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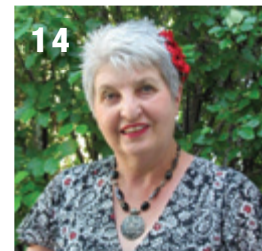
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EDITOR'S CORNER

Long-time readers of The Post will have come to recognize some of the familiar names, faces, and columns of our regular contributor. Our roving reporter Isabell always comes through with interesting interviews and reports on events. Gayle, another regular contributor gives us several pieces each month, including photos and the ongoing adventures of Teani and Maikai, two of Rutland Park's well-known canine citizens. Members of our board provide regular contributions, and we often receive articles from members of the community.

I'm very proud to edit a newsletter that enjoys so much support and involvement from our community members. Compared to some of Calgary's other community newsletters, we have an abundance of community-generated content.

However, I can't help but think there are other perspectives that we could learn from.

If you are one of Rutland Park's young people reading this newsletter, I'd like to hear from you. Why not consider starting a regular column in The Post? What are the events, activities, and issues that matter to you and your friends, family and acquaintances? Let us know—The Post is widely-read, and your work could appear in print with wide distribution. It's also not a bad thing for a young person to include on their resume. It's a unique opportunity for volunteerism that not only helps your community, but gives you some unique experience that could help you stand apart from the crowd.

If you are interested in starting a column, and not sure how to proceed, please get in touch with The Post – I'm sure we can point you in the right direction to get started.

Happy Canada Day to everyone!

Dan

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I have taken over as interim President, but we would love to have a volunteer that could join our Board as President. Depending on your time commitments, you could chair our 2 hour monthly meeting and monitor and respond to emails, or you could also get involved in a number of initiatives both around our communities and around the City—we appreciate whatever time you have to give!

If you don't feel that you are able to take on the position of President, we would also appreciate your participation around community initiatives such as resiliency, engagement and communication, building safe communities, our annual clean up, and social activities. You can join the Board, join/head up a committee, volunteer at events, or contribute to our newsletter—many hands make light work, and many minds make what we do more meaningful. Please join us where you can!

Leanne Ellis
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DEVELOPMENT & TRAFFIC REPORT

I would just like to highlight what has been happening/going on behind the scenes this past month, in no particular order:

1. I attended an information session put on by the City and the FCC. The session focused on some new land uses that the City has developed to transition from areas of lower density to higher density. These will become part of both the Land Use Bylaw and the Municipal Development Plan. The Developed Areas Guidebook will form part of the MDP and is intended to liaise between the MDP and a community Area Redevelopment Plan. We do not have a formal Area Redevelopment Plan, but rather our Development Guidelines and Restrictive Covenants on our low density properties. At this point, the changes will have minimal impact on our communities. I took the opportunity to reiterate our concern that traffic calming needs to be in place **BEFORE** density is increased.
2. I attended an information session regarding the SW BRT stations that will be close to our communities. There will be a station at Mount Royal University and connection via Route 306 to the Westbrook LRT. There will be a station at Flanders Point in Currie Barracks (Quesnay Wood and Flanders Avenue vicinity). There will also be stations on 33 Ave SW (for southbound and northbound Crowchild). I raised concerns with regards to pedestrian safety and access, as pedestrians cross over the on and off ramps (Crowchild Trail to 33 Ave and vice versa) to reach the stations—the pedestrian corridor will be flagged and revisited as the plans evolve. The southbound stop will continue to be the current bus stop on 33 Ave at the top of the off ramp, until such time as the Quesnay Wood intersection on 33 Ave near Richmond Green is built. Once that roadway has been finalized, it is anticipated that the stop will be closer to the current pedestrian overpass and bus stop on 33 Ave, across from Richmond Green. The route should be up and running in early 2019, and the northbound station should be built in 2018. The City is building 92 BRT stations over the next few years as part of the push for primary transit routes. Stations will be completed, but the route will not operate until funding is in place for the articulated buses and their drivers (early 2019). A transit

service review will be completed prior to commencing operations—the City doesn't want to duplicate services, but wants to keep routes that are viable. We will continue to push to keep Route 112.

