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**Planning meetings open to the public. Check out Planning on our website for more information.**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 Jane's Walk May 3-5	4 Jane's Walk
5 River Clean-Up 9 am Jane's Walk	6 Seniors Fitness 10:30- 11:30 am	7 CHCA Planning Meeting 7:00pm	8 Taoist Tai Chi 7-9pm	9	10 Play Group 10 am -12 noon	11
12 Happy Mother's Day!	13 Seniors Fitness 10:30-11:30 am	14 CHCA Board Meeting 7:30 pm – Board Room Calgary Aquarium Club 7 pm Main Hall	15 Taoist Tai Chi 7-9pm	16 Garden Committee Meeting 6:30 pm at the Hall	17	18
19	20 Victoria Day No Seniors Fitness Today	21 CHCA Planning Meeting 7:00pm	22 Taoist Tai Chi 7-9pm	23	24 Play Group 10 am -12 noon	25
26 Community Clean-up Hall Parking Lot 9 am – 2 pm	27 Seniors Fitness 10:30-11:30 am	28	29 Taoist Tai Chi 7-9pm	30	31	June 1 Village Days Starts!

Play Group meets on 2nd and 4th Friday mornings.

Get Nickelodeon info for next season at <http://www.thenick.ca>

For more information and updates about events & activities please visit our website:  
<http://crescentheightsyyc.ca>

## WANTED: Webmaster

by CHCA Board of Directors

Are you a whiz at WordPress? We need someone with some tech savvy to help us update our two websites. It involves renewing, updating and loading plug-ins and making sure everything works. It could involve some programming for updating or creating new pages and forms. While this is not a heavy volunteer commitment, it is very vital. If you can help us, email us at [info@crescentheightsyyc.ca](mailto:info@crescentheightsyyc.ca)



# THE CRESCENT VIEW

The Crescent View is published twelve times per year.

## Newsletter Deadline:

6:00 PM the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month for the following month.  
For example:

To be published in the June issue, the deadline is May 5.

Please email your articles or event listings, as an **attachment in MS Word** form, to the Editor at: newsletter@crescentheightsyyc.ca

Digital photos that are community related are always welcome as an attachment to the email and be sure to send a caption and/or the names of people who are in the photo. The requirements are 250 KB for a smaller picture and 1-3 MB for a larger (full-page) picture.

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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 works with residents, members and stakeholders to develop and enhance community

- Enjoyment
- Safety
- Connection
- Belonging

### 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 all CHCA members are welcome. If you are planning to attend, please send an email to secretary@crescentheightsyyc.ca at least 24 hours before the meeting.

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## PLANNING REPORT

by Dennis Marr, CHCA Board of Directors

Between March 6 and April 5, 2019 your Planning Committee commented on the following:

1. DP2019-0888; 1220 Centre St. NE; exterior renovations
2. LOC2019-0025; 301-7 Ave NE; land use amendment to rezone R-C2 to R-CG
3. DP2019-0859; 301 – 7 Ave NE; new 4-unit row house development
4. DP2019-1215; 1019 – 1 St. NW; exterior renovations to Crescent Heights High School
5. DP2019-1091; 906 Centre St NE; SeaCan container to be located at back of building


The final decision on DPs and LOCs (land use amendments) rests with the City. For information, call the City Planning dept. or check the Planning & Development MAP on their website.

If you have lived in the community for the last half dozen years you may have noticed that the rezoning application (2) above has been successfully appealed by a strong, united group of neighbours twice in the last four years. Why again, you ask? The reason is that the developer can apply every six months for a land use amendment even if past applications have been appealed successfully. That is our current system.

Your Planning Committee meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month if warranted. To join the committee, please contact me at [planning@crescentheightsyyc.ca](mailto:planning@crescentheightsyyc.ca). To attend our meetings, just come to the Hall. To view our agenda, check the Crescent Heights website.

## Thank You, Rink Volunteers!


Winter has disappeared and so have our ice rinks! A huge THANK YOU to Tim Edwards and his core of volunteers for another year of great ice. Early every winter, this crew magically appears to lay the rinks, flood them and clean them so everyone can enjoy skating outdoors. These folks usually work late at night so you don't often see them. They are very dedicated and they are some of the best outdoor rink builders in the city. THANK YOU!



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# The Facts About Oystershell Scale

Submitted by Marie Semenick-Evans



## Do you have this on your Cotoneaster?

**Fact:** You have oystershell scale

I discovered oystershell scale about 4 years ago. I had been aware that other people in Crescent Heights had some trouble with some sort of 'pest' that was killing their cotoneaster hedges, and always felt lucky that it wasn't mine. People were cutting their hedges down to the ground only to have them grow and get infested again. Then, one year in early May, I found a dead patch on my hedge with scales on the bark. Right away I contacted my arborist who confirmed what it was – oystershell scale.

Yes, oystershell scale has infested our neighbourhood, as well as many other communities in Calgary. The unfortunate reality is that many people don't know what it is or how to treat it, so it continues to plague our shrubs and trees.

### What is oystershell scale?

Oystershell scale belongs to a group of insects called the armored scales and is an introduced pest in Calgary. It has the appearance of tiny brown to gray oyster shaped scales, usually densely packed, that cover bark on shrubs and trees. The pest only reproduces once per year, with the egg hatch occurring in early to mid June over about a ten-day period.

Once hatched, the "Crawlers" feed on fluids in the twigs and branches; they then permanently attach to the branch, developing a hardened shell that protects them from predators, the elements and most pest-control methods.

### How do you know you have an oystershell scale problem?

- Symptoms of infestation don't usually show up until your

shrub or tree is heavily infested. Infested cotoneaster hedges die-back in patches, leaving large voids in the hedge.

- Look for branches/bark with oyster-shell shaped bumps, leaves turning yellow, and branch dieback or gaps in your hedges.
- For early detection, in early to mid-June, take a piece of black paper and shake the branches over it. If scale is present, you will see many tiny yellowish crawlers (the immature stage of the insect).

### What plants are at risk?

Oystershell scale has been recorded on over 120 species of plants. In Calgary, cotoneaster is the preferred host, but it has also been seen on our fruit trees, hawthorn, mountain ash, green ash, lilac, maple, poplar, dogwood, saskatoon, amur cherry, 'Schubert' chokecherry and willow.

### Is there a natural predator/defence?

The main predators of oystershell scale are lady bugs and lacewigs, but they are not known to be of sufficient numbers to control the scale.

### How is it Spread?

Oystershell scale can be carried by wind or on the bodies of animals (birds, squirrels) that move from tree to tree. The male insects that fly in July to mate and then die, also spread the infestation. And, the use of unclean hedge trimmers by maintenance companies further contributes to the spread of the scale.

### What can you do?

- Treat your shrubs/tree in spring when the oystershell scale eggs hatch. This is when they are vulnerable to treatment methods. You'll have about 10-14 days anywhere from the end of May to mid-June, depending on the weather conditions.
- Spray your hedge once the eggs have hatched with a dormant oil spray (Purespray Green Oil) or with Malathion or Permethrin (insecticides).
- Spray with a summer oil, which can smother the nymphs for another week or two after the crawlers, but before the waxy adult covering forms.
- Branches that are heavily infested should be pruned out.
- If your hedge is heavily infested, cut back the hedge to about 8" above grade in late winter, before bud-break. In June be sure to spray the sprouting stumps with a contact insecticide – oystershell will attack stems right to the base of the plant.

**\*\*To avoid spreading, infested branches should always be bagged immediately and tied closed and should not go in the green cart.**

- Hire a licensed pesticide applicator to treat your shrubs/trees.



- Be aware of misinformation – do your research! Throughout my research, I discovered that there is a lot of poor advice being given that contradicts the facts and unfortunately it is often coming from tree service and landscaping companies.

So, what did I do? I wasn't willing to leave things up to chance with my cotoneaster hedge that I had planted and nurtured for so many years. I did a lot of research and discovered that this is not an easy infestation to deal with. So, to deal with it, every spring I call up Shane at Wild Rose for a regular annual treatment. I believe it has been treated with a variety of methods – both oil and insecticide. Four years later, I'd say it's been about 98% effective and my hedge is thriving.

There's no question that I am in it for the long haul - so long as others are unaware of the existence of oystershell scale or choose not to treat it, it's going to be an ongoing battle.

Information was gathered from the following sources:

- <http://wildrosetree.ca/insects-diseases-other-problems/oystershell-scale/>
- <http://www.calgary.ca/CSPP/Parks/Pages/Planning-and-Operations/Pest-Management/Oystershell-Scale.aspx>
- <https://www.forestpests.org/vermont/oystershellscale.htm>

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# 2019 Cleanup Events Set for May 5 and May 26

As noted in the April edition of the View, our two annual cleanup events are both scheduled for May of this year. On May 5 we will venture down to the Bow River to participate in the 52nd Annual Pathway and River Cleanup. This year's event goes on May 5 from 9:00 a.m. until noon. We meet at the Starbuck's at Memorial Drive and Edmonton Trail and work our way West to the Centre Street Bridge. With the rough terrain of the new gravel bar deposited east of the bridge, it would be great to get some extra people out this year to support our regulars and make short work of our river reach.

Also remember our few yaehs and nays: dogs must be on a leash and must be very good dogs; no small people under the age of 12; small to medium sized people ages 12-16 must be supervised by an adult; supplies are provided but be sure to wear sturdy shoes and gloves, sunscreen, bug spray and a hat (or fascinator). Contact John McDermid (facilities@crescentheightsyyc.ca or 403-277-8653) for more information or to sign up, or just join us at Starbuck's on May 5, 09:00. We hope to see you down by the river!

Also noted with great anticipation in the April View, Crescent Heights' other signature cleanup event is our own annual community cleanup. This year it goes on Sunday, May 26 and runs from 09:00 until 2:00 p.m. at the community hall. Bring your stuff that won't fit in your black or green cart and deposit it directly into a City of Calgary Solid Waste Services' compactor trucks. Please separate your organic stuff from the non-organic, because they will likely go into different trucks, and please make note of the following nasty items and materials that *we cannot take*:

- Car batteries
- Glass (e.g., window panes, glass table tops)
- Household appliances with Freon (e.g., refrigerators, freezers)
- Liquids (e.g., cooking oils)
- Railway ties
- Sod or dirt
- Household hazardous waste, including propane tanks, paints or automotive, cleaning, healthcare and gardening chemicals.

Two categories of items that the City cannot take in community cleanups, *but we can*, thanks to the participation of our friends at Technotrash and Navajo Metals, are large metal items (e.g., lawnmowers, barbeques) and electronics (*excluding* microwave ovens). If you have more exotic electronic disposables that you are unsure of, please visit the Technotrash website for a complete list of the gizmos they can and cannot break down and make use of (the list of source materials is evolving, so please check their website for the most up-to-date inclusions and exclusions).

Another valued partner agency that will participate again this year is the Women in Need Society. WINS will have a truck on site and accepts gently used household items, furniture and clothing and gets them to good homes that can use them.

Even if you are a very tidy person and don't have materials to bring to the cleanup, be sure to visit Treasure Island, our Save and Trade area, where goods with plenty of life left in them are displayed for anyone to help themselves.

Finally, some guidelines specific to the community cleanup (more yaehs and nays). These help us run the event efficiently, especially near the end of the cleanup at 2:00 p.m.: please don't come too late with stuff as the City staff are there on their own time, and it's poor form to keep them beyond the end of the event by running overtime. Or, if you do come later, consider hanging around to help with the "Cleanup Cleanup": that's the late flurry of activity when the Save and Trade items that found no takers get transferred to the trucks. This happens about 20 to 30 minutes just before the finish of the event when we can use extra strong bodies to transfer the leftovers into the trucks, sweep up a bit and finish things off. If you can help out with this very popular cleanup event, by directing traffic, helping offload stuff, etc., whether for the entire event or just a short time, please contact John McDermid (facilities@crescentheightsyyc.ca or 403-277-8653). See you there, too!







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# Off the Shelf

Book review by Judith Umbach

## *Manhattan Beach*

by Jennifer Egan

Anna's father, Eddie Kerrigan, loves to bring her on his visits to business friends. On the day he takes her to Manhattan Beach, she impresses his friend with her indifference to the cold of the sea water. Thus, Jennifer Egan introduces the principal characters in her novel, *Manhattan Beach*.

Her father's business associates are not friendly; they are rival mobsters. Eddie's specialty is fading into the background, enabling him to pass messages and packages without notice. And one day, he fades entirely.

Anna's beloved sister, Lydia, is severely brain-damaged, a dearly-loved burden for Anna and her mother. They make the best of their poverty, constricted by the need for one person to always be at home competing with an equal need for freedom.

There's a war on—the Second World War. Anna is employed with dozens of other young women in the manufacture of war materials; in her case, making precise measurements of tiny parts. Far below, seen from her workplace, she notices the training of undersea divers and aspires to join their trade. Of course, being a woman, she is disparaged. Persistence breaks all barriers—her unusual dexterity with her fingers makes her better than all the men at working in the dark in the harbour.

Tragically, Lydia dies, and Anna's mother moves back to her roots. Unwilling to give up diving, Anna asserts her independence and lives alone, a rarity for a respectable young woman.

Still, what haunts her is the unexplained disappearance of her father. She imagines that he was killed by the mob but cannot find peace with the silence about his death. Her sporadic then serious relationship with Dexter Styles, the mobster encountered with her father on Manhattan Beach, unexpectedly leads to her diving in the harbor and discovering her father's cherished pocket watch caught in the tangles of heavy chains and cement blocks. Eddie's fate.

The war ends for Anna with a move to California to hide a secret. And, to her surprise, other secrets unravel in most unexpected ways.

# PHOTO QUIZ

Can you identify the location of these landmarks situated somewhere within our community?

1.



2.



3.



## MARCH 2019 Photo Locations

- 1. 15 Ave & Centre B Street NW
- 2. 15 Ave & 1 Street NW
- 3. 15 Ave & 2 Street NW

1.



2.



3.





# 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.
- Hall rental discount for members for most weekdays (excluding Friday and Saturday nights)
- 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!

You may choose to have your membership card emailed to you so that you can print it, or save an electronic file to your electronic device(s). Alternatively, you can have a hard copy of your membership card mailed to your home.

## SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY! BUY A MEMBERSHIP TODAY

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# Who are the People in our Neighbourhood...

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

New to Crescent Heights a year ago, our neighbour H. chose her home and our community for its trees and proximity to downtown. H. grew up the oldest of a large family in post war Holland in a town east of Amsterdam with over a thousand years of history.

At 18, she took on her first of many adventures moving to London, England to work as an au pair and later in the hotel industry. H. had travelling in her blood, after years in England, she was ready to take on another country and another adventure. In a serendipitous life decision (a sliding doors moment), H. chose Vancouver for another au pair position instead of going to South Africa. Immediately she was smitten with Canada (the people and the landscape). Settled in with a Canadian family, she met the godfather of her newest charge and they fell in love. The couple started their romance in Victoria on Vancouver Island and two years after their marriage welcomed twins (a boy and a girl).

When the children were five years old, the family made a significant move to Egypt where H's husband had been born and where his family lived. Their move took them to Cairo for four years while their young family lived within a short walk to the pyramids. Their next move was to Calgary, where they settled into University Heights and later Scenic Acres while the children grew. Now those twins are each married and continue to live in Calgary—H. is blessed to have one grandchild and another due in July.

In more recent years, H. had been looking after her husband while he endured a long illness.

Now on her own, H. has embraced our community and entered in a new phase of her life. She just returned from an epic expedition over the last few months, travelling to Holland, Egypt, Vietnam, Cambodia, Nepal, Bhutan and Jordan. Welcome back! We hope Crescent Heights will always be a haven when you come return home...

*"To move, to breathe, to fly, to float,*

*To gain all while you give,*

*To roam the roads of lands remote,*

*To travel is to live." – Hans Christian Andersen*

***"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

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# Playgroup

## Date change!

CHCA playgroup will be open on the 2nd and 4th Fridays now. Hope to see new and old friends there.

Looking for a couple of volunteers to run the playgroup with me. Please contact Rie MacIntosh (riehatu@gmail.com) for more information.

# Mount Pleasant Tennis Club

## is kicking off the season!

Located in beautiful Rotary Park, MPTC offers 5 courts including 3 with lights, competitive leagues, tournaments, social events, and seniors and youth programs.

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### Summer 2019 Youth Tennis Programs:

Each program will consist of five 2-hour sessions from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm Monday-Friday.

Cost is only \$90.00/junior – book early as spots are limited; additional dates may be added.

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Facilitator: Carolyn Pogue

**Images of Aging in Film**  
Wednesdays May 1- 15/19, 7:30 - 9:30 pm  
Facilitator: Judy Steiert

**Wild Rose Spring Tea**  
Saturday, May 11 at 2 pm.

Delicious tea and treats accompanied by the sounds of spring musical selections.

For information about these and other events and services please visit [www.wildroseunited.ca](http://www.wildroseunited.ca).



## Crescent Heights High School Bottle Drives

Please bring your bottles/cans every second Saturday during the school year (except January), to the NW corner of the school between 10am-noon. Thank you very much!

