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Mayfair Bel-Aire  
Community Association  
Newsletter

May 2012



Future Site of the New Bel-Aire Playground  
New equipment to be installed by you from June 6-9!



Be a Part of it!  
Let's get this new  
playground built!

see inside for more details



Ready to get your  
Softball on??!

Come and join  
the yearly tradition of the  
**Fathers Day Softball Game!!!**

Meet out at the baseball diamond  
behind Bel-Aire School for a casual  
game or even just tossing the ball  
around.

Let Dad sleep in and meet at  
2PM, June 17th



## Yaahhoooo!!!

**It's that time again!!!**

Get ready for the annual Mayfair/  
Bel-Aire Stampede Breakfast!

**Malibou Park Saturday, July 7th  
9:30AM-12:00PM**

Join us for an ol' fashioned Stampede  
breakfast as well as fun activities for  
the kids!

We will need volunteers to assist with  
the event (pancake flipping, set-up and  
clean-up).

Come lend a hand and have a fun  
morning with your neighbours.  
Call Michelle at 403-228-4338

All Members are welcome to attend.  
Memberships will be available for purchase at the breakfast.

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Mayfair Bel-Aire  
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We welcome your input!  
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Interested in  
being a part of our  
community association?

Call Michael Hawitt  
403-701-3216

## A Message from the President from Michael Hawitt

Dear Residents of Bel-Aire and Mayfair,

Spring is a time of renewal in our community. Spring clean-ups are in progress, lawnmowers are running and flowers are coaxing their way up despite the odd snow-storm. It is also a time of clean-up in our homes, garages and sheds. We are pleased to sponsor the 2nd Annual Just-Purge-It event to help us with this process. On Sunday, May 27th, members of the Mayfair/Bel-Aire community association (memberships will be available for sale at the event) are able to discard, recycle or trade unwanted household items. Please see the back page of the newsletter for a complete listing of what is acceptable to get rid of at the event. Last year was a HUGE success and some community members have looked forward to this event all year, waiting to properly and responsibly dispose of various items. Remember, your trash can be someone else's treasure!

Spring is also a time for neighbours, young and old, to renew friendships at the Mayfair playground while watching our kids hanging upside down on the monkey bars. On that note, I am excited to remind people about the Bel-Aire playground to be installed from June 6-9th. I'd like to stress the importance of getting involved and volunteering your time to get the playground built. Details are provided on the following page regarding available shifts. One of our past board members, Sue Homik, took this project on two years ago and has been busy applying for funding, choosing equipment and organizing the enormous task of bringing a new playground to fruition. Let us show our support by volunteering our time!

Many neighbours (approximately 80+) got together last weekend for the annual Evening with Neighbours hosted by Paul and Michelle Whidden. They chose a "Cinco de Mayo" theme and festively decorated their home to match the occasion. Mexican treats as well as Margaritas were a huge hit. Thank you again to the Whiddens for hosting such an amazing party. It's great to get together with old friