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Your Homeowners' Association

HOA Fees

Interest Free Period Ends June 30th 2016

Please be advised that the six month interest free period for the Crestmont Homeowners' Association fee ends June 30th. Annual HOA fees are mandatory for all homeowners in Crestmont and are a registered encumbrance on your property title.

The HOA invoice is due upon receipt in January and interest begins accruing on overdue accounts as of July 1st each year.

Important Changes to Fee Collection

January

Invoices are sent out to homeowners' and are due upon receipt.

July 1

A letter will be sent out to all homeowner's with outstanding accounts to notify them that payment is past due.

August 1

Outstanding invoices will be sent to residents with accrued interest.

September 1

List of unpaid properties will be sent to Field Law for Collections.

September 15

1st Stage Collections: Demand Letters will be sent to each homeowner outlining responsibilities pursuant to filed encumbrance on title and demanding payment and collections costs to be paid within 30 days. All legal costs and interest to be paid by the homeowner as outlined in the encumbrance.

October 15

2nd Stage Collections: Letters are prepared and sent to the mortgage company registered on title advising that the homeowner is in breach of mortgage covenants and asking the mortgage company to pay the HOA arrears and legal/ collection costs.

November 15

A Civil Claim is prepared and filed.

**Please note that all outstanding invoices will be subject to 18% interest per annum under the encumbrance with interest accruing until payment has been collected.*

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HOA Fees *continued*

If you have not paid your annual fee yet, please make sure you do so right away to avoid unnecessary interest charges. If for some reason you have not received or cannot find your 2016 invoice, please do not hesitate to contact Shannon Scott, Accounts Manager, at sscott@qualico.com.

Payments can be made via debit, VISA, Mastercard or cheque. Payments can be made in person at the Crestmont Hall or by credit card over the telephone at 403.202.2175. Office Hours are Monday to Friday 9:30am – 4:00pm (closed 12:30 – 1:00pm for lunch).

Spray Park Opening is Anticipated Early June!

Due to recent updates to our security system, resident care and maintenance of the Crestmont Residents' Hall Spray Park falls under the regulation of Pool Standards, 2014 for the Swimming Pool, Wading Pool and Water Spray Park Regulation. We are often asked why the spray park is occasionally shut down without any warning; this is due to contamination and the water quality response plan has been enacted. Food, chemicals, blood, fecal matter and vomitus foul the water. Sources of this contamination include the people using the facilities and animals that come in contact with the water. While residents are aware that dogs are not permitted to enter the park, contamination by wild animals such as birds is considerably more difficult to enforce and the water is an enticing bird bath to say the least. Microbiological sampling is taken on a daily basis and fecal coliform contamination is the most common issue facing the spray park.



With your help we can manage contamination and prevent unnecessary shut downs:

1. Dogs are not permitted on the premises, with the exception of seeing eye dogs or other animal used to assist persons with disabilities (these animals may not enter the water under any circumstances);
2. Bicycles and roller blades are not permitted through the fountains;
3. Street shoes should never be worn in the water;

4. Any person with diarrhea or a history of diarrhea over the previous 2 weeks must not enter the water;
5. Young children, 35 months and under, and anyone who is incontinent must wear protective, water-resistant swimwear in order to minimize the introduction of contamination;
6. Please keep small toys and water balloons out of the spray park as they plug the filtration system and cause serious damage.

The following response plan is in place to manage contamination when it occurs:

The most common disinfectant treatment method for contamination is chlorination. If low volume pools such as a whirlpools, teach pools, wading pools and spray parks are contaminated with fecal matter or vomitus, it must be removed, drained and the cistern cleaned and disinfected. After cleaning, the cistern is disinfected with chlorine, refilled and shock treated. This process can take as long as 2 days, weather permitting. Therefore, the spray park is closed until the water is safe again to use. Thank you for your patience when this occurs.

