

The Mission STATEMENT

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE CLIFF BUNGALOW - MISSION COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

TWO VERY IMPORTANT development and planning issues are on the table at the moment. The first is the public hearing before Council for the Holy Cross ARP amendment and land use redesignation. The public hearing was on April 6. CBMCA largely supported this plan but had serious issues with building heights and as I am writing this prior to the hearing we can only hope our voice was heard. The second item concerns the planning and development of the City as a whole, the Plan It Calgary process.

Plan It Calgary has recently released the final draft of its long range civic planning document (available on line at <http://www.calgary.ca/planit>). It is the culmination of a City of Calgary long-term land use and transportation plan process that began in 2004 with Imagine Calgary, at the time the largest civic consultation process in the world with over 18,000 participants. Plan It incorporates Sustainability Principles as well as Key directions for Land Use and Mobility and consists of two statutory plans: the Municipal Development Plan, outlining policies for land use and urban planning, and the Calgary Transport Plan, containing policy on the development of transportation networks. The time frame for implementation of this framework will start immediately and last for the next sixty years.

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PRESIDENT'S — REPORT

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While this document directly affects all citizens of Calgary with an interest in how our city will grow over the next sixty years, some aspects will especially resonate with us as residents of an inner city, near core community that has (and will soon again) experience extreme development and intensification pressures. Sections on Inner City and Urban and Neighbourhood design are especially relevant, promoting the creation of attractive, walkable and diverse communities, with streets designed for pedestrians, bikes and buses, as well as cars. Some would say that is what Cliff Bungalow-Mission, or at least parts of it, already is. We are the slightly seedy poster child for New Urbanism.

For us this does not mean densification through high rise, gated communities (vertical sprawl) or massive block development, but rather use of low and mid-rise buildings with integrated green space, mixed uses, historically sensitive redevelopment and effective transportation options. We will need statutory processes such as Plan It in place for future development that complement and strengthen our Area Redevelopment Plans, especially in terms of context-appropriate development for building height, architectural proportion and gradual transitioning between existing older, historic built form and new developments.

The Plan It process will not eliminate boom-bust development cycles or even ugly buildings but will give us tools at the community consultation or development permit stage to have a say in how we want our neighbourhoods to grow and thrive. I urge you to look over the documents on the Plan-It website and contact the Mayor's and Aldermanic offices to give your feedback. The public feedback process ends April 17, Planning Commission hearing is on May 14. The public hearing before City Council is June 16, starting at 9:30, where any citizen can speak directly to the Mayor and Council for up to five minutes.

LETTER *to* THE EDITOR —

Dear Editor:

My thanks to The Mission Statement and your Urban Landscape correspondent, Nancy Tice, for that wonderful splash of colour at the centre of the January/February issue. Flowers everywhere! What a refreshing break as we plod through another grey winter. I imagine it will have our community's many green-thumbed residents reaching for their garden catalogues and dreaming of spring.

Sincerely,
Bill Longstaff

LETTER-*from* THE EDITOR —

Hello!

As you have already probably noticed, the May-June issue of the Mission Statement has a slightly different feel to it! We are excited about our fresh new layout, and would love to hear what you think!

We are also looking for any volunteers that would like to help out with future issues of the newsletter – this includes writing articles, submitting photographs, helping out with editing, as well as helping to distribute the Mission Statement.

If you are interesting in helping out in any way, or if you would just like to send in your comments or ideas for future issues, please email me at editor@cbmca.com.

Thanks for reading!
Twyla.

TELL US WHAT *You* THINK —

If you have comments of interest to community members, we want to hear from you! Write to: Editor, Cliff Bungalow-Mission Community Association, 462, 1919B-4th Street SW, Calgary, AB T2S 1W4, or e-mail us at editor@cbmca.com. Letters may be edited for length and clarity. Feature articles must be no longer than 600 words.

THE HERITAGE INVENTORY PROJECT

THE HERITAGE INVENTORY PROJECT is a joint project of the Community, City of Calgary and Province of Alberta (MHPP, Municipal Heritage Partnership Program), with funding committed by all three organizations. Cliff Bungalow-Mission Community together with the City has proposed a number of high priority sites that we believe have significant heritage value; most of these properties are currently listed on the Calgary Historical Walking Tour – Mission and Cliff Bungalow. The objective of this project is to research these properties, and submit them for evaluation by the Calgary Heritage Authority for inclusion on the City of Calgary's Inventory of Potential Heritage Sites. The possible 17 sites are listed below, and their owners have been notified by the City of Calgary heritage planners:

- Ogden Residence 531 – 19 Ave. S.W.
- Young Block, now the Lister Block (Original Joes) (1912), 2120 – 4 St. S.W.
- College (Carolina) Apts (1913) – 1722 – 5A Street S.W.
- Gloria Court (1931) – 303 – 23 Ave. S.W.
- Athlone Apt. (1940) 330 – 19 Ave S.W.
- The Gordon Suites (1925) – 514/6 – 25 Ave. S.W.
- The Laurence Block – 5th St and 24th Ave. S.W.
- A.B. Himmelman Boathouse (1929), 514A – 25 Ave. S.W.
- Jennison (Dingman) Residence – 522 19 Ave., S.W.
- Inglis-McNeil Block (former "Mission Cycle"), 2310 – 4th Street, S.W.
- Avonlea Apartments (1912), 208 – 25 Ave. S.W.
- 24th Avenue Cottage School (1908), 2300 – 5 St. S.W.
- Griffin / Despina House (1913) 611 – 23 Ave. S.W.
- Dr. Mahood (Mannix) Residence (1915) 529 – 19 Ave. S.W.
- Marilyn Manor (1945) 2106 Cliff St. S.W.
- Millican Residence (Twin Gables) 611 – 25 Ave. S.W.
- Hickey Residence ("Granitize Castle") 231 – 25 Ave. S.W.

In addition to the 17 sites, our community has put forward a streetscape or cultural landscape for possible research and evaluation. The street to be considered is 5A/Cliff/Hillcrest Street, S.W. (the street changes name at Royal and 25th Avenues S.W.) which extends for six blocks from 17th Avenue S.W. (the northern boundary of the community) to the southern boundary.

Draft statements of significance (SOS) have been completed for the properties, and the next step is to prepare an overall context paper for the neighbourhood. After that the SOS's will be incorporated into evaluation forms and presented to the Calgary Heritage Authority in May for their consideration. Stay tuned!

DEVELOPMENT WATCH

BY NATASHA PASHAK

AS THE COVER of winter slowly recedes to usher in the blooms and bustle of spring, the state of many development projects in our community becomes more apparent and troubling. Calgary developers have not been immune to the collapse of global financial markets and consequently a number of projects are currently on hold. The most significant of these is the Strategic site on the 2100 block of 4th Street.

Other empty pits in the community include the Lumière Project, also on the 2100 block between 2nd and 4th Street and the former home of "With The Times" at 22nd Avenue and 4th Street. Positive suggestions from community members about how to deal with these vacant spaces include creating temporary parks for community residents to tend and enjoy and off-leash areas for dog owners. Either would require a significant show of community support to implement. If these ideas are appealing, please contact the Community Association and our Alderman, John Mar, whose contact information is available through the City of Calgary website and in the pages of this newsletter.

The Development Committee has spent much of the past winter working with the City to amend the Mission Area Redevelopment Plan in accommodation of the Holy Cross site. It has been an arduous process, but there are some positive developments to report. Keep an eye out for the next issue of the Mission Statement for further details. As yet, there are no specific construction plans. The purpose of the ARP is to establish the building parameters of the site for any future projects.

Other development issues to keep a watch on include the proposed towers on 26th Avenue. At press time, the Rideau-Roxborough Community was working to fight the project based on its height of 15-storeys and its proximity to the river.

The owner of the Addison building at 18th Avenue and 4th Street proposes a 3-storey addition to the parkade of that building. The Community Association and the project's architect are discussing the possibility of applying an image to the parkade addition in the event that the Development Permit is approved. The community would have an active role in selecting an image and there are plans underway to administer a competition of some form. Again, keep a look out for your opportunity to participate.

FACT SHEET

SAFE SUBSTITUTES AT HOME: NON-TOXIC HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS

There are many inexpensive, easy-to-use natural alternatives which can safely be used in place of commercial household products. Here are some non-toxic strategies for common household tasks.