3. YYC Calgary airport authority has a new information tool designed to increase understanding about aircraft flight operations at YYC Calgary International Airport:

<https://www.yyc.com/en-us/calgaryairportauthority/environment/noisemanagementandprocedures.aspx>

To report aircraft concerns:

<http://www.yyc.com/en-us/contactus/aircraftconcerns.aspx>

If you have not already signed up for our email updates, please do so at our website-- rutlandparkcommunity.com. The City often gives us very short notice for upcoming events, and this is the quickest way for us to reach you. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Leanne Ellis
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- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- 1 pound ground beef
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 2 tbs brown sugar
- 2 tbs cider vinegar

Lightly beat egg. Add 2 tbs ketchup, mustard, bread crumbs, dry soup mix, salt and pepper. Crumble beef over mixture and mix well. Shape into oval loaf.

Bake 350 for 40 minutes. Drain.

In small bowl combine the sugars, vinegar and 3 tbs ketchup; drizzle over meatloaf. Bake additional 20 minutes. Let stand for 1 minute before slicing.



Free Drop-In Exercise For Mature Adults

Chartwell Royal Park
4315 Richardson Road SW

We would like to invite community seniors to join the fun exercise programs we offer at Chartwell Royal Park. Come alone or bring a friend! We are looking forward to meeting you.

- Monday (9:30a) – Stretch & Relaxation
- Tuesday (10:30a) – Exerfun
- Wednesday (1:30p) – Gentle Exercise
- Wednesday (2:30p) – Stay Sharp for Fit Minds
- Thursday (10:00a) – Rhythm & Moves
- Friday (10:30a) – Exerfun
- Saturday – no classes
- Sunday (2:30p) – Sit'n Get Fit

Occasionally, class substitutions or cancellations may occur – please call Amanda at 587-287-3940 to confirm prior to visiting.



Café at Knox

Since about October 2016, every Thursday the doors open at the "Cafe at Knox " from 9 a.m. to noon. I must say that this has been a community success story with the Knox Church, Royal Park Retirement, and Rutland Park providing coffee, tea, and delicious snacks for our guests. Some weeks we even enjoy music and song provided by some very talented entertainers. People have come, made new friendships, and enjoyed themselves. A yoga group meets from 9:30 to 10:30. The cost is only \$5.00 per session. Could it get any better?

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Dates: Thursday, August 17 and Friday, August 18, 2017

Location:
Elbow River Casino

Contact info: Gord Leach
gsleach@telusplanet.net
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We look forward to receiving your letters. Please let us know if you have suggestions about articles or events. We also welcome any kudos you would like to give to a neighbour.





COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

Mail or drop off your completed application to:
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Select Membership Type:

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Be sure to include your email address so we can keep you up to date with community news and events of interest to you.

Your support through membership is critical to Rutland Park Community Association's success in negotiations with the various governments (municipal, provincial and federal) and business entities that your board interacts with on a regular basis.

Thank you for your participation.

Rutland Park Mission and Values:

The results of several brainstorming sessions by the Rutland Park community board were presented at the May 23 Town Hall Meeting. These important statements will be used to guide our work and decisions. Your feedback is welcome!

Our Mission and Values:

Our mission is to engage community residents, advocate on their behalf, foster community spirit, and practice meaningful stewardship while honouring our past.

What your Board Commits to Do:

- I. Engaging and including residents of our community
- II. Addressing community concerns in a transparent fashion
- III. Conducting board business in an ethical and fiscally responsible manner
- IV. Making decisions based on the needs of the community as a whole

- V. Communicating board decisions with one voice
- VI. Following through on the commitments and action plans we undertake

Community Values we will uphold:

- honouring our heritage
- connectedness: bringing people together
- knowing neighbours, cultural hub, social activities
- everybody is given a voice
- slow inner city living
- pride in our community: volunteerism, participation
- safe community where people can have fun
- pleasant surroundings/maintaining green space and excellent community facilities
- pedestrian friendly: easy walking, cars secondary to people
- self contained: close to amenities, community garden, sustainable
- accessible, age friendly
- desirable quality of life: all season activities
- promote accessible recreational activities

SCHOOL SHOUT-OUTS

St. Andrew School

Did you know that St. Andrew School has some very technology savvy students and teachers?