The HOA will make every effort to insure the spray park is used only by Crestmont residents whose accounts are in good standing. The Crestmont Homeowners' Association has hired a Park Monitor to oversee the spray park and tot lot. The Park Monitor will be responsible for:

- General upkeep of the water spray park and tot lot.
- Ensure the facilities are used exclusively by Crestmont residents and keep attendance records.
- Maintain a clean, safe and pleasant environment.
- Act as a goodwill ambassador for park visitors.
- Program and occasionally conduct games to attract and entertain users.

Clothing Bin

Crestmont Homeowners' Association has been supporting the Alberta Community Clothing Collection Ltd since July 2015. The support this program has been receiving from Crestmont residents' has been phenomenal. Not only is our community supporting a great cause, a small portion of the proceeds will be given back to the Homeowners' Association. We would like our residents' feedback on where they would like to see the funds go. Please visit www.crestmonthall.com and submit an online form.

<http://www.albertaccc.ca/index.html>





Crestmont Survey Results are In!

We wanted to take a moment and share with you the results of the survey we sent out in February and to thank everyone who was able to complete it. Your thoughts and comments matter to us and we want to ensure we are doing everything we can to make your experience living in Crestmont a great one.

We were happy to hear that approximately 93% of respondents are satisfied with their experience living in Crestmont and nearly 90% would recommend Crestmont to family and friends.

Qualico Communities would like to congratulate Julia J. of Crestridge Place SW, for responding to our survey and for winning the Sobeys gift card.

Highlights:

- It was pleasing to hear that 86% of residents attended the Crestmont HOA Stampede Breakfast in 2015.
- For detailed information on your Homeowners' Association and governance, please visit your HOA website at www.crestmonthall.com
- It was interesting to note that 45% of respondents would like to see more parks/playgrounds in Crestmont. With the future development of Stage 4 phases 9 and 10; anticipated to begin in 2017, Qualico is planning to install a 3.5 acre central park and regional pathways will be extended throughout these phases.
- For most residents the biggest issue is that there are no amenities close by. There are no immediate plans for commercial amenity for Crestmont until development progresses west of the ravine.
- The main reason residents love the community is because of its location and its proximity to the mountains. They also love the peace and quiet of the community and the fact that it is all low density housing.
- Most common words respondents use to describe living in Crestmont are: Isolation, Seclusion, Size, Location, Community, Mountains, Peace and Quiet

To read the full survey Q & A please visit the Crestmont HOA website at crestmonthall.com/homepage.

Yee-Haw!

Come one, Come All to Crestmont's 15th Annual Stampede Breakfast!
July 17th, 2016 from 9:00 am to High Noon.

Come on down to the HOA's Annual Stampede Breakfast. This year's musical entertainment resides in our very own community. Mosey on down to the Crestmont Hall and help us welcome Crystal Mcgrath to the stage. Crystal has performed at many venues in Calgary. She has several years under her belt in the music industry. Crystal also teaches music to some of our littlest residents in the community and surrounding area.

There is nothing like a big ol' Stampede breakfast! Come fill up on Lino's light and fluffy flapjacks, scrambled eggs and grilled breakfast sausage.

We welcome the Stampede Caravan to our breakfast this year. Get branded by the crew as you enter the festivities. Meet Harry the Horse as he gallops through the party and watch out for the lasso master!

And don't forget our famous face painters and balloon twister.

We hope to see you all there!



A Sampling of Concerts

- **Lamb of God:** June 4, Stampede Corral
- **Brand New:** June 5, MacEwan Hall
- **James Taylor And His All-Star Band:** June 8, Scotiabank Saddledome
- **City and Colour with Shakey Graves:** June 11, Scotiabank Saddledome
- **The Hit Men:** June 11, Deerfoot Inn & Casino
- **Justin Bieber:** June 13, Scotiabank Saddledome
- **Meat Loaf:** June 13, Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium
- **Cage The Elephant:** June 14, Stampede Corral
- **Clint Black:** June 30, Deerfoot Inn & Casino



Website Update

We have added the 2016 Community Survey results and the Approved Outline Plans for development further west. Please visit our website regularly to learn about your HOA.