FRESHEN AIR by opening windows and doors for a short period; distribute partially filled dishes of vinegar around the kitchen to combat unpleasant cooking odors; boil cinnamon and cloves in a pan of water to scent the air; sprinkle 1/2 cup borax in the bottom of garbage pails or diaper pails to inhibit mold and bacteria growth that can cause odors; rub vinegar or mild lemon soap on hands before and after slicing onions to remove the smell; use bowls of potpourri to give inside air a pleasant scent.

ALL-PURPOSE CLEANER can be made from a vinegar-and-salt mixture or from 4 tablespoons baking soda dissolved in 1 quart warm water.

DISINFECTANT means anything that will reduce the number of harmful bacteria on a surface. Practically no surface treatment will completely eliminate bacteria. Try regular cleaning with soap and hot water. Or mix 1/2 cup borax into 1 gallon of hot water to disinfect and deodorize. Isopropyl alcohol is an excellent disinfectant, but use gloves and keep it away from children.

DRAIN CLEANER. Try a plunger first, though not after using any commercial drain opener. To open clogs, pour 1/2 cup baking soda down drain, add 1/2 cup white vinegar, and cover the drain. The resulting chemical reaction can break fatty acids down into the soap and glycerine, allowing the clog to wash down the drain. Do not use this method after trying a commercial drain opener — the vinegar can react with the drain opener to create dangerous fumes.

TOILET BOWL CLEANER can be made from baking soda and vinegar, or borax and lemon juice.

Floor cleaner and polish can be as simple as a few drops of vinegar in the cleaning water to remove soap traces. For vinyl or linoleum, add a capful of baby oil to the water to preserve and polish. For wood floors, apply a thin coat of 1:1 oil and vinegar and rub in well. For painted wooden floors, mix 1 teaspoon washing soda into 1 gallon hot water. For brick and stone tiles, use 1 cup white vinegar in 1 gallon water and rinse with clear water.

METAL CLEANERS AND POLISHES are different for each metal — just as in commercial cleaners. Clean aluminum with a solution of cream of tartar and water. Brass may be polished with a soft cloth dipped in lemon-and-baking-soda solution, or vinegar-and-salt solution. Polish chrome with baby oil, vinegar, or aluminum foil shiny side out. Clean tarnished copper by oiling the article in a pot of water with 1 tablespoon salt and 1 cup white vinegar, or try differing mixtures of salt, vinegar, baking soda, lemon juice, and cream of tartar. Clean gold with toothpaste, pewter with a paste of salt, vinegar, and flour. Silver can be polished by boiling it in a pan lined with aluminum foil and filled with water to which a teaspoon each of baking soda and salt have been added. Stainless steel can be cleaned with undiluted white vinegar.

OVEN CLEANER. Sprinkle baking soda on moist surface and scrub with steel wool. Or use Arm & Hammer Oven Cleaner, declared nontoxic by Consumers Union.

SCOURING POWDER can be made from baking soda or dry table salt. Or try Bon-Ami Cleaning Powder or Bon-Ami Polishing Cleaner.

TUB AND TILE CLEANER can be as easy as rubbing in baking soda with a damp sponge and rinsing, or wiping with vinegar first and following with baking soda as a scouring powder.

WINDOW AND GLASS CLEANER is easy with these tips: to avoid streaks, don't

wash windows when the sun is shining. Use a vinegar-and-water solution, cornstarch-vinegar-and-water solution, or lemon-juice-and-water. Wipe with newspaper unless you are sensitive to the inks in newsprint.

SAFE SUBSTITUTES FOR LAUNDRY PRODUCTS

Detergent is specially adapted to clean synthetic fabrics, and it has the added advantage of not leaving soil residues even in hard water. However, detergents are generally derived from petrochemicals, and people sensitive to these compounds may find it hard to tolerate detergents or the fragrances they are scented with. In addition, most detergents contain phosphates, which build up in streams and lakes and upset the natural balance in waterways, causing blooms of algae which deplete the dissolved oxygen fish need to live. Some detergent may even contain naphthalene or phenol, both hazardous substances.

An effective alternative to using detergents is to return to soap. Soap is an effective cleaner for natural fabrics, leaving such items as diapers softer than detergent can. For cotton and linen, use soap to soften water. A cup of vinegar added to the wash can help keep colors bright (but DO NOT use vinegar if you are using bleach — the resulting fumes are hazardous). One-half to three-quarters of a cup of baking soda will leave clothes soft and fresh smelling. Silks and wools may be hand washed with mild soap or a protein shampoo.

For synthetic fabrics or blends (including most no-iron fabrics), there are biodegradable detergents on the market that do not contain phosphates, fragrances, or harsh chemicals.

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THE FACTS ABOUT INVASIVE PLANTS

INVASIVE PLANTS

SURVIVE AND SPREAD BY:

- Releasing toxins that harm native species.
- Growing rapidly to shade out native species; altering growing conditions for native species.
- Reproducing both by seed and rhizomes; rhizomes are underground spreading roots that produce shoots above and roots below the soil (e.g. Canada Thistle and Brome Grass).
- Moving into a geographic zone where the climate is conducive to rapid growth and where there are no natural enemies.
- Being unpalatable to livestock and other grazing wildlife or containing alkaloids that can be poisonous when ingested.
- Seeds with burrs where they are able to attach themselves to animals and other passers-by.
- Having fruit that is palatable to birds. Birds ingest the fruit and then seeds are dispersed in their droppings.
- Producing millions of seeds that lie dormant for decades, only germinating when the conditions are right. For example, Purple Loosestrife can produce 2.5 million seeds per plant annually.
- Suppressing the germination of other plants through allelopathy as in the case of Caragana, which can out-compete most species by using this specialization.

For more information on the Weeders of the Wild role, please contact Sonia Gonsalves at sgonsalves@calgary.ca or call 403-537-7523.



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THE URBAN LANDSCAPE

BY NANCY TICE

REMEMBER WHEN GREEN WAS JUST A COLOUR?

THESE DAYS WE negotiate a potential mine field of environmental faux pas. The current One-Hundred Mile Diet phenomenon reminds us that a less complex, more locally based life may be healthier for us not least because it reduces our carbon footprint. How do we now reconcile simplicity with the cosmopolitan sophistication that seems based on easy access to upscale consumer goods, instant global communications, and frequent international air travel? Perhaps the economic downturn will encourage us to review many of our lifestyle choices. Or, maybe not. Some glossy magazines still recommend reducing one's carbon footprint by tearing out the lawn and replacing it with expensively-crafted imported stone to create outdoor dining areas complete with a full-scale kitchen and propane heaters to extend the season. Hello? Somehow amidst all the chat, debate and questions about global warming, carbon footprints, water conservation and toxic waste, the lawn has been demonized as a source of environmental evil. The result is a vague sense of uneasiness – let's call it lawn guilt – caused by having a nice yard.

It's time to review the lawns' evil doings. Though not extremely diverse, a lawn is a viable biosystem which provides habitat for worms and insects and the birds who eat them. Like any other photosynthesizing green plant, turf grass absorbs carbon dioxide (CO₂), stores the carbon and releases the oxygen into the atmosphere. Lawns reduce ambient air temperature during the summer, they significantly reduce surface storm water runoff and they provide a soft surface for outdoor activities. Not much evil to report so far – instead, lawns provide several major benefits over impermeable hardscaped surfaces, or piles of gravel.

Mowing a small lawn with an electric mower is not as evil as all those Hummers but not entirely benign. A manually-powered push mower (a.k.a. reel mower) is the quietest, zero-emission solution. As for water conservation, a water-wise landscape design would avoid positioning a lawn in a hot, western exposure where it will require daily irrigation. On the other hand, I haven't watered my north-facing front lawn in twenty years – it gets along just fine with available rainfall. If the soil is moisture-retentive, a lawn which receives bright indirect light or dappled shade

is unlikely to require supplemental water for most of the growing season.

A lawn grown in fertile, well-textured, water-retentive soil requires no applications of chemical fertilizers or pesticides at all. None. Nada. Zip. None at all. Arguably, managing a small lawn organically is no more work than that involved in dumping chemicals all over the place. Composting yard and kitchen waste fits in well with organic management – finished compost can be used to top dress the lawn which will improve soil fertility, texture and its ability to retain moisture.

