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THE CRESCENT VIEW

The Crescent View is published twelve times per year.

Newsletter Deadline:

6:00 PM the 10th of each month for the following month. For example:

To be published in the June issue, the deadline is May 10.

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Vision, Mission, Values

Vision

We are a vibrant flagship inner city community with engaged and invested residents that values a sustainable future.

Mission

Crescent Heights Community Association strives to enhance the quality of life of our members and residents by connecting our community through programs, events and advocacy.

Values

- We value integrity and transparency in our communication with all stakeholders.
- We will support a sustainable future by encouraging our residents to protect our urban forest, green spaces and environment.
- We will embrace the diversity of our residents by being inclusive and compassionate as we work to bridge the gaps in our community.
- We value the contributions our volunteers make to build a strong sense of community.

CHCA Board of Directors

We are **always** looking for people to join our core group of volunteers. It's a great way to learn/exercise leadership skills and a great way to build and connect your community. If you're interested, then go to our Volunteer page and send us a message.

The Board meets at 7:30 pm on the second Tuesday of the month and everyone is welcome to attend. To be added to the agenda, please email the Secretary at secretary@crescentheightssyyc.ca at least 24 hours before the meeting.

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AUGUST CHCA Activities and Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Planning meetings are open to the public. http://crescentheightssyyc.ca/chca-board-of-directors/ For a detailed Hall Calendar and for event & activities contact information please visit: http://crescentheightssyyc.ca/hall-calendar/						
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**Community Walk Audit

The Chinook County Historical Society (CCHS) operates as a non-profit organization and hosts events throughout communities in and around the Calgary area. This summer the CCHS is hosting our annual Historic Calgary Week event from July 28 to August 7.

Historic Calgary Week takes place at many different historical sites around the city and has a variety of activities including: walking and cycling tours, family fun events and much more. Check it out at <http://chinookcountry.org>

Planning meetings are open to the public. <http://crescentheightssyyc.ca/chca-board-of-directors/>

For more a more detailed Hall Calendar and for event & activities contact information please visit: <http://crescentheightssyyc.ca/hall-calendar/>

Crescent Heights Representative for Bike Calgary

by Greg White

Bike Calgary and The Crescent Heights Community Association would like to start a conversation with local residents about implementing a bike boulevard on 1st Street NE. The total length of the route is about four kilometers and would stretch from Samis Road to 40th Avenue NE. What is a bike boulevard you may ask? According to the definition by The National Association of City Transportation Officials:

“Bicycle boulevards are streets with low motorized traffic volumes and speeds, designated and designed to give bicycle travel priority. Bicycle Boulevards use signs, pavement markings, and speed and volume management measures to discourage through trips by motor vehicles and create safe, convenient bicycle crossings of busy arterial streets.”

An example of a successful bike boulevard used by many cyclists today is on 2nd Street NW on the west side of Centre Street. Bike commuters that live along this corridor can bike to work in downtown safely and quickly due to traffic calming measures that favor active mode transportation. 1st Street NE is an ideal candidate for traffic calming measures because it already has low vehicle volumes and with a few extra low-cost improvements it has the potential to greatly increase the walking, cycling and driving experience. Some examples of design treatments are grouped into measures that provide the following benefits:

ROUTE PLANNING

Direct access to destinations

SIGNS AND PAVEMENT MARKINGS

Easy to find and to follow

SPEED MANAGEMENT

Slow motor vehicle speeds

VOLUME MANAGEMENT

Low or reduced motor vehicle volumes

MINOR STREET CROSSINGS

Minimal bicyclist delay

MAJOR STREET CROSSINGS

Safe and convenient crossings

OFFSET CROSSINGS

Clear and safe navigation

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

Enhancing environments

Many of the treatments presented in this section not only benefit people on bicycles, but also help create and maintain quiet streets that benefit residents and improve safety for all users. This project is in the very early phases of planning and if you have any questions or concerns please contact traffic@crescentheightsyyc.ca.

Wanted: Communications Director

CHCA Board of Directors

Have a knack for tweeting, posts, and articles? The CHCA is seeking a Communications Director to help us put together our digital newsletter, get content out on social media, and source/write articles in our monthly hard-copy newsletter. If you've got talent as a communicator, we hope you'll consider joining our Board of Directors as our new Communications Director. Email us at info@crescentheightsyyc.ca to express your interest.

Connect with Us on Digital Media

by Jennifer Black, CHCA Director

Did you know the Crescent Heights Community Association has a Facebook page, a Twitter account and a digital newsletter? We use all three platforms to communicate out important information to the community. Make sure you follow/connect with us to make sure that you are getting up-to-date information about events, programs, advisories and more! We're working hard to build a sense of community and get great initiatives out to you – our goal is to increase engagement in the community and serve the residents of Crescent Heights. However, our power to do so is only as strong as our ability to reach our residents! Don't delay – pull out your phone and do it now so you don't miss another event! "Like" us at <https://www.facebook.com/crescentheightsyyc/>, "follow" us @chcayyc and sign up for a Crescent Heights Community Association membership at <http://crescentheightsyyc.ca/membership/> to receive our digital newsletter.

Lost! BabyJogger CitySelect Double Stroller

with one seat and snack tray, car seat adapter and parent console. Teal (aqua/turquoise) coloured seat with black frame. The stroller was lost between Rotary Spray Park and the tennis courts just before 2pm on Tuesday 4 July. I forgot it on the sidewalk after loading my kids in the car. Please! Please! Help me get it back!

I will give a \$100 reward for getting it back to me. Please call me 403-926-5539.

PLEASE NOTE:

It has come to our attention that campaign materials have been distributed in our community containing an apparent endorsement from a member of our Board of Directors.

The Crescent Heights Community Association does not endorse this candidate (or any candidate) for the municipal election. The referenced statement was not made or issued by a member of our Board. We have asked the candidate to immediately stop distributing materials containing this inaccurate and misrepresentative quote.