Technology is embedded into the elementary curriculum and students use technology in many different ways.

In the early grades, Smart Boards, can record student attendance at school, when children find their name and through touch technology move their names to a different part of the screen to let the teacher know they have arrived. In fact, hatching of penguin eggs can be viewed in real time from the Antarctica on the Smart Board!

Chrome Books can be used for project research and then students can present what they have learned by creating Power Point presentation on Google Slides.

Students can even create Excel spread sheets to record their popcorn sales for charity!

Technology can be exciting and we are always learning new things together!



"Teangi, June 17th is Good Neighbour Day so let's check out the neighbourhood and look for good neighbours."

"Well, Maikai, we talk of great neighbours all the time. We even asked for resident input about who they thought were good neighbours and we put them under the title kudos."

"I know Teangi but no one ever sent in any names so maybe we are wrong about whether or not we really do have great neighbours. What is hope in our heart may not necessarily be true."

"I can't believe that, Maikai. After all, someone sent in some kudos this month! And you know, we hear about great neighbours on our many walks. It must be something about people appreciating but will not or cannot be bothered to acknowledge them publicly. Well let's go walkabout and see what we can find."

"Okay!!"

"There is one neighbour who has a totally fenced in area for their cat to come and go from the house but cannot wander away from their enclosure. Now that is great for keeping cats from leaving their waste in other people's garden beds and along the base of their house"

"Lea Richards noticed over time that we had many older people walking around the neighbourhood. Some were residents of the houses and many were people from the different seniors' residences that we have in the community. She took it upon herself to build a bench on the front of her property so they would have a place to sit and rest on their walks."

"Neat and kind is what I would say."

"Hampton crescent had a beautiful place to relax and watch the kids so a resident placed a memorial bench at the west end and noticed more people began to gather there. Then they planted a memorial tree and a neighbour also planted three trees beside the bench. And then someone placed a free little library there. Now it is used everyday – even by people just stopping to enjoy the sun, eat their lunch, or visit with friends."



Good Neighbour Day is coming, so we encourage everyone to plan an event on that day to share something with their neighbours. They could have neighbours over for a barbeque, have a block party, plan something for the kids on their block, have a potluck or a breakfast. There are just so many ideas. They could even join together to help out the seniors on their block or even single parents. There is no end to ideas.

If you plan an event please send us pictures and a short write-up about how you celebrated the day.

Kudos:

- Kudos to Grace Kim, who helped the cafe at Knox with our snacks this last time.
- Kudos to Kathy Aubichon from Sarcee meadows for all the wonderful volunteer work she does with new Canadians.
- Kudos to our own Leanne Ellis, who is sitting in the president's chair right now.
- Kudos to Mark and Murdo from Knox cafe for keeping the doors open and the lights on!!



Small Grants of up to \$600 are available to support projects which strengthen connections between residents and make the neighbourhood of **Rutland Park, Lincoln Park & Currie Barracks** an even better place to live!

If you have a project idea or would like to be part of the selection committee, please see the details below.

GOT A GREAT IDEA? Submit your Community Project today!

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

- Block Parties
- Pedestrian Safety Campaigns
- Community Murals
- Container Gardening Workshops
- Community Clean-Ups
- Neighbourhood Walking Groups
- Babysitting Cooperative start-up costs

Projects need to be for the 2017 calendar year
More details and guidelines provided on the application form.

Application deadline: Applications will be accepted until December 1, 2017

WANT TO JOIN THE TEAM? Help us with the decision process!

Some requirements of Decision Committee members include, but not limited to:

- Having an interest in the neighbourhoods of Rutland Park, Lincoln Park & Currie Barracks and the residents living here
- Able to work with others
- Free to attend a few meetings to review grants and project updates, as needed
- Attend some community events that have been funded through the initiative

A meeting with the Community Social Worker will be arranged prior to joining the team.

