

St. Andrews Heights Community Newsletter



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President's Report by Liz Murray November 24th, 2008

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Several disturbing incidents of **vandalism** have occurred in the community during the month of November. These include eggs being thrown at people's homes and cars, damage to one of the memorial benches at the end of Kingston St. and several acts of graffiti to the school, their vehicle and several homes in the community. The graffiti was mostly silver paint in the shape of hearts with several swear words. This is coming from someone in the community or very close to the community and we suspect there are some girls involved. Please talk to your kids about this and make sure they understand the financial and emotional damage this kind of activity can cause. All acts of vandalism must be reported to 311 and the police (403-266-1234). The police want you to call 911 if you see vandalism (including graffiti) in progress.

Just a reminder that the **City's snow bylaw** states that snow must be removed from the public sidewalks within 24 hours of a snow fall. The occupant is responsible for this regardless of whether they are renters or owners. Uncleared sidewalks are a great hindrance to those in the community with mobility problems so please be considerate of your neighbours. The Community will be reporting households that fail to clear their sidewalks to By-law Services.

The **Stadium Mall** development permit appeal hearing was held at the end of October. The SDAB upheld the appeals and over-turned the development permit. The main reason for this was traffic concerns and an incomplete traffic study included in the original application. St Andrews will continue to be involved in the Stadium Mall redevelopment process and we will provide updates on our community website (see the side bar under Planning).

Christmas Tree Recycling will be made available this year in the community at the same location as the leaf program – the gravel parking lot east of the hall. I don't have firm dates yet but it usually runs from Boxing Day to mid-January. Please remove all items from the tree including any plastic bags and tinsel before leaving it at the drop off.

The next meetings of the Community Executive are at 7 pm on January 26th, February 23rd, March 23rd and April 27th. All community members are welcome.



Happy Holidays



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SAH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Submitted by John Howarth – Membership Chairman

The St. Andrews Heights Community membership drive was held slightly earlier than usual from September 13 to 28 this year. As I was out of town in October, I received some extra help from Liz Murray who assisted in collecting receipts from several canvassers.

The Community Association Executive and I would like to thank all of the volunteers who assisted me in canvassing, and all of the residents who supported us and their Community by buying memberships. The Community has a stronger voice in the city with your active support of the Association.

As of the time of writing in mid November, 270 homes have joined the Association. This number represents 67% of the total in the community. In last year's drive we had 281 (69%), so we are slightly down from there, but are still high compared to other communities in the city. If this is a typical year, there will be a few members who were away during the drive and who will participate later, so the percentage will rise. In total we have raised over \$5700 to date. This money will go into the Community budget and will help in funding this newsletter; the maintenance of the hall, including insurance; the ice rink and its equipment; and the upkeep of the tennis courts.

While the Drive is officially over, I am still accepting memberships on behalf of the Association. Fees may be dropped off with me, and I will get a membership card to you promptly. Our membership year runs from October 2008 to October 2009; if you need more information, please give me a call.

John Howarth, 2911 – 11th Avenue NW. 403-284-3518.

ICE MATTERS By: Nik Rasula

Well folks, another winter, another call for volunteers, another record!

The open call for volunteers to try out for this year's version of the Ice-Rink Crew, garnered thirty eight requests for testing reservations. Thirty eight potential applicants were timed, tested, and "run through the ringer" all in an attempt to determine the fabulous fifteen that will make up the 2008-2009 version of the fabled St. Andrews Ice-Crew.

Buffalo Bills Strength and Conditioning Coach, John Allaire flew into our town to help with selection and made himself available to aid aspiring applicants with their techniques and training regimens. Impressed, Allaire commented that he would "come back anytime", noting impressive physical attributes and particularly great dedication and motivation. Allaire was quoted as saying "the Bills could use some of these guys".

At press-time, the final cuts for this year's squad were still being determined. Stay tuned for the big roster announcement in next month's Newsletter!