Waste and Recycling Changes

New bylaw changes will require all businesses and organizations in Calgary to recycle a specific list of materials starting November 1, 2016. The Crestmont Residents' Hall will be required to provide adequate storage and containers for a specific list of materials and there will be fines if we do not comply.

As of February 1, 2016, commercial vehicle loads will have higher fines for loads containing recyclable materials. Waste disposal fees at the Hall have already seen an increase reflecting this change. We are currently investigating waste and recycling options and looking to implement changes prior to the November deadline in order to see a change in our fees.

Council has also approved an Organics Diversion Strategy and the proposed bylaw amendments will be brought to council this Fall.

Changes at the Residents' Hall directly related to the new bylaws will include new waste and recycling containers, both inside and out. We will also have new waste and recycling bins in our parking lot, which will require a new or additional enclosure. There will be a policy implemented that will require our current and future tenants to follow the new waste and recycling guidelines.

Crestmont Residents Hall Access Card

Every homeowner should have at least one access card, which allows you to enter into the lower level of the Hall to use the facilities. If you have lost your access card or require additional cards, please stop by the Hall during office hours to set-up a new access card. There is a \$10.00 fee for replacement or additional Hall Access Cards.

Want to Get Involved in Your Community?

The HOA is looking for volunteers to assist with our annual events. If you are interested in getting involved with the community, please contact the event coordinator at dceglarski@qualico.com.

Have your Art Work Published!

Crestmont Homeowners Association invites you to share your creativity. Submit your artwork to be published on the cover of future issues of the newsletter. All mediums will be considered. Whether you express creativity through your camera lens or splash your canvas with paint, show us what you got! All ages welcome. Selection will be based on creativity, use of color and representation. Please submit your work to dceglarski@crestmont.ca or drop off your submission at the Hall during office hours (Monday to Friday 9:30am – 4:00pm). Deadline for submission will be July 15th, 2016.

Honorable mention award goes to 5 year old, **Kayci Leong**, for her beautiful drawing of a ballerina.



Please, Slow Down

Spring has sprung and with the warmer weather more children will be out and about. A friendly reminder to slow down when driving through our community, especially playgrounds sounds. Let's keep our little ones safe.

Hall Updates

We have been very busy at the Crestmont Hall working on several improvements. New flooring was installed April 1, 2016. The new floors were purchased and installed by Divine Flooring. They are a vinyl plank and are “virtually indestructible” with a commercial warranty of 15 years.

Minor improvements keep the Hall looking fresh, clean and desirable to potential renters. We have recently:

- Cleaned all of the light fixtures and replaced with LED bulbs.
- Removed old white 3M hooks for hanging decorations and replacing with black metal hooks.
- Electrical outlets were all replaced with new white receptacles.
- Tile flooring in the main entrance and bathrooms was deep cleaned.
- Replaced front entry way rug.
- Banquet chairs steam cleaned
- Lines painted in the parking lot.
- Storm pond fountain was installed April 8.
- Spring landscaping cleanup was done and irrigation has been started.

Just a Friendly Reminder

Please respect our Private Function Signs

It is important to remember that our Residents Hall is rented out for private events, during the day, on weekdays and on weekends. These rentals are valuable to the success and independence of our Residents Hall and your continued respect is appreciated.

When there is a Private Function sign out that means access to the upper hall is restricted to the renter and their guests only. Please, respect the Private Function signs out front and refrain from entering the Hall, even if it is during office hours. The office is typically closed when there is a private rental taking place during office hours.

Residents enjoying the grounds around the community and require the use of the restrooms, please access them on the lower level of the Hall. Thank You!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all nearby residents for your patience and understanding while events are taking place. We try very hard to keep noise levels at a minimum. If any residents have concerns, please feel free to contact me anytime, dceglarski@qualico.com.

