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PRESIDENT/ EDITOR'S MESSAGE Q BRCA

I always try to start these messages on a positive note. Unfortunately, that is not the case this month. In February, a commercial property on 1st Avenue owned by a long-time Bridgeland business was the target of a graffiti attack that can only be described as racist, violent, and hateful. The nearby Calgary Buddhist Temple was also tagged with offensive graffiti. The perpetrators of these cowardly criminal acts (now being investigated by the hate crimes unit of the Calgary Police Service) no doubt intended to inspire others who share their hateful views.

I am pleased to report that their actions have had the opposite effect. Within hours of the incident being discovered, the offensive messages were painted over. and residents began placing paper hearts and messages of support on the wall of the building. Later that day, the BRCA connected with the Beltline Urban Murals Project (BUMP) to see if it would be interested in commissioning an artist to design and paint a mural that would send a message of love, acceptance, and kindness, values that embody what Bridgeland-Riverside stands for. For those not familiar with BUMP, it is a community-driven initiative that has been transforming Calgary's inner city into an expansive open-air urban art gallery since 2017. BRCA collaborated with BUMP in 2021 to turn the concrete pillars supporting the 4th Avenue flyover near our award-winning Flyover Park into colourful murals.

Upon learning of the graffiti attack, BUMP was pleased to get involved and so we have set about fundraising to make this mural happen this year. At the time of writing this message (mid-February), the fundraising campaign had attracted over 80 donors in its first two weeks and has received contributions totalling approximately 20% of the money needed to fund the project. If you would like to support this project, donations may be made on our website at brcacalgary.org.

While my message this month started on a very negative note, I am hoping that the response to this hateful crime will demonstrate that we are a kind, welcoming, and anti-racist community. It is important to keep in mind that racism cannot simply be painted over. It is up to all of us to stand together in support of everyone in our diverse community. As stated on our website, "love wins".

Alex MacWilliam



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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Bring your own equipment: Lighters, pokers, roasting sticks, snacks and chairs.

First Aid kit.

Alcohol & cannabis are not permitted.

COURTESY

The fire pit must be reserved before use. If you can no longer attend please cancel your booking.

Clean up all garbage. Do not leave garbage on the ground or overflow the bins. Take home what does not fit inside the bin.

Reserving the fire pit does not include access to the community hall or washrooms.

Hours of use: 12pm - 9pm

SAFETY

Only burn <u>dry</u> wood that you have brought with you. Do not burn any branches, leaves, grass, garbage, chemicals etc.

Have water available to put the fire out quickly if needed.

Do not leave the fire unattended.

Do not allow hot items to touch the tables and plastic chairs.

You must fully extinguish the fire before leaving.

Use of the fire pit is subject to all fire bans.

ENJOY

We hope you enjoy using this community space.

Use of the fire pit is <u>at your own risk.</u>
The Bridgeland-Riverside Community
Association is not liable for any injury or damage to personal property.

Anyone not being safe, creating out of control flames, causing damage to the property, or causing a disturbance to the community will be asked to leave.

Park Naming Project Update

Thank you for your interest and participation in the BRCA Park Naming Project. We enjoyed the many conversations we had with people in each of the Parks and with residents of nearby homes. We appreciate all those who took the time to complete surveys on one or more parks. We learned not only about your preferences for the names of the parks but also your perceptions of safety, what you enjoy about each park, and your suggestions for making the parks more appealing. All this information has been collated and will guide us as we move forward with our Park Naming Project.

The Committee has made its decisions as to park names and will be bringing our recommendations to the BRCA Board meeting for its endorsement in the near future. The next step is to submit our recommendations and letters of support to the City of Calgary for its consideration and approval. This will take some time.

In the meantime, stay tuned for opportunities to get involved in activities in the parks, litter clean-up, the City's Adopt a Park program, etc. Enjoy our parks!

Those who completed the Park Naming Project surveys had the opportunity to enter a draw. Winners of \$20 gift certificates to a local business are:

Trevor Keating, Colin Hartloper, Sam Schneider, Barbara Wyrsch, and Christie Phelan.

Park Naming Project Team



Why Do Trees Matter?

by the BRCA Beautification Committee Tree Team

The BRCA has a Tree Team working to increase the number of trees in our community and maintain their health. Why would we want to do this? Trees provide so many benefits so we thought we would share some here that you might not already be aware of.

Trees:

- Cool the environment in the hot summer remember the difference walking down a shady street in last summer's heat dome compared to a sunny street?
 The shade provided by trees can also decrease the need for air conditioning in homes.
- Shelter homes and pedestrians from cold winds in winter. Evergreens around your home can lower your heating bill. Trees can also block blowing snow.
- Increase property values.
- Absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen great for slowing global warming. They also absorb many air pollutants - providing cleaner air for us to breathe.
- Absorb water in their roots minimizing storm water run-off, soil erosion, and flooding.
- Release water vapor into the air great in our semiarid environment.
- Provide homes and food for birds and small animals and insects, especially pollinators.
- Provide food for us, birds, and animals apples, crab apples, cherries even pears grow here!
- Are beautiful to look at green spaces have been shown to improve mental and physical health.

In future newsletters, we will share more information with you about the benefits of trees, what we are doing to plant more trees in the community, and where to get information if you want to plant trees on your property that will thrive.



The Bridgeland-Riverside Farmers' Market is back!









This spring we plan on returning to a weekly outdoor market with vendors. Starting June 23rd, join us every Thursday 3:30-7:30pm at the BRCA!

Interested in becoming a vendor? email: farmersmarket@brcacalgary.org or visit: www.brcacalgary.org



Oreo's 110th Birthday

Did you know that the Oreo cookie is turning 110 this year? The world's best-selling cookie has 90 ridges, 12 flowers, 12 dashes, and 12 dots on each side. Celebrate the world's (and milk's) favourite cookie on National Oreo Day this year on March 6th!

Bakery in the 'Hood

by Deb Lee, Heritage Committee

I recently heard a rumour that a new bakery is opening in Bridgeland, and it made me think of a much-loved bakery from our past.

City Bakery, a popular business located at 906 1st Avenue was recently a popular topic of conversation on the Historical Bridgeland Riverside Facebook page and many people spoke lovingly about their favourite bakery treats. Cakes such as black forest, mandarin, and coffee mocha vied for top marks but the donuts. vanilla slices, cream horns, napoleons, and long johns were fondly remembered as well. Many a Bridgeland bride (and beyond) had her wedding cake made at this local business. Is your mouth watering as you think about the delicious treats enjoyed by previous residents? Kids stopped at the bakery for a sweet as they walked home from school. No doubt staff and visitors from the General Hospital that was across the street stopped in for their favourite treat. People from all over Calgary came to City bakery to buy their European-influenced creations. Local residents found work at the bakery. One Mom, Apolonia Portincasa, worked there for 30 years - it was an overnight job that had her arriving back home just as her kids were heading off to school. This Facebook post about City Bakery has drawn the most attention of any post on the page, with 97 likes or loves and 43 comments.

I also found an article, written by long time resident Sharon McKendrick for the Bridges newsletter a number of years ago so thought I would share some of that info. Sharon recounted that the original building was constructed in 1908, the year after Bridgeland was annexed to become part of Calgary. This makes it one of the earliest buildings along 1st Avenue. For the first few years it was a grocery store operated by Sauer and Son, and in 1923 the building became a Canadian Pacific Railway laboratory. In 1927, the first bakery opened on this site. It was owned by the Rosenthal family and was called City Bakery. It changed owners and names a few more times until 1948, when Harry and Rachel Gorscht took it over before it was sold to Pierre Macullo in 1954.

Fritz Painsi and Hans Wanner took over the business in 1971, initially focusing on breads and buns. These gentlemen had apprenticed in Switzerland and were employees at the bakery before they purchased it. Because of their extensive training, they began to make the pastries that people still fondly recall. The reputation of the bakery grew, and they began to supply some of Calgary's finer restaurants. Along the way, the building expanded until it extended over several lots north along 8th Street.

During its heyday, City Bakery operated 24 hours a day. As its pastry business doubled in volume, 42 people were employed. After streamlining operations in 1982, staff was reduced to 30 people working 5 days a week - still a very busy place. The bakery was also a training ground for many pastry assistants from Calgary and other countries. Can you imagine all the activity happening on that corner and the delectable scents emanating from this popular bakery on our Main Street? How we miss it!

City Bakery was sold to Weston's in 2001 and closed after 2010. After sitting vacant for a few years, the building was purchased and renovated by Molson Coors to become its Western Canada office. The 1st Ave storefront housed a printing business for a few years and now Leela Eco Spa provides its services from the street level part of this historic Bridgeland building.



Bridgeland Bit

When you walk along many streets north of 1st Avenue have you noticed street numbers north of 1st Avenue jump from 2nd Ave NE to 4th Ave NE? Did the street numbering people forget about 3? Or was 3 left out because it is "unlucky"? Well... there is only one corner in Bridgeland



proudly displaying the 3 Ave NE sign. Do you know where it is? 3 Ave NE is only 117 meters long; its the shortest street in Bridgeland. Do you know which is the second shortest street in Bridgeland? What's the longest street in the neighbourhood? Do you have a favourite street?

