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**RE** open  
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by Alex MacWilliam

More proof that we live in a fabulous neighbourhood came from two happy announcements last month. Our wonderful Flyover Park received the Alberta Recreation and Parks Association Parks Excellence Award for 2021. This award recognizes achievements and innovative ideas in parks and open spaces. A few days later, Air Canada's enRoute Magazine awarded JinBar with inclusion in its "Canada's Best New Restaurants" in the Best Bar Dining category. JinBar was praised by the judges for its "lively cocktail-leaning embodiment of effervescent personality" and its "bold Korean flavours". It's great to see that those outside Bridgeland-Riverside are learning what we already know; namely, that this is a great place to live, work, play, and eat.

We also know that our neighbourhood is not without its challenges, which we share with other communities in Calgary. In mid-November, I had a very informative meeting with the Calgary Police Service Inspector responsible for District 3 (the police district that includes Bridgeland-Riverside). We discussed a number of issues and concerns that have been raised by residents with our Board and on the Bridgeland Eyes on the Street Facebook page. Inspector Wozney was frank and open in acknowledging the challenges we face from rising incidents of social disorder and was very committed to maintaining an ongoing dialogue with our community.

With that in mind, the BRCA is seeking input from residents who might be interested in getting involved with addressing safety matters on behalf of the community. Such a group could serve as a conduit for disseminating information on safety issues and focusing resident concerns to present to CPS and elected officials. If this might be of interest to you, please contact [safety@brccalgary.org](mailto:safety@brccalgary.org).

On behalf of the BRCA Board of Directors, I wish you all a happy and safe holiday season. Take time to enjoy the company of family and friends and to reach out to those in our community who might be struggling during these difficult times.



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# The Rock Stars Scavenger Hunt is Here!

Susan Mulholland – Beautification Committee

In early November, the Rock Stars Scavenger Hunt was launched with 3 “Loops” encouraging people to find rocks that were beautifully and lovingly painted by neighbours. These rocks are located around Bridgeland-Riverside at 36 destinations including; art, parks and green spaces, little free libraries, etc. Rock Stars was designed specifically to encourage people to explore the neighbourhood and discover interesting places they may not know about. There’s a map and a clues sheet for the Scavenger Hunt that help guide you (instructions below).

**Loop #1 - Where the Water Flows:** This loop is in East Riverside and is particularly friendly for all ages and abilities. It has a wacky watery theme given its location, the local art and murals, as well as the painted rocks there!

**Loop #2 - Heart of the Neighbourhood:** This loop takes you around the central core of our ‘hood’ to find out what makes Bridgeland-Riverside unique. The colourful artsy and sometimes kooky rocks found on this loop reflect our quirks and diversity.

**Loop #3 - Into the Wild:** This loop takes you north to explore our green spaces and outer edges where we’re “North of Normal!”. Naturally, the rocks along this loop are nature themed!

## To join in follow these easy steps...

1. Print the map and clues sheet for the Scavenger Hunt found on our website; <https://brccalgary.org/connect/events-activities/>.
2. Paper copies of the map and clues sheet are also available at the Hall. Please email [hall@brccalgary.org](mailto:hall@brccalgary.org) or call 403-263-5755.
3. Feel free to do 1, 2 or all 3 loops – you can do them at the same time or different days.
4. Please leave the rocks in their existing spots so others can find and enjoy them too!
5. Participants can enter for a prize draw up until December 19.
6. Post some fun pics of you finding the rocks on Bridgeland Love Facebook page!
7. This is a year-round event, so get out there! Have some fun! And share with friends!

## A huge thank you to the following for making this project happen!

- Artists and creators Vanessa Toews and Ash Adams for running the rock painting event,
- All the people and families that came out to paint the rocks on September 12,
- All the volunteers who came out and helped,
- Local artist and designer Katie Pearce for creating the map,
- Minto Developments for the large rocks,
- Generous funding provided by the Neighbourhood Grant and Activate YYC,
- And Bridgeland Riverside Community Association for all its support.



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## Volunteer Profile— Sarah Eve White



### **How long have you lived in Bridgeland-Riverside? What do you like about living here?**

I moved to Bridgeland in June of 2020, nearly a year and a half ago! I love Bridgeland-Riverside because of the people, great food, and parks. Everyone in the neighbourhood is friendly, generous, and happy to live in such a wonderful place.

### **How did you get involved in volunteering in our community?**

I love to organize events, so when I received an email from BRCA requesting help to plan the first annual Field Day I signed up immediately. At our first meeting I was welcomed by both new and experienced volunteers who wanted to collaborate and make the event as accessible and inclusive as possible.

### **What kind of volunteer activities have you done?**

Alongside the other wonderful BRCA volunteers, I assisted in planning and executing Field Day, as well as helping out with a pop-up concert! I am very much looking forward to helping out with other activities in the future.

### **What ideas do you have for volunteering in the future? What interests or excites you?**

With BRCA, I would like to spend more time volunteering at community events and hopefully \*fingers crossed\* help with the second annual Field Day! But anything that brings people together (ideally with good food and music) is right up my alley.

Outside of BRCA, my dog and I applied to be on the Pet Access League Society (PALS) team, which aims to enhance the lives of others through the known human-animal bond, with pet visitation therapy. He's a very good boy that brings a smile to everyone's face, so why not share his joy with others.

### **What would you tell others in the community about volunteering?**

That every single person I have met through BRCA is truly a joy. People are friendly and the events are really fun! We live in a beautiful and well cared for community by the work of some truly exceptional folks! There are lots of people who tend and care for our community. So, to them, thank you!

### **What do you like most about volunteering for the Bridgeland-Riverside Community Association?**

At the risk of sounding like a broken record, the people! I'm truly astounded at how incredibly friendly everyone in the neighbourhood is. The volunteers want the community to be a place we are proud to call home.

### **What is a hidden gem in Bridgeland-Riverside that you have discovered?**

Not so hidden, but Tom Campbell's Hill (especially during a thunderstorm or sunrise/sunset) is always a spectacular view! But, as a self-appointed spokesperson, the Bridgeland Farmers Market Box is one of the best collections of local goods in Calgary! Do yourself a favour and try one!

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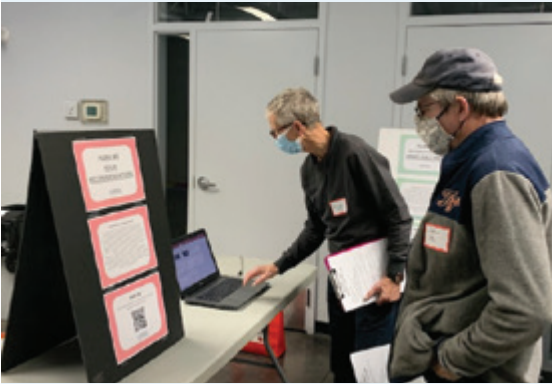
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## Parks Naming Project Update



Park 8 Info Station - BRCA

Our Open House was held on November 2, where the Project Team presented the survey responses for the suggested names, and received feedback from attendees about suggested and alternate names. Ideas to “make the parks better” were also discussed. Thanks to all who came out and chatted with the Project Team, and to the Silvera representatives who introduced exciting plans for a new park to start construction in 2022. During November, the project team focused on encouraging more Bridgelanders to fill in surveys, and adding new parks Park #9 (Silvera) and Park #10 (where Nose Creek flows into the Bow River) to our naming project. We’ll review the latest survey results at our committee meeting in December and use this to guide our next steps. Stay tuned.

*BRCA Park Naming Committee*

## The Piazza Tidy Team 2021

The Piazza is an iconic Bridgeland location. It is a natural place to socialize with friends and enjoy the vibe even in winter with the popular fire pit. Calgary Parks department makes the Piazza wonderful by providing the seasonal flower planters, overhead lights, Christmas Tree, and fire pit. BRCA volunteers make the Piazza a welcoming place by tidying it everyday from April to October. Each morning, a team member cleans and arranges the tables, chairs, and picnic tables, and picks up litter. The shops on the Piazza benefit from the daily efforts of the Tidy Team. Team members are Bridgeland Ambassadors when they chat with visitors who come here to experience “Piazza Life”. The Piazza Tidy Team 2021 is: Bertina Burger, John McKee, Lucia McIntyre, Allan McIntyre, and David Bernatchez (Rest in Peace).



## Volunteer Opportunities



### Upcoming BRCA Volunteer Opportunities

- Arctic Adventure Event Planning
- Skating Rink -maintenance
- Bridgeland Sport Court Fundraising
  - Tree Subcommittee
- Farmers’ Market –market box day/committee

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## Fancy, Fancy, Fancy

Do you put tinsel on your tree? Is it a tradition to drape it delicately across those green branches? Well, it may not have been so easy years ago. Back in 1610, Tinsel was invented in Germany, and was spun from real silver. Imagine having to drape that daintily across a pine tree, without breaking it of course! Fancy, fancy, fancy!



# Historic Riverside Bungalow School at Risk?

by Deb Lee – BRCA Heritage Committee

When Judy Stevenson sits in her easychair and looks out her front window, she has a view that has been evident for over 100 years. Across the street is Riverside Bungalow number 2 – a four-room school built in 1920 where hundreds of Riverside and, later, Bridgeland children were educated. To this day, the grassy area south of that school is alive with children playing games, hanging out, and participating in their class exercise programs.