Cliff Bungalow and Mission are ideal neighbourhoods for making a transition to organic lawn and garden management. The native soil is already some of the best in Calgary. Most of our residential lawns are barely larger than a postage stamp. And our close proximity to the Elbow River encourages additional mindfulness. Any of us who enjoy bird watching, fishing, rafting, or using the riverside pathways might want to rethink the role we play in actively supporting a healthy environment. Excess nitrogen fertilizer and pesticides enter the river via storm water runoff with adverse impacts on water quality and wildlife. Of course, our own private landscapes are safer places for birds, bees, children and pets when poisonous pesticides are not used. Contracting landscape maintenance instead of doing it yourself does not absolve homeowners from the responsibility for making intelligent, responsible decisions about landscape maintenance methods. Last but not least, there's plenty enough hardscape in Cliff Bungalow – Mission already and much of it looks shabby and unkempt. A glimpse of the deeply green soothes the eye and the soul.

Interested in learning more? An excellent resource is the slim volume by Carole Rubin entitled "How to get your Lawn and Garden off Drugs" or "The Green Gardener's Guide" by Joe Lamp'l. Both books are available through the public library system. The City of Calgary offers abundant information via the Healthy Yards program (Calgary.ca/parks).



COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION RECOGNIZES FOUR HERITAGE SITES

BY BILL LONGSTAFF

THE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION has recognized four more sites in Cliff Bungalow-Mission as community heritage sites. Our distinctive plaque has been mounted on each. They include Cliff Bungalow School (our community hall – see photo), the Lister Block (formerly the Young Block), The Jennison House and the Athlone Apartments.

CLIFF BUNGALOW SCHOOL (2201 Cliff Street SW), originally the 22nd Avenue Cottage School, was renamed after Cliff Street in 1927. The surrounding community took its name from the school. One of a series of “Bungalow” schools, it was built to accommodate the rapid growth in the number of school age children in the area. Constructed of dark, rough-textured brick it was, like other Bungalow schools, intended to blend in with the residential community. It had four classrooms, a teacher’s office in the attic, and play areas in the basement for use during inclement weather. The Calgary Board of Education turned the school over to the City of Calgary in 1988, and it is now the home of the Montessori School of Calgary and the Community Association.

THE LISTER BLOCK (2120-4 Street SW) was built by printer James W. Young in 1912. At the time, the sandstone-trimmed brick building with oriel windows on the front and side facades, was the most elegant building on 4th Street. The upstairs consisted of one large apartment occupied by the Young family. The ground floor included a grocery store and a pool hall and barber shop. In 1996, the building was bought by Bill Lister who maintains the offices for his real estate development firm on the second floor.

THE JENNISON HOUSE (522-19 Avenue SW), built in 1910, was bought by Judge John L. Jennison, former mayor of New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, in 1913. Judge Jennison served as a city alderman in 1914-15. Famous oilman Archibald W. Dingman lived in the house for three years from 1919. Dingman organized the Calgary Natural Gas company in 1905 and is credited with ushering in the oil age in Alberta with his first Calgary Petroleum Products well drilled in 1914 near Turner Valley.

THE ATHLONE APARTMENTS (330-19 Avenue SW) were built in 1940 on a site originally occupied by Judge Charles-Borromée Rouleau’s mansion, Castel aux Prés. Named for the Earl of Athlone, Governor

General of Canada at the time, the Athlone was built by Calgary businessman Arthur Cumming. The most interesting of several low-rise apartment blocks built in the area in the 1940s, it features elements of classical revival architecture such as the pilasters and decorative lintels over the windows and doorway. The main entrance has two features considered innovative at the time: a glass block wall surrounding the door and vitrolite paneling. Built with high-quality materials and with its spacious front lawn, it was the most luxurious block in its neighbourhood.

This brings to eight the number of heritage sites the Association has formally recognized and adorned with plaques. Nominations for recognition are welcomed. Any resident of Cliff Bungalow-Mission may nominate a site. If you have one in mind (they can be buildings, institutions or natural features), submit it to:

The Heritage Committee
Cliff Bungalow-Mission Community Association
#462, 1919B – 4th St. SW
Calgary AB T2S 1W4

It may be considered by a jury for recognition. Include a description, explain why you think it is deserving, and provide any information you have that may help the jury, i.e. date built, the builder or architect, architectural value, historical connections, etc. Permission of the site’s owner is also helpful.

