

# the maybel

Mayfair Bel-Aire  
Community Association  
Newsletter

May  
2014



"Margaret's Flowers"  
Photo by Carol Morgan

## MBCA Annual Stampede Breakfast!

Malibu Park

Saturday, July 5 2014, 9:30AM-NOON

Come and enjoy a yummy breakfast,  
dress up and celebrate Stampede with your neighbours!



Volunteers will be needed  
for set up and clean up

This is a great way to  
show your Stampede spirit and  
meet new friends!

Contact Tracy Lee  
403-246-7756 or [leect@shaw.ca](mailto:leect@shaw.ca)

All Community Members are Welcome!

**YAAAAHHHHHHHOOOO!**

*save the date*  
*Friday, June 20th*  
*for*  
*the MBCA*  
*Evening*  
*with*  
*Neighbours*

*Look for more details  
and invitations soon*

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Mayfair Bel-Aire  
Community Association

We welcome your input!  
For submissions  
please contact

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**Interested in  
being a part of our  
community association?**

Call Michael Hawitt  
403-701-3216

*A complete listing of  
director's names and  
contact information  
can be found on the  
back cover of the  
MayBel*

## A Message from the President from Michael Hawitt

Dear Neighbours,

As we all know, it's been a long cold winter which was almost over a few weeks ago. The good news is that we had a record number of days to enjoy an excellent skating rink this year, the better news is that we bought a new snow blower in early October last year. Once again thank you to all of the volunteers who helped with the rink and especially to Louis Stack who continues to maintain and flood to perfection. Let's hope we will see more grass than snow in the park for the rest of the year.

As spring pretends to commence our annual membership drive has now begun. You will notice the MBCA membership form in the newsletter, please feel free to fill it out and drop it off or have it ready for the door to door membership representative.

Our other annual spring event, "Just Purge it", will take place on May 24th. As always it's the perfect opportunity to rid yourself of anything that's collecting too much dust or simply in the way.

This year's "Evening with the Neighbours" party is shaping up to be quite the event as Karen and Jay Westman have kindly volunteered to host the party at their new home on June 20th. This evening has always sold out so you may want to get your tickets as soon as possible.

This summer, in addition to the famous Mayfair/ Bel-Aire community Stampede breakfast (to be held on July 5th at the Mayfair Park), you will no doubt notice the commencement of construction of the new pathway at the top of the alley between Massey Place and Beverly Place. This is the "missing link" that the city approved last year which will now properly connect the community with the pathway system at the Glenmore reservoir. We continue to work with the city and Enmax to find a workable solution for a walkway up the back alley to the top of the hill.

On a different note we were once again informed by our community liaison officer that our community has the least crime in the city and that we should continue to keep cars and garage doors locked. If you see any graffiti please call 311 and the city will arrange to have it removed within 48 hours.

I look forward to seeing you at the Evening with Neighbours party next month,

Michael Hawitt



## Update from the City from Councillor Brian Pincott

The deadline to pay your property tax, June 30<sup>th</sup>, is arriving quickly. By paying your property taxes before the deadline you will avoid paying a 7% penalty.

If you aren't able to pay your taxes in one lump sum or you are a low income homeowner, The City has a few programs that can assist you in paying your property taxes:

The Tax Instalment Payment Plan (TIPP) allows you to pay your property tax in monthly instalments, instead of one lump sum. If you sign up for the program, your payment will automatically come out of your chequing account on the first day of the month, making budgeting easier and eliminating the risk of paying the late payment penalty. You can find more information and the application forms at [www.calgary.ca/tipp](http://www.calgary.ca/tipp).

The Property Tax Assistance Program is available to low-income homeowners who are experiencing financial hardship as a result of the increase in property taxes. You or a family member may be eligible for a credit on your property tax account. Please visit [www.calgary.ca/ptap](http://www.calgary.ca/ptap) or phone 3-1-1 for more information on the program, eligibility criteria or to apply. Please note, the application deadline is December 1, 2014.