Daniela Ceglarski
dceglarski@qualico.com

The Crestmont Homeowners Association would like to welcome you to the community. For those of you with children, here is a list of the designated schools and contact information for our area:

Regular Learning

- **Belvedere Parkway School** (K-6)
4631-85 St NW (403-777-6010)
- **Thomas B. Riley School** (5-9)
3915-69 St NW (403-777-7260)
- **Bowness High School** (10-12)
4627-77 St NW (403-286-5092)

French Immersion

- **Varsity Acres School** (K-6)
4255-40 St NW (403-777-6090)
- **Branton School** (7-9)
2103-20 St NW (403-777-7440)
- **William Aberhart High School** (10-12)
3009 Morley Trail NW (403-289-2551)

Catholic Programs

- **Our Lady of the Assumption** (K-9)
7311 34 Ave NW (403-500-2045)
- **St. Mary's** (10-12)
111-18 Ave SW (403-500-2024)
- **St. Francis** (10-12)
877 Northmount Dr NW (403-500-2026)
- **St. Sylvester** (k-6)
7318 Silver Springs Blvd (403-500-2063)
- **Madeline d'Houet** (7-9)
108 22 St NW (403-500-2008)

For more CBE Schools, visit
www.cbe.ab.ca/schools/find-a-school/Pages/default.aspx#

Movie in the Park

The Crestmont HOA is very excited to announce our first Movie in the Park event. All residents welcome! The movie will be family friendly. The event will be held on **August 7th at 7:00 pm**. Movie titles are released 8 weeks prior to the date of the event. Please check our website for updates.

Support the Crestmont Community Association by purchasing your popcorn from their snack hut. Discounts offered to CCA members.

Your Crestmont Community Association

Community Association

The Crestmont Community Association (CCA) was incorporated as a not-for-profit organization on December 21st, 2009 in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. The CCA board is made up of volunteers who are also Crestmont residents.



CCA Board

Thank you to all of you who attended our Annual General Meeting on April 8th. Your new CCA Board of Directors consists of the following individuals:

- Al Del Degan, President
- Chris Wolfe, Vice President
- Paul Christensen, Treasurer
- Stacy Cousins, Secretary
- Crystal McGrath, Director at Large

Special thanks to our valued volunteers including current Homeowner's Association (HOA) Liaison Paul Godard, and also Diane Patterson who is helping out with our event planning this year. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and it is a pleasure working with you both.

Give Back & Gain Valuable Experience

The Crestmont Community Association (CCA) is a 100% volunteer run organization. This year we have a significant number of events planned for our members and the community of Crestmont and we need your help to make them all happen. There is always lots to do, and we are very grateful for any assistance you are able to provide. Volunteering has a lot of benefits including valuable experience for your resume and a chance to give back to the community you live in. You can help out with any events or you can also still join the board. We still have several board positions open.

To volunteer, please fill out our volunteer intake form on our website: <http://crestmontcommunity.org/become-a-member/volunteer-with-us> or email info@crestmontcommunity.org

Crestmont Multi-Use Sport Court Project

Students from the Calgary Arts Academy have approached us with a proposal to build a multi-use sport court beside the Crestmont Hall in the lower field where the skating rink used to be. We are looking for your input and support for this project. Stay tuned to our website for



Each sport has its own colours:
Basketball: Orange surface and White lines
Volleyball: Blue surface and Yellow lines
Racquet sports: Red surface and Black lines
Hockey/Futsal: Gray lines
Go to <http://www.sportcourt.com> for more information.

more information and please fill out our survey at <http://goo.gl/forms/hpHUCPSRdu>

2016 Calendar of Events

The Crestmont Community Association (CCA) is a 100% volunteer run organization. This year we have a significant number of events planned for our members and the community of Crestmont. The current list of events includes:

- **May 10th** – Police Safety Chat
- **May 28th** – CCA & VRCA Community Garage Sale
- **June 18th** – CCA & HOA Neighbor Day Block Party
- **June 26th** – Crestmont Clean-up
- **August 7th** – CCA & HOA Movie in the Park
- **September 11th** – Kid's Day
- **October 30th** – Kid's Halloween Party

The Crestmont Kids Council

It is time that the children of Crestmont had their own voice! The CCA is looking to put together a Crestmont Kids Council (CKC) to be formed by volunteers in the community ages 13 to 17 years old. This will be a working board and the president of the Kids Council will have a non-voting seat on the regular CCA board and attend our meetings to keep the communication between the CCA board and the CKC open and flowing.

The CKC will be expected to assemble their own, mission statement, bylaws, budget, board positions, and monthly meetings. They will also be welcome to help plan and execute the kids-related events happening in Crestmont, including the Kids Day and Children's Halloween Party. They may also come up with some of their own events and initiatives for kids in the community.

This is a wonderful experience and character building opportunity for the bright and focused children of our great community. This is a serious commitment and the CKC will be self-sustaining and independent. It is not a playgroup or babysitting service, but a serious team who will be charged with making Crestmont even better for it's younger residents.

Any Crestmont Residents in the 13 to 17 age range who are interested can contact the CCA President (or their parents can) via the email address info@crestmontcommunity.org.

We Need Your Email Address

There are only a few effective ways for us to get a hold of you for important information and updates regarding what goes on in Crestmont. One is through this quarterly Crestmont Courier publication that our friends at the

Crestmont Homeowners Association put together and another is through email.

There are 480 homes in Crestmont but our email database only has 234 email addresses. **That means when we send out important information we are only reaching less than half of the homes in Crestmont.** Please visit our website and click the "Newsletter Signup" link at the top right of the page so you can stay informed. While you are there, please browse through the information on our site and contact us with your comments. www.crestcomm.org

A Few Other Notes...

Don't miss out on community and municipal updates! Sign up to receive Councillor Ward Sutherland's monthly e-newsletter at: www.WardSutherland.com

Next time you have an old mattress, please don't throw it out. Instead, recycle it! Re-Mattress: www.re-matt.com/our-history

Thanks for reading,

Al Del Degan
President
Crestmont Community Association
www.crestmontcommunity.org

Our Schools

École St. Sylvester

As another school year draws to a close, we would like to congratulate all of our students on their academic achievements, community contributions and spiritual growth. We would like to especially acknowledge our departing Grade 6 students. We send them off with our very best wishes for continued success in all of their endeavours. On behalf of the entire staff of Ecole St Sylvester School, we would like to express our gratitude to the families who make up our school community for all of your support and contributions.

Please note these important dates:

- Sacramental Celebration, June 10
- Grade 6 PAT, June 14-20
- Grade 1 Field Trip to Birthplace Forest, June 16
- Year End School Picnic, June 22
- Year End Mass at St Peters, June 24
- Grade 6 Farewell Lunch, June 27
- Last Day of Classes, June 28

Very best wishes to everyone in the Ecole St Sylvester School community for a relaxing, enjoyable and safe summer break.



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Crestmont Hall Programs

Hall Programming

Community interest in classes at the hall continues to grow – and we've listened. We're diligently working on providing more activities at the hall in the coming year. A few new programs have been confirmed and more are still in the development stage.

Mountain Reach Educators

Mountains Reach was born when two Moms, with a background in education, started to share their past love of teaching and learning. One thing led to another and an idea was born. From this idea came a service that would provide tutoring, educational after-school clubs, support for the local home-school community, and seminars.

With our eclectic style, Mountains Reach Educators ensures that the learning experience delivers a supportive, engaging and rewarding environment in order to encourage lasting academic success in both individual and group experiences. We have a genuine interest in students' cognitive and social growth and encourage students to explore and grow whilst developing their Individual skills and techniques to make them effective learners.