For more information, contact Bill Longstaff at 403-245-9587 (ballot@shaw.ca) or Marilyn Williams at 403-246-3878 (marilynwilliams@shaw.ca).



4TH STREET'S IRISH PUB A PLACE TO TIE ONE ON

BY JIM BOWMAN

CALGARY HAS COME a long way from the 1950s, when the puritanical Social Credit government would allow consumption of bland-tasting beer or tomato juice but no other food or drink in hotel beer parlours. Liquor laws have liberalized, and in pubs we can now enjoy a good meal and a variety of beverages in pleasant surroundings. But there are still very few pubs that offer a noteworthy dining experience. Usually pubs specialize in salty, spicy, or greasy snacks such as nachos or deep-fried chicken wings, designed to stimulate an irrational craving for beer.

The first Irish-style pub in Calgary, as far as I know, was the Unicorn on the Stephen Avenue Mall, established in the 1980s by the folk group The Irish Rovers (who got their start in Calgary, incidentally). But the Irish pub craze really took off in 1997 when Gerard and Anne Curran acquired antique furniture and memorabilia from their native County Down and created the James Joyce Irish Pub & Restaurant in the elegant Molson's Bank Building on the Mall. Since then, dozens of entrepreneurs of varying ethnic origins have opened "Irish" pubs.

Joyce on 4th (506 – 24 Avenue SW) was opened by the Currans in 2002, but about a year ago they sold it to a small chain of "Irish" pubs called Calgary's Best Pubs. The décor still features much of the authenticity that the Currans put into it – well, as much authenticity as you can get in a 1960s office building, anyway.

The new owners have added big-screen TVs which can be quite noisy during sports events. At other times, loud pop music is played on the speaker system. There is a reprieve from this on Saturday afternoons from 2 to 4, though, when a club of about a dozen amateur Celtic musicians, mostly fiddlers, take the stage for a ceilidh. They're quite good.

Under the new management policy, the female servers are required to wear tartan mini-kilts, giving them the appearance of pupils of private girls' schools. While this might appeal to the fetishist fantasies of some male patrons, I wonder about its suitability, considering that the clientele of this pub is somewhat mature, sophisticated, and of balanced gender.

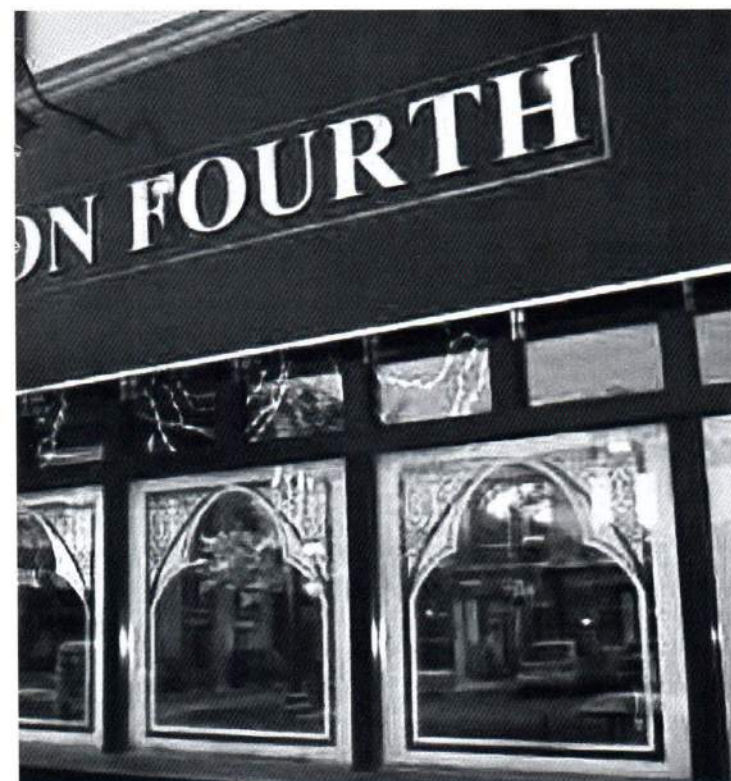
The price of drinks has become a bit more reasonable since Calgary's Best Pubs took over the ownership. A pint of domestic premium draft beer is \$6.50, about a dollar less than it used to be. There are 20 brands of



draft beer available, and a large selection of Irish whiskeys and Scotch whiskeys. Food prices are reasonable, too. 8-inch pizzas are \$11-\$13. Burgers are \$12-\$14. Entrees are \$13-\$16. Steak dinners are \$13-\$20.

