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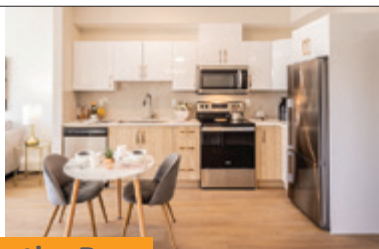
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## PRESIDENT/EDITOR'S MESSAGE

As we head into winter, I am reflecting on, and thankful for, the glorious summer/fall weather we enjoyed in southern Alberta (I write this on a sunny 24-degree day in mid-October). The wonderful weather made it easy to get out and take advantage of the many features that make our community a great place to live. The soccer fields, parks (big and small), the Piazza, the river paths, the Zoo, and of course, our new Sport Court have all been abuzz with activity.

Now that winter is upon us, let us keep in mind that outdoor activities in Bridgeland abound despite the colder temperatures. Thanks to a dedicated group of volunteers, we hope to have the skating rink next to the hall up and running again. Firepits will be available in the Piazza and Murdoch Park's hill will once again be teeming with tobogganers. Please do your part to make our neighbourhood safe for walking by keeping your sidewalks clear of snow and ice. While you're at it, consider being a Snow Angel by removing snow for someone who would find that task more difficult.

This issue of Bridges will likely come out just after Remembrance Day. I hope you took time to pause and remember the men and women who served and the thousands who made the ultimate sacrifice in defence of the freedoms we have. If you have not had the opportunity to view the Field of Crosses just west of Bridgeland on Memorial Drive, I encourage you to do so as it is a very moving tribute and a reminder of how thankful we should be to live in a peaceful country.

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## VOLUNTEER PROFILE

### Andrea and Paul Lau

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

We have lived here for 14 years and have loved every minute of it! We like how close our community is to downtown, river pathways, unique businesses, and amenities. We also like how Bridgeland-Riverside seems to attract people who are interested in being part of a community. At times, it feels like we live in a village!



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

Andrea started volunteering 10 years ago when a call was put out to the community regarding interest in forming a farmers' market. Andrea responded and is part of the team that founded the Bridgeland Riverside Farmers' Market.

At the same time, Paul started the afterschool Bridgeland Kids Basketball/Chess Club as well as the Adult Co-Ed Basketball Club.

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

We have collectively volunteered for the Bridgeland-Riverside Rooftop Garden and CareWest Garden, Bridgeland Riverside Farmers' Market, coaching Bridgeland Kids Basketball Program and Kids Chess Club, coaching Bridgeland Kids Soccer, Bridgeland Field Day, CulturaFest, Bridgeland Campus Centre Street Church Stampede Breakfast, busking at the Farmers' Market and Plaza, Christmas choir caroling, Christmas Kids Musical Recital at Silvera Seniors Manor, and Community Cleanup!

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

Hmmm... we'd love to see more outdoor concerts and a movie in the park event.

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

Volunteering has incredible benefits for both the community and the individual who is volunteering! There can be the misconception that volunteering is just time that you give away—which takes hours away

from other activities or free time. Volunteering creates change, but the change is reciprocal for the volunteer. It is fulfilling, satisfying, and valuable to know that you are contributing directly to the community where you live.

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

The wonderful people that we get to meet and create friendships with!

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

After looking up a map that shows the boundaries of Bridgeland, we really love that the Calgary Zoo is part of Bridgeland-Riverside! We have spent many hours there with our kids and still love going regularly.



## CRIME STATISTICS

### Bridgeland Crime Activity was Down in September 2022

The Bridgeland community experienced 22 crimes in September 2022, in comparison to 31 crimes the previous month, and 22 crimes in September one year ago. Bridgeland experiences an average of 27.8 crimes per month. On an annual basis, Bridgeland experienced a total of 334 crimes as of September 2022, which is up 38% in comparison to 242 crimes as of September 2021. To review the full Bridgeland Crime report visit [brid.mycalgary.com](http://brid.mycalgary.com).

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## Parks Foundation Calgary Celebrates Grand Opening of First-of-its-Kind Facility with Youth Basketball Tournament

Calgary's newest inner-city multipurpose sport court is a family-friendly destination that encourages sport development and a love of play. On September 24, 2022, Parks Foundation Calgary, in partnership with the Bridgeland-Riverside Community Association and the Calgary Foundation, celebrated the grand opening of the Bridgeland Sport Court.