The Crestmont HOA is currently working hard to promote these classes and run them out of the Community Hall. At this time, our goal is to offer the following classes:

- **Kids Dance** (Thursdays, 5:00pm – 5:55pm)
- **Move-it and Shake-it** (Thursdays, 9:30am – 10:15am & 2:10pm – 2:55pm)
- **Kids Musical Theatre** (Thursdays, 4:00pm – 4:50pm)
- **Discover Through Literacy** (Thursdays, 3:00pm – 3:45pm)

Sportball

Outdoor Soccer

Kick start your day! Sportball Outdoor Soccer programs introduce fundamental concepts of gameplay and

teach the basic skills required to bend it like Beckham in a supportive, non-competitive environment. Coaches zero in on skills like throw-ins, dribbling, trapping and passing in fun, exciting, skill-focused games. Classes take



place outdoors on the green space beside the residence building. Parents are required to remain on the field for children's safety. Register online at www.sportball.ca.

For future sessions, please visit www.crestmonthall.com



SUMMER OUTDOOR BOOTCAMP

at Crestmont Hall

Mondays 7:00pm – 8:00pm

and/or Wednesdays 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Join an amazingly motivating, educated, and experienced team of instructors for a research-based exercise class! The format changes to keep you interested and to keep your body adapting. Use a variety of equipment to keep your body challenged week to week! A fun group & an effective workout!

To register, please contact Lisa at 403-861-7722 or

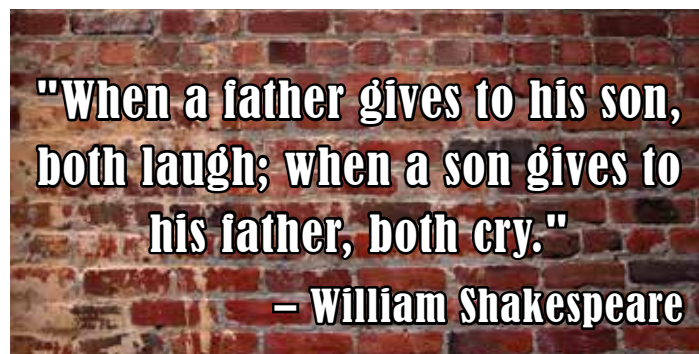
Motivatefitnessconsulting@gmail.com

Website: www.motivatefitnessconsulting.com

Girl Guides



For any questions about Guiding, please email scenicbowvalleydistrict@gmail.com or phone Diana at 403-510-5598.



Crestmont Hall Calendar: Events

Event	Date	Time	Where	Additional Information
Fitness Bootcamp	Mondays/Thursdays	7:05pm – 8:05pm	Crestmont Hall	motivatefitnessconsulting@gmail.com
Sparks	Tuesdays	6:15pm – 7:15pm	Crestmont Hall	Register at www.girlguides.ca
Guides	Tuesdays	7:30pm – 9:00pm	Crestmont Hall	Register at www.girlguides.ca
Brownies	Wednesdays	6:15pm – 7:45pm	Crestmont Hall	Register at www.girlguides.ca
Sportball	Thursdays	10:45am – 11:30am 11:30am – 12:30am	Crestmont Hall	Register at registration@sportball.ca
Kids Dance	Thursdays	5:00pm – 5:55pm	Crestmont Hall	Register at mountainreacheducators@gmail.com
Discover Through Literacy	Thursdays	3:00pm – 3:45pm	Crestmont Hall	Register at mountainreacheducators@gmail.com
Kids Musical Theatre	Thursdays	4:00pm – 4:50pm	Crestmont Hall	Register at mountainreacheducators@gmail.com
Move-it and Shake-it	Thursdays	9:30am – 10:15am 2:10pm – 2:55pm	Crestmont Hall	Register at mountainreacheducators@gmail.com
Crestmont Community Association Meeting	3 rd Thursday of every month	8:00pm – 9:00pm	Crestmont Hall	www.crestmontcommunity.org
Community Block Party	June 18	TBD	Crestmont Community	www.crestmontcommunity.org
Crestmont Clean-up	June 26	TBD	Crestmont Community	www.crestmontcommunity.org
Canada Day	July 1	closed	Crestmont Hall	
HOA Annual Stampede Breakfast	July 17	9:00am – 12:00pm	Crestmont Hall	www.crestmonthall.com
Heritage Day	August 1	closed	Crestmont Hall	
HOA Movie in the Park	August 7	7:00pm	Crestmont Hall	www.crestmonthall.com

Welcome Young Rembrandts!

