alberta Rules of Court*. The review process applies not only to a legal bill and disbursements but also applies to retainer agreements.

The process is relatively straightforward. The provincial department of Justice and Solicitor-General has Queen's Bench Review Officers at its' 11 judicial centres located around the Province; in Calgary, the centre is located at 601 5th Street SW. These Review Officers hold law degrees, have practiced law, and act as important gatekeepers of the integrity of the legal profession by ensuring fairness.

If you have not received a satisfactory explanation as to the charges and disbursements from your lawyer, you may apply for a review of your bill. You have six months from the date that the bill was sent to file what's called a Notice of Appointment of Service; this Form, along with the various other forms you'll need including the Affidavit of Service, can be found online at [https://albertacourts.ca/docs/default-source/default-document-library/review-of-a-lawyer's-bill-sample-forms-\(november-2010\).pdf?sfvrsn=0](https://albertacourts.ca/docs/default-source/default-document-library/review-of-a-lawyer's-bill-sample-forms-(november-2010).pdf?sfvrsn=0). The cost for filing is \$100.00 and is payable by cash, credit, debit or cheque or money order payable to the "Minister of Finance and Enterprise of Alberta." Court orderlies at the judicial centre can direct you to the proper counter to file your

documents. You need to file the original document, plus three copies, and you'll need to include the account(s) that you want reviewed.

Once you've filed your documents, you must serve the Notice and supporting Affidavit on the lawyer whose account you're challenging. This can be done by personally attending the lawyer's office and serving the documents, by recorded mail through Canada Post, or by hiring a process server. In any case, unless the lawyer or an assistant has acknowledged service in writing, you will need to file an Affidavit of Service.

You should note that neither Court clerks nor Review Officers can give any assessment as to whether you have an arguable bill for review and what the outcome might be. You should also note that though you may have an agent or proxy to act/speak on your behalf, it is important to attend the Review hearing. If the Review Officer determines that the bill was justified, an award of costs may be made against you. Both you or your former lawyer may appeal a finding of the Review Officer. Finally, there are two exceptions to the rule regarding review of legal charges: i) the beneficiary of a Will can't get the Estate lawyer's charges reviewed; and ii) a Legal Aid account can't be reviewed.

This commentary provides general information about the legal account review process, reflects the author's opinion and is not legal advice. Brian Seaman is a freelance writer/legal researcher.

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Both your voter and census registration will be showing up in the mail at the same time from April 1 to 21 and you'll be able to complete your census and voter registration online at Calgary.ca/census. The census data collected every year is necessary to make sure the city's programs and services are serving the needs of Calgarians. If you've never completed the census before, it takes a handful of minutes and gives the City the information we need to make our neighbourhoods better. If you are unable to complete your census online, door-to-door census and voter registration collection will begin April 22, 2017.

One last way to participate in city dialogue is to join the more than 2,000 people that have signed up for Citizens' View, Calgary's online panel. Citizensview.ca makes it easier for Calgarians to share their input anytime, anywhere through online surveys and discussions. As Citizens' View continues to grow, The City is working to make sure that they hear from people of all ages and areas of Calgary.

We hope to attract more than 4,000 people that reflect Calgary's diverse population. Members can expect to receive surveys once or twice a month, join online discussions, and receive information on City events and service improvements. Calgarians 18 years and older can sign-up for the Citizens' View at www.citizensview.ca. If you have questions or concerns feel free to contact my office at ward08@calgary.ca or 403-268-2431.



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Looking back at Budget 2016 and forward to 2017

Our government focused on investing in the middle class and working towards a more innovative economy. By directly investing in Canadians and families we are putting our country in better stead with firmer foot forward into the future.

At the tail end of 2016 our government approved two major pipelines after consulting with Canadians, building up an environmental consensus with the carbon price, and creating the balance between the environment and industry. By doing this work we are building the framework to create long term prosperity of Alberta and all of Canada.

On the subject of building up long term prosperity for our country – my colleague in cabinet and fellow Alberta Liberal Member of Parliament, Infrastructure Minister Amarjeet Sohi, is continuing his work to invest in projects like the Green Line LRT, flood mitigation projects, and more for our city. Since the 2015 election our government has invested some \$3 billion into Albertan infrastructure: more than the last five years of the previous government combined.

Looking back at Budget 2016 we went forward with three of our main platform planks. First amongst them was the Canada Child Benefit which gave simpler, tax-free, and more generous and better targeted help to families. 9 out of 10 Canadian families benefit from higher payments under our newly implemented system

– and is now on the way to lifting hundreds of thousands of children out of poverty.

Our second commitment was a middle class tax cut. As one of our first acts as a government was to cut taxes for nearly 9 million Canadians by reducing the second personal income tax rate, and delivering tax relief to Albertans.

Thirdly – we created a \$2.7 billion reform package of Employment Insurance to support Albertans and Canadians during the commodity price downturn. By reducing wait-times (from two weeks to one week), and specifically work with Albertans on accessing more benefits, these changes would support those impacted by the decrease in oil prices. Some of these benefits we extended benefits up to 50 weeks for hurting Albertans, with long-tenured workers able to receive an additional 20 weeks up to a maximum of 70 weeks. Further to this – we doubled the maximum of the work-sharing agreements to 76 weeks.

Budget 2017 will be a continuation of our work as a government. We are actively seized with supporting the middle class and working towards a better future for all. More details will be available at budget.gc.ca.

As always, you can contact my office by email at kent.hehr@parl.gc.ca or by phone at 403.244.1880. My office is located at 950 6 Ave SW and my door is always open to you. You can follow my work in Parliament online and sign up for my e-newsletter at www.KentHehrMP.ca.



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I was out and about at the end of March for Constituency Week, connecting with constituents and local businesses to hear their concerns and discuss what they would like to see in government. Pounding the pavement with my office staff, I was able to speak with many of you face to face. Things have felt a little empty downtown with the recent economy, but I know Calgary-Buffalo is a resilient community.

We are slowly adding jobs back to the Alberta economy as our deficit has kept steady and investment grows again in our province. Alberta is predicted to have the highest economic activity of all Canadian provinces throughout 2017 and 2018!

The announcement of Budget 2017-2018 has created a clear path for our province over the next year. We are keeping government spending in check while ensuring that Albertans are receiving the quality services that they need; so, spending will remain conservative, despite the optimism. The government announced it will be cutting salaries and eliminating bonuses for the highest paid top executives of agencies, boards, and commissions to bring their pay in line with public sector equivalents. This came into effect last month and these changes to compensation are expected to save nearly \$16 million a year, without having any effect on services received by Albertans. Finance Minister Joe Ceci integrated a large amount of constituent feedback and consultation into the development of the new budget, and I am sure it will serve our province well.

The Energy Efficiency Office will be launching this month, as I spoke about in the March newsletter. There are many new programs being launched to help Albertans reduce their energy consumption and save on the carbon levy. These programs also include a recently announced Residential and Commercial Solar rebate of up to 30% of your costs. Check out <https://www.energycalberta.ca/> for more information.

With session now underway, the Alberta government has agreed to include age into Sections 4 and 5 of the Alberta Human Rights Act. Our government supports Albertans of all ages and believes no one should be discriminated against because of their age. This issue was recently before the courts and was also brought to our attention by the Elder Advocates of Alberta Society and other stakeholders.

I am always open to receiving feedback from Albertans on important issues like this one, and will consider it as the government evaluates its options. You can connect with my constituency office at calgary.buffalo@assembly.ab.ca or 403-244-1880.



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