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BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights from the minutes of the March 8 2016 Montgomery Community Association (MCA) Board Meeting

- Rhonda Zander and Dave Barton were elected to the Board as Directors. Anthony Ferrise stepped down as a Director but will remain active on the planning committee.
- The CA has been approached by Evolve who has been hired by Rogers to explore the possibility of constructing a cell tower on the community association landsite. The CA has authority to approve this but it must conform to community guidelines. The location and size is still to be determined however the chosen location must have access to power. The board endorsed the concept and further discussions will occur. If approved, it would generate \$30,000 income per year for a lease term of five years with three automatic renewals.
- The community clean up is scheduled for May 7 and volunteers are still needed.

- Work on the roof and make up air unit for the kitchen is well under way and should be completed by the end of March.
- MCA maintains a Facebook, website and Twitter account which is updated regularly.
- MCA is hosting a casino on September 4 and 5 and volunteers are still needed.
- Members from the BRZ joined the meeting to discuss joint concerns and initiatives such as:

The 16th Ave beautification project has been put on hold until the summer of 2017 to conduct more traffic studies. Bar-be-que on the Bow has been scheduled for the Labour Day Weekend and events will be held in Field #2, Shouldice Arena and the community center.

Events are being considered for the Hextall Bridge in partnership with the Bowness BRZ.

New entry signs for Montgomery are being considered. Repair work is continuing in Shouldice Park still as a result of the flood and should be complete by this summer.

The next MCA board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 12 at 7:00 PM.

For more information on these items, please contact the community Association at 403-247-3116 or mcac@telus.net.



MONTGOMERY SENIOR SOCIAL

(for ages 60+ with MCA membership)

When: LAST Monday of each month 1 -3 pm

Where: Montgomery Community Centre
5003 – 16th Avenue NW

Runs September to May

Activities: Door prizes, Raffles, Entertainment, board games, and a light lunch!

Contact: MCA – (403) 247 – 3116
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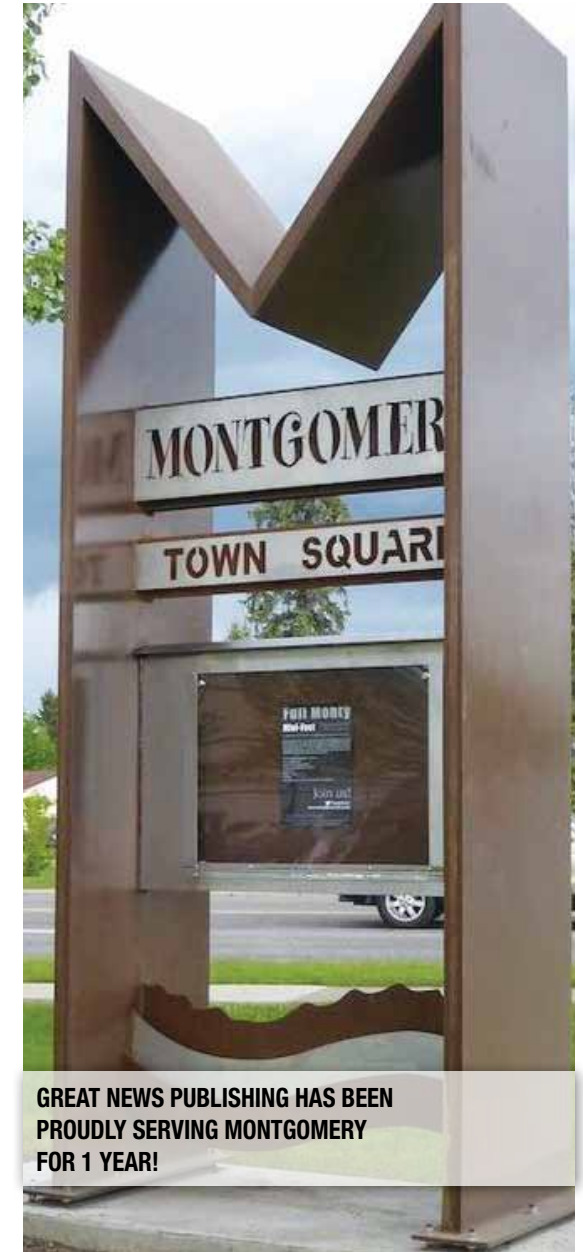
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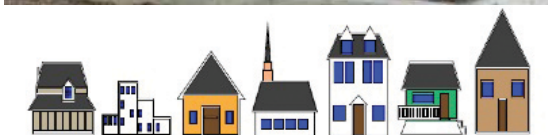
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The main hall at the community centre is available for rent for large and small functions, from big weddings to simple birthday parties for kids.

Active members of the community association will receive a 10% discount on full rentals.

RENTAL RATES:

Main Hall

Full rental- \$460.00
Damage Deposit \$300.00
Prime Time hourly

Fri-Sun. - \$55.00 per hour (5 hours or less)
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Board Room

The boardroom is approx. 14'x22' in size.
Capacity in a meeting-room setting is 25.
White board and pull down screen available.
Rental rate: \$25.00 per hour.

For Further information please visit www.mcapeople.ca, call 403-247-3116, or email manager@mcapeople.ca.

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IN & AROUND CALGARY

Community Cleanups: Save Yourself a Trip to the Landfill

Calgary Community Standards (formerly Animal & Bylaw Services) in partnership with Waste & Recycling Services and your community association is pleased to offer another year of Community Clean-ups for FREE of charge to Calgarians. A Community Clean-up is a day scheduled at your community centre where you can bring your household items that may not fit in your black, brown or blue carts like furniture or old fencing or items that fill up your carts too quickly or just an accumulation of items that are ready for the landfill. If you live in a multi-unit housing complex, we welcome you to bring your waste and recycling items to this event especially if it is closer than the designated community recycling depots.

We are pleased to announce that 3 packer trucks will be provided this year (2 for waste and 1 for organic materials). Last year, 110 communities were served between April and October. Please check with your community association to see when your Community Clean-up has been booked and bet-



Veggie-centric: When referring to center-of-the-plate items, that usually means proteins, but that may be changing. Fresh produce as the star of the plate is being championed by more restaurants and culinary professionals, who are serving up vegetable-centric meals that are often vegetarian without being advertised as such. And even when animal proteins are included in the dish, the veg is still the main attraction. <http://www.restaurant.org/News-Research/News/2016-menu-trends-to-watch>

ter yet, volunteer to help with the event which is held either on a Saturday or Sunday from 9 am – 2 pm. Your community association needs 15-20 volunteers to put on the event so your assistance is greatly appreciated. Calgary Community Standards provides funds for food and refreshments for the volunteers, advertising and promotion, gloves, garbage bags and any other items used to help Clean-up.

Please note, there are items that the City of Calgary's packer trucks will not accept:

- Tires, home appliances, paint, household chemicals, propane tanks, microwaves, car batteries, home electronics, liquids, metals and glass, railway ties.
- Your Community Association usually enhances the event with recycling services such as electronics, metal, paper shredding and possible tire recycling and paint pickup (or you can take your cans of paint to any fire hall station).

The Community Clean-ups provide a fantastic opportunity to work with your neighbours and community associations to Clean-up your yards and homes, parks, off-leash areas and sport playfields. Thank you for your commitment to help create healthy, safe and vibrant communities.

For more information about the date set in your community, please call your Community Association or you can go to www.calgary.ca/cleanup for the full schedule and further details.



Children's Birthday Party Package \$99.95

This birthday party package includes two hours in our main hall and we'll throw in the floor hockey equipment, ping pong tables, preschool equipment . . .

Bring in your own food and refreshments . . . invite as many friends and family as you like!

For one "low" rate.

Some restrictions apply for advanced bookings.

For more information: 403-247-3116, mcac@telus.net.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome to Spring! I always enjoy this time as a time of beginnings and renewals. The days are longer and it is nice to see the sun after work.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held February 23rd, 2016. At the AGM, we recognized the service Elspeth Snow has provided this community with a Life Time Membership Award. Councillor Ward Sutherland and the MLA office of Stephanie McLean provided certificates of recognition to commemorate this first ever award.

I would like to thank Lindsay McLaren and Anthony Ferrise for their service on the Board over the past four years. Anthony will remain on the Planning Committee where he will follow his interest in the redevelopment of the community. Lindsay, secretary of the Board for three years has decided to leave the Board to pursue other interests. I have appreciated Lindsay's support on the Board as well as her assistance in ensuring efficient use of meeting time. Lindsay has been the liaison for the community garden and has enjoyed the success of the garden over the years. Ron Aubrey has offered to take on the roll of the liaison for the garden; however, at this time we do not have a person who has offered to take on the position of secretary. For this year, we will rotate the roll within the meetings.

I would like to welcome Rhonda Zander to the Board. Rhonda has been an active member of the planning committee and represents MCA on the South Shaganappi Area Strategic Planning Group and with Trinity Development (Paskapoo Slopes development).

I would also like to welcome Dave Barton who will take over the communication portfolio on the Board. Dave has a background in communication and we look forward to improving our communication with the community. If you are interested in signing up for eNews, send your email to montgomerynews@gmail.com.

We are in a strong financial position moving forward and have numerous renovation and upgrading projects planned at the community centre.

