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James Runge, Marjory Lucent, Joey Stewart, John Bailey & Evan Woolley
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First Annual Potluck Neighbour Day Lunch

On Calgary's third annual Neighbour Day, Killarney got into the spirit of the event and sponsored a Potluck Lunch in partnership with the Good Companions Plus 50 Club at their facility at 2609 - 19 Ave SW on the Glengarry Park. It ran from 11 am - 1 pm and because it was a beautiful day we used the kitchen and everyone chatted and played outdoors.

Forty people attended: neighbours brought their neighbours; people dropped in when they saw the sandwich board sign and others brought friends from outside Killarney. The kids played croquet and the adults admired the new garden plots recently built by John Bailey, an amazing guy who has lived in the 'hood since 1946.

The women at Good Companions run their kitchen with military precision - they organized the food production and did yeoman work with the cleanup - a big vote of thanks from Killarney to the Good Companions!

Special thanks to James Runge, Neighbourhood Partner Coordinator, Rebecca Dakin, the Federation of Calgary Communities who shared a hotdog with us and Evan Woolley, City Councillor who came and talked about his enthusiasm for living in Killarney, particularly his passion for our tree lined streets, for their participation in Killarney's first Neighbour Day event.

Spotted in Killarney

Here is the future goalie of the Calgary Flames, Ben, practicing his moves! We hope he remembers his Killarney roots when he becomes famous.



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THE KINDNESS OF STRANGERS

There are days when you feel like you've been hit in the solar plexus - you just feel awful. It was one of those days.

It had been a wonderful Spring - full of the hope of a great harvest in the garden; longer days out in the fresh air - walking the dog and enjoying Summer and working in the community getting to know our truly great neighbours.

Our block on 26 St had just had our alley paved and the kids were out in full force enjoying the new play space with skateboards and basketball hoops. There was joyfulness among the neighbours to beautify the alley and loving the reduction of dust in lungs and homes - it felt so good!

Oriental poppies were blooming in the alley and I had hung three baskets of flowers on the fence to add to the spectacle. A few days later, on the same morning that I heard that the garages in the next block had all been broken into the night before, the baskets were gone.

The sick feelings weren't about losing the flower pots; it was that my sense of well being was shaken by knowing there are mean spirited people around that threaten the good feelings we have for each other in Killarney.



As I walk, cycle and drive through the 'hood I notice that kids leave their bikes on the lawn overnight, that strollers are left waiting expectantly for use in the morning and that welcoming tables and chairs are all left untethered. My kind of neighbourhood where we all trust each other - that's what troubled me was that there are those who don't live by that creed!

So, I was left with that sense of discombobulation. I also felt undeterred - I'll replace the baskets and trust that they will stay in place for the enjoyment of everyone who lives on the alley. I went to Plantation, a lovely greenhouse in northwest Calgary to find new ones.

As I mulled the price and the selection - I had already burned through my 2016 garden budget - the baskets were stunning but \$48.00 each and I needed three; I began to speak to a lovely man, he was with his wife, who was also buying baskets. I told him my situation about needing to buy more baskets for the fence and how discouraged I was at not being able to trust people in my neighbourhood. First, he pointed out that the baskets were on sale at 20% off - that was good!

He walked away and then came back towards me and said, "Are you going to replace your baskets?" and I said, reluctantly, "Yes, I probably will." He said, "I'd like to reaffirm your faith in Calgarians and I'll pay \$10.00 for each basket you replace". I was stunned! "What!" I said "Really? You would do that for me?" "I would like to do that for you", he said. OMG! How wonderful that a stranger who doesn't know me would be so kind. I considered saying no but thought, he really means this.....he wants to do this, for me.

"I'm going to take you up on that - that makes me feel so good about people" I said. His decency was so touching and reaffirming. Tears welled up. I learned that David and his wife, a speech therapist, live in Aspen. David is a psychologist and so understands people well. Because of David, I'm determined to "pay it forward" and to be as kind to others as he was to me on that Sunday in northwest Calgary.



Calgary and Fort McMurray know so well about the goodness and generosity of people. It is in our bones to pull together when there is hardship. Mayor Nenshi recognized this and declared Neighbour Day in 2014 to reinforce the power of community - now if we can just remember to be like that everyday of our lives - what a wonderful place the world could be. I feel better! Thank you David!

Joey Stewart is practicing kindness in Killarney by having a Little Library and an Insect Hotel to be good to the bees and bugs that pollinate our world. David, if you read this please contact me at joeycalgary@aol.com so I can invite you to dinner to say thanks for your kindness.

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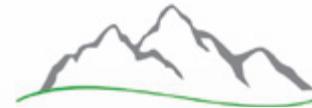


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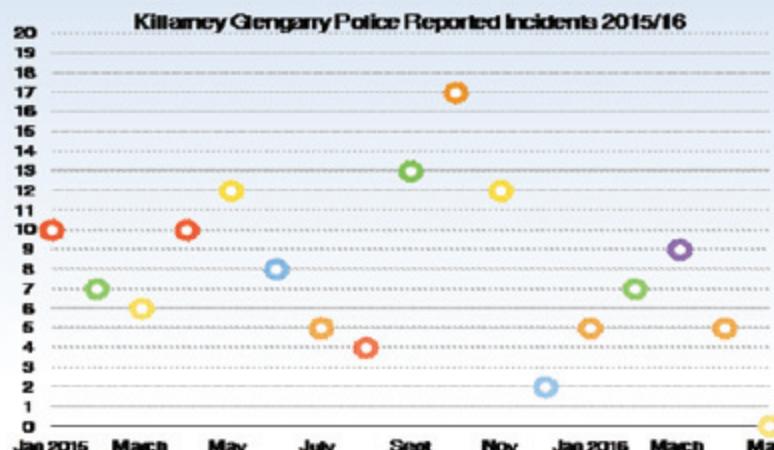
Calgary Police Service Investigator Steve Gallant grew up in North Glenmore Calgary but had friends who lived in Killarney, so this part of Calgary is his old stompin' ground. He's been a police officer for his entire career, first in the RCMP and for the past 20 years with the Calgary Police Service.

Steve works out of District 2 of the Calgary Police Service on 45 St. and is Killarney's Community Liaison Officer so knows the neighbourhood well. He often attends the Killarney Glengarry Community Association Board meetings to give regular updates on traffic and police issues and to educate the Board on how to keep the 'hood safe.

Killarney is generally a very safe neighbourhood but occasionally we have issues that surprise everyone. The graph of Reported Incidents show that over the past year and a half the numbers are relatively level and then there was a spike of incidents in the Fall of 2015 and then in March 2016. Shortly thereafter the police took down a drug house on 36 St. that had been causing serious concerns for many residents.

There was also a spike of incidents in March when the police found a convicted felon from Ontario that was causing consternation - that issue was quickly resolved thanks to a Crime Stoppers tip, much to the relief of many people.

In May there were no Reported Incidents in the 'hood - nice!



Steve has several recommendations for keeping the neighbourhood safe. First and foremost, get to know your neighbours - it is the simplest but the most important. Generally if you have kids or a dog you're outside much of the time and get to know everyone around. Jane Jacobs called this 'the eyes on the street' and the more people on the streets interacting, the more interesting your neighbourhood is and the safer it is.

Secondly, remember to lock your cars and your house - many crimes are crimes of convenience - if someone notices your door is open it is so easy to help themselves to your iPhone, credit card or cash that's laying around.

Third, don't leave your garage door opener and your insurance pink slip in the same vehicle. It is so easy to look in the glove box, get your address and steal both your house and car! Keep your pink slip in your wallet and voila! No problem.

District 2 also has a Mountain Bike Patrol of four officers that work 365 days a year 24 hours a day. So when there's a concern in the neighbourhood, you may see them at odd hours and in odd places cruising the streets in Killarney.

Killarney is grateful for the work the Calgary Police Service does for us and genuinely appreciates the Community Serve model they use and hope we get to know them much better.

Meet & Greet John Bailey

Killarney Resident Since 1946

John lives in a 'handmade' house he built on 34 St. But it wasn't the first house he built by hand in Killarney.

John was born at the Calgary General Hospital when it was a medium sized house on 12 Ave and 6 St SE in 1926. His parents, who met in Calgary, had emigrated to Canada after the First World War when there were no jobs in Britain and Canada was looking for immigrants to settle the prairies.

In 1942 when he was 18, he and a friend signed up to join the Navy - when asked what he did in the Navy, he responds with "whatever they told me to do". He served in the Pacific until the war ended and he returned to Calgary in 1946.

One night shortly thereafter his sisters were hosting a Sorority meeting at their house and a pretty young lady needed a ride home and John stepped up to do the job. Her name was Joyce - they went on to marry and have four children in Killarney. He was a firefighter who spent 39 years serving the City of Calgary, many of them at the Fire Hall on 29 St. - now long since gone.

He finished his career as the Chief Training Officer for Calgary. Here is a man who knows how to get things done and make them right.

John built his family's first home at 2608 - 28 St SW. At the time it was fashionable to build two bedroom houses - now unheard of. First Bruce came along and it was obvious that more room was going to be needed.

John's brother-in-law had stood in line at City Hall to buy a lot on 34 St for an entire weekend for the privilege of getting one of the highly desired lots in Killar-

ney. They had a system of getting a numbered ticket so you could at least get food and skip to the loo. The brother-in-law decided they didn't want it and so John bought it from him in 1955. By then a good part of Killarney was populated and John's house at 2819 - 34 ST was one of the last houses to be built on his block.

In those days houses were built pay cheque to pay cheque. People would buy as much building material as the pay cheque allowed, People built like mad until they'd used it all up and then they'd wait until the next payday rolled around. If you had good credit you could run up an account at AB Cushing's or Manning and Eggleton's to get the job done more quickly. John's growing family - now four kids - moved in 1958.

John's a widow now, Joyce died five years ago and he runs his house like a well managed machine. He LOVES to build and his workshop is filled with every saw and tool conceivable in his well loved shop. As a gardener, I coveted his cleverly designed garden shed that takes up about four square feet and contains a myriad of tools.

He's an Imaginative volunteer and has just finished building a bunch of new garden boxes for the Good Companions.



John is a truly amazing guy who has contributed mightily to Canada, Calgary and Killarney and we salute his commitment to family, friends and community. Thanks for everything, John!



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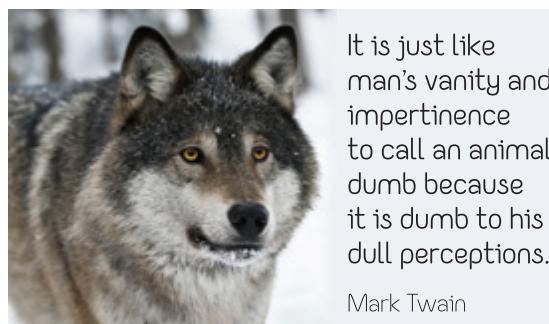
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If you've kept up to date with my monthly report in your newsletter you may have noticed that I have written about a wide variety of events and organizations that do incredible work bringing people together throughout the communities that make up Calgary Currie.

This time I would like to talk a little bit about the ways in which our provincial government helps make these things possible.

For a long time now, the Alberta Lottery Fund has been one of the primary providers of grants for community based organizations and projects. Whether you visit a local library, museum, attend a cultural or athletic event, lottery fund dollars are often hard at work behind the scenes.

Here in Calgary Currie, I have had the opportunity to directly engage with many recipients of funding from The Fund. In Glenbrook they are improving their outdoor skating facility to be more functional year round, a preschool in Killarney made some renovations to improve accessibility, and both Ghost River and Pumphouse Theatres received funding to help them continue to add to the vibrant cultural scene that contributes to the unique fabric of the riding.

When organizations finally acquire a grant, many see it as the culmination of years of hard work, and the final piece of the puzzle that allows them to finally take action on plans laid long ago. The organizations behind these projects received funding because they clearly demonstrated the value added to the community by their initiatives. All around us we have people who are working hard to add to the community around them, and it makes me so proud to represent you all.

I love seeing the kind of work people around me in the community are doing and I want to see more of it. It's never too early or too late to start learning about the tools available to build the community you want to see, so if you or your community are interested applying for Alberta Lottery Fund grants, please feel free to check out their website (Albertalotteryfund.ca) or give them a call (1-800-642-3855).



Playgroup at the Hall for Kids!

Parents & Tots is a community-based drop-in program that is open to everyone! We are a playgroup that meets every Wednesday morning from 9am to noon. We have cars to drive, an arts and crafts table, and a bouncy castle! If you have a little one and are looking for an indoor activity in the cooler weather or need to connect with other parents in the neighbourhood, please come out and join us for some fun and conversation! There is a small \$2.00 fee per family to help with toy replacement and some craft materials.



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Growing the Middle Class in Canada

In 2015 our government was elected to enact a variety of reforms to support the middle class and those seeking to join it. We committed to cutting taxes for the middle class, a newer, fairer, and tax-free Canada Child Benefit (CCB) and a reformed Canadian Pension Plan that will do more so secure retirement for Canadians.

Budget 2016 cut taxes for the middle class and eliminated tax breaks for the wealthy. Combined with the new tax cut for the middle class and a new tax bracket for those earning more than \$200,000 a year, Budget 2016 will give Canada's middle class the help it needs to grow and prosper.

As of last month Canadians from coast-to-coast-to-coast will benefit from the newer, fairer, and tax-free Canada Child Benefit which will put approximately \$930 million into the pockets of regular Albertan families, and give Calgarians more money to save, invest, and grow the economy. Nine out of ten families will see more money and this will bring an estimated 300,000 children out of poverty.

The CCB is tax-free: meaning that Canadian families will not have to pay back anything on their taxes like previous child tax benefits. Families will not need to apply – it will be automatically recalculated based on their previous year's tax return (2015).

Back in June, our government reached an historic agreement to make meaningful changes to the Canada Pension Plan that will allow Canadians to retire with more money in their pockets. The deal will boost how much each Canadian will get from their pension – from one quarter of their earnings currently, to a full one third. To make sure these changes are affordable we have chosen to phase them in slowly over seven years – starting in 2019 – so that the impact is manageable and gradual.

We also moved forward by restoring the eligibility age for Old Age Security (OAS) and Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) to 65, putting an estimated \$13,000 more into the pockets of our lowest income seniors each year. To

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keep OAS and GIS at pace with the rising costs faced by seniors each year, we introduced a Seniors Price index.

Additionally, we increased the Guaranteed Income Supplement for single, low income seniors by 10%; giving one million of our most vulnerable seniors almost \$1,000 more each year.

As always, you can contact my office by email at kent.hehr@parl.gc.ca or by phone at 403.244.1880. My office is located at 950 6 Ave SW and my door is always open to you. You can follow my work in Parliament online at www.KentHehrMP.ca where you can watch clips of yours truly in question period and sign up for my e-newsletter. We look forward to hearing from you and wish you a restful and fun filled summer!

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Last 12 Months Killarney/Glengarry MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
June 2016	\$709,900.00	\$695,000.00
May 2016	\$699,900.00	\$680,000.00
April 2016	\$687,400.00	\$660,500.00
March 2016	\$749,900.00	\$720,000.00
February 2016	\$585,900.00	\$565,000.00
January 2016	\$609,450.00	\$575,000.00
December 2015	\$725,000.00	\$677,500.00
November 2015	\$739,999.00	\$717,500.00
October 2015	\$694,900.00	\$675,000.00
September 2015	\$689,900.00	\$662,500.00
August 2015	\$725,000.00	\$715,000.00
July 2015	\$769,499.50	\$751,500.00

Last 12 Months Killarney/Glengarry MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
June 2016	16	9
May 2016	12	13
April 2016	13	10
March 2016	25	7
February 2016	14	3
January 2016	10	4
December 2015	8	9
November 2015	12	9
October 2015	16	6
September 2015	16	8
August 2015	21	9
July 2015	12	14

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



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Making Calgary a Flood Resilient City

The 2013 flood caused significant social and economic disruption and unprecedented damages in Calgary, but especially in many of the neighbourhoods of Ward 8. However, The City is committed to making Calgary a safe, flood resilient community. The road from recovery to resiliency is a complex, long term process over many years with short, medium and long term milestones, but I'm happy with the work we've done and the work we're committed to in the future.

We've Recovered

We are building back stronger from the 2013 flood. 75% of the 217 flood recovery projects have been completed and many of them have flood resiliency improvements.

For example, our riverbanks are stabilized and stronger. With all critical and high-priority sites completed and all moderate priority sites to be completed by 2017, Calgary is at less risk of riverbank erosion, has greater flood level protection and is able to reduce damages from smaller, more frequent flood events.

We're Prepared

To make Calgary more resilient to future events, The City is implementing the 27 recommendations from the Expert Management Panel on River Flood Mitigation.

- 8 recommendations completed
- 17 recommendations in progress
- 2 recommendations to be started next year

For example, The City is making infrastructure improvements to the Glenmore Dam, including increasing the height of its gates. In 2019, Calgary will have new steel gates and an elevated hoist system on the Glenmore Dam. This will allow The City greater flexibility to mitigate flood events and reduce damages downstream of the dam including the downtown core, while increasing Calgary's water supply.

We're Moving Forward

We recognize the significant scale of impact and the considerable investments needed for further flood mitigation. To ensure we have the best suite of mitigation measures and adequate funding The City is working with Calgarians, stakeholders and other orders of government on additional flood mitigation solutions.

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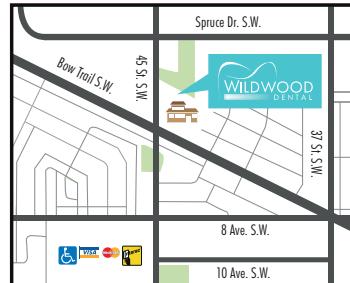
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