## We Want Your Photos for the Front Cover

We would love to publish your community related photos on the front cover of this newsletter. The requirements are 1-3 MB for a full-page.

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## Just Words

I remember in school when a bully was confronted by a teacher after being caught picking on a fellow student. The bully said, "I'm not hurting anyone, they are just words."

What we witnessed during the recent election campaign and what we see on the internet every day is far worse than anything that I ever heard that bully say.

Words are as powerful as any weapon, as useful as any tool and their consequences can last a lifetime.

Over time I have noticed, and so have many others, that hateful, intolerant and offensive language has grown in usage and proliferation on the internet, social media and even in daily conversation.

As I said in the House of Commons ahead of Remembrance Day, "Tens of thousands of Canadians fought hate. They gave their lives to put down those who sought to reshape human existence through hate. They gave their future so that we could have one. There could be no greater dishonour to their memory and their sacrifices than for us to give up on the fight against hate. Yes, we have the freedom to speak our mind in Canada, but that freedom was found in the fight against hate. Let us not forget that."

This type of hate and intolerance exists throughout the political spectrum. Each justifying their own abhorrent behaviour against the behaviour of those they are in disagreement with. Two wrongs do not make a right.

As a society, it is time we take a stand against this type of behaviour. It is toxic and can have many lasting, unintended and deadly consequences. History is littered with examples of what happens when hate and intolerance are allowed to grow within a peaceful society. Eventually that society ceases to exist. Let's not follow those dark paths of history.

When I spoke about hate crimes in Parliament I said, "If you are not part of the solution, you are part of the problem." Please do something and take a stand against hate and intolerance in your own way.

We can no longer stand by ignoring the hate and intolerance of others while trying to simply dismiss their actions as "just words".

## Bees

A good news story! City employees working on a roadside naturalization pilot in Canyon Meadows discovered a bumble bee species on Environment Canada's endangered list: The Gypsy Cuckoo Bumblebee (*Bombus bohemicus*). Reported endangered in 2014, the Gypsy Cuckoo Bee is large, fuzzy, and once had a geographic range across Canada.

The Gypsy Cuckoo bee is a parasitic bee that hijacks other bee hives. The decline of this species shows that other bee species are also in decline.

There are many factors leading to a decline in native bee and butterfly populations worldwide. Two of the biggest are the use of pesticides and loss of habitat. In an age of environmental instability, we need a fundamental cultural shift. The City of Calgary developed a 10-year Biodiversity Strategic Plan "to foster more resilient, biologically diverse open spaces and neighbourhoods." As a result, several naturalization projects are underway that include large plantings of native plants and flowers to support our pollinators and promote biodiversity.

Calgarians can also do their part. If we want more bees and butterflies, we need more flowers of every shape and size—tall flowers, short flowers, early bloomers, late bloomers, perennials and annuals, and every colour in the rainbow. Grow more native plants. Make flower beds bigger and lawns smaller. Add clover to grass seed. Plant flowering trees and shrubs. Make a bee-bath for hot, dry days. Leave the leaves on flowerbeds over the winter and pick them up later in the spring. Stop using pesticides.

If you live in an apartment, even a tiny patio with a few pots of flowers can help sustain life and be part of a network of nourishment across the city that provide for bumble bees.

Every little bit helps! It is important that we do all we can to protect bumblebees and other pollinators. They are vital to our ecosystems.

To sign up for community updates, visit [www.DruhFarrell.ca](http://www.DruhFarrell.ca) or [www.Facebook.com/DruhFarrellCalgary](https://www.facebook.com/DruhFarrellCalgary).

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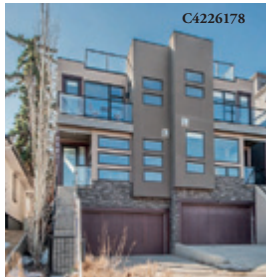
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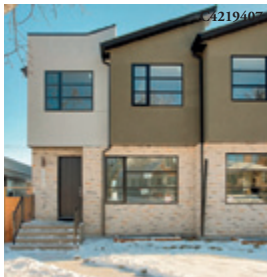
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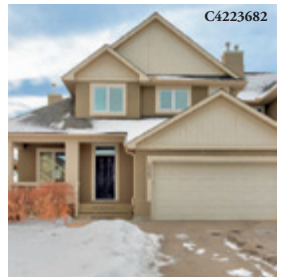
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