We are looking for volunteers for the community clean-up and the casino (September 2016) as well as for the soccer program. If you have some time and would like to help with specific projects, contact the community centre at 403-247-3116.

Marilyn

PLANNING REPORT

The Planning Committee has not received any Development Permits over the past several weeks so there's nothing to report on that end.

The work on the lower roof of the community centre and the make-up air unit for the kitchen is proceeding as planned. You may have seen the workers on site as you drive by. These kinds of projects always seem so straight-forward in the beginning, but there are a myriad of minor decisions that have to be made – whether to move a gas line or notch a beam, extend conduit through a soffit or around it – that seem to take up the bulk of the time. However, at the latest project meeting we were informed that the work is still slated for completion by the end of March which was the originally scheduled timeline.

At the last Board meeting we invited the BRZ to join us to discuss common concerns and initiatives, one of them being the 16th Avenue beautification and upgrades project. The construction start for this project has been delayed so that the 52nd Street paving can be carried out, the Bowmont Park work can be completed, and additional traffic studies can be carried out. Issues under discussion with the City include traffic signals at Home Road and the connection into the network of bike lanes.

Part of the beautification work along 16th Avenue includes banners that will be hung from new decorative light standards. The BRZ will be providing these banners and will incorporate a constant theme and a changing seasonal theme into the graphic design. Ideas from the community for the seasonal themes are welcome.

Janice Mackett,
Planning Committee Chair

Editorial Content Deadline 1st of each month for the next month's issue. mcaac@telus.net



10th Annual Montgomery Clean-Up & Recycling Event

Saturday, May 7 from 9 am to 2 pm sharp!

East parking lot of the Montgomery Community Centre (5003 16 Avenue NW)

We'll be ready to take your refuse - BRING IT! It's Free!

- **Prepare your yard waste** – One truck is dedicated for organics so bring your leaves, branches and other yard pruning bits. No plastic bags. Use paper yard waste bags, bundle branches and cut large logs into smaller pieces. **While supplies last, pick up free paper organics/yard waste bags at the Community Centre courtesy of the City of Calgary. Max five per household.**
- **Gather your recyclables** – Bring used tires, bicycles, scrap metals, electronics, small and large appliances for refurbish or recycle. If you cannot get your large appliances to the event, please call 403-247-3116 by Friday, April 29 to arrange for a pickup.
- **Extra garbage** – Bring the extra garbage from your yard or laneway after you've squeezed as much as you can into your black bin. There will be limited garbage truck capacity this year.
- **Old mattresses** – Pick up a **free mattress bag** at the Community Centre. Mattresses must be bagged or we can't help you unload it.
- **Smile and be patient** – Remember that this is a Montgomery Community Association volunteer-run event saving you a trip to the landfill (where there might be a line-up too) and saving you the landfill fees.

Sorry, but we cannot accept commercial building ma-

terials, household toxics, auto waste, propane tanks, chemicals, paint or large glass (doors, windows, mirrors). **BRING IT!** to the City landfill

Pickups for seniors and those in need: Please call 403-247-3116 (leave a message if necessary) by Friday, April 29 if you need help.



Join the Clean-Up Crew!

What does the crew do?

- Support set up and take down of the site
- Help neighbours-in-need to participate
- Assist neighbours in unloading and sorting on site
- Keep traffic organized and moving
- Keep the Clean-up Crew watered and fed

What's in it for me?

- A fun day outside
- First dibs on the treasure finds
- Lots of fresh air
- Get to wear those awesome Clean-up Crew work vests
- Meet Montgomery neighbours
- A cleaner community

Join now by contacting the Montgomery Community Association at 403-247-3116 or manager@mcapeople.ca.

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“Here There Be Dragons; Part One”

A Brief Examination of the Role-Playing Elements of Dungeons and Dragons

By: Kyle Marshall

In a society where the development of sophisticated, mechanized killing machines on par with the Terminator usually elicits little more than a shrug and a passing comment of “that could be trouble,” a tabletop board game like Dungeons and Dragons is still capable of inciting fear about the downfall of western civilization. During its more than 40 year lifespan, Dungeons and Dragons (or simply D&D) has repeatedly been the target of criticisms regarding its moral and religious content, or lack thereof, and its players accused of association with the occult and of being unable to distinguish fiction from reality. This mindset is much less prevalent today than back in the 1970s and ‘80s, when D&D was still relatively new. However, as I have learned from firsthand experience, there are still those with considerable concerns over Gary Gygax’s work.

Dungeons and Dragons is considered by many as the quintessential role-playing game. At its most basic, players create a fictional avatar with a set of combat and life skills, as well as a back story that can range from “archer who lives in the forest” to a multi-volume epic reminiscent of The Iliad. Then, along with their fellow players and their respective characters, they undertake adventures under the direction of a “Dungeon Master,” rolling multi-sided dice to determine the results of combat and the like. They collect gold for completed jobs, upgrade equipment, haggle with shopkeepers

over the rising price of lantern oil: as the name suggests, you are “playing” out the role of your character.