–CHCA Board of Directors

CRESCENT HEIGHTS CHALK FESTIVAL EVENT

By Jennifer Black

Our Canada Day chalk festival was a big hit! We had approximately 100 attendees of all ages join us to redecorate Centre Street. We had lots of positive feedback that it was nice to see this space being repurposed as a space for people on the one day a year that it is closed, and to be bringing colour and life to the space. For the next couple of days, the artwork served as a reminder to drivers that Centre Street passes through the community of Crescent Heights. For next year, we are hoping to work with the City to create a more permanent "paint-the-pavement" art piece to serve as a long-term reminder to people driving along Centre Street to drive carefully through our community.



OFF THE SHELF

Book review
by Judith Umbach

Colorless Tsukuru Tazaki and His Years of Pilgrimage

By Haruki Murakami

Tsukuru Tazaki is an ordinary man. But he does lack self-confidence. During high school, he had four very good friends. Without warning, they cut him off after he moved from Nagoya to Tokyo to pursue his passion for railway engineering. They demanded that he not visit nor speak with them again.

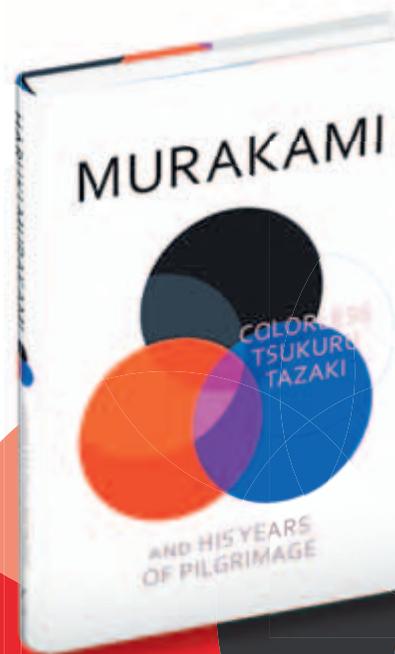
Author Haruki Murakami is a world-renowned Japanese writer. His style is clear and deceptively simple. Quickly the reader is drawn into the melancholy of Tsukuru, who feels he is a vessel with nothing in-

side. Actually, he is much more than this. His friends, old and new see him as cool, kind and thoughtful. His skills in rail station design are precise and appreciated.

Sixteen years after the fact, Tsukuru is spurred into a search of his high school friends and the reason why they shunned him – his pilgrimage. The two boys still live in Nagoya and had become successful men, one a high-powered Lexus dealer, the other a high-powered self-development guru. Tsukuru discovers to his shock that they thought he had raped one of the girls and then murdered her! This made his friends shun him; the murder disintegrated the whole friendship circle. When challenged, the two mature men readily agreed that Tsukuru was never the type of person to have done such things.

Information is insufficient. Tsukuru knows why he was cut off from the group, but he recognizes that the sharp rejection damaged his psychological ability to feel confident in himself and to form friendships as an adult. As much as he has tried to bury the blows, they deeply haunt him. Seeking the last option open to his personal healing, he flies to Finland, where the second girl has made her own new life and family. A long conversation does indeed bring him solace in realizing that he should carry no more guilt than is part of the human condition.

Conversation, self-assessment and thoughtfulness are themes handled with a light touch, bringing the reader intimately into the mind of Tsukuru.





New Neighbour in the CH Community: Calgary Chinese Community Service Association

1406 Centre Street NE, T2E 2R9

Calgary Chinese Community Service Association (CCCSA) is a charitable organization serving Calgary since 1978. We aim to promote an inclusive society by assisting in the building of positive social ties and networks within a community and beyond.

Having moved into the Crescent Heights community in January 2017, we look forward to serving the vibrant and flourishing community of Crescent Heights in the years to come. We always welcome members of the community so do drop by at our brand-new office along Centre Street to say hello!

Lily Kwok
Executive Director

CCCSA's holistic range of services include:

Community Services

One to One Support and Advocacy, Employment Connection Services, Interpretation & Translation Services, Legal Clinic, Immigration Clinic, Volunteering Opportunities

Community Classes

Parenting Programs, Mindfulness Sessions, New Immigrant Circle, Seniors iPad/Android classes

Children and Youth Programs

SuperCool AfterSchool (located in Bridgeland and other Elementary & High Schools), Spring and Summer Camps (Elementary students), Social Knot activities (youth), Career Counselling (youth), Volunteering Opportunities (youth)

Children and Youth Success Story (Crescent Heights High School student)

"As I was a new international student attending classes in Crescent Heights High School, my teacher advised me to make new friends and brush up on my English-speaking skills. Our high school is in close collaboration with CCCSA and they formed a club called World Culture Society that was held on a weekly basis in our school. Many international students attended it. They mentioned that they learnt about the Canadian culture during these sessions and were given opportunities to speak and improve on their English during these sessions. One week, I decided to check it out and see what it was like. It turned out to be rather interesting because we had regular friendly discussions and I made many friends from various countries who shared similar experiences with me. That made me feel less alone in this foreign country. Through the weekly club meetings, I found support in the form of some close friends and the teacher who organised these weekly activities. Adrena is the Children and Youth Coordinator in CCCSA and she suggested that I also join Social Knot activities so I can make more friends and build a support system here in Canada. We took part in activities like Ceramic Mug painting and watched hockey games together. My friends and I bonded through these casual chit-chat sessions and I found a group of peers with whom I can share my hopes and dreams...Thank you CCCSA for your help and support!" – Bob

Bob is currently applying to study at the University of Manitoba in the Fall of 2017.

Green Line Update

By Jennifer Black



Calgary's City Council approved the stations and alignment for the Green Line LRT. This included amalgamating the 9th Avenue N and 16th Avenue N stations, with a station entrance at 14th Avenue N. The final analysis would have had the 9th Avenue Station entrance at 12th Avenue, making the two entrances only 2 blocks apart, which was deemed to be not worthy of the cost.

As a result of the Crescent Heights Community Association's presentation to Council, Councillor Druh Farrell put forward a motion to Council to ensure Centre Street North improvements are part of the Green Line.

Her motion to Council was intended to implement the community's vision for Centre Street North as identified through engagement. That means a safer, more attractive and more successful Centre Street North. In the end, a motion that public realm improvements would be conducted along the entire Green Line passed unanimously.

Stage 1 of the Green Line LRT will extend from 16th Avenue North to 126 Avenue SE. Construction will begin in 2020 with an expected opening in 2026.

Keeping an eye on our jewel

by A Concerned Resident

Crescent Park is unique in Calgary with a vista overlooking both the city skyline and the mountains. All types of activities take place here involving people of all ages.

We believe more people became familiar with the vista since the flood of 2013 as television crews monitored the water level. And of course, the Canada Day fireworks display draws thousands to 'the Crescent'.

With the increase in the popularity of the park, some unfortunate incidents have occurred. A temporary sign, advertising a private program was set up along the boulevard on Crescent Road just west of 2nd Street. After a call to 311, the sign was removed. Based on the criteria listed for signage (temporary) on calgary.ca, at least 3 criteria were in contravention. Another phone call to 311 confirmed that fitness users are not permitted to tie or hang anything to tree trunks or branches for fear of damaging the tree bark or breaking limbs.

We will continue to keep an eye on our jewel of a park and urge other residents to do so as well. Do NOT take things into your own hands but call 311. We know that this produces results.



Your CHCA Membership

Why be a member?

Members are the key to our community!

With your support, the CHCA:

- Brings our community together with sponsored programs such as the Stampede Breakfast and other seasonal events.
- Is the voice of the community. Serves as a spokesperson and liaison to ensure that our community related issues are heard and given proper attention by the City of Calgary.
- Is responsive to all community traffic concerns and strives to correct and improve these concerns through City Hall.
- Contributes financially to enhancement projects such as park and playground revitalization programs and maintenance of the ice rinks.

- Preserves and maintains the community hall.
- Meets regularly with the Ward 7 Councillor to address concerns.
- Facilitates the community, river and pathway cleanups.
- Ensures that proposed developments meet the needs of the community by providing input to the City of Calgary on planning issues and development.
- Contributes to the organization of plant exchanges and garden tours.
- Maintains relationships and contacts with other communities, helping to pursue common concerns.

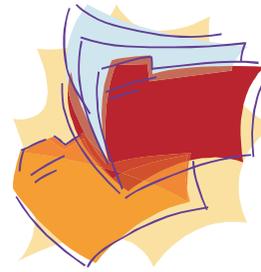
In order to provide all of the above services and areas of support, the CHCA needs your financial and volunteer assistance. Please help support your community by purchasing a membership.

The cost is only \$20 for a household/family, \$10 for a single and \$5 for seniors. The membership is valid for one year starting on the day of issue.

For all membership inquiries please visit the website at: <http://crescentheightsyyc.ca/membership/>.

Lets work together to make this a great community to live in!

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT



By Dennis Marr

When you look at a land use map of Crescent Heights, you will see many different density zones effectively permitting a diversity of density in our community. Regardless, anyone can request a rezoning of a property.

In early 2016, the prior CHCA Planning Director attended a meeting that included other community Planning Directors, the Ward 7 Councillor and representatives of the City to understand rezoning and City planning. One objective was to emphasize to the City that not all rezoning requests made sense and the community's feedback would like to be recognized in those cases. In early July, a rezoning request for 7th Avenue NE was rejected by the City. This outcome can be credited to the impressive group effort of the affected local residents. Whether the 2016 meeting with the City had any impact here is hard to say but hopefully it says that Crescent Heights residents know when they are willing to put in an effort to oppose unwanted density upgrades.

During June, a presentation on secondary suites, held at the Hall was well intended. Anyone with questions had direct access to Cliff de Jong, the City representative responsible for secondary suites. Thank you to Lisa Dare who suggested and organized this event.

During June, a group presented plans to build an outdoor athletic park at the base of the McHugh Bluff stairs. This group will undertake a community engagement study likely in July/August. The City's approval and financing is still required. If or when this park gets built is not certain at this point.

If you would like to join the CHCA Planning Committee, please email me at planning@crescentheightsyyc.ca.



Crescent Heights Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Crescent Heights
MLS Real Estate Sale Price Stats

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
June 2017	\$798,944	\$787,500
May 2017	\$739,950	\$715,500
April 2017	\$592,000	\$591,000
March 2017	\$564,350	\$549,399
February 2017	\$639,450	\$638,777
January 2017	\$1,590,000	\$1,500,000
December 2016	\$1,375,000	\$1,250,000
November 2016	\$529,900	\$517,000
October 2016	\$1,228,000	\$1,175,000
September 2016	\$822,450	\$781,000
August 2016	\$712,450	\$690,000
July 2016	\$550,000	\$540,000

Last 12 Months Crescent Heights
MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Stats

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
June 2017	7	6
May 2017	5	2
April 2017	10	2
March 2017	6	6
February 2017	5	4
January 2017	3	1
December 2016	1	1
November 2016	2	3
October 2016	4	3
September 2016	6	6
August 2016	3	4
July 2016	5	3

To view more detailed information that comprise the above MLS averages please visit crescent_heights.great-news.ca

SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY! BUY MEMBERSHIP TODAY

Crescent Heights Community Association Membership Application Form

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Voting (Residents)

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Yes, send me community emails

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W.W. AND THE GOATSBEARD

By Wayne Wegner aka weed warrior



The Weed Warrior (over in Crescent Heights since we had no volunteers step forward from that community – we're trying to stop the seedheads from blowing west into cleared areas in Rosedale)

Goatsbeard factoid: All goatsbeard are not created equal. I've picked goatsbeard as short as 6 inches and others that are stretching for sunlight from under trees or shrubs – that are upwards of six feet tall (sideways). That's why number of goatsbeard picked is more relevant than bags picked. In an area of tall goatsbeard, a pile of 200 looks far more impressive than the same number of "shrimps" from open areas. Yet the shorties are often more trouble to extract, especially in dry, baked soil.

Interesting occurrence: The other day I was walking along the top of the bluff with my dandelion/goatsbeard digger (the long one that I bought in a clearance area a couple years back) when a black stretch limo pulled up alongside, a tinted window was cranked down and a celebrity/big shot yelled out: "Hey, I like your stick!" Just another day in the life of a weed warrior.

By the way, I use the digger as much for balance on the steep slopes as I do for retrieving portions of broken roots. It also comes in handy for spearing garbage and discarded beer cans on the bluff.

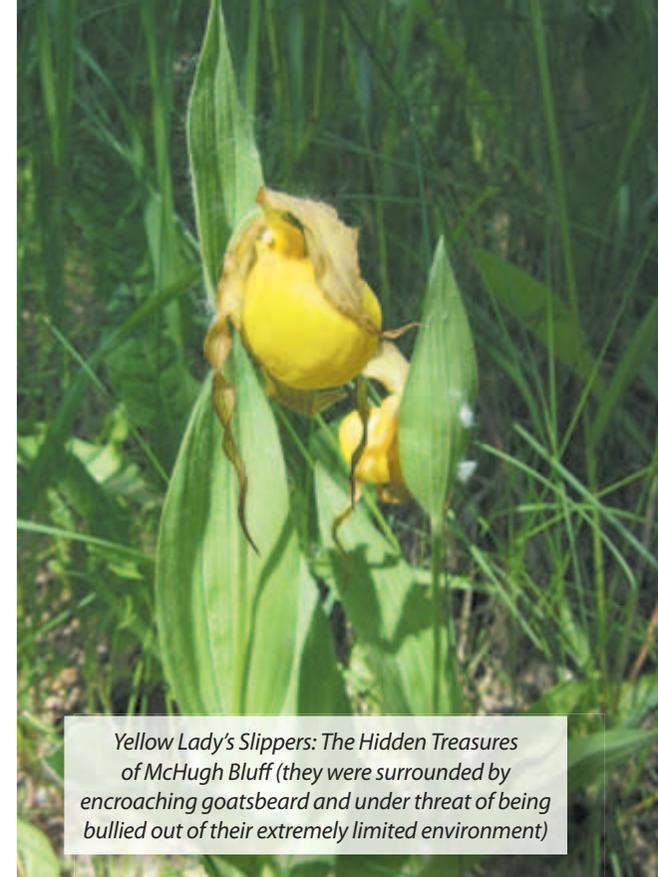
I normally carry an armload/armloads of goatsbeard to the nearest city garbage receptacle and stuff them in there to save on bags. So I don't keep track of bags. Anne and Dave have an impressive kill total and there are a couple of others who've added a few hundred

(beyond the casuals who pull a few along the trails). It sounds like Jack Nodwell is concentrating on common burdock now but he's yanked plenty of goatsbeard and thistle over the years and needs a mention for his continuous efforts. Also worth mentioning: goats eat everything in sight so we concentrate on weeds and likely have a higher kill rate in an area (no scientific data to back that up).

Need for emphasis: If a person yanks a goatsbeard and leaves it on the ground, it will go to seed and infest the surrounding area. The plant needs to be carried to a city garbage receptacle and disposed of. When dealing with goatsbeard with full seedheads, it's best to place a small grocery bag over the "head" and snap/cut the enclosed seedhead off before trying to yank the plant out.

There is nothing worse than well-meaning people yanking goatsbeard that's in flower or seedhead and then laying it on the ground instead of popping it in a bag or the nearest City garbage bin. Those yanked buggers will beget new plants! And if those yanked plants are laying on the ground in the middle of nowhere I can't spot them when scanning an area so unless I stumble on them by accident they won't get deposited in the trash by me either. Whether they realize it or not, those ever-so-helpful folks are doing the equivalent of planting more goatsbeard. Not good! Bag 'em and trash 'em.

W.W.



Yellow Lady's Slippers: The Hidden Treasures of McHugh Bluff (they were surrounded by encroaching goatsbeard and under threat of being bullied out of their extremely limited environment)



Goatsbeard pile of about 200 plants: A morning's "harvest" in the lower bluff adjacent to Sunnyside.