I spoke to Judy and her brother Robert James recently, and they voiced concerns about the possible changes that could happen to this heritage school. The Calgary Board of Education (CBE) plans to subdivide the property and put the land and building up for sale. It is not 'protected' and could potentially be torn down to make way for a new "development". This is very worrisome!

Judy and Robert grew up on 2nd Avenue, took their early grades at the Bungalow and later went to Langevin (now Riverside) Junior High School. They have fond memories of the teachers and the school with its bright rooms and many windows. Judy remembers the cast iron pipes that formed a fence around the school property and the fun they had keeping balance on its edges. The tongues of more than one child were magnetically drawn to those metal bars in winter, with inevitably painful results (why do kids do this?) Robert recalls that the playing field was covered with coal dust (not a blade of grass to be seen in those days), which made it especially uncomfortable if you fell on the ground. Judy confides that she learned about the "birds and the bees" when gathered at recess with her girlfriends. Wonderful memories of a wonderful time!



Grade 2 class, 1959 Riverside Bungalow

Riverside Bungalow has not had students in these classrooms for many years. The CBE had some planning groups and meetings here, but in recent years, the building has been mostly vacant. Understandably, CBE does not have extra dollars to renovate an aging heritage building and the school is showing its age. But the school and the historic homes lining the north side of 2nd Avenue make an appealing streetscape that recalls past days in Riverside.

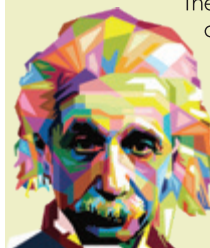
Beyond the Bungalow, school yard, and Riverside Science School, Judy can see the former number 4 Firehall. It was built in 1910 and also faced closure and a private sale. Fortunately, the new owner valued its important heritage and invested in renovations that saw the old firehall retain its original façade but become a modern family home and workspace. Today this process is called adaptive re-use and any number of uses could be feasible... day care, dance studio, offices, etc. Judy and Robert hope that there will be a positive outcome for Riverside Bungalow.

If you care about the heritage of Bridgeland Riverside and want to see the Riverside Bungalow survive and thrive into the future, please let your voice be heard. The deadline for comments to the city on the development permit was November 15, but it's not too late to contact Ward 9 Councillor Carra at [ward09@calgary.ca](mailto:ward09@calgary.ca) and the BRCA Planning Committee at [planning@brcacalgary.org](mailto:planning@brcacalgary.org).



Judy Stevenson and Robert James, Riverside Bungalow

## Aw, He's Got Your Eyes



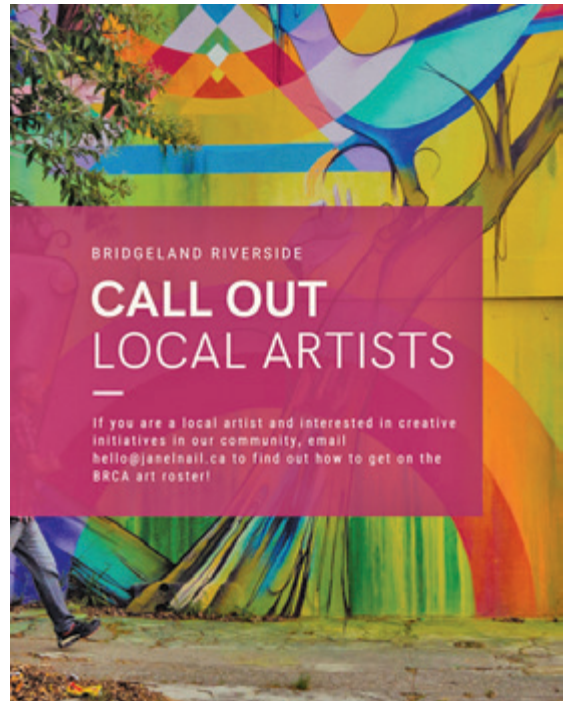
The Star Wars character Yoda is allegedly modelled after Albert Einstein. The special effects artist, Stuart Freeborn, said he was inspired by a poster of Einstein's face that was in his office, and modelled Yoda's character after it! So, if Yoda's eyes looked a bit familiar, now you know why!

## A New Park is Coming Soon to East Riverside!


Silvera for Seniors recently underwent a land use redesignation and subdivision for the land surrounding Willow Park on the Bow (between 11 and 11A Street, north of Bow Valley Lane), which includes the development of a brand-new public park space.

This park will create a new outdoor space for residents and visitors of East Riverside to gather, play, and relax at any time of year. New pedestrian and cyclist pathways will connect the park to Bow Valley Drive to the West, and to the small park adjacent to Bishops Manor to the East. It will also feature a number of seating areas, plants, trees, and landscaping, and offer multiple open lawn spaces to accommodate a variety of uses and activities. We are excited to bring this park to life in the months ahead and provide new green spaces to our community.