Don't forget to keep an eye on your community newsletter, their website and their social media feeds throughout the summer! Many Ward 11 communities are planning lots of fun and exciting events from June through to October. Everything from community parades, Stampede breakfasts and bbq's, to festivals and community cleanups will be taking place. It's a great opportunity to meet your neighbours and the volunteers who help organize these events.

I encourage residents of Ward 11 to contact me and sign up to receive regular updates from my office. I email out information regarding upcoming events, City

programs and opportunities to provide input into the City's public engagement programs relevant to Ward 11 residents. You can sign up by emailing my office at [ward11@calgary.ca](mailto:ward11@calgary.ca). I also encourage you to visit my website, [www.ward11calgary.ca](http://www.ward11calgary.ca), for additional information that may be of interest to you.



### Fostering Safe Communities

It's that time of the year again: spring cleaning! Here are some things to keep in mind during your spring cleanup: Complete a walkthrough of your property to ensure that all buildings and structures are in good repair, there is no vandalism or graffiti and no wildlife has taken up shop over the course of the winter. If you see any graffiti on your property, please report it to The City of Calgary by contacting 311 and remove it as soon as possible.

If you plan to partake in any construction projects, please ensure any material stored in the yard is not visible from outside of the property. Only an appropriate amount of materials for the current building project is permitted and it should be stacked in an orderly and safe manner.

Many community associations host community cleanups in the spring. These events are great opportunities to properly dispose of unwanted household items, such as electronics or old furniture. Contact your community association for the date of the cleanup closest to you.

Hazardous materials such as gasoline, motor oil and paint cannot be disposed of with your household garbage. Visit [calgary.ca](http://calgary.ca) to find a list of Throw n' Go locations and fire stations with special storage depots for proper disposal of these materials.

Having a tidy property increases personal and community pride. You, your family and your friends will feel comfortable and safe enjoying your yard and spending time outside.

For more information, please call 311 or visit [www.calgary.ca](http://www.calgary.ca).

## A Message from the Province from Alison Redford

Dear Calgary-Elbow residents,

This month, one year ago Alberta was faced with the largest natural disaster in Canada's history in the form of devastating floods. I will forever remember the impact the flood waters had on so many communities and lives across the province, but also close to home here in Calgary-Elbow.

During that time of adversity, in the emergency and recovery of the floods, Albertans displayed remarkable acts of bravery, resilience and compassion. To commemorate these outstanding Albertans, the Alberta Heroes of the Flood program was created to recognize those who went above and beyond to help family, friends, neighbours and strangers get back on their feet. Albertans nominated more than 1,300 individuals, groups, companies and volunteers for their incredible actions.

As we look back on the June 2013 floods, and what we have accomplished since, I am reminded again of how proud I am to be an Alberta, and why our province truly is the best place to live in Canada.

Of course, the past few months has also seen a significant change in my responsibilities. While Premier, I was involved in the issues impacting our constituency, principally flood related, and I am continuing that work now, as your MLA.

The flood mitigation work in the Elbow River is important to us in Calgary-Elbow, and I have been working closely with the Calgary River Communities Action Group on those projects in the past six weeks. Emma May has been a tremendous advocate in the past year, and I am proud to work with her. We saw tremendous progress on that mitigation work at the Flood Symposium in Calgary on April 29th, where we also saw the Alberta Rivers App for iOS and Android devices for flood monitoring released. I am glad this work, which was started when I was Premier, is now being completed.

Even though we were able to open Rideau Park School in September following the flood and accommodate Elbow Park School, which now has full facilities next to Earl Grey School, the redevelopment of Elbow Park School will take a great deal of vigilance to ensure the Government of Alberta and the Calgary Board of Education make this a priority.

I am so pleased to work with the Elbow Park School parent council to ensure this happens, because it was a commitment I made to the community.

Please stay in touch with our office on all matters that are important to you, where you think I can be helpful.

I look forward to seeing you this summer!

