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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Good Day Crossroads. I hope you all had a pleasant summer filled with Family and relaxation.

Our Annual General Meeting is on September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Come out and join us. All members with a valid 2016-2017 membership are eligible to vote and run for a position. If you are reading this after the fact, we welcome committee chairs and committee members all year, so step forward and let us know if you are so inspired. Our committees include, but are not limited to: Multicultural Festival (May 26<sup>th</sup>), Entertainment (Movie nights and more), Facilities, Grants, Fundraising, Publicity, Development and more.

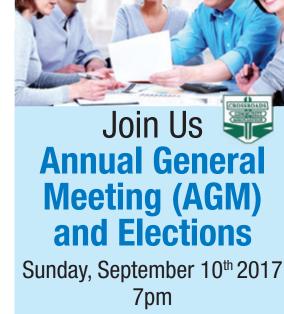
Speaking of Movie Nights... October 13<sup>th</sup> and November 10<sup>th</sup> are our next 2 dates for Family movie nights. More details later in this newsletter.

As summer winds down, our Vista Heights Community Garden is also wining down. We hope you were all able to celebrate a bountiful harvest?

Our Annual Summer Festival, was a HUGE hit. Thank you to all of our wonderful Collaborative partners for all of their work and support. Along with your Crossroads Community Association, Servus Credit Union, Vista Heights Strong Neighbourhoods, Crossroads Community Church, Aspen Family Services, Brown Baggin it for Calgary Kids, Cornerstone Youth Centre, Phoenix Education Foundation and Renfrew United Church.

There are a number of initiatives for the adults going on via the City of Calgary and Vista Heights Strong Neighbourhoods. Digital Literacy, Crochet Club and Walking group all have details in the coming pages. Join them, learn and meet your neighbours. Find out more at their Get Together night, September 22nd.

Let's help keep each other safe. Join our Facebook Safety page https://www.facebook.com/groups/1849696171950456/ and add to the discussion. Join us to make our community safer. Look out for your neighbours Crossroads and I certainly hope at this time of renewal that your back to school has been most pleasant.



Crossroads Community Hall

Up for election: President, Secretary & 2nd Vice President along with Committee chairs

For more information: crossroadscommunity@shaw.ca, 403 277-6201



# **CROSSROADS** Community Association

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## NOTE FROM THE EDITOR



This has been an amazing summer and I'm sure it's the hottest yet! My garden has produced quite the bounty, enjoyed by me, the boys, and the local rabbits. There are quite a few beautiful gardens in our community, which I'm happy to see there is a lot of pride in keeping our properties well maintained.

If you love to garden and don't have one, contact Rikki at rikkischlosser@shaw.ca. They are always looking for volunteers to help out at the Vista Heights Garden and it can be quite rewarding!

The kids are off to school now to start another year and I'd like to think that most are excited to return. At least to see their friends again. With that, please be aware of the increased pedestrian traffic from the little ones in the morning and after school. Extra caution is needed in the pick-up areas at all the schools, since it can be quite congested. The kids sometimes come out of nowhere, making it difficult to see them darting to their parent's car. So. beware!

There has been changes to the 2017-18 schedule for start and end times for our schools. The information is below, indicating the new times and in brackets the previous year's times to see where the change is:

Belfast: 8:30 am to 3:00 pm, Friday end time 12:15 pm (12:00 pm)

Mayland Heights: 9:00 am (8:30 am) to 3:30 pm (3:00 pm), Friday end time 1:20 pm (12:45 pm)

**Sir John Franklin:** 9:10 am (9:00 am) to 3:50 pm (3:35 pm), Friday end time 1:20 pm (1:00 pm)

Vista Heights was unchanged: 8:50 am to 3:09 pm

The printed version of the Crossroads Convenor arrives mid month, although you can find the digital version on the Crossroad Community Association Facebook Group at the beginning of the month.

I wish you a safe and happy September!

Christine

## WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE HALL

DrumFun Wednesdays @ 9:30am! **Annual General** Sept 10th at 7:00pm Meeting and the GM

Movie Night Sept 8th at 7:00pm

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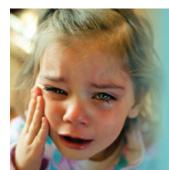
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# **Block Watch**

Block Watch helpers/Captains are needed for several vacant blocks in Belfast and Vista Heights. Please call:

Jim Johnson • 403-277-0841 Marilyn Fehr • 276-6646 Trevor Befus • 403-262-2545 (Vista Heights)

Your involvement by delivering the quarterly newsletters and being involved in Block Watch ensures your block is represented in the program and you are kept abreast of all criminal activity in the community. The time commitment is very minimal. To find out more, please call the respective District Coordinators listed who would love to talk to you.

# **Vista Heights Community Get-Together**

# Come meet your neighbours and enjoy a fun evening together!

When: Friday, September 22, 2017 Where: Vista Heights School (2411 Vermillion Street N.E.) Time: 6:30 - 8:30p.m.

- Free event! The whole family is welcome.
- Get to know your neighbours and find out ways to be involved to create a stronger community.
- Enjoy fun Board Games
- Snacks will be available

For more information, please contact: Geraldine: 403-250-7439

Organized by Vista Heights Residents Working Group Supported by The City of Calgary and Aspen Family and Community Network



# **Summer Walk**

(July – September)

Fitness • Meet vour Neighbours

Are you interested in joining a neighbourhood summer walking group?

Weekly walk starts on Wednesday, July 19th at 7p.m.

For schedules and information, please contact Geraldine at 403-250-7439.

Organized by Vista Heights Residents Working Group



# **Drum Fun** is starting again!

Every Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m.

Hope to see you there!



# **FREE**

# **Digital Literacy** (Computer Class)

At Cedar Court Hub (1820 14 Ave.NE) Brought to you by Calgary Public Library in partnership with The City of Calgary

> Tuesdays First Session 9:00-11:00 AM Second Session 11:15-1:15PM

If interested to attend these classes or require more information please contact Daniel Kebede at 403-476-4184. Daniel.kebede@calgary.ca.



# **Craft Fair**

**Crafters Wanted!** 

## **VISTA HEIGHTS GARDEN**

The Vista Heights Garden is growing well... but we need your help. We are actively looking for volunteers - as a bonus you will get a share of the harvest as is becomes available.

If you would like to join us we meet every other Tuesday at the Garden and we are always looking for people to assist us with weeding, watering and checking in on the garden in between those meetings, so please get in touch with Rikki at rikkischlosser@shaw.ca

### **Meeting Dates**

Sept 12 & 26

Vista Heights Communal Garden is located on the North Side of the Vista Heights School grounds on 22nd Ave.

Rikki Schlosser Community Garden Co-ordinator

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## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# Deadline - 1st of each month for the next month's publication

# Contact news@great-news.ca

- ◆ Free announcements: lost/found, household items for sale, wanted, garage sale, student/senior services, etc.
- ◆ Forty word limit

**WOMEN'S BARBERSHOP STYLE 4-PART HARMONY GROUP:** Seeking new members for all parts, particularly low bass. Practices held in NW on Tuesdays, 7-9 pm, September through June. Fun, non-competitive, charitable performances. Call Deb at 403-519-8980 or email chordiallyyours.singers@ gmail.com.

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There is another depot to add in with the Phoenix Foundation - Cedar Court Hub near 1820 14th Ave NE

The Good Food Box makes top-quality, fresh food available in a way that does not stigmatize people, fosters community development and promotes healthy eating.

#### What is the Good Food Box?

The Good Food Box (GFB) is a program under the Community Kitchen Program of Calgary whereby you can purchase fresh fruits and vegetables at a very low cost. The Good Food Box is a hands-up program as opposed to hands-out. We offer all Calgarians' sustainable access to nutritious food to ensure that no one has to go hungry. The boxes are put together and delivered by dedicated volunteers who along with The Community Kitchen desire to see individuals and families accessing affordable nutritious food.

# **GOOD FOOD BOX OPTIONS**

Small Box: \$25, 20-25lbs\* of fruits and vegetables

Medium Box: \$30, 30-35lbs\* of fruits and vegetables

Large Box: \$35, 40-45lbs\* of fruits and vegetables

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- Mayland Heights Monterev Park
  - Rundle

- Coral Springs
- Parkridge Estates Marlborough
- Vista Heights
- Marlborough Pineridge Park

Whitehorn

• Temple

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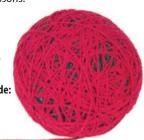
Beginner to Intermediate

Every Monday: 10:00-12:00

Cedar Court Community Hub 1/20 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue N.E.

Questions? Contact Daniel Kebede: 403-476-4184

Daniel.kebede@calgary.ca





# STRONG NEIGHBOURHOODS Vista Heights Neighbourhood Grant

Neighbourhood Grants of up to \$600 are available to support projects that strengthen connections between residents of Crossroads Community, with emphasis on residents of Vista Heights, and to make the neighbourhood an even better place to live.

# **GOT A GREAT IDEA?**

# **Submit your Community Project!**

Examples of projects that have been funded in other neighbourhoods are:

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Projects need to be for the 2017 calendar year.

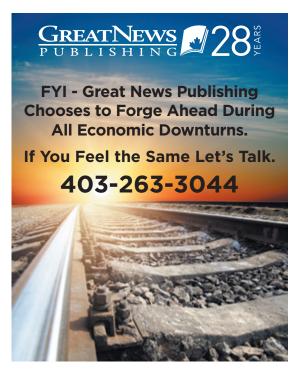
More details and guidelines provided on the application form.

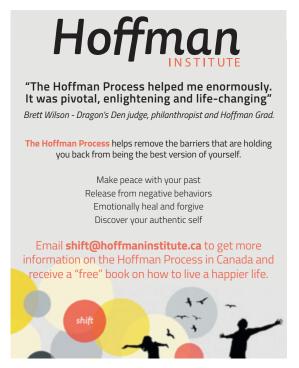
Applications will be received up to October 31, 2017

For more information or application form contact Clara Yuen, Community Social Worker, at <a href="mailto:clara.yuen@calgary.ca">calgary.ca</a> or call (403)370-7352.

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## **DOLLARS & SENSE**

# Don't give your money the silent treatment

By Suzanne Smith-Demers - Consultant

Finances can be tough to talk about, but keeping your money issues a secret can be bad for your personal and financial health. A 2014 study\* asked people what their most difficult conversation would be and 44 percent said personal finances.

Silence around money encourages people to remain uninformed about financial options and strategies and to hide resulting financial errors. If we seldom know what our loved ones think about money, misunderstandings can fester.

Despite plenty of good reasons to open up, people often find that money is a difficult topic to discuss as it can come with an emotional attachment. The technical details of financial planning can be complex, but it also requires people to think about aging and their own mortality.

As with other hard-to-discuss topics, it's often easier to stay quiet than to admit that you're deep in debt or have another money-related problem. But studies show that talking about money can reduce feelings of financial stress and help you make better money decisions\*\*.

Of course, talking is easier said than done. When you're ready to open up, accept that the discussion will inevitably not just be about money, but also what it symbolizes. It helps to have a goal in mind about what you want the talk to accomplish, and to start conversations about money with professionals that you have no emotional connection with before sharing financial feelings with loved ones.

A great way to start your money conversation is by talking to your professional advisor. They can provide the financial knowledge and planning that will reduce stress and emotion making it easier to communicate your financial goals, dreams and concerns with others.

#### Sources

\*http://www.reuters.com/article/us-money-conversation-idUS-BREA2Q1UN20140327

\*\*https://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/in-therapy/201606/ talking-about-money



Meet people in Crossroads for coffee and snacks, bingo, cards, and on occasion a potluck dinner

New Members Welcome!
Contact Anne Couture 403-568-6393

If you would like to join our mailing list to receive information on upcoming events and activities please call 403-277-6201 or email crossroadscommunity@shaw.ca with your mailing or email address.

# GAMES SUDOKU

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## TAKE ON WELLNESS



It's that time of year again. Store shelves are stacked with back-to-school supplies and racks of summer clothes are being replaced with sweaters and long pants. Getting your child ready for the new school year includes stocking up on notebooks, binders and pencils, but there's more to making the most of the year ahead taking care of your child's health. As the most important head-start you can give your child, beginning the year with good health is also simple with this back-to-school health check-list:

- Immunization: Ensure your child's immunizations are up-to-date for his or her age. This is especially important for kids entering kindergarten or elementary school. If your son or daughter is in Grade 5 and/or Grade 9, also watch for immunization consent forms coming home early in the school year. Remember: your signature on these forms is needed for your child to get his or her important grade 5 and/or grade 9 immunizations.
- Vision screening: Have your child's vision tested before he or she starts kindergarten (ideally by age three) and again every year, until 18 years of age. It's estimated that up to 80 per cent of learning is visual, so keeping your kid's eyes healthy goes a long way in encouraging their full learning potential. Eye exams for children up to 18 years of age are free of charge, covered by Alberta Health.
- Hearing/speech screening: If you suspect your child may have a hearing or speech problem, ask your family doctor for a referral to an audiologist and/or speech specialist. Left untreated, these problems could interfere with your child's learning.