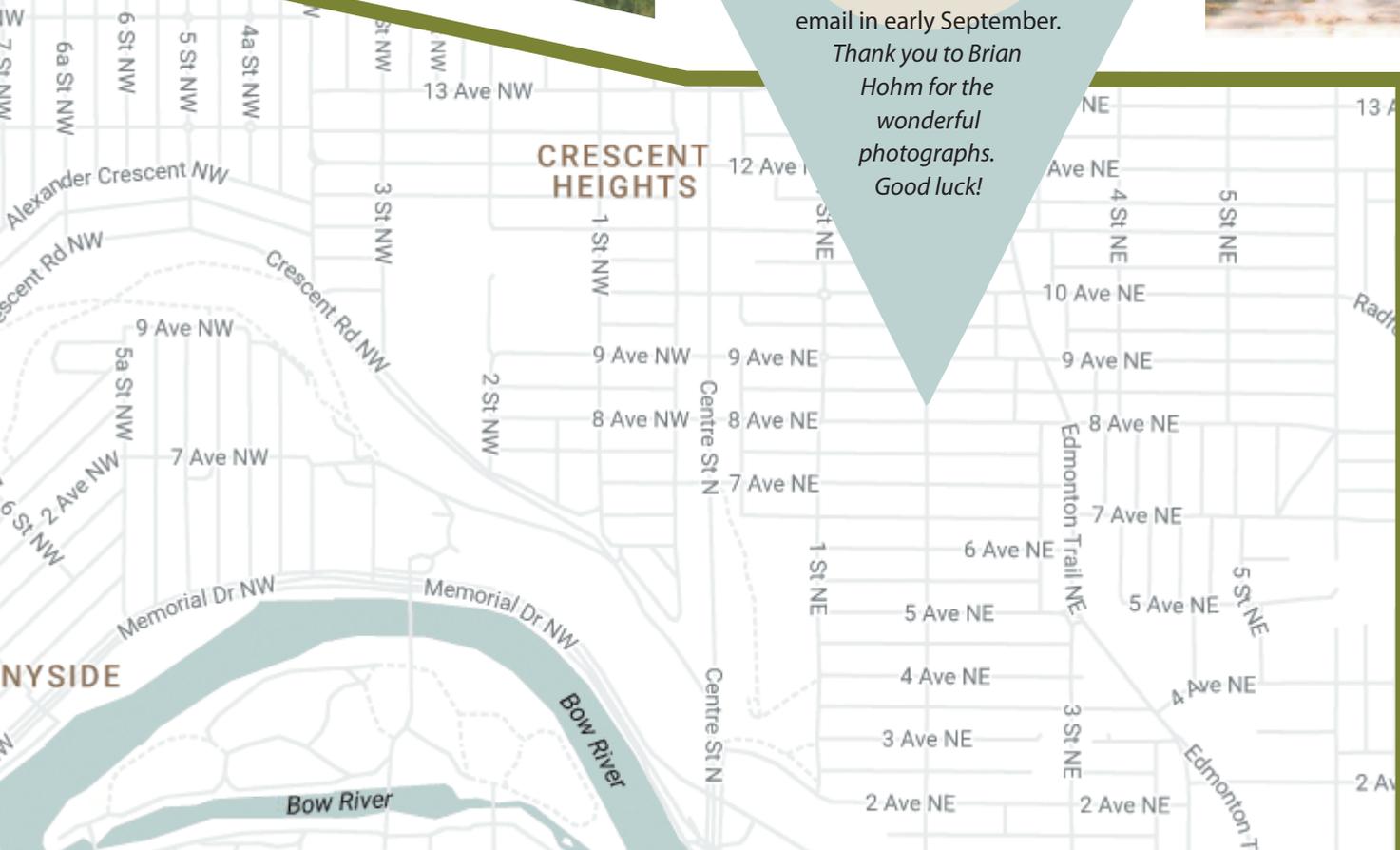
Anne Thomson: Head Honcho of Friends of McHugh Bluff and McHugh Bluff Weed Warrior (First Class). Her husband Dave is missing from photo but is equally helpful at yanking weeds.

CRESCENT HEIGHTS PHOTO CONTEST



Can you identify the landmarks on the front cover? Each one of these landmarks is located somewhere within our community. Email your answers to info@crecshheightsyyc.ca by August 31st! Each correct answer awards you an entry into our prize draw. The winner will be contacted via email in early September.

Thank you to Brian Hohm for the wonderful photographs. Good luck!



CALLING ALL CREATIVES



Show your community PRIDE

Crescent Heights Community Association is turning 40! To celebrate, we're inviting community members to get their creative juices flowing and design our very own Crescent Heights t-shirt. The winning submission will be announced at our **40th celebration on September 23rd**, and the winner will receive their own t-shirt! Design entries will be judged on originality and how well it depicts the essence of Crescent Heights. In partnership with Local Laundry, a Calgary-based apparel company, these t-shirts will be available for purchase at the celebration event and online at locallaundry.ca.

Submit your 1-colour design to Lisa Dare at events@crescentheightsycc.ca
Looking for inspiration? Visit locallaundry.ca and check out the YYC Community Collection

End of Summer Clean-up

Sunday, September 3

With summer coming to an end in a few weeks, it's time to get rid of all that stuff your household has outgrown and doesn't need any more. What to do with it all? Bring it to the **Community Clean-up on Sunday, September 3, 2017, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm in the high school parking lot.**

Together with CHCA volunteers, Calgary Community and Bylaw Services is teaming up with Calgary Solid Waste Services to bring you this annual event. It is an opportunity for our community residents to round-out their fall cleaning by disposing of larger items and yard wastes which would otherwise require a potentially costly trip to a landfill. Check the website and social media for more detailed information closer to the event as to what we can accept.

Please bring your donations, waste and recyclables to the community hall parking lot on September 3. We start at 9:00am, rain or shine. As always, we are also looking for volunteers on the day of the event to help with on-site activities. If you have a couple of free hours, come on out and meet your neighbours and help us in cleaning up our community. We provide our valued volunteers with free drinks, food, fun, and the occasional treasure and many surprises in the re-useable category. Check the website and social media for more information closer to the event. If you want to volunteer have any questions, please call Daniel at 403-355-0058 or email info@crescentheightsycc.ca. See you there!

CRESCENT HEIGHTS COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

Thanks to all who attended the parent and tot playgroup for the winter. The playgroup is closed now for summer.

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SUMMER PROGRAMS:

Girl Up Summer Program

TUESDAYS - JULY 4-AUGUST 22 (5-8 PM)

This program is a drop-in program from 5-8pm where girls going into grades 10-12 can come hang out and talk about issues related to leadership and social change with cool change makers in the community, including social media and activism, public speaking, craftivism, self defense and more!

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS:

Girl Power After School

TUESDAY & THURSDAYS - STARTING SEPT. 5 (4-5:30 PM)

This is a program for girls in grades 5 and 6 that runs every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon throughout the school year, starting September 5. Doors open at 3:30pm, programming runs 4-5:30pm. Girls participate in hands-on workshops, lead sessions for other girls, and engage in activism and leadership projects.

Girl Force

TUESDAYS - STARTING SEPT. 12 (6-8 PM)

This is a program for girls in grades 7-9 that will run every Tuesday evening from 6-8pm, starting September 12. Girls will explore issues such as body image, relationships, leadership, mental health, gender and other relevant issues in fun, interactive ways. This program is BRAND NEW – don't miss out!

