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917 Centre Ave. NE
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Membership type: (please check one)

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Senior

For 2022 we will not be charging membership fees but invite members, if they wish, to pay what they can.

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SEPTEMBER @ BRCA Hall

(all activities are free)

- **Gentle Chair Yoga** with Kim -Tues Sept 6, 13, 20, 27, Oct 4, 11 @1pm - [Register](#) for all 6 days by email or phone (see below) –Max 10 ppl.
- **Nordic Pole Walk** – Sept 27 -10am – Last class

SENIORS LUNCHEON Sept 28 - 12-2pm

- RSVP for the luncheon by email or phone (see below) Lunch, Presentation and activities.
- **Fall Prevention Presentation** – AHS – Bridgeland Seniors Health Clinic
- Blood Pressure check follow up – at the end of the luncheon (From August 17 event)

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Join us **Wednesday evenings 7pm** from May 4 – Sept 28 for our walks around the neighbourhood. We follow a different theme and route each week. **Meet @Community Centre 917 Centre Ave**



Contact us @ bridgelandwalks@gmail.com to have your email added to the distribution list for our monthly schedule.

This month 6:30 start time.

Sept 7 Renfrew Explorations

Check out the back route to Renfrew and see some of the highlights of our neighbours to the north. Hill, 6 km

Sept 14 St Patricks Island

Cross the Ctrain and GC King bridges and explore the corners of our island. Mostly flat 5km

Sept 21 Escarpment Views and Sunset

Great views of our neighbourhood and enjoy the sunset from Tom Campbell Hill. Hilly 5 km (Ice cream)

Sept 28 Favourite Places Finale

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The Bridgeland Business Improvement Area

The Bridgeland Business Improvement Area (BIA) was formed in January 2020. A BIA is:

- A municipally designated improvement area made up of commercially assessed property owners and their tenants within a defined geographical area.
- Managed by a volunteer board and self-funded through property tax levies.

What do BIAs do?

- Promote the area as a business or shopping area
- Business retention and expansion including appropriate business mix and new business recruitment
- Represent and advocate for local businesses
- Partner and engage with the community and City to help oversee improvements, beautification, and maintenance of municipally owned land, building, and structures in the Bridgeland area, beyond what is provided by the municipality
- Partner and engage in the growth and development of the area
- Partner and engage with the community in the establishment of festivals and events and other marketing and promotional activities



Meet your BIA Board and Executive Director:

Alena Jenkins - President

Chris Hankins - Vice President

Shannon Creelman - Treasurer

Laura Brescia - Secretary

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Shayne Perrin - Member at Large

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SAFE & SOUND

Back to School Safety

Alberta Health Services EMS would like to remind parents and students of some basic safety tips as the school year begins again this fall. Pedestrians and motorists both have an important role to play – road safety is a shared responsibility.

Motorists

- Distracted driving carries a \$300 fine and three demerit points in Alberta. Avoid the use of mobile devices or engaging in any other behavior that diverts your attention away from driving.
- Give right-of-way to pedestrians who have activated overhead crossing lights, or who are waiting to cross from a street corner.
- Other than parked cars, it is illegal to pass another vehicle in a school or playground zone during posted hours.

Around School Buses

- Flashing amber lights mean a bus is slowing down to stop – motorists should do likewise.
- No matter which direction you are coming from, stop when approaching a school bus with activated flashing red lights – unless the bus is on the opposite side of a divided highway from you.
- Driver courtesy goes a long way. By simply being alert and cautious when approaching a school bus, you are contributing to school bus safety.

Pedestrians

- Cross only at marked crosswalks, or street corners that have clear visibility from all directions.
- Make eye contact with all drivers before crossing the street and keep distractions to a minimum.
- When activating overhead crossing lights, pause before stepping off the curb to ensure motorists in both directions have come to a complete stop.
- Stay within the crosswalk lines.
- Obey pedestrian lights at intersections. Cross the street only when you see the 'walk' sign and only when all cars have come to a complete stop.
- If you are with young children or pets, hold your child's hand firmly and keep a solid grip on leashes when crossing.
- Remember: Children learn by observing. By demonstrating safe crossing habits, you can reduce the chances of your child being involved in a preventable auto/pedestrian collision.

Schule Park and Our Early German Residents

by Mabel Kiessling, Heritage Committee

In 2021, the BRCA Parks Project worked to name 10 small parks in Bridgeland-Riverside to better understand and share the unique identity of our community as it has evolved over the years. The City of Calgary Naming Guidelines were followed, and residents were engaged in discussions about these park spaces and what they mean to people. In April, the committee submitted their report to the city with recommendations for the names of these parks and we now await the City's response and approval. But even more important than the park name is what's behind the name. With all 10 park names, we hope to tell the story of Bridgeland Riverside heritage.

The green space to the east of Delta West Academy (near 2 Ave and 11a/12 Streets) was once part of the Bridgeland School grounds when it opened in 1921. After the school closed in 1998 and then was sold in the early 2000s, the City retained the park area. The name "Tyndale Park" started to appear on maps, although no formal naming process was ever approved and there has never been any explanation about the Tyndale meaning to our community. During the Park Project, the name "Schule Park" was selected and here's why this name was chosen: "Schule" recognizes the role that immigrants of German descent played in the history of Bridgeland-Riverside. "Schule" (pronounced "shula") means "school" in German, which connects naturally with the adjacent historic Bridgeland School.

Immigration of Germans from Russia started here in the 1890s and grew steadily. Riverside was declared a village in 1903 and was known informally as "German Town." Some streets were originally named after German cities, for example, Munich and Dresden. Most of the people were very religious and one of their first priorities was to build a church. This is still evident in the number of small older churches here. Christmas Eves were memorable with children's pageants and recitations ending with each child receiving a brown bag filled with an orange, nuts, and candy. Immigrant children got their education in local schools including Bridgeland School and Langevin Junior High School (now called Riverside School).

The Germans were well known for their businesses selling delicious sausages and bakery items. Men were employed at Calgary Breweries or Robin Hood Flour Mill

downtown and the women, at Calgary General Hospital in the kitchen and laundry. Older ladies dressed in black and wore bandanas on their heads. The yards had big gardens and some owners kept chickens. Milk was brought to the homes by horse-drawn milk wagons, which drew the attention of the neighbourhood children. There was a lot to do – swimming in the summer, skating at the rink in the winter, playing baseball or soccer, even selling magazines at the entrance to the hospital during visiting hours.

More German-speaking immigrants arrived after the Second World War. As a contribution to Old Bridgeland Days in the 1990s, the German community participated in the parade and offered a lunch of sausage on a bun with sauerkraut. A few of the German surnames that appeared were Poffenroth, Kromm, Benner, Befus, Michel, Lust, Hergert, Goss, Altenhof, Goerlitz, Spielman, Schreiner, and many others.

The name "Schule Park" reminds us of the important historic presence of German-speaking residents in our community.



Martin and Ida Bock, Mabel's Grandparents

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Rental Cons Cash in on Stressed Out Movers

by the Better Business Bureau



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How the Scam Works

You respond to an online rental listing that touts a beautiful home, low rent, and great amenities. It looks legitimate; con artists often use real photos and descriptions stolen from other websites. The "landlord" replies to your message claiming to be out of town and unable to show the property.

In the newest BBB Scam Tracker reports, con artists pretend to be out of town for work or in the hospital with a health emergency. The scammer will then create a false sense of urgency, telling you that others are interested, so you must act immediately. They will ask for a security deposit and/or the first month's rent to reserve the property. The scammer may claim that you can see the property through a rental agent – only after you pay the deposit. In some versions, the "landlord" will require prospective tenants to complete an application form, which asks for personal details like a Social Security number.

One renter reported this experience, "I saw a house for rent on Facebook and reached out... They sent me an application link and requested \$50 per adult through CashApp. I sent \$100 for two adults and got a confirmation link saying they received the application. After that, they requested \$400 to be sent to them to hold the property. I refused since I had not met them in person or seen the house."

No matter the details, the result is the same once you send the money. The "landlord" will stop responding to messages and disappear. Renters reported to BBB Scam Tracker losing thousands after paying fees to hold an apartment, make a deposit, and pay the first month's rent.

Tips to Avoid This Scam

- Watch out for deals that are too good. Scammers lure you in by promising low rents, extra amenities, and a great location. If the price seems much better than elsewhere, it may be a scam.
- Search online for similar properties. Do a quick search for the listing, scammer's email address, or phone number. If you find the same ad listed in other cities, that's a huge red flag.
- See the property in person. Don't send money to someone you've never met for an apartment you haven't seen. If you can't visit an apartment or house yourself, ask someone you trust to go and confirm that it is what was advertised.
- Don't pay a stranger with cash transfer apps. Many scammers now ask for payments through peer-to-peer apps instead of wired funds or prepaid debit/gift cards. Only use these apps with people you know. It's ok to pay a landlord you trust with Venmo, Zelle, or another P2P app, but don't use this payment method to secure an apartment or pay a deposit.

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If you know a child who would benefit from the BB4CK School Lunch Program, you would like to volunteer in our community kitchens, or you would like to donate to our program, please visit our website at www.BB4CK.org.



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