There are, of course, more fantastic elements to D&D, and therein the controversy arises. Some of the criticisms that have been levelled against D&D have concerned the promotion of sorcery and occult worship. While it is true that players are able to create characters of an ‘evil’ alignment, it is also possible, and usually more practical, for players to create avatars of either ‘neutral’ or ‘good’ alignment, dedicating themselves to protecting the innocent and destroying the monsters of the world. So far as magic is concerned, it is neither wholly good nor evil, and is often associated with entirely fictional religious orders and deities - I have yet to see a church dedicated to the worship of Bahamut, Dragon God of Good, in the Montgomery area.

Please join me next month as I continue a brief examination of Dungeons and Dragons.



Top 5 SR Types for MONTGOMERY	SR Count	% of Total Community
IPS Inspection - SCP - New Home	17	6.6%
Roads - Streetlight Maintenance	14	5.4%
AS - Animal at Large	12	4.6%
AS - Animal Licence - Request for New / Renewal	11	4.2%
IPS Inspection - Residential Improvement Project - RIP	10	3.9%
Total Top 5 SR Types	64	24.7%
Total Other SRs	195	75.3%
Total SRs for MONTGOMERY	259	100%
Total SRs for Ward 1	2,155	
% of Total Ward 1	12%	

Construction Notice

East Bowmont Natural Environment Park Project

Introduction

The City has started construction of the East Bowmont Natural Environment Park. Phase one involves the construction of stormwater ponds in East Bowmont Park. Work will begin in November 2015 and is expected to be complete in winter 2017.

Construction impacts

Traffic

The access road to the construction site is located at the intersection of Home Road and 32 AV NW. Flag persons will be onsite to ensure heavy construction traffic can safely enter and exit the site. There will be an increase in construction traffic along Home Road NW. Beginning in late November a heavy volume of trucks will be removing fill from the site. This excess fill cannot be utilized onsite. The trucking will take place between 8 am and 5pm, Monday to Saturday for approximately five weeks.

Safety

The work sites will be fenced off and restricted to construction personnel. For your safety, please do not enter the fenced-off construction area.

Noise/Dust

We recognize that construction creates additional dust and noise. We ask for your patience as we work to minimize the impact to neighbouring residents. The contractor adheres to The City’s Community Standards Bylaw, for hours of operation, material storage and construction best practices, including dust mitigation.

More information

For more information about this project please visit Calgary.ca/bowmontpark or call 311.



A New Festival in BowMont!

BBQ on the Bow is happy to announce that it will be moving to the Montgomery Community Centre September 3 and 4, 2016. In its 24th year, BBQ on the Bow is Canada’s oldest Kansas City Barbeque Society (KCBS) sanctioned festival.

The event is open to the public and together with the BBQ competition, features a Kid’s Que competition, food demo, beer garden and live local music, among other activities. BBQ will be available for purchase from onsite vendors.

Saturday’s events will include a Chef’s Choice category, where the cooks can hand in anything from lamb to salmon or any other meat of their choice, and use any garnish. These creative offerings are truly outstanding. The Kid’s Que is open to kids 15 and under (with adult supervision – but no help). The kids compete in two categories: pork chops and hot dogs.

Sunday is the main competition featuring teams from across Canada and the United States. Each team competes in four categories: chicken, pork ribs, pork shoulder, and beef brisket. All categories over the weekend are judged by a team of KCBS certified judges. The winning team, also known as the Grand Champion, will go on to compete at the Kansas City Royal BBQ Competition Invitational and will be entered into a draw to compete at the Jack Daniels competition. Previous winners of BBQ on the Bow have gone on to do very well at these prestigious events.

New teams are always welcome. For more information please go to www.bbqonthebow.com.



From 2014-2019, the NCA forecasts that U.S. chocolate sales will grow another \$4 billion, or 19%. That growth is being driven by consumers’ preference for chocolate, which they see as being healthier than more traditional sugary candies, said Larry Wilson, vice president of customer relations for the NCA. “People are now saying I eat chocolate” because of the health benefits, he said.

- <http://www.ecolechocolat.com/en/news.html>

SSASPG

The South Shaganappi Area Strategic Planning Group is a group of community representatives and stakeholders that meet on a monthly basis to inform and respond to a number of institutional and infrastructure development projects in the area.

The Calgary Cancer Project anticipates having a contract in place this spring with a Design/Build contractor for their new facility at the Foothills Medical Centre, as well as for the interim renovations to the Bone Marrow Transplant Unit. Project updates are available at www.infrastructure.alberta.ca/Calgarycancercentre.htm.