BRCA partnered with Parks Foundation Calgary to develop the Bridgeland Sport Court to ensure that it provides community value, fosters connection and wellness, and promotes sports development. "The Bridgeland Sport Court is a unique and vital addition to Calgary's inner-city. We know sports development and recreation play a pivotal role in mental health and physical wellness," says Sheila Taylor, CEO Parks Foundation Calgary. "Our city's parks and sporting facilities welcome all ages and abilities to enjoy sport and the outdoors in a safe, innovative environment."

To kick off the opening of the Bridgeland Sport Court, a 3x3 basketball tournament was held to break in the new space. 3x3 basketball is one of the fastest growing sports in Canada. Over 50 local athletes spent the day in friendly competition accompanied by music by DJ Mello. Huge shoutout to local basketballer Stephen Kerr who not only designed the court, but also organized the tournament. Also, a massive thanks to Pam at the BRCA hall for organizing all the food and logistics, and all of our volunteers who came out to help score keep and hand out basketballs! We couldn't have run the day without you!



Members of the University of Calgary men's basketball team also took to the courts with a skills showcase and meet and greet with local youth. Thanks to the Dinos for their volunteerism!

"The sport court will be a gathering place for people of all ages to practice and develop their skills," says Bridgeland-Riverside Community Association representative, Ali McMillan. "We know that sports development begins at a young age, and we're so pleased to have facilities like Bridgeland Sport Court for youth to gather and play."

## Seniors Luncheon

The BRCA Seniors Luncheon took place on September 28. It was fabulous to be able to come together again after a few years of not being able to gather for the luncheon. 47 people attended and enjoyed each other's company over a great lunch provided by Roma Catering. The luncheon was made possible with the support of the Government of Canada New Horizons for Seniors Grant and the Congress of Union Retirees of Canada Calgary Chapter. We look forward to many more gatherings like this. Here's to friends, neighbours, and our community!



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# Riverside School Upgrades its Bike Racks

by Tim Schaefer

Riverside School, located on the 700 block of 1 Ave NE, is a grade K to 9 Calgary Board of Education school serving over 600 children. Most of the kids attending the school live in Bridgeland and the surrounding neighbourhoods. While many of those kids live within a few minutes' walk of the school, others live just a bit further than a practical walking distance away. That's where biking becomes a great option for kids to get to school.

The trouble is kids' bikes at Riverside School have been a target for theft, despite the bike rack being in a locked cage in a prominent area. Dealing with bike theft is an unfortunate reality for our inner-city neighbourhood. To help address the risk, and in turn, encourage more kids to bike to school, the Riverside School Council stepped in and invested in Riverside School's bike parking in 2022.

The bike racks at the school were the old 1950s "wheel bender" style rack that you've probably seen everywhere. The trouble with these racks is that they simply don't allow the typical bikes kids ride today to be locked in a secure way.

Wheel bender racks are just intended to hold the bike upright from the front wheel. To be able to lock the frame to this style of rack, less secure cable locks are often used because they will stretch from the bike frame and connect with the rack. Unfortunately, cable locks are easily cut by thieves. When more secure U-locks are used on wheel bender racks, only the wheel is lock-able and thieves will take the frame, leaving the front wheel behind locked to the rack.

To provide a more secure solution, the Riverside School racks were upgraded to the Youth En Route design. With the help of the CBE welding shop, openings in the rack were made wider, and hoops were added (see photo of new rack) to make it easy to lock a bike's frame with a more secure U-lock or heavier chain lock. Now, the kids in the community can be more confident when parking their bikes while at school.

Providing infrastructure for our kids to be able to independently travel to school on their own steam is an important part of creating a safe and inclusive neighbourhood. When we allow people of all ages and abilities to feel comfortable moving about the neighbourhood outside of a car, we are building on the wonderful vibrancy that makes Bridgeland so special.



## Yielding to Emergency Vehicles

by Alberta Health Services



For everyone's safety, it is important motorists understand how to correctly yield right-of-way to emergency vehicles with their lights and sirens activated. You can help EMS, police, and fire get to the scene quickly and safely by following these rules of the road.