Girl Up

THURSDAYS - STARTING SEPT. 14 (6-8 PM)

This program is for girls in grades 10-12 that will meet every Thursday evening from 6-8pm, starting on September 14. Girls meet to eat snacks, talk about issues that affect their lives, and develop an action to respond to these issues. For example, the last group developed a blog about making school curriculum more inclusive.

All of these exciting programs are free of charge, with all lunches, snacks, supplies and bus tickets provided with the help of our generous donors. Special thanks to Soroptimist, Status of Women Alberta, the City of Calgary and the Collaborative Funder's Table for helping to make this happen.



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Water hazards

- Drowning contributes to unintentional injury-related death among children ages one to four;
- Children can drown in just a few centimetres of water if it covers their mouth and nose;
- Ensure all backyard swimming pools are fenced. The fence must be at least 1.8 metres (*) high and have a self-latching, self-closing, lockable gate. (*Alberta Building Code)

Lawn and garden tools

- Keep young children away from outdoor power equipment;
- Serious burns may result from touching hot engine surfaces;
- Ensure that all sharp tools, fuel, chemicals, and other hazardous substances are stored in a secure, locked area. A simple latch may not be sufficient.

Insect bites and stings

- Minimize the risk of attracting insects by not wearing strong perfumes or scented lotions;
- Avoid wearing brightly coloured clothing outdoors;
- Consider destroying or relocating hives and nests situated near your home;
- To avoid injury through inadvertently stepping on a stinging insect always wear footwear outdoors;
- If your child has received an 'EpiPen, Junior' prescription from your physician (for anaphylactic reactions only) ensure they understand when and how to use it;
- If your child experiences a severe reaction to an insect sting, or other environmental cause, seek medical attention, or call 9-1-1.

RESIDENT PERSPECTIVES



Why you need to report the sale of your home

By Suzanne Smith-Demers, Registered Retirement Consultant

Fortunately, Canadians don't have to pay capital gains tax on the sale of their primary residence. Until recently, you didn't even have to mention a sale on your tax return either, but while the capitals gains on your home can still be exempted from tax, there are important new reporting requirements.

Last October, the Canadian government announced new measures requiring everyone to report the sale of their home on their tax return. If the sale is not reported, you could be re-assessed. You may even be subject to a penalty in the future. CRA has stated that it is unlikely a penalty will be issued when the sale occurred in 2016, given that the reporting requirement is brand new, but it may not be so lenient going forward.

The new rule is part of the government's attempt to rein in potential abuses of the principal residence exemption (PRE), such as non-Canadian residents claiming the exemption and others claiming it on a second property in the same year. Usually, 50% of a capital gain on an asset must be reported as taxable income. But the PRE allows Canadian residents to be exempt from paying tax on capital gains on their principal residence. Only one property can be designated per year as a principal residence, therefore gains may be taxable on the sale of a second property, like a vacation home.

The bottom line is this: if you sell your home, complete Schedule 3 at tax time to claim the PRE and to avoid any potential penalties for late filing. Most individuals previously eligible to claim the PRE will continue to remain eligible.



Who are the People in our Neighbourhood

A new recurring column to profile people in our community, we hope it gives you a brief snapshot of the interesting people that live amongst us.

For thirty years our Crescent Heights neighbourhood has benefited in significant ways from the tireless advocacy, attention and care invested by Connie McLaren.

From early in her life, Connie has been one to seize opportunities and make memories.

Growing up on a farm south of Fairview, she remembers as a little girl cranking up the volume on the golden knobs of their red radio to listen to the captivating sound of the Beatles. She remembers distinctly the Beatles singing "I Want to Hold Your Hand", "I Love You" and "Wipeout" by the Safaris. On the family footstool Connie would use her mom's knitting needles to play the drums. This was a pivotal memory for Connie when she turned 50 and rented the Crescent Heights Community Hall for her party. Having taken private lessons for months, Connie played the drums for "Wipeout" with a live band! This event is captured on YouTube and by searching *Connieat50*; it is a delight to watch.

Connie grew up in rural Alberta in a time and a community where women really considered only three career options: nurse, teacher or secretary. Connie chose the latter and because she had an aunt in Calgary in University Heights, she took advantage of free room and board while in secretarial arts at Mount Royal College. It was the 1970s when she finished and the economy was booming. Connie picked one job out of five offers, working as a receptionist for four "one-man companies" (two geologists, one lawyer and one engineer). She was a small-town girl working in the high rise Shell building in downtown Calgary. One of the Geologists was a surrogate dad to Connie and his words to her changed the trajectory of her future **"there is no reason why YOU can't be a Geologist"**. He was right. And she did. Connie was one of only three female Geologists that were working in 1992 at PanCanadian which eventually became Encana.

Connie's children (a daughter studying at ACAD and a son studying at University of Calgary) are grown, but for the years she was at home on maternity leave walking

around Crescent Heights streets, she noticed the traffic issues. Connie was extensively involved for years on the Community Association Board, many as president, helping sort through those issues and making plans that benefit us today (the four-way stops and traffic circles).

Connie's children attended Stanley Jones Elementary School and during that time she was a key part of the Routes to Roots naturalization project that transformed the school yard into many diverse and mature landscaped historical gardens. The years of being involved on that committee led her directly to being the Chair of the 100th anniversary of Stanley Jones Elementary School in 2014 which culminated in a gala celebration hosted by Ron Southern (a Stanley Jones and Crescent Heights High School alumni) at Spruce Meadows.

At the time Connie's dad passed away in 2011, she heard about the famous modern-day pilgrimage in northern Spain, the Camino de Santiago and hoped one day she would go. Living in Crescent Heights, Connie has been able to walk to work downtown for her entire career. Perhaps this has been all the training needed to take on the 800 kilometers that she will walk on the Camino from August to September this summer. Godspeed, Connie.