I recently tried out several things from the menu. One afternoon I had the wild boar burger. Having never tried wild boar before, I was looking forward to this experience. I found it tasted similar to domestic pork, but not as pronounced in flavor. It was made from a pre-formed, pre-frozen patty, and probably not much different from the wild boar burger that could be had up the street at the Burger Inn for a lower price. The burger comes with several choices of soups, salads, or potato dishes, and I chose mashed potatoes. They were apparently mashed in-house and were quite good, although the gravy seemed to come from a can.

The fish and chips was a disappointment. It was billed as cod in a beer batter, but I couldn't detect a distinctive beer flavor in the batter, nor did it have the crisp/lacy texture that one would expect of a beer batter. The chips were the bland, mealy-textured, previously-frozen variety. The tartar sauce seemed to be supplied by Kraft, and the coleslaw seemed to be supplied by the deli department of Safeway. The beer I had with this meal was



served in a glass that smelled strongly of caustic soda, which ruined my enjoyment of it. The staff neglected to inspect the glassware to make sure it was rinsed properly in the dishwasher.

A boxty is a traditional Irish dish in which a stew or other filling is sandwiched between two potato pancakes. Under the Currans' ownership, boxtys were a specialty, and there were several selections. Under the new management, there is only one boxty filling to choose from, consisting of sliced chicken breast, chopped leeks, and crumbled bacon in a creamy sauce. I found this combination to be quite tasty and interesting (but then, I'd rave about anything made with a cream sauce, in spite of its artery-hardening properties).

Joyce on 4th is a relaxed, friendly, and fairly sophisticated place to meet with friends in pleasant surroundings, with a wide variety of interesting beverages to choose from. Its kitchen seems to rely largely on pre-packaged ingredients, and seems to be managed by a "cook" rather than a "chef". Meals are reasonably-priced, and there are a few flashes of culinary brilliance, but it's really a place to tie on the ol' feedbag during a drinking session, not a destination for fine dining.

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Writers Group

This weekly meeting of professional and semi-professional writers who are new to Canada is intended to assist them in connecting to the larger writing community in Calgary, as well as developing their skills as a writer in Canada. This is a free program guided by professional writer Eugene Stickland.

Please note this is not a "learn to write" program. It is recommended that artists who participate have writing or publication experience in the past. For more information: call 3-1-1, email CCD@calgary.ca, or go to www.calgary.ca/arts

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Registration required

FOCUS ON SAFETY IN THE CENTRE CITY

BY JON MARR



THE CITY OF CALGARY is implementing both long-term and short-term strategies to ensure that all Calgarians and our visitors feel safe in the city's core. A lot of work has already taken place in the Centre City – it's paying off now, and will continue in the future.

- 60 new Calgary Police "beat" officers in the Centre City to begin in 2009 to add greater presence and provide better coverage throughout the day
- Complimented by
 - 29 Animal & Bylaw Services officers/personnel
 - 10 Calgary Transit Peace officers
 - 12 EMS personnel form a dedicated Centre City unit
- Increase in the number of Violent Crime Suppression officers to target gang activity or violence in-and-around licensed premises across the city
- Installation of 16 surveillance Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras in three downtown locations
- Individual Transit Peace officers have adopted specific LRT stations and will become subject matter experts—allowing them to work with the community and participate in crime management initiatives
- Calgary Police Service homelessness strategy will provide "wrap around services"—police officers teaming up with outreach workers to assist in identifying and locating high risk homeless people for immediate intervention

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RIVER RAFTING AND RESPONSIBLE CITIZENSHIP

SAFE, REASONABLE AND RESPECTFUL BEHAVIOUR

FOR MANY CALGARIANS, a hot summer day means a lazy day of floating down the Bow or Elbow River. This is a great way to soak up the sun and spend time with family and friends. Unfortunately, a problem has arisen with this wonderful tradition.