Kind regards,

Alison M. Redford, QC

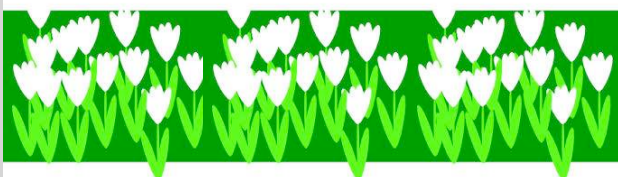
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*Membership has its privileges  
Remember to purchase  
your annual MBCA membership*

*Your neighbours are saying...*

*Please pick up after your dogs.*

*Please do not put dog poop in someone else's trash.*

*Please pay attention to your dogs barking.*

*Please pick up after your dogs!!!*

*Your neighbours are saying...*

*Please drive slowly on neighbourhood streets.*

*Please respect the 30KM/H playground zone.*

*Please do not text and drive.*

*Please watch out for kids on bikes!*



## **The P.U.P.P.Y. Program: Help make our parks #1 by picking up #2!**

Did you know that pet waste left in yards and parks is washed into storm drains and is the leading contributor to storm water contamination? In fact, pet waste is classified as a dangerous pollutant and is in the same category as toxic chemicals and oil!

The P.U.P.P.Y. (Pick Up Pooch's Poo Yourself) program, a partnership with The City of Calgary Parks and The City of Calgary Animal & Bylaw Services, was established in 2011 to educate Calgarians about the importance of picking up and disposing of pet waste and to make participants familiar with responsible pet ownership and sustainable park use. This program encourages Calgarians to participate in P.U.P.P.Y. events that focus on park stewardship to keep our off-leash areas safe and healthy for pets, people and wildlife. Experts will be on-hand to share information on a variety of pet-related topics; volunteers will lead engaging, interpretive programs; and supplies will be available for community residents to "pitch in and pick up" waste.

### **What can you do to keep off-leash areas safe and clean?**

Always have pet waste baggies with you when you walk your dog. Pick up your pet's waste and dispose of the bag properly in a waste receptacle.

Model responsible behaviours and encourage other park users to pick up their pet's waste.

Participate in the P.U.P.P.Y. program events to learn about sustainable park use and responsible pet ownership.

Organize a community cleanup in your favourite off-leash area or park by registering for a green project.

### **2014 P.U.P.P.Y event dates**

#### **Upcoming City of Calgary events: 9:30 am – 12:30 pm**

Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at **River Park**, 4500 14A Street S.W

Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at **Auburn Bay Off-Leash Park** (fenced) 55 Auburn Bay Dr. S.E.

Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, **Elliston Park**, off 17 Ave SE

Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, **Weaselhead Park**, North Glenmore

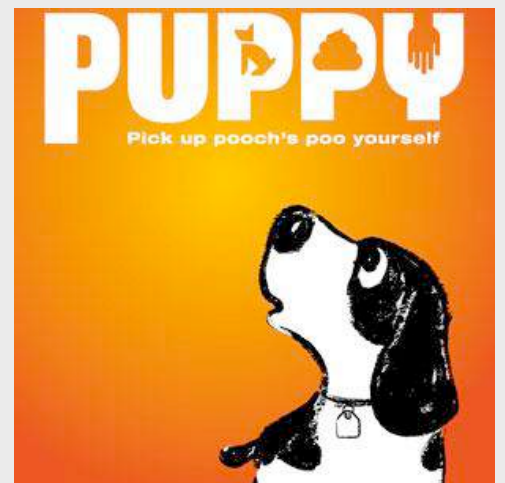
Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at **Edgemont Off-Leash Park**, 7530 Edgemont Boulevard Northwest

Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at **Bowmont Park Off-leash area**, close to Bow River off of 85th St. N.W

Saturday, June 21<sup>nd</sup> at **Skyview Ranch**, Skyview Springs Common NE

Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at **Sue Higgins Park** (Fenced – Off leash area)

Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at **Egerts Park**, 151 Thames Close Northwest



## Community Events from Tracy Lee

Time and time again I am told what a great community we live in. Mayfair and Bel-Aire are closely knit neighbourhoods where a sense of "community" is strongly felt. The spring and summer months are especially reflective of this. It is great to see teams of children riding their bicycles, kicking a soccer ball at the park and kids of all ages hitting a tennis ball into the summer night. Daily walks, gardening and just being out and about provide a nice opportunity to catch up after the long winter months.

Winter seemed to begin this year in October, but it did not dampen our Halloween Spirit! Countless families took part in our Annual Halloween Parade which began in Bel-Aire and ended up at Malibou Park. Dedicated volunteers were on hand to serve up hot dogs and hot chocolate to all the ghosts and goblins in attendance. Please enjoy the photos of this great event.

On June 20th, we are pleased to offer another Evening with Neighbours event thanks to the generosity of Jay and Karen Westman. Please save this date and look for more detailed information to follow in your mailbox and via email.

Summer also ushers in a favourite community party - the Annual Stampede Breakfast. We will kick off at 9:30AM, so bring your boots and your appetites!

If you would like to volunteer to be of assistance with either of these events, please contact me at [leect@shaw.ca](mailto:leect@shaw.ca).

Tracy Lee



## Membership Update from Cheryl Slofstra

Hello to all MBCA neighbors!

With Spring's arrival comes our Annual MBCA Membership Campaign. I am pleased to announce that all volunteer membership canvassing positions have been filled, and everyone is set with their kits to come and renew your memberships! A huge thank you in advance to all volunteers. Please be sure to welcome them when they come to your door this Spring.

On the reverse of this update you will find an application form, which you may complete, and with a payment cheque, drop off at Tracy Lee's home.

All information can be found on the application form.

Thank you so much and thank you for your continued support!

Cheryl



## Tennis Update from Carol Morgan

This update comes at a time where it seems that winter might never end! I am hopeful though, that spring will be right around the corner, and with it the start of a new tennis season! The courts have been swept and cleaned of winter debris, pebbles fished out of the padlock, and tennis keys delivered to new neighbours. We are ready for tennis to begin!

As mentioned in the community wide email, tennis lessons are now being offered by First Serve Tennis. Mayfair and Bel-Aire children and adults may register for group or private lessons this spring and summer at the Bel-Aire Courts.

Spring group lessons are slated to begin May 6th-10th, but weather delays may push the start dates out. If you are interested in joining the group, check the website to see if there are any available slots. Alternately, Spring private lessons can also be arranged.

We have been able to secure Jeff Spiers, a Tennis Alberta Hall of Fame inductee, and his team of instructors at First Serve Tennis.

Go to [firstservetennis.ca](http://firstservetennis.ca) for lesson descriptions, dates, times, fee and to register.

There are also multiple options for junior lessons and summer camps.

Questions? Contact Jeff Spiers at 403-441-6870 or email your questions to: [contact@firstservetennis.ca](mailto:contact@firstservetennis.ca)

Any general Mayfair Bel-Aire Tennis enquiries may be made to: [mayfairbelairetennis@gmail.com](mailto:mayfairbelairetennis@gmail.com)

See you on the courts!



Tip of the Month  
Courtesy of First Serve  
Tennis

### Serve Set-Up

When hitting a serve you will want to ensure that you have a proper set-up like Canadian Milos Raonic. After the toss Milos creates a classic trophy position where his left arm is pointing at the ball and there is a 90 degree angle between Milos' body and his right arm. To help generate extra power on his serve Milos pushes his hips forward so that his body bends like a pole vaulter's pole just before snapping up to hit the ball.

### MBCA Membership Application: Valid July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address & PC \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Tennis Court  Yes  No

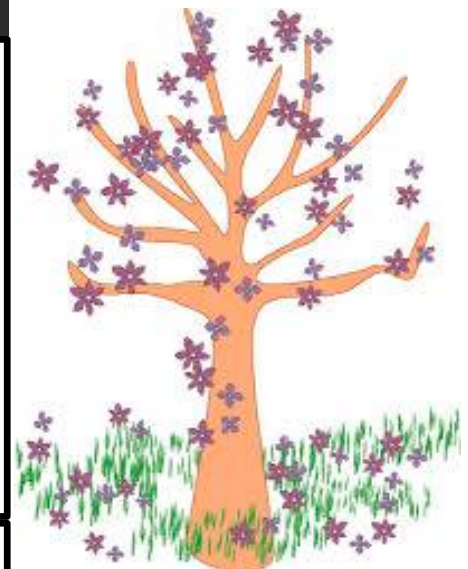
(2012-2013 key remains valid this year - No payment Necessary. Lost key or NEW tennis access:\$15)

Number of Children \_\_\_\_\_ 0-10 years \_\_\_\_\_ 11-18 years

Volunteer  Halloween Parade  Stampede Breakfast  Casino

\$40/ household before August 31st \* \$45 from September 1st onward  
Cheques (preferred) payable to MBCA

Complete and drop off, or mail with your cheque to:  
Tracy Lee 1108 Beverley Blvd SW, Calgary, AB T2V2C5  
Contact: [membership.mayfairbelaire@gmail.com](mailto:membership.mayfairbelaire@gmail.com)





Emergency  
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## Bicycle Helmet Safety



Head injuries are a leading cause of serious injury and death to children on bicycles\*. Most injuries occur when a cyclist suffers a fall, strikes a stationary object, or collides with another cyclist, or pedestrian. Remember – it's the law in Alberta that cyclists under the age of 18 must wear a helmet (and highly recommended for all ages). Helmets should be CSA approved and worn during recreational activities such as skateboarding, in-line skating, or cycling.

### Getting informed

- Wearing a helmet while cycling can prevent a serious injury or save a life;
- Brain injuries can cause permanent disability or death;
- Reduce your risk by always wearing your helmet;
- Replace any helmet that has been involved in a crash, even if it appears undamaged.

### Getting started

- Allow children to assist when buying their helmet. Cyclists who choose their own helmet are more likely to wear them;
- Start the habit early. Young children learning to ride tricycles need to wear helmets;
- Parents must lead by example: always wear your own helmet when cycling.

### Getting the right fit

- Take the time to properly fit and adjust your helmet to ensure maximum protection in case of a crash;
- When worn properly, helmets should fit level, not tilted up, or down over the forehead;
- Helmets should feel snug, but not too tight. To test the fit, the helmet should not fall off when you shake your head from side-to-side while the straps are unfastened;
- Adjust the chin straps to form a "Y" below and slightly forward from the ears;
- Only one finger should be able to fit under the chin strap when it is fastened;
- Do not forget to use the sizing pads included with the helmet. They will help improve the overall fit and comfort.

\*Parachute Canada

<http://www.parachutecanada.org/injury-topics/item/wheeled-activities1>



## MBCA Notice Board

This section is available free of charge to all residents of Mayfair and Bel-Aire.  
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### MAYFAIR/BEL-AIRE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! WE NEED YOU!

#### Director Position: Secretary

This position is vacant and can be filled immediately. The Secretary is needed to record MBCA meetings (held 4-6 times a year) as well as the AGM. Please contact Michael Hawitt if you are able. 403-701-3216.

#### Volunteers for Stampede Breakfast:

Seeking volunteers to assist with set-up and take down.

Please contact Tracy Lee @ 403-244-7756.

#### Bel-Aire Street Captain:

This position usually organizes the annual membership drive in the neighbourhood of Bel-Aire. Please contact Cheryl Slofstra (MBCA Membership Director) @ 403-463-2574.

*Thank you volunteers!  
You make it happen!*

*Thank you to those who braved the cold on Halloween Night. Volunteers served hotdogs and hot chocolate, set up tables, cleaned up and made a whole bunch of kids really happy!*



### MARGARET SUNDSTROM (1928-2014)

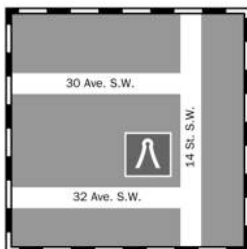
A much-loved resident of Bel Aire passed away suddenly on April 16. Margaret resided in our community since 1968 with her husband of 63 years, Glenn. She will be fondly remembered for her unconditional kindness and ready generosity with her many friends and neighbours. Margaret was also a frequent volunteer and she gladly participated in many functions in our community over the years. An accomplished potter and artist, master gardener and friend to all, she will be greatly missed. Our deepest sympathy goes to Glenn and his family at this difficult time.

### What would you like to see in the Maybel?

Please email me your ideas, submissions, or feedback

[mayfairbelaire@gmail.com](mailto:mayfairbelaire@gmail.com)





## Alexander Calhoun Library

3223 – 14 Street SW

### Hours:

Monday - Thursday  
Friday & Saturday  
Sundays (mid-Sept to mid-May)

10 a.m. – 9 p.m.  
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
12 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Telephone: 403-260-2600



Register for programs by phone at 403-260-2620, online at [www.calgarypubliclibrary.com](http://www.calgarypubliclibrary.com), or in person at any Library branch. A valid Calgary Public Library card in each participant's name is required to attend all programs.

### Drop-in Family Storytime

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

Ages 2 to 5 with a parent/caregiver

Wednesdays, May 21 to June 25

10:15 - 10:45 a.m.

No registration required

### Essential Peru

Discover Peru including Machu Picchu, one of the 'New' Seven Wonders of the World. Presented by Maureen May.

Monday, June 2

7 - 8:30 p.m.

### Fort Calgary: On the Road

Learn about our history through artifacts from Fort Calgary's collection. Try on a Mountie tunic and make a craft with your children. Enjoy activities for the whole family!

Saturday, June 7

2 - 4 p.m.

No registration required

### Grizzly Bears of Kananaskis

Learn about the unique grizzly population in Peter Lougheed and Spray Valley Provincial Parks. Discover why one of the few healthy grizzly populations successfully exists in one of the most heavily used public areas. Presented by Randy Axani, Kananaskis District Conservation Officer.

Thursday, June 19

7 - 8:30 p.m.

### 2014 TD Summer Reading Club

Join us as we kick off Eureka! the 2014 TD Summer Reading Club. Drop in for a scavenger hunt and other fun activities. Collect your maker notebook and read all summer to win great prizes!

Saturday, June 21

10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### Family Magic Show

Join TD Sparks as he entertains with magic, balloons and comedy. Sign up for Eureka! the 2014 TD Summer Reading Club after the show.

Ages 4 and up

Saturday, June 21

12 - 12:45 p.m.

No registration required

### Rose Gardening in Calgary

Discover tips and techniques for growing and cultivating roses in Calgary's challenging climate. Presented by the Calgary Rose Society.

Monday, June 23

7 - 8:30 p.m.

### Tablets and Media Creation: An Introduction

Discover what is now possible, easier and more accessible with touch-technology in this 50-minute showcase of innovative digital-media, made exclusively using tablet technology.

Ability to scan a QR-code on your tablet is strongly encouraged. Participants may want to register in subsequent iGeneration workshops.

Thursday, July 3

7 - 8:30 p.m.

### Super Summer Drop-in Family Storytime

Join us for a super-sized summer Storytime, with 45 minutes of stories, songs and finger plays.

Ages 2 to 5 with a parent/caregiver

Mondays, July 7 to Aug. 25

(No program on Aug. 4)

10:15 - 11 a.m.

### We are looking for pictures of Calhoun Library

This year, Alexander Calhoun Library celebrates its 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday. If you have pictures of our library, we would love to see them. You can email them to

[sheila.mcmurtry@calgarypubliclibrary.com](mailto:sheila.mcmurtry@calgarypubliclibrary.com).

# Just Purge It



Bins on site to:

**ORGANICS** \*NEW\* compostable general yard waste

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**RECYCLE** old TV's, computers & other electronics and metals

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**DONATE** clean, gently used household goods, furniture & clothing

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**DISCARD** household waste & large furniture

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## Items that will not be accepted:

Tires, household chemicals, paint, liquids, car batteries,  
propane tanks, refrigerators & freezers

**Saturday, May 24th, 9:30 - 1:30**  
**Calgary Girls' School Parking Lot**

FREE TO MAYFAIR - BEL AIRE COMMUNITY MEMBERS

**Need help or have a question?**  
Call Alle Sutton at 403-615-7008

Thank You to Animal & Bylaw Services and Waste & Recycling  
for their contributions to this event



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