Please see website for class schedule.

We teach drawing, the fundamental skill of all visual arts. We look forward to an exciting year of classes at Crestmont Hall. Our innovative, step-by-step curriculum and engaging subject matter will show your child that drawing can be fun and interesting! During our once-a-week classes, we teach skills that will help them grow, develop and excel while your child creates memories that will last a lifetime. Your child will enjoy ALL NEW LESSONS each week.

Pre-School Drawing Classes (ages 3 ½ to 5)

Young students are so eager to learn, and a joy to teach. Young Rembrandts instructors provide a nurturing and strong learning environment that expands Pre-schoolers' image vocabulary as they draw familiar images such as fish, teddy bears, rainbows and cowboys. We'll concentrate on the skills of drawing and coloring while we develop fine motor skills, focus, listening, staying on task, patience and spatial organization.

Elementary Drawing Classes (ages 6 – 12)

Our elementary-age curriculum is designed to teach basic to advanced drawing skills, art techniques and

vocabulary. We believe that drawing is the bedrock skill required for future artistic success. We give them skills to express their creativity, and believe that all children can – and should – learn to draw. We provide all materials and teach new lessons each week in a positive and nurturing environment, which brings out the best in each child. You'll see increased art abilities, learning skills, self-confidence and self-esteem.

Cartoon Drawing Classes (ages 6 – 12)

Learning to draw can be fun, especially when we create silly characters, funny expressions and drawing sequences that tell a joke! This delightful program combines Young Rembrandts' innovative, step-by-step drawing method with light-hearted subject matter that engages children, their sense of humor, and their vivid imaginations.

Check the Crestmont Resident Hall website program calendar and our website to find dates and times.

www.youngrembrandts.com/southernalberta

Phone: 403-457-DRAW (3729)

Email: Calgary@youngrembrandts.com

Crestmont Recognition of Excellence

The Homeowners Association will be promoting and recognizing good deeds, philanthropy and contribution to the community. If you believe a member of the community should be recognized or know of an individual who always lends a helping hand, please send your story to dceglarski@qualico.com.

Brownies 77

The HOA would like to recognize the members Brownies 77 for earning their 'being part of a community' badge. One of the ways to be a part of community is helping to maintain a clean environment, free of litter and debris. The group also discussed storm water and spoke about the pond. The girls had fun being outside and comparing the strange items they found. The goal was for the girls to develop a sense of community and caring about the environment. And also – have fun!



Julie Baquiran

The HOA would like to recognize one of our residents, Julie Baquiran. Julie is the owner of The Great Outdoors: Junior Outfitters, one of Calgary's top outdoor apparel stores. On Saturday, May 7th, Julie donated all the sales from that day to Alberta Red Cross to support those affected by the Fort McMurray fires.



"This community is near and dear to our hearts as my family started out in Fort McMurray and I want to do our part in providing support to our fellow Albertans."

– Julie Baquiran

Residents like Julie, make a community whole!

Our Councillor Report

Carbon Tax on the tax?

The Provincial Government has announced a carbon tax that will come into effect in 2017. There will be a carbon tax on your home heating bills and your transportation bills. Unfortunately, this same tax will apply to the City's transit, police, and fire departments. This tax will add \$6M to the operating budget.