The park is also part of the BRCA's Park Naming Project (where it is currently referred to as Park #9), so keep an eye out for Bridgeland Betty to make an appearance at the park's future location. Be sure to take part in our upcoming survey to provide general feedback and help us name our park!



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# Bridgeland Walks

by Deb Lee

It was a low-key season, but Bridgeland Walkers did take to the streets for the 2021 season. Our Wednesday evening walks were affected somewhat by the forest fire smoke and threats of rain, but all in all, we had a great time. We are hoping that next season, starting in May 2022, COVID concerns will be behind us, and we can plan and fully publicize our walks. If you are interested in being on the email list for notification of 2022 walks, contact us at [bridgelandwalks@gmail.com](mailto:bridgelandwalks@gmail.com).



*Bridgeland Walkers last walk of 2021*

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### Frostnip

- Frost-nipped skin is extremely cold, but not yet frozen skin;
- It commonly affects the ears, nose, cheeks, fingers and toes;
- The skin may look red and possibly feel numb to the touch;
- When treated promptly, frostnip usually heals without complication;
- Move to a warm environment and immediately, but gently, re-warm the affected area through skin to skin contact (i.e. hand covering tips of ears).

### Frostbite

- Frostbite occurs when skin becomes so cold, the skin and underlying tissues freeze;
- Affected skin may look white and waxy and will feel hard to the touch;
- Move to a warm environment immediately and place the affected area in warm, *not hot*, water until fully re-warmed;
- Call 9-1-1 or seek further medical attention as required.

### Hypothermia

- Hypothermia is abnormally low body temperature, less than 34°C (as compared to normal body temperature of about 37°C);
- Early hypothermia may manifest as profound shivering; moderate hypothermic patients may act inappropriately: stumbling, mumbling, and fumbling, as their body temperature continues to drop resulting in severe hypothermia (<30°C);
- Left untreated, severe hypothermia may progress to unconsciousness or death;
- Early recognition and prompt medical attention is key. Call 9-1-1. Don't forget to protect yourself from the factors that originally lead to the patient's situation;
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We are entering our second holiday season of the COVID-19 pandemic. Albertans want to celebrate with family and friends while also remaining vigilant to stay safe and follow public health orders.

In Calgary-Mountain View we are fortunate to have a vibrant business community – with specialty shops, eateries, and businesses that fill our daily needs. Many of these businesses rely on stronger sales around the holidays to help set them up for success throughout the year. By supporting small businesses at this critical time of year we are supporting the business, their workers, and local economies.

Over the last 21 months, small businesses have had to shut down, reopen, or move online. Many have pivoted to change their business model, their services, and their products to survive, all while adapting to, and implementing ever-changing public health orders.

The Small and Medium Sized Enterprise Relaunch Grant was launched by the Alberta Government to help businesses through the pandemic, but the program has been plagued with delays. More than 4,300 small businesses are still waiting for the third installment of funding they applied for in April. It was meant to help the hardest hit businesses through the third wave of COVID-19 and the province is now well into the fourth wave. In the interim, too many small businesses have had to go into debt to remain open.

I am proud to stand with my colleagues in the official opposition in our continued calls for better supports for businesses. Small and medium business allow many to live, work, and shop locally. It's imperative the payments are not further delayed, or we could permanently lose these cornerstones of our community.

As always, I'm happy to hear from constituents. Please keep in touch through my constituency office at Calgary.MountainView@assembly.ab.ca or 403-216-5445.

### **Make A Difference**

In Parliament, each Member of Parliament may have the opportunity to introduce a piece of legislation through a process known as a Private Member's Bill. While there are no limits on the subject of the legislation, it can not be used to call on the government to introduce additional spending. What would you propose?

With over 300 MPs, there is not enough time in four years to debate legislation from each MP. As a result, there is a lottery system used to randomly select the order in which MPs can introduce their ideas. Most MPs will not get the opportunity to introduce their legislation, but occasionally you can get lucky (like I did in 2019) and get selected to go first.

In the last Parliament, I introduced legislation that will add a question to Canada's annual tax returns to allow Canadians to indicate that they wish to register as an organ and tissue donor. This initiative was supported unanimously by all parties and became the law in June 2021 when it passed in the Senate.

With a new Parliament, I may be fortunate enough to get one of the early opportunities to introduce another piece of legislation. At this point, I have not settled on any ideas, and I genuinely welcome your suggestions. As stated earlier, proposals cannot call for additional spending and must fall within federal jurisdiction. To be successful, it is best if any proposals are likely to secure support from MPs in all parties.

If you have an idea you would like to propose, please send it to me as soon as you can. My staff and I can draft the legislation, but it would be helpful if you could provide as much information as possible, including the rationale for your idea. Please send your ideas to [len.webber.a1@parl.gc.ca](mailto:len.webber.a1@parl.gc.ca).



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