'Who are the People in our Neighbourhood?' Our community is rich in life experiences and stories to be told. **"People think that stories are shaped by people. In fact, it's the other way around."** Terry Pratchett Please suggest other neighbours whose stories we would like to hear. Send to jacelynbenner@icloud.com

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Traffic Report

by Chandra Thomas

I ran into some neighbours and their children on a recent walk through Crescent Heights. We had a discussion on the different approaches to walking between adults and children. Adults are often focussed on the destination while the children focus on the journey. I wonder if slowing down and spending some time on the details of where we walk could lead to ways to improve our community.

A walk audit is a way for residents to assess the walkability of a part of our community. There are formal tools for doing an audit but making it informal is a lot less daunting. You can go by yourself or with a group. You should record what you see using paper and pencil on a clipboard or a smart phone. Take the time to record what is great about the walk and what could use improvement. For instance, the trail of small dog paw prints is lovely for children to follow along and imagine how they were made but the crumbling sidewalk further along was a tripping hazard. After you have finished your walk you should take the time to report your findings so that

other residents can share in the great parts of the walk and improvements can occur. A written summary of the walk can be provided to the Crescent Heights Community Association (point form is fine) and we can share this in our newsletter, on our website or through social media – photos would be wonderful. You should also take the time to report concerns to 311 by phone, online or using the app so that the City knows about these issues and can prioritize them for improvement.

I will be hosting a walk audit starting from the benches in front of the Emergency Operations Centre on 1 Street NE on Friday, August 18, 2017 at 10 a.m. This audit will be used in the planning for the conversation that will take place on Saturday, September 30, 2017. Please send an email to traffic@crescentheightsyyc.ca if you are interested in participating in the walk audit or the conversation.

I have received some feedback on the Canada Day Fireworks traffic. If you have any feedback please contact 311 and you can also send me an email. I will be organizing a debrief with a representative from the City.

What to watch for on your walk?

AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT	GEMS TO SHARE
Missing sidewalk link	Beautiful plants or landscaping
Sidewalks requiring repair	Art
Hedges encroaching on sidewalks	Benches to enjoy the surroundings
Broken city infrastructure	A Little Free Library
Graffiti	A spot to meet neighbours



News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

The Off-Leash Ambassador Pilot Program was funded through the Council Innovation Fund, in 2013; there was a recent report on the overall outcomes and expenditures. The launch was in Egerts and Bowmont, and then the program was offered to parks across the city, including Nose Hill. The program is expanding to all quadrants of the city and ambassadors are needed city-wide. If you are interested in volunteering, please register online at www.calgary.ca or call 3-1-1.

Over 200 volunteers act as positive role models, promoting responsible pet ownership, positive pet-interactions and safety, in off-leash-parks and at community events. Community associations have requested that Ambassadors educate residents about behaviour concerns and volunteers will initiate small events such as park cleanups.

Ambassadors are active in 151 off-leash parks throughout the city and volunteer recruitment is ongoing. There is an off-leash park near you. For example, there was a P.U.P.P.Y event from noon to 3 p.m. July 15 - Nose Hill Park (Edgemont entrance to off-leash area), Edgemont Blvd. and Shaganappi Tr. N.W.

The program aligns with Calgary City Council Priorities from Action Plan 2015-2018, including N12: Promote and strengthen community standards through facilitated compliance. Ambassador efforts increase the public's adherence to bylaws and allow another mechanism to gather information about parks maintenance concerns and areas needing further investigation from Community Peace Officers. Additionally, this program aligns with the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw, specifically around owners having control of their dogs and ensuring their dogs' waste is picked up.

The Priorities and Finance Committee approved \$75,000 to pilot the program. The budget spending for 2013-2016 can be found in the report on volunteer, program, special event, and training expenses. Overall, the main items were: jackets, backpacks, nametags; pet waste bags, meeting supplies, signs; rental of fence and audio-visual for Dog Recall and Working Dog events; pay for trainers and pet first-aid courses. This does not include staff support time. As a result of its success, the program will continue into 2018. Calgary Community Standards (CCS) will bring forward this program for further resources as part of the Business Plan and Budget Cycle for 2019-2022.



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Downtown Economic Summit

The downtown has long been Calgary's economic engine. Across the city, businesses and households depend on the success of our downtown. When the economy of our downtown falters, the financial impacts are felt throughout Calgary.

Until recently, the centre city generated 40% of Calgary's non-residential tax revenue and 25% of city-wide employment. Today, nearly 30% of downtown office space sits empty, and the situation is expected to worsen when construction wraps up on several new office towers.

Between 2016 and 2018, it is estimated that \$7.5 billion in the assessed value of downtown office space will be wiped out. The dramatic change in the downtown economy has knock-on impacts to all Calgarians, not only in a transfer of taxes to businesses outside the core, but also a steep reduction in transit and parking revenues.

To help mitigate the tax shift, Council supported \$45 million in one-time city-wide tax relief for businesses and set a 0% residential property tax increase in 2017. While these are important measures to provide short-term assistance, we need long-term solutions to address the root cause of Calgary's challenges – a struggling downtown economy.

Councillor Woolley and I, with guidance from Calgary Economic Development, initiated a Downtown Economic Summit in early 2017. The Summit brought together some of the most creative problem-solvers in Calgary to generate ideas for a more resilient, resourceful, and diversified downtown. We learned from the experiences of other cities, like Denver and Pittsburgh, on ways to recover from structural recessions.

Calgary Economic Development presented the outcomes of the Summit to Council in June, with information on current economic and real estate challenges, as well as ways to move forward. They showed how the global economy is fundamentally shifting, which has a major impact on the downtown's reliance on a single industry.

The report recommended ways to attract new industries and businesses, promote more residential density

in the core, encourage post-secondary institutions to locate downtown, and improve infrastructure to attract private investment.

To help bring these recommendations to life, Council approved \$10 million as a pilot from The City's reserves to create the Downtown Economic Investment Fund. This money will help The City respond quickly to innovative ideas, encourage and leverage private investment through strategic partnerships, invest in infrastructure, and work toward revitalising our core.

Not all is doom and gloom! The Conference Board of Canada estimates that Calgary's economy will grow by 2.3% in 2017, with 19,000 new jobs added by 2018. This is encouraging and means The City's investment can go even further to help improve our economy and get Calgarians back to work.

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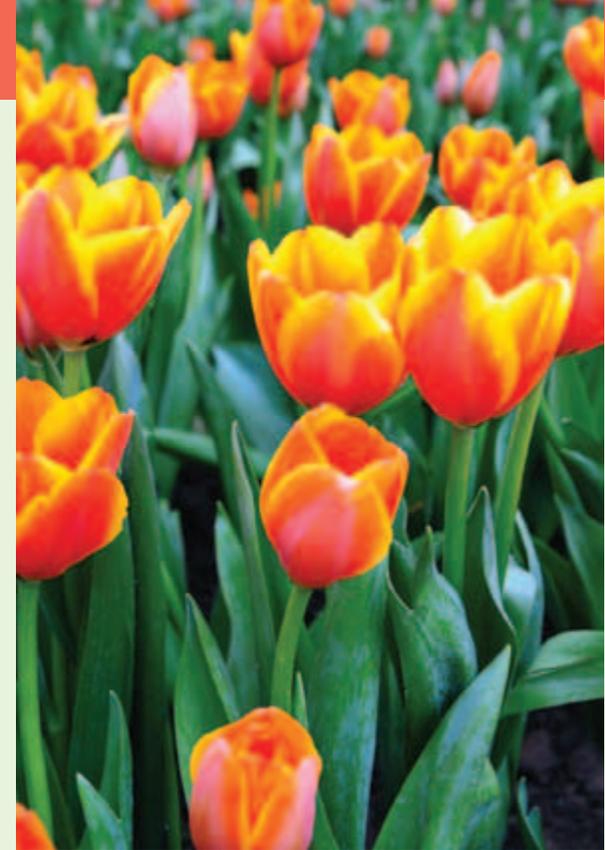
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The garden centres will have an abundance of bulbs in stock soon and your biggest decision is what to choose. There are literally thousands of bulbs on the shelves and most of us have limited garden space. The most common hardy spring-flowering bulbs for a Calgary garden are tulip, narcissus/daffodil, allium, iris, crocus, grape hyacinth and squill. The last three are petite and bloom early in the spring, the others show up later, and the irises finish their display in June. Technically, iris grows from a rhizome, but you can treat it like a bulb when planting in the fall. In addition to this list, you can find many more exotic bulbs, just don't expect them to return year after year in our climate.

There are two kinds of tulips that survive here: species (or native) and hybridized. The species tulips should spread into established colonies, returning every year. The large hybrids are more showy and popular with gardeners, but often are best only their first year. My wonderful show of huge pink tulips a few years ago has never been repeated and I fondly remember them as annuals.

If you wish to have a show of continuous color throughout the spring (of course you do) read the labels carefully, and choose from early, mid and late spring varieties. Then check the labels again for height, as they come in 6" all the way to 28" sizes. How silly to put the tall ones in the front and the short ones behind out of sight. Then there are singles, doubles, lily-flowered, fringed and parrot types, to mention only a few. There are actually 15 divisions of tulip classifications, so it is no wonder the casual gardener gets a bit bewildered. Alliums, likewise, have many varieties, and provide colour between tulips and daffodils and later blooming summer flowers.

Bulbs of all varieties look best in mass plantings of solid colors or two complementary colors. No nice tidy



rows, please, unless they are being used for cut flowers; a block of color has far more impact. What colors you choose is strictly personal - plant what looks beautiful to your eye. A sunny spot is best, although some varieties are forgiving and will bloom later in partial shade. Because they are among the earliest color in our Chinook gardens, tulips partner nicely with other bulbs like Muscari (Grape Hyacinth), Scilla (Squill) and dwarf Narcissus.

Get your bulbs in the ground in Sept or October; they need some time to root before the ground freezes. If you share your garden with squirrels, cover the new planting with wire mesh secured by stakes or rocks to keep those little paws from digging them up. Squirrels are particularly fond of tulip bulbs. And while you are at it, be sure to add some new ones in your front yard for the pleasure of your friends and neighbours.

Barbara Shorrock is a gardener, retired realtor, traveler, reader, ESL coach and Spanish student. She can be found at the monthly Queensland Garden Club meeting most first Wednesdays.

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Learning Through Life

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The Government of Canada has many programs to support those getting or updating their education. These programs are usually income-tested, meaning that more assistance is available for those who need it and less for those who can afford to fund their own schooling.

While many of the programs, such as Registered Education Savings Plans and Canada Student Loan programs are well-known, many other programs exist to assist mature students or those seeking a career in the trades.

As a former electrician, I am a big supporter of those seeking a career in the trades.

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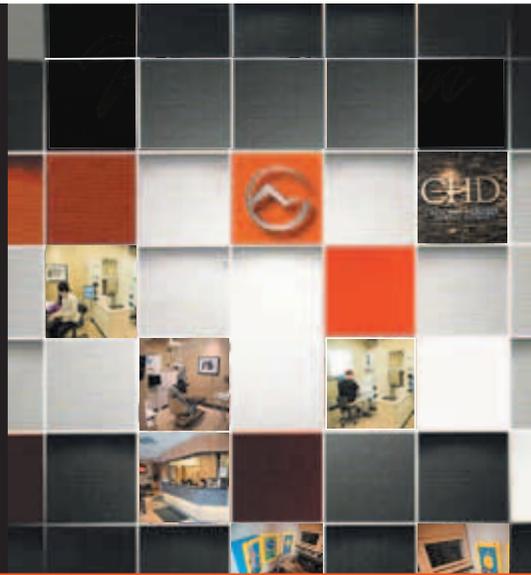
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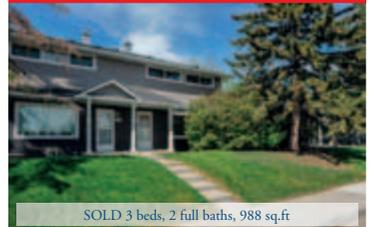
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