This may affect Calgary Transit's service hours, which are already stretched thin due to decreased ridership. Other options may be to increase transit fare or add ½% to Calgarians' property taxes. The City is already undertaking measures to help reduce its carbon footprint. We have a CTrain line that's fully powered by wind-generated electricity. Since 2013, The City has been investing in greener buses. The Calgary Police has issued an idle-free campaign.

Provincial Property Tax

On your upcoming property tax bill, there are two

components noted – the City's portion and the Province's portion. City Council has decreased its property tax hike from 4.7% to 3.5% this year. I will be advocating for zero hikes in 2017/2018. The Province has issued a 10.2% increase in its education/property tax. We were expecting an increase under the current economic environment, but certainly not as extreme a one. Unfortunately, this means that when the property tax hikes from the City and the Province are combined, homeowners face a total tax hike of 6.1%, which equals about \$170 in 2016 instead of \$60. I can appreciate the difficult times many Calgarians are experiencing, and truly believe we have a responsibility to respond by lowering taxes. As The City we do not run an operating deficit and nor should we. You have my continued commitment to challenge administration and advocate prudent financial governance.

Ward Sutherland, Councillor, Ward 1



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Little Stars Crestmont Daycare



Little Stars is a pre-accredited childcare centre opening in July 2016 in the Crestmont Community Centre. Little Stars is accepting registrations for children 19 months to 6 years.

We offer preschool classes for 2 days/week, 3 days/week or 5 days/week from 9am – 11:30am. In addition to preschool, we are providing full time childcare for families. The full day program will run from Monday to Friday from 7am – 6pm. We offer Kindergarten care for a limited number of children. We will drive to and from schools in Bowness, or we can drop off and pick up children from a bus stop near the community centre.

The preschool program will be closed for two weeks at Christmas, one week in March and all statutory holidays. Parents will be given a list of closure dates in September once preschool starts. The full day program will be closed only for statutory holidays.

Meals and snacks are provided and follow the four food groups and nut free!

Registration forms are available online at www.lilstars.ca
**Crestmont residents that register will receive 10% off their first month.*

If you need more information, please contact us at 403-241-6261 or lilstars@shaw.ca

Preschool fees (9am-11:30am only)

- 2 days/week (Tues/Thurs) \$250
- 3 days/week (Mon/Wed/Fri) \$300
- 5 days/week \$450

Full time program (7am-6pm)

- 19 months – 3 years \$1100
- 3 – 6 years \$1000

Part time program (7am – 6pm up to 4.5 hours)

- 19 months – 3 years \$550
- 3 – 6 years \$500

Kindergarten (includes all school breaks and pd days)

- \$900

Municipal News

by Anne Burke

More RV Parking

The traffic bylaw prohibits an RV from being parked on the street next to the owner or operator's residence for more than 48 hours.

The Land Use Bylaw states:

- (1) A recreational vehicle must not be in a front area for more than 24 hours.
- (2) A trailer for transport can be in a front area, only while loading or unloading.

Since, many use their RVs during the summer, these bylaws could be very restrictive for RV operators.

- How can these bylaws be changed to allow for more flexible parking for RVs at the operator's residence (e.g. on a driveway) from May until September?
- How many complaints are there for RV parking issues through 311? How many of these relate to RVs parked on streets, and how many relate to RVs parked on private property?

City staff were asked to follow up with answers and report to City Council.

Street Cleaning Challenges

During street cleaning, some community residents face unique challenges. They have laneless



parcels and there was no requirement to put in front driveways. The City's notice is that they must remove their vehicles within 2-3 days. This is a problem for people to know when they can and cannot park their vehicles on the street and they may not have any alternatives. These residents have to move their vehicles completely offsite for street cleaning. Are there ways of having a ticket withdrawn once issued, since they do not have onsite parking?

The Acting General Manager of Transportation reported that spring cleaning went quickly and very well, as the City started earlier due to the weather. He acknowledged the special circumstances and suggested a meeting with the Director of Roads, community representatives, and Councillor, in order to help find solutions.



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