While the majority of Calgarians who go floating behave respectfully and safely, there is a small number who don't. Urinating in the river, defecating on the banks in people's yards, cursing, yelling and screaming are ruining the experience for others. Calgarians whose property backs on to the river are reluctant to be outside, families feel uncomfortable and other rafters are having their experience ruined. Who wants to float down the river when they see someone on a raft in front of them urinating?

Safety is also a concern. At the end of the day, after hours of drinking alcohol, floaters are getting into their cars and driving home. This becomes a safety issue for all Calgarians, not just those who happen to be close to the river. It is also very unsafe to be inebriated while on the water or to be without a flotation device.

As Calgarians, we should all be aware of the applicable laws and bylaws. Open liquor is prohibited in public places, including a river. Wearing a flotation device while on the river is mandatory. Littering, urinating and defecating on public or private property are also illegal. By following the bylaws and encouraging others to do so, Calgarians ensure that our rivers will be a pleasant place for everyone.

Let's enjoy and take advantage of the opportunity to spend a day on the river. And let's do it responsibly.

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THE CITY OF CALGARY PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

1 MAY, 2009

THE MAY INSTALLMENT OF THE "GALLERY WITHOUT WALLS" CONTEST IS NOW LIVE AND READY FOR VIEWING!

THANKS TO ALL who submitted entries for February, March and April – those installments are now closed but be sure to check your answers at www.calgary.ca/publicart.

The contest, kicked off in February by The City of Calgary Public Art Program, highlights well-known pieces from the Civic Art Collection, and encourages citizens to learn more about the public art in and around Calgary.

Featuring a \$1,500 grand prize of a Cultural Entertainment Package, the contest runs February to July. Once a month for a total of six months, an image of a piece from the Collection is posted at www.calgary.ca/publicart > Gallery Without Walls Contest. To enter, participants will view that month's image and provide answers to the five questions posted on the contest main page – some sleuthing may be required!

The draw for the grand prize will be made on July 31, 2009 at an event held in celebration of Calgary Allied Arts Foundation's Gallery Without Walls exhibit at the Art Gallery of Calgary.

For full contest details, visit www.calgary.ca/publicart.

CALGARY ALLIED ARTS FOUNDATION (CAAF) - is a non-profit organization that fosters the development of visual art and culture in the Calgary region. A long established affiliation with the City of Calgary's civic collection continues with the Foundation contributing funds for the purchase of new acquisitions and playing an important role in the selection of work for consideration.

THE CITY OF CALGARY PUBLIC ART PROGRAM guides how the City acquires, manages and promotes its visual art works and collections. This contest in support of CAAF is a means through which the Program fulfills its mission to encourage a culturally informed public, contribute to a community that is enriched by artistic, recreational and cultural choices, and provide diverse and accessible art opportunities for all. For more information, visit www.calgary.ca/publicart.

THE ART GALLERY OF CALGARY is a non profit public art gallery dedicated to exhibiting contemporary art. The AGC has been part of Calgary's cultural life for over 25 years, and is one of Canada's largest non-collecting contemporary art galleries. For more information, visit www.artgallerycalgary.org.

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The City of Calgary Community & Neighbourhood Services PRESENT... SUMMER PROGRAMS!



We have a wide variety of programs and special events that cater to children, youth and families, all lead by qualified city staff. Join us all summer long and experience games, crafts, theatre, swimming and skateboarding. Many of our programs are FREE and local, enabling all Calgarians to participate and experience the benefits of recreation.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Lilac Festival Sunday

Sunday, May 31st, 2009 • Fourth Street, S.W.



Heritage Trees and Cultural Landscapes Community Heritage Round Table

Thursday, June 4th • Hillhurst Sunnyside Community Centre

6 PM • Optional walking tour of Hillhurst
with a cultural landscape focus

7 - 8:30 PM • Roundtable Program -
Alberta Tree Foundation,
Vacant Lot Gardens and more



Historic Calgary Week

Friday, July 24th to Monday, August 3rd

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