### **When an emergency vehicle approaches with lights and siren activated:**

- If you're in the middle of an intersection when an emergency vehicle approaches with lights and siren activated, safely clear the intersection.
- On a one- or two-lane road, motorists should move to the right side of the road, slow down, and then stop, remaining parallel with the road. Remember to signal.
- Move right or left to the nearest curb on one-way streets.
- On a road with three or more lanes, motorists should move to the nearest side of the road and stop. If driving in the centre lane, move to the right side of the road and stop. Remember to signal.
- Come to a complete stop and wait for the emergency vehicle to pass. Shoulder check for more emergency vehicles before re-entering traffic flow. Remember to signal.

- Emergency vehicles might use any available road space to maneuver. This could include shoulders or turning lanes, etc., to pass other traffic.

### **When operating a vehicle:**

- Motorists must reduce speed to 60 km/h or the posted speed, whichever is lower, when passing emergency vehicles or tow trucks that are stopped with their lights flashing. This law applies to the lane(s) immediately next to the stopped vehicles. If you're not in the lane next to the stopped vehicles, it is recommended to reduce speed and leave lots of space between yourself and emergency personnel.
- Do not break the rules of the road in order to give right of way to an emergency vehicle. This could include proceeding through a red light or making an illegal turn. Actions such as these jeopardize all motorists in the area.
- Drivers must place their full attention on the roadway and toward the safe operation of their vehicle at all times. The fine for distracted driving in Alberta is \$300 and three demerit points.
- Do not drive within 150 meters of an emergency vehicle with its siren and/or flashing lights on. For reference, 150 m is nearly 1.5 times the length of a football field.



# Renting a Storage Unit

*From the Better Business Bureau*

Are you looking for a place to store possessions that won't fit in your house? Finding a storage facility is similar to finding a trustworthy landlord. To make smart decisions when it comes to signing a contract for a storage unit, spend time deciding on the type of storage unit that you need. Gather the items you want to put into storage in one place. This will put into perspective how much space you need. Don't forget, you'll also need space to enter the unit and move around. If you ever need to get something out, you don't want a unit that's packed from floor to ceiling.

### What to Consider Before Renting a Storage Unit

Are any of your items temperature sensitive? If so, you'll need to have a unit that's indoors and climate controlled. Are your items valuable? You'll need a unit that has a good security and monitoring system. Also, purchasing insurance for the unit is a good idea, whether it's through the storage company itself or your personal insurance company.

Keep your options open and make sure you have a few units that you can investigate before making a final decision. You may find that a location a little bit further away will give you more features that you want.

### Storage Units: What to Watch Out For

Here are some of the things to look out for when shopping for a storage unit:

- **Cleanliness and Security:** All businesses advertise that they're secure and clean, but not all live up to their promises. Problems could include bug/animal infestations, leaking rooves, broken surveillance systems, unmanned entrances, and poor security of visitors. Look carefully when you visit.
- **Hidden or Additional Charges:** There may be additional charges for lock rental, insurance, late fees, utilities, and security. Make sure that you get everything in writing and read your contract carefully so that you aren't surprised by add-ons later.
- **Hiding in the Small Print:** Read the fine print to look for all sorts of conditions relating to responsibility of your possessions, amount of notice for raising rent, and terms under which you're deemed to have defaulted.



**Access to the Unit:** Be sure to look up the storage facility online and determine what the gate and office hours are.

### Visiting Storage Facilities

Don't feel pressured to sign immediately on the dotted line, even if management tells you that the units are limited. Spend the visit looking around and asking questions. First impressions are everything and often, you'll get a sense from that first visit how the company treats customers.

As with any industry, there are bad actors who want to scam you. Storage scams can include:

- **Complicity in Theft:** Through negligence or direct involvement, operators have been known to play a part in the theft of contents from locked units.
- **Selling Your Stuff:** In the case of a default, the owner is probably entitled to enter and auction off the contents.

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 MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
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Jul-22	\$324,900	\$320,000
Jun-22	\$439,900	\$435,000
May-22	\$412,350	\$402,000
Apr-22	\$350,000	\$342,000
Mar-22	\$439,900	\$442,000
Feb-22	\$465,000	\$533,500
Jan-22	\$449,950	\$431,750
Dec-21	\$249,900	\$228,000
Nov-21	\$399,900	\$392,500
Oct-21	\$407,450	\$392,000

## Last 12 Months Bridgeland MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
Sep-22	16	6
Aug-22	12	8
Jul-22	19	11
Jun-22	20	17
May-22	23	22
Apr-22	21	19
Mar-22	30	23
Feb-22	33	21
Jan-22	15	16
Dec-21	7	5
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Oct-21	13	8

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The first book, completed in 1942, was 10 inches thick and weighed 68 pounds. In 1959, it was split when the original binding needed to be replaced. Smaller volumes were then created under several titles.