# Back to School Health **Checklist**

- Dental checkup: Regular dental checkups start early! If your child hasn't had his or her teeth examined prior to starting school, now is a good time to start. Remember: good oral health is essential to good overall health. Regular checkups and cleanings help detect dental problems early, and ensure your child's teeth stay healthy for life.
- Emergency contacts: Make sure the school has up-to-date emergency numbers for each of your children, including contact information for parents, physicians, etc.
- Health conditions: Ensure the school has up-to-date information about any health conditions, allergies or physical impairments your child may have. Also inform the school about any medications your child takes.
- Backpack basics: Your child's backpack should fit properly and shouldn't be too heavy for him or her to carry, which means it should weigh no more than 10 to 15 per cent of your child's body weight. The backpack should have broad shoulder straps and a waist strap that keeps the bag firmly on the spine. Watch for warning signs that the bag may be too heavy, including sore shoulders or changes in posture. For more information visit: https://myhealth.alberta.ca/health/ pages/conditions.aspx?Hwid=abk0958
- Nutrition plan: Ensure your child has a healthy breakfast before heading to school in the mornings, and help him or her pack a nutritious lunch. Planning meals ahead of time and involving children in planning and preparation can make this task more manageable and fun. For more information visit: http:// www.albertahealthservices.ca/assets/info/nutrition/ if-nfs-whats-for-lunch.pdf.

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# SAFE & SOUND

# **Back to school safety**

Alberta Health Services EMS would like to remind parents and students about some road safety tips, as streets become more congested, with the return of the school year. Pedestrians and motorists both have an important role to play – road safety is a shared responsibility.

- · Avoid talking on cell phones, texting, or 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:
- Remember, it is illegal to pass vehicles other than those that are parked - in school zones or playground zones, 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 until fully clear of the roadway;
- · 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.

## HALLOWEEKENDS – CALAWAY PARK SEPT. 9 – OCT. 9

Enjoy Calaway in full spooky splendour with the Boo Crew, and don't miss: face painting, Thriller dance lessons, scavenger hunts, special guests, family photos and more! There will even be a costume contest on Sept. 16. More info: calawaypark.com.



# ZACHARY LUCKY – GALLERY HOUSE CONCERT SOCIETY, OCT. 2

Check out this unapologetically old-school country performer. Armed with his husky, baritone voice, he has received comparisons to Gordon Lightfoot and Kris Kristofferson. He sings of Canadian places and people, and puts on a sultry and intimate performance. More info: galleryhouseconcerts.com.



## CANADA SOCCER'S TOYOTA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP U-15 CUP - CALGARY SOCCER CENTRE, OCT. 5 – 9

These championships are the definite amateur soccer event of the year, crowning the country's best community soccer clubs. Over 3,000 participants and spectators from across Canada are estimated to be part of the 2017 U-15 Cup in Calgary this year. More info: canadasoccer.com.



# AT A GLANCE...

# Autumn Pumpkin Festival – Calgary Corn Maze & Fun Farm, Weekends in October

Celebrate Autumn each weekend in October at the corn maze, the fun farm and the petting zoo. Endless activities to keep the wee ones occupied and then pick a pumpkin to take home on your way home. Not all activities included in admission price. More info: calgarycornmaze.com.

# The Great Grilled Cheese Cook-off – Jerome's Appliance Gallery, Oct. 1

Amateur and professional chefs will prepare their very own gourmet grilled cheese recipes in support of Brown Bagging for Calgary's Kids. Your mission is to taste 10 samples and then judge them along with a distinguished panel of judges, with a hand-crafted soda to wash it all down.

#### Piaf! The Show - Arts Commons, Oct. 4

A powerful and moving celebration of the life and music of the legendary French chanteuse, Edith Piaf. Starring Anne Carrere who has been hailed as "Edith Piaf's legitimate musical heiress," Piaf! The Show has received rave reviews around the globe. More info: artscommons.ca.

#### Wordfest – various venues, Oct. 10 – 15

Wordfest is a not-for-profit organization that hosts year-round literary events featuring the world's best writers at around 70 events in our city. More info: wordfest.com.

# Reconciliation Journey: Walking a Path Together – Carriage House Inn, Oct. 12

This is the second conference planned this year by the Indigenous Advisory Committee through the Enough For All Catalyst Fund. Expect discussions of the organization's work on Reconciliation as they relate to the 94 Calls to Action, as well as special guests, keynote speakers and panel discussions about the exciting work happening across Calgary. More info: vibrantcalgary.com.

## Ghoul's Night Out – Heritage Park, Oct. 26 – 27 Heritage Park will be transformed into a spooky extravaganza for families with children three to nine. Ghostly encounters, crafts, treats, festive festooning and so much more! Look for more info to come: heritagepark.ca.

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