Your Ice-Rink Committee, Roger Smith, Larry Lozinski, and this humble scribe, would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to the anonymous donor that donated the fancy "Ice-Crew" shirts for last year's team. The shirts are impressive and we don them proudly!

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1/2 cup milk

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2 tbsp grated ginger

1 tsp. vanilla

1 tsp. molasses



- Mix together shortening, brown sugar and corn syrup.
- Add remaining ingredients.
- Roll out dough and cut into gingerbread men shapes with a cookie cutter.
- Bake for 10 Min. in a preheated oven at 350 F.
- Cool gingerbread men and decorate using your favorite frosting and candies.

WHISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A MEMORABLE CHRISTMAS

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ST. ANDREW'S ART CLUB CHRISTMAS SHOW AND SALE

The Art Club held a most successful show and sale, with approximately 80 visitors attending. They were warmly greeted at the door; refreshments made available. Much appreciation and enthusiasm was shown as visitors viewed the high standard of art in our community.

A heartfelt thank you from the Art Club for the community support, and to all those who helped make our show a success.

FOOD BANK COFFEE BREAK - HUGE SUCCESS!

Thank you to all St Andrews residents who came out to the Food Bank Coffee Break on November 8th. Thanks to your generosity, we raised \$1922.00. According to the Food Bank's website, one dollar donated is equivalent to four dollars worth of food donated, so think of our donation as \$7688 in groceries for those who need some extra help.

Way to go, St. Andrews Heights!

COMMUNITY SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF VERNA MacKENZIE

Verna Margaret (Tate) MacKenzie died Oct. 24th, 2008, at Foothills Hospital at the age of 92 years. She is remembered by Stepdaughter Susan (Mark) Wittrup of Saskatoon and Stepson Roddy MacKenzie and their children: Tomas Christian Wittrup; Lucy Joyce Wittrup; Guy Roland MacKenzie; Mary Anne MacKenzie, and Roderick Winter (Ruaridh) MacKenzie. Also, two sisters-in-law Sheila MacKenzie, Ruth MacKenzie and cousin Thelma Irvine of Parksville, B.C.; Brothers-in-law Art MacKenzie and Bruce (Nikki) MacKenzie, Victoria B.C.

Verna was born in Calgary Sept. 28, 1916 to Frank and Beth Tate. She was predeceased by her parents and two sisters Esther and Audrey. Verna attended King George Elementary, Crescent Heights High School, and Calgary Normal School, supplemented by some University courses. After teaching near Vulcan and doing substitute teaching in various Calgary schools, Verna joined the Royal Bank, retiring in 1971. After Verna married "Rollie" she began attending the Seniors and the Art Group in St. Andrews. When the coordinator, Nancy Coleman became ill and had to leave her position, Verna became the Coordinator. She worked at many community fund raisers and created her own fund raiser "Orphaned Gifts". She became President of Seniors on the Community Board. When the Art group's teacher retired, Verna followed up by teaching for a time. She retired from the Board, the Seniors, and the Art Group in 2002. Her final wishes have firmly stated : no funeral service and no reception. We acknowledge and sincerely thank Susan Wittrup for gifting Verna's piano as well as four of Verna's oil paintings to St. Andrews Community, which are reminders of Verna's life and work in the community. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The Calgary Opera Society, or Alberta Children's Hospital.

Condolences c/o Commemorative Funeral Services



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experience to visit young families. The time commitment is about three to four hours a week. Training will be provided. Make a difference to a young family.



For more information please call Marion @ 571-0516



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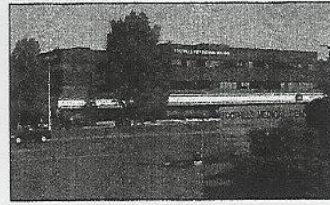


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Disabled Parking Awareness campaign: A much needed reminder
Parking infractions in disabled stalls forecast to increase 37 per cent over 2007

The Calgary Parking Authority (CPA) hopes this year's Disabled Parking Awareness campaign will help curb the growing trend of parking illegally in stalls for people with disabilities.

"Our campaign is an important reminder to leave designated parking stalls for those who need them," said Dale Fraser, CPA General Manager. "However, we are seeing a marked increase in the number of people who fail to display the required disabled placard when they park in a designated stall."

The Calgary Parking Authority is predicting a 37 per cent increase for 2008 in the number of tickets that will be issued to people who park illegally in stalls designated for people with disabilities.

From January 1 to the end of October 2008, 2,663 tickets were issued for unauthorized parking in a designated stall. In 2007, a total of 2,010 tickets were issued for the entire year. On average more than 200 parking tags are issued in Calgary each November and December for parking in a designated stall without the proper identification.

Each year the CPA undertakes a month-long Disabled Parking Awareness campaign. Starting November 20 and running through the month of December, increased emphasis is placed on patrolling parking stalls for people with disabilities.

During the course of the campaign, officers check to make sure that vehicles display either a valid parking placard or designated license plate. Failing to display a disabled parking placard or license may result in a \$150 fine.

"Our campaign is designed to educate people about why these parking stalls are necessary and should be used only by people with disabled placards," said Fraser. "But there are people who refuse to follow the rules and our officers will be there to seek greater compliance so that people with disabilities can enjoy equal access to facilities."

The Calgary Parking Authority asks Calgarians to leave the designated parking stalls for those who need them. Please be considerate when parking this holiday season.

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Homebound Readers

Customers who are unable to visit the library due to illness or disability can arrange to have a library volunteer regularly select, deliver and exchange materials. This free service is available to customers who live in their homes, continuing care centres, auxiliary hospitals, or seniors' residences. To arrange homebound library service call (403)260-2702.

Programs Fall 2008

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Drop-In Family Storytime

Drop in for stories, songs, and fingerplays the whole family can enjoy.

Ages 2 to 5 with a parent/caregiver

Fridays, Sept 19 to Dec 5

10:30 - 11:00 a.m. *No Registration Required*

Waiting for Santa

Join us as we get ready got Christmas with stories, songs, and videos.

Ages 2 to 5 with a parent/caregiver

Thursday, Dec 4

10:30 - 11:00 am

It's Magic

Join Richard Rondeau for 30 Minutes of magic tricks that are sure to astound you.

Tuesday, Dec 30

2:30 - 3:00 a.m.





PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Every 7 minutes, a Canadian dies from heart disease or stroke. Every 7 minutes, another family is thrown into crisis.



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ALBERTA PARKS AND PROTECTED AREAS:

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Second Wednesday of the month beginning October 8th (October 8th, November 12th, January 14th, February 11th and March 11th) 7:00 p.m., The Cochrane RancheHouse 101 RancheHouse Road, Cochrane (Located .7 km north of the Highway 1A and Highway #22 intersection in Cochrane). **Admission: \$6.00 per person includes GST.** (Space is limited). For more information consult our website at www.fish-creek.org.

THIRD PRESENTATION:

Significantly Small: A Profile of the West Castle Wetlands Ecological Reserve

Wednesday, January 14th, 2009

Presenter: Joey Young, Planning Team Leader, Alberta Parks

For more information or to book your seats in advance, **phone 297-7927.**

Community Events

Keep Fit Classes - Mondays and Wednesdays 7-8pm in the school gym. Call Karen (403 289 -7820)

Art Group - Wednesdays from 1 to 3:30 pm at the Community Hall. For information call Betty (403 282-7395)

Snow Shovelers :

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If anyone would like to have his/her name added to this list, please contact Gwen at: newsletter@standrewsheights.ca



A color version of the newsletter is available on the SAH website!
www.standrewsheights.ca

Classified Ads

Christmas shopping made easy – check these bargains!

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Parkdale United Church

Join us this Christmas Season

Sunday mornings – 10:30 am

Advent Vespers – Wednesdays at 5:30 pm
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Sunday December 14 at 7 pm

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Quiet Christmas Service

Sunday December 21 at 7 pm

Christmas Eve – Wednesday December 24

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Candlelight service: 7:30 pm

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