These eight books hold the names under the titles, 'War of 1812', 'South African War/Nile Expedition', 'Newfoundland', 'Korean War', Merchant Navy, and 'In the Service of Canada'.

Newfoundland's war dead prior to Confederation were included in a special book when they joined Canada in 1949.

The Merchant Navy book was added decades after the Second World War when the deadly and heroic service of the Merchant Navy was finally recognized as war service. Of the 12,000 merchant mariners who volunteered, more than 1,600 died for their country.

The books are viewable by the public and reside on Parliament Hill. Each morning, the House of Commons security services hold a solemn white-glove page-turning ceremony to ensure that each fallen Canadian listed is recognized each year.

You can visit [www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/memorials/books/search](http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/memorials/books/search) to search for the name of a particular fallen Canadian. Once you locate a name, you can view the page online, order a copy for your family archives, and see when that page will appear in the page-turning ceremony. Try searching for a lost relative.

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# CALGARY'S 2022/23 HOCKEY SCHEDULE

Courtesy of ZACH TERLIER

OCTOBER	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
							1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
9	10	11	12	13 COL 7:30P	14	15 EDM 8:00P	
16	17	18 VGK 7:00P	19	20 BUF 7:00P	21	22 CAR 8:00P	
23	24	25 PIT 7:00P	26	27	28	29 EDM 8:00P	
30	31						
NOVEMBER	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 SEA 7:00P	2	3 NAS 7:00P	4	5 NJD 8:00P
6	7 NYI 5:00P	8 NJD 5:00P	9	10 BOS 5:00P	11	12 WPG 8:00P	
13	14 LAK 6:30P	15	16	17 TBL 2:00P	18	19 FLA 2:00P	
20	21 PHI 5:00P	22	23 PIT 5:00P	24	25 WAS 12:00P	26 CAR 2:00P	
27	28	29 FLA 7:00P	30				
DECEMBER	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 MTL 7:00P	2	3 WSH 8:00P	
4	5 ARI 7:00P	6	7 MIN 6:00P	8	9 CLB 5:00P	10 TOR 5:00P	
11	12 MTL 5:00P	13	14 VAN 8:00P	15	16 STL 7:00P	17	
18	19 SJS 8:00P	20	21 SJS 8:00P	22 LAK 8:30P	23 ANA 8:00P	24	
25	26	27 EDM 7:00P	28 SEA 8:00P	29	30	31 VAN 8:00P	
JANUARY	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 WPG 6:00P	4	5	6 NYI 7:00P	7	
8	9 CHI 5:00P	10 STL 6:00P	11	12 STL 6:00P	13	14 DAL 12:00P	
15	16 NAS 6:00P	17	18 COL 8:00P	19	20	21 TBL 1:00P	
22	23 CBJ 7:30P	24	25	26 CHI 7:00P	27 SEA 8:00P	28	
29	30	31					
FEBRUARY	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4	
5	6 NYR 5:30P	7	8	9 DET 5:30P	10	11 BUF 10:30A	
12	13 OTT 5:30P	14	15	16 DET 7:00P	17	18 NYR 8:00P	
19	20 PHI 2:00P	21	22 ARI 8:00P	23 VGK 8:00P	24	25 COL 8:00P	
26	27	28 BOS 7:00P					
MARCH	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 TOR 7:00P	3	4 MIN 8:00P	
5	6 DAL 6:30P	7 MIN 6:00P	8	9	10 ANA 7:00P	11	
12	13 OTT 7:00P	14 ARI 8:00P	15	16 VGK 8:00P	17	18 DAL 8:00P	
19	20 LAK 8:30P	21 ANA 8:00P	22	23 VGK 7:00P	24	25 SJS 2:00P	
26	27	28 LAK 7:00P	29	30	31 VAN 8:00P		
APRIL	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4 CHI 7:00P	5 WPG 5:30P	6	7	8 VAN 8:00P	
9	10 NAS 7:30P	11	12 SJS 8:00P	13	14	15	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
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