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Youth Can Connect with Employers at April 7 Hiring Event

The City of Calgary Youth Employment Centre (YEC) is hosting an in-person hiring event on Thursday, April 7 from 1:30 to 6:00 pm at the Big Four Building, Stampede Park (Restrictions Exemption Program applies to Calgary Stampede events).

Meet with local employers from a variety of industries who are recruiting for part-time, full-time, permanent, and seasonal positions. Don't wait, connect with the YEC to prepare for the event. Youth ages 15 to 24 can access free career and employment services by booking a session online. Speak to an employment expert to get support with your resume, job search, interviews, and more.

Learn more about the event at www.calgary.ca/ YECHiring or call 403-268-2490.



Excavation: Unearthing the Stories and History of a Space

During the month of February, Sparrow Community Artspace (36 4th St NE) hosted an artist residency of four photographers, who created and collaborated on the following theme:



Using photography as an archaeological tool, Excavation explored the history of Sparrow Artspace, the De Waal building in which it is housed, as well as the surrounding neighbourhood and the land on which it was built. To unearth some of Sparrow's story, photographers Lucy Altrows, Ramsey Kunkel, Colleen Rauscher, and Jenny Tzanakos dug for visual clues, historical records, and anecdotes. As pieces of Sparrow's history were exhumed, a photography exhibition emerged, offering visitors a glimpse into the past and an opportunity to contribute to the space's evolving story. For the month of February, Sparrow transformed into a photographic dig site, housing the following:

A workspace where the artists conducted research, collected artifacts, and studied historical evidence; an interactive area where visitors could share knowledge of the building and neighbourhood, as well as view what others shared; and a photography-based installation that was created during the residency.

Interested in contributing?

Even though the residency in that space has finished, our research is ongoing - we are looking for community contributions and welcome everyone to participate! Any stories, photographs, letters, or items about the De Waal building or Bridgeland/Lower Crescent Heights area would be gratefully accepted. There are many ways to connect with us. You can:

Email us: excavationphotodig@gmail.com

Message us on Instagram: @excavation_photodig_yyc

Or by Mail:

c/oExcavation Sparrow Artspace 36 4th St NE, Calgary, AB, T2E 3R7

This exhibition was part of the Exposure Photography Festival.



Update on Bridgeland Riverside Continuing Care Centre Project

by Cindy Lund, Project Manager, Health Facilities Branch, Capital Projects Delivery Division, Alberta Infrastructure

The artwork collected from local schools and the project team has been installed on the construction fence.

Construction of concrete columns, stairwells, and suspended slabs will be completed by late spring of this year. Two mobile cranes have been brought to site in addition to the existing tower crane. Building enclosure and framing of the West tower is complete, remainder of the building is in progress. Interior fit out of West tower in progress.

Utility work and widening of Centre Ave will begin in the spring.

The project team continues to be committed to the community of Bridgeland-Riverside and are available to address any concerns the community may have. Please use the email address INFRAS.BRCCC@gov. ab.ca to forward your comments or concerns and a response will be issued. For additional information, please visit the AHS website at https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/about/Page13606.aspx.

Thank you for your patience as construction continues to build a facility the community of Bridgeland Riverside can be pleased with.

The Wacky Wombat

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- 1. Anthrax
- Cholera
- 3. COVID
- 4. Dengue
- 5. Diphtheria
- 6. Equine Encephalitis
- 7. Haemophilus (Influenza) A
- 7. Haemopinius (iimaenza) 7
- 8. Haemophilus (Influenza) B
- 9. Haemophilus (Influenza) C
- 10. Haemophilus Meningitis
- 11. Hepatitis A
- 12. Hepatitis B

- 13. Japanese Encephalitis
- 14. Meningococcal Meningitis
- 15. Mumps
- 16. Pertussis (Whooping Cough)
- 17. Pneumococcal Pneumonia
- 18. Poliomyelitis
- 19. Rabies
- 20. Rotovirus
- 21. Rubella (German Measles)
- 22. Rubeola (Red Measles)
- 23. Herpes Zoster (Shingles)
- 24. Streptococcal Pneumonia

- 25. Tetanus
- 26. Tic-Borne Encephalitis
- 27. Tuberculosis
- 28. Typhoid Fever
- 29. Variola (Smallpox)
- 30. Varicella (Chicken Pox)
- 31. Yellow Fever

There is some progress reported from Africa on the prevention of malaria by immunization, which in turn would save millions of lives. It too may soon be added to this list!



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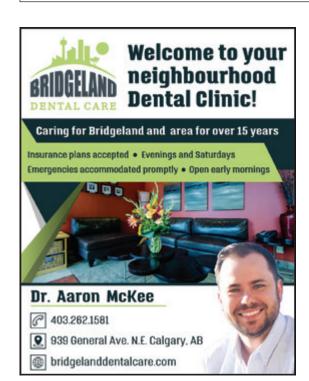


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