The Foothills Medical Centre will be undertaking a review of design proposals being submitted for a new parking structure to replace Lot 1, as well as for an expansion of Lot 8A. The new structure will be built in two phases. More details will be made available as they become finalized.

Cadillac Fairview has made a development permit application to the City of Calgary, Planning Department for an expansion to the west side of Market Mall, adjacent to the vacated Target space, to accommodate an additional 23,000 square feet of area for Sport Chek. The application has also outlined renovations to the vacated Target space for potential new tenants, as well as a proposed expansion of the underground parkade.

A development permit application submitted for a mixed use re-development of the Northland Village Mall has been approved by the City of Calgary Planning Commission.

Following the devastation of the Stadium Shopping Centre fire in November of last year, Western Securities announced that the dry cleaning establishment has been able to reopen. Cobs Bread Bakery and The Cat

House were heavily damaged however, and may need to be relocated to other units in the Centre. The cause of the fire is still under investigation. A development permit application for the redevelopment of the Centre has been received by the City of Calgary Planning Department and is currently under review.

A development permit application for an expansion to the Brentwood Care Centre has been approved. Alberta Health Services have given their approval on the final design. Clark Builders has been contracted to perform the work, however a construction start date has yet to be determined.

The University of Calgary was pleased to announce that they surpassed their goal for the United Way Campaign this year and raised funds in the amount of \$ 563,000.

The University District has completed its winter grading of the site. It is anticipated that builders for Phase 1 of the project will be chosen in the Spring of 2016.

*Rhonda Zander
Planning Committee Member*

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Book Trivia

Margaret Mitchell wrote *Gone with the Wind* between 1926 and 1929. In her early drafts, the main character was named "Pansy O'Hara" and the O'Hara plantation we know as Tara was called "Fountainey Hall."

Scam alert – fraudsters pose as Canada Revenue Agency

Nearly every day, the Calgary Police Service receives reports of scammers posing as agents of the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) or Immigration Canada (IC). Unfortunately, scammers have obtained thousands of dollars from several unsuspecting victims. So how does the scam work and how can you protect yourself?

The CRA scam, and many similar ones, usually follows the same pattern. Victims are contacted via phone by people pretending to be a CRA or IC employee. The fraudsters claim that the victim owes back taxes and that they need to pay money to correct the issue, or they will be arrested or deported. Sometimes, the scammers have valid personal information about victims and their families, such as names and birthdays, to try to legitimize the fraudulent claim.

The scammers can become very aggressive and may begin to threaten victims. Victims are then told to send money through a wire service or to purchase prepaid credit cards or gift cards. Once the money is gone, it is nearly impossible to trace.

You can help protect yourself from phone and email scams by following these tips:

- Do not feel pressure to respond to a request until you have a chance to verify the story.
- Never transfer money, or give out credit card or other financial information, until you can verify the person's identity and the story, and determine whether it is legitimate.
- The CRA will not ask for payment via prepaid credit cards or wire transfer.
- Some scammers are using a technique called spoofing where the caller ID looks like the call is legitimately coming from the CRA or IC. Hang up and look up published numbers for the agency in the phone book or online and call them directly to confirm the legitimacy of the caller's story before you take any action. Do not call numbers provided to you by the person who called you.

- Don't believe what you see. Business logos, websites and email addresses can easily be duplicated to look legitimate.
- Watch for poor grammar and spelling.
- Hover your mouse over links to check their true destination. If the URL doesn't match the link, or seems suspicious, don't click on it.
- Be wary of unexpected emails that contain links or attachments from unknown senders.
- Update your computer's anti-virus software.
- Ignore calls for immediate action or messages that create a sense of urgency.
- Beware of phishing emails posing as the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) requesting personal information, or links within an email re-directing to a fraudulent website that appears to represent the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). The CRA does not email Canadians and request personal information.
- Never provide personal information such as SIN, bank account information or credit card numbers.

2016 MCA Casino

Our regular Casino is coming up on September 3 and 4 at Cowboys Casino. This is a major source of income for the Community Association which helps us maintain and operate the Community Centre along with our community programs

There are typically 18 months between casinos and, as always, we need volunteers to help. This is a great opportunity to meet people and make a huge impact to your community. No experience is necessary and training will be provided. All positions are still available:

- Banker
- Cashier
- Chip Runner
- Count Room

If you would like to come out & volunteer, please contact the Community at 403-247-3116 mcac@telus.net or myself at russel.ens@telus.net. We look forward to seeing you all there!

*Russel Ens
Casino Chair*

MAKE YOUR GREAT IDEA HAPPEN

WHAT IS RIPPLES?

- A small grant for projects that build community
- For residents of Bowness, Montgomery and Greenwood Village
- Applications accepted on an ongoing basis and reviewed by peers

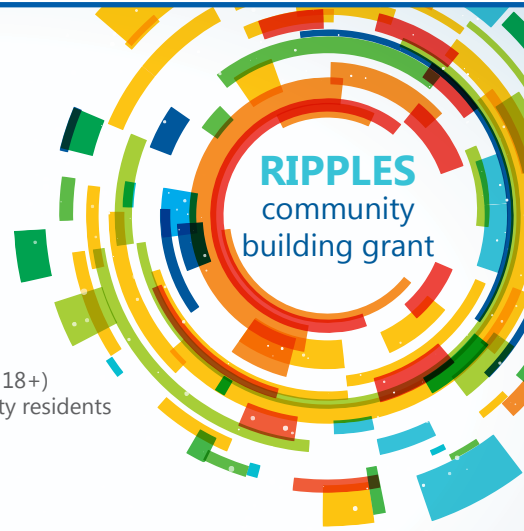
WHO CAN APPLY?

- Individuals and resident community groups
- Youth are encouraged to apply (1 member must be 18+)
- Agencies are not eligible but can support community residents with their projects

To apply please visit:

www.bowwest.com/ripples-application

or contact us at ripples@bowwest.com



WHAT KIND OF FUNDING IS AVAILABLE?

Funding for short term projects from \$50 to \$600

WHAT ARE PAST RIPPLES PROJECTS?

Skill Sharing • Neighbourhood Events • Workshops
 • Community Clean Ups • Community Gardens •
 Performing and Visual Arts Projects • Drop In Activities

WHAT PROJECTS ARE ELIGIBLE?

Projects that:

- Are new initiatives
- Are held in a public location
- Benefit to the whole community
- Build a sense of belonging and create community connections

GRANT REQUIREMENTS & RESTRICTIONS

- Funds cannot be used for salaries/wages or alcohol
- Receipts are required at the end of the project
- Funds must be spent within 6 months
- Sharing your project's story

GET STARTED!

- Be creative!
- Invite people to brainstorm
- Plan your project using the application form www.bowwest.com/ripples-application

GET INVOLVED WITH RIPPLES!

The Ripples Grant Committee meets to discuss and make decisions on the applications.

We strive to represent our diverse community so if you are interested in being a member, e-mail ripples@bowwest.com.



Ripples
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APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____ Date of Application: _____
 Mailing address: _____ Postal Code: _____
 Phone number(s): _____ E-mail: _____
 Describe your project: _____

 Date(s) your project will take place: _____
 Where will your project be held? _____
 Who will work with you to plan and organize this project? _____

 How will you involve other people to participate in this project? _____

 How will your project make Bowness better? _____

 What will your project cost in total? _____
 How much grant money are you requesting? _____
 What will you spend the grant on? (Please list specific items and their costs) _____

 How will you share and celebrate your project? _____

Calling All BABYSITTERS

Enroll free at mybabysitter.ca and choose the Calgary communities you would like to babysit in.

Calling All PARENTS

Visit mybabysitter.ca and find available babysitters in and around your community.

Announcing the Ripples Grant

The ripples from a pebble tossed in a pond can go a long way. Ripples Grants of 100 to 600 dollars are intended to do the same thing by supporting resident-initiated ideas. Have you been thinking about something that would enrich Montgomery? Fill out the application below or online www.bowwest.com/ripples-application/.

Contact the community centre for more information (403-247-3116; manager@mcapeople.ca). These grants are made available through the kind support of the United Way, The Calgary Foundation, and local organizations.



MLA CALGARY-VARSITY
STEPHANIE MCLEAN

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Friends,

March has been an eventful month. Lieutenant Governor Lois Mitchell delivered the Speech from the Throne on March 8, opening the spring session of the legislature. She outlined our Government's spring agenda which focuses on investment in families, protection for vulnerable Albertans, job training, and job creation.

This past month we were busy attending meetings across the community. At the beginning of the month we attended the South Shaganappi Area Development Study Meeting and were encouraged to see cooperation across major development projects. This cooperation will allow infrastructure to be built with minimal impact to the residences of Calgary-Varsity. We have also been attending Community Association Board Meetings where we have provided information about the reinstated STEP program. We have been engaging in conversations with our Senior groups and have been meeting with multiple Senior Care Facilities in Calgary-Varsity in order to provide increased access to our office.

Last summer I was able to tour the Children's Hospital, and this month we were able to connect with the Children's Hospital's Foundation to facilitate increased engagement. The Children's Hospital is celebrating its 10th year in our community. This year has marked several major milestones for Calgary-Varsity. This month marks the 50th anniversary of the University of Calgary.

Here in Calgary-Varsity we all have benefited from the important role the university has played in growing our community over those 50 years. Check out www.ucalgarycelebrates.ca to read stories of the past, and to find out how you can be involved in the celebrations.

As the snow melts and flowers start to bloom spring is a great time to get out in the community. Spring is also a great time to be out connecting with

neighbours. My staff and I look forward to seeing you at some upcoming events:

- Triwood Community Association Spring Clean Up – April 24
- Dr. E.W. Coffin School Spring Craft-A-Fair- April 24
- Montgomery Community Association Spring Clean-Up – May 7

Additionally, be on the lookout for us handing out coffee at the Dalhousie, Brentwood and Banff Trail Stations throughout the month.

Finally, I would like to thank the many constituents who shared their, well wishes on the arrival of my son Patrick. Both my husband and I have been overwhelmed by the kindness and support we have felt from across the community.

Our office serves the people of Calgary-Varsity. Our team is available to talk to constituents about provincial government departments, programs, scrolls, and services. Please visit us in our office, and let us know how we can help you.

Montgomery Community Garden

The Montgomery Community Garden is accepting new members for the 2016 season!

The garden members meet regularly and have organized work parties. All members contribute equally to the gardening work and share in the harvest. No gardening experience necessary!

An annual membership costs \$20 (plus an MCA membership). There are a limited number of memberships available on a first-come, first-served basis. To join or find out more, email montgomerygardenNW@gmail.com

www.mcapeople.ca/do/community-garden



Montgomery Community Association Membership

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS AND PRINT NEATLY. Thank You!

Member Name(s):
(first and last names of adults)

Address:

Postal Code: _____ **Phone:** _____ **Email:** _____

Membership Type: Single/Family \$20.00 Senior \$5.00 EACH Associate (Social) \$25.00

Community of Residence (if not Montgomery): _____

Payment: \$ _____ **Method of Payment:** _____ **Membership #:** _____
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PLEASE INDICATE ANY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN. Thank You.

MCA Volunteer Opportunities

It should be noted that some categories may not have openings at this time, however individuals may be interested in the following possibilities:

Committees:

- Community Garden
- Planning
- Community Safety Initiative (CSI)
- History —Community Pride and Revitalization (CPR)

Community Programs & Events/Activities:

- Children's events (e.g. Kids Carnival, Winter Fest, Jelly Bean Dance, Playgroup)
- Senior's programs (e.g. Seniors' Social, Triple A)
- Special Events (e.g. Noktoberfest)
- Sports programs (e.g. Soccer, Soccer Banquet)
- Community Clean-up
- Fall Fair
- History project
- Fundraising (MCA Casino)
- Other (e.g. Volunteer Recruitment, Memberships)



Please mail along with your cheque made payable to Montgomery Community Association, or drop with your payment.

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Montgomery Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Montgomery MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
February 2016	\$489,900.00	\$490,000.00
January 2016	\$410,000.00	\$390,000.00
December 2015	\$485,000.00	\$475,000.00
November 2015	\$485,000.00	\$477,500.00
October 2015	\$590,000.00	\$575,000.00
September 2015	\$459,900.00	\$459,000.00
August 2015	\$514,900.00	\$491,500.00
July 2015	\$480,000.00	\$465,000.00
June 2015	\$434,450.00	\$432,000.00
May 2015	\$439,900.00	\$415,000.00
April 2015	\$432,350.00	\$417,000.00
March 2015	\$464,900.00	\$460,000.00

Last 12 Months Montgomery MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
February 2016	9	3
January 2016	3	1
December 2015	0	1
November 2015	2	5
October 2015	5	1
September 2015	6	3
August 2015	4	3
July 2015	4	7
June 2015	8	2
May 2015	4	5
April 2015	3	4
March 2015	1	5
Total	54	38

To view the specific SOLD Listings that comprise the above MLS averages please visit montgomery.great-news.ca



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Community Economic Resiliency Fund Report

As a Calgary Economic Development Board Director, I am pleased to announce the unanimous passing of an initiative for a one-time operating budget increase of seven million dollars that I spearheaded to Council. This enterprise is a co-ordinated response to Calgary's current economic conditions, and will act to align and increase the pace of implementation of the 10-Year Economic Strategy for Calgary. The labour market initiatives include a head office real estate action plan and an accelerated economic diversification in logistics, film and creative industries, agribusiness and renewable energy. In addition, they represent a roadmap for innovation as we move ahead.

TransCanada Highway – Sarcee Interchange March 2016

Site preparation for construction at the TransCanada Highway Sarcee Trail Interchange will not begin until March. The interchange is expected to be operationally complete by December 2016. Access to Wilson Gardens will be maintained throughout construction. This includes access for residents on Bowdale Crescent NW / 69 Street NW.

Most of the interchange work will take place off the existing roadways, which will minimize the need for any full road closures or major detours. Trinity Development Group anticipates there may be a need for short duration lane closures and speed reductions as we complete ramp connections, the existing bridge rehabilitation, and other features throughout the project. Sign up for updates: www.trinityhills.ca/tchsarcee.

Stay connected! Sign up at www.wardsutherland.com to receive my monthly e-newsletter, which contains council-related news, community Q&A, and my Vice Chair Finance Blog. To view my most recent e-newsletter, visit: <http://bit.ly/1NE0mGi>.

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It has been a few months since the federal election and it still humbles me that the fine people of Calgary Confederation have chosen me to be their elected representative to the House of Commons.

I committed to being a strong voice on your behalf in Ottawa and am working to represent your interests and advocate on issues which have been forwarded to me. I have been impressed with the thoughtful letters and kind wishes I have received.

The election brought many changes to the political landscape, but it does not change the things that are most important to Canadians. No matter the party in power, Canadians want a strong economy, a safe country and a bright future. While I believe all politicians agree on this and want the best for Canada, it is in how we go about achieving these goals that we differ. I will continue to raise the need for pipelines, both east and west, and push for innovative, prompt and productive ways to address unemployment and getting people back to work.

The early days of this Liberal government tell me that there will be a lot of work ahead to keep this government focused on the important priorities of all Canadians. Warning signs are everywhere of out-of-control spending with no fiscal plan for the future. Without a sound and disciplined fiscal plan, we put at risk many of the things Canadians cherish most.

I am privileged to have been selected as Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee on Health. This will be an opportunity to address many health issues including a national organ donor system that works for those in need of a life-saving transplant.

It is with your support and encouragement that I proudly stand in Parliament on your behalf. Please feel free to contact my Calgary constituency office for information, assistance and/or appointments by phone 403-220-0888 or by email len.webber@parl.gc.ca.

I hope you continue to share your comments with me and I look forward to hearing from you.

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

ST. ANDREWS HEIGHTS ARTISTS' SOCIETY: Local artists from the St. Andrews Heights Artists' Society will present their new work at the society's annual spring art show April 23. Rundle College Elementary School, 2634 - 12 Avenue N.W., Calgary. sahas.artists@gmail.com www.sahas.ca.



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your COMMUNITY business of the month

4Cats Arts Studio Montgomery Community

In 2005, the first 4Cats Arts Studio was opened in Victoria, BC. At 4Cats, we are a team of happy artists who love what we do and create good art! We believe whole heartedly that art brings joy, a love of learning and makes the world a better place. Art is for everybody.

The name 4Cats is inspired by the famous Els Quatre Gats cafe in Barcelona, Spain. The 4Cats Cafe was the gathering place of poets, actors, philosophers and great artists, including Pablo Picasso, who met to discuss art, create and enjoy life.

In July 2015, 4Cats Arts Studio Montgomery opened its doors to the amazingly vibrant and creative community of Montgomery. Before opening, the owner, Sherry Harper, completed a Bachelor of Fine Arts and Bachelor of Education degree. She was an Elementary school teacher, in Calgary, for many years then decided to fulfill her dream of opening her own arts studio. Because of her background, Sherry has an abundance of knowledge in both the arts and teaching. She encourages a love of learning through creating, questioning and laughing.

4Cats Montgomery has so much to offer to both kids and adults. We offer art classes, workshops, field trips, spring/summer camps and parties of all kinds. Our website is updated regularly with all our new and exciting offerings, please visit www.4cats.com/montgomery.

Our most popular kid's class runs for 10 weeks and is the Artist Focus class. This class allows the child to work in a variety of mediums, taking inspiration from the works of famous artists and discuss age-appropriate art history. Our professional curators tell captivating and inspiring stories in a fun and humorous manner about the life and work of the artist being introduced, creating an environment that encourages the love of learning, creativity, and fun. We also offer specialized class such as, manga, drawing, mixed media, and more!

Our adult workshops and parties are very popular! The workshops are filled with people of all ages, levels and abilities. We create the workshops based on the diverse group of people attending and our curators are trained to facilitate and assist all levels. Adult parties and workshops take place in the evenings. Workshops are easily accessed for registration on our website and for parties please call and we can help you book and plan your party.

If you're looking for something fun and creative for your kids to do this summer, please take a look at our summer camp options. They're open for registration on our website!

Feel free to contact Sherry at any time with questions, or drop by the studio, we would love to meet you. We are located at 4611 Bowness Rd NW, in the heart of Montgomery. I want to thank the community for the warm reception we have already received and I look forward to many more laughs and creations in Montgomery.

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