For more information or Grant Applications contact Cynthia Okafor, Community Social Worker at Cynthia. okafor@calgary.ca or call 403-476-7184

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Musings from the Meadows

Hello! As summer fast approaches this writer prepares to take a few months off. I plan to explore other interviews with community residents with "a story to tell." I always hope that you the reader enjoy our efforts.

As I put my pen down for a bit, I do want to say a special salute and thank you to all the past presidents I recall, many of who still live in our wonderful community. Hope I do not leave anyone out.

They are Bill Boyle, Peter Forte, Merle Woods, Wendy Wilson, Jim Collins (he has moved), John Haigh, Tamar Epstein, Meera Nathwani-Crowe, and of course yours truly. I served for some 5 years or so, during the Calgary Olympic years. I am proud to know each and every one of you, and so grateful for your many contributions to Rutland Park. Of course, quite a number of our presidents have now also passed, they remain in our hearts.

Happy 150 Canada, have a great summer everyone, and oh yes, do remember to smell those roses!!

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This June marks two years since you promoted me from the shop floor to the Legislature floor as your representative in a government led by Rachel Notley. Every day since, our government has been working hard to implement meaningful policies and programs that provide stability and affordability for Alberta families. In fact, we have fulfilled 73% of our 2015 election platform, with another 15% in the process of being completed this legislative session.

This year alone, 380,000 children in 199,000 families across Alberta and right here in Calgary Currie will be helped by the Alberta Family Employment Tax Credit and the new Alberta Child Benefit. Bill 1 has reduced mandatory school fees by 25%. And a new agreement with the federal government prioritizes the hiring of Alberta workers in 29 high-wage jobs including civil and mechanical engineers, machinists, electricians, plumbers and carpenters meaning as jobs continue to return, Albertans will be at the front of the line.

My work continues on introducing Henson Trust legislation in Alberta. This month I am excited to launch a second round of consultations beginning in Lethbridge on Saturday, June 10 at the Lethbridge Senior Citizens Centre. If you have family or friends in Southern Alberta who would like to participate - or if you yourself would like to speak to me about Henson Trust legislation - please contact my office. I continue to be overwhelmed by the support this initiative has received to date, and by working together we can ensure this becomes a reality.

As the legislative session winds down later this month, I look forward to getting out and meeting more of you at the many summer community events in and around Calgary Currie such as Lilac Festival on June 4. I will be hosting my 2nd annual Stampede Breakfast at the Glenbrook Community Association on Sunday, July 9th - all are welcome! If you want to volunteer by flipping pancakes, let me know.

Brian

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Year-Round Gardener

Steffie Negrich planted her tomato seeds on Remembrance Day and began to enjoy her harvest on Good Friday. She planted the seeds in her south facing sun room. She replanted them into larger pots as they grew, and now has plants over seven feet tall. Her loving care and a small fan has kept them happy and healthy. I just learned about the importance of a light air flow when planting seedlings. While visiting a garden centre, I saw a young man just lightly tossing the heads of the seedlings with his hands.

It is amazing when gardeners talk to gardeners. I have always greatly admired Steff and her green thumb and have learned so much from her over the many years of friendship we have shared.

This gave me an idea. This is a community with many gardeners and many who have perennials that can be shared. Glenda Livingston would like to start a small garden market in our community. (Remember Glenda, from our article in The Post about backyard bee Keeping).

The idea is to arrange a meeting of gardeners near the end of May to exchange ideas and answer questions. We might be able to meet in the Skate Shack. During this time we could even share seeds. Over coffee we could share and talk about everything from local lawn care, recommendations about arbour care, how to control various plant diseases, what to watch for, repairing dogs' "brown spots," benefits of square foot gardening, etc. etc.

If you are interested, email me at gaylefields@shaw.ca or phone the community phone number at 587-356-3321.

I know a few experts in these areas that we could also invite.

Hoping to hear from you,

Gayle Fields



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Budget Town Hall Update

On April 8th, I held a budget town hall. The event was attended by people from all parts of the political spectrum who provided their input on the current state of Alberta's finances. The common theme I heard at the event was that the government is on an unsustainable path and that we cannot continue to go further into debt. Our continued reliance on unpredictable resource revenues means that we will never be able to balance the budget.

Participants were presented with the question of how to increase provincial revenues in order to reduce our reliance on non-renewable resource revenue. When asked how they felt about revenue options, their preferences were ranked in the following order:

1. Carbon Tax fully offset by Personal and Corporate Tax reductions and innovation tax credits
2. PST with cuts to Personal and Corporate Tax
3. New user fees: Toll roads, health care premiums, etc.
4. PST on top of other taxes
5. Carbon Tax on top of existing taxes
6. Increase Corporate Tax
7. Increase Personal Tax

I also asked those in attendance to identify where they felt they sat on a continuum of budget options from our current deficit path to the sustainable path to cutback path. I overwhelmingly heard people want to find savings in government spending without hurting front-line services. This includes:

- Cap on non-renewable resource revenue used for core programs
- Constrain operational spending by 1%
- Public sector pay freeze
- Rethink tax system to reward individual effort and increase investment
- Shift to new, sustainable revenue sources to fund core programs

I would like to thank the volunteers and everyone who attended. I appreciated receiving the feedback and would like to hear from all constituents on the issue of our provincial finances. Please feel free to contact

my office at calgary.elbow@assembly.ab.ca with your thoughts.

Neighbour Day

This year marks Calgary's fourth annual Neighbour Day. The event was created to recognize and remember how Calgary's communities came together to help their neighbours after the 2013 flood. Held this year on June 17th, Neighbour Day is a time for Calgarians to celebrate our strong community spirit by organizing community events such as garden parties, picnics or neighbourhood clean-ups. Contact your local community association for information on events in your neighbourhood. Each year I try to attend as many events as possible in Calgary-Elbow. If your community is having an event, please let me office know by calling 403-252-0346 or by email at calgary.elbow@assembly.ab.ca.

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Justice for Albertans

When Judges are in the news condemning policies and demanding action it's typically a bad sign ("Top Alberta judges condemn trial delays, demanding Parliament acts to fill vacancies on the bench," Kaufmann, Calgary Herald, Sept. 28, 2016).

In 2016 one judge in particular – Court of Queen's Bench Chief Justice Neil Wittmann – was blunt in his assessment. Of the previous federal government's treatment of Alberta's justice system he said this:

"The previous federal government wouldn't even authorize the appointment of the number of judges that the Alberta government had, by statute, said they require. In my opinion that is constitutionally impermissible." ("Alberta judge shortage at 'breaking point,'" Grant, CBC News, Oct. 26, 2016)

In some cases a trial would have a wait time of one or two years before it was even seen by a judge. It's this undermining of a legal system by starving it of resources that

underserves Albertans and Calgarians, and has ensuing costs to commerce, jobs, and justice for Canadians.

That's why in 2017 our government is creating 28 new federally-appointed judicial positions, to help address demographic pressures in regions like Alberta and ensure that Canadians have timely access to justice in Canada – through an investment of \$55.1 million over five years and \$15.1 million per year thereafter, as well as legislative amendments.

This is in addition to the good work that provincial Justice Minister Kathleen Ganley is doing with a recently announced boost in funding, adding new judges to provincial courts, and hiring 50 new Crown prosecutors (and thirty support staff).

All Canadians – no matter their means – should have the right to a fair trial and access to a modern, efficient justice system. We are committed to ensuring that our justice system is fair, relevant and accessible to all Canadians by helping economically disadvantaged people in obtaining legal assistance and representation.

In Budget 2016, we committed to an additional \$88 million over five years for legal aid funding partnerships with the provinces and territories, and today we have announced an additional \$30 million per year in ongoing funding. These new funds will make more legal aid available for those who need it and will support new ways of delivering services. Performance measurement will also be added to make sure legal aid funding is doing what it needs to do.

Our 2015 platform was built for Alberta – by immediately working to ease EI rules for those hit by the commodity downturn, investing in carbon pricing to create a consensus to approve (and to soon build) four pipelines to foreign markets, and by working with international partners to open up new markets. I take my role as the cabinet minister from Calgary seriously, in supporting veterans as Minister of Veterans' Affairs, and work every day to make sure that we can continue to build this city.

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 and sign up for my e-newsletter at www.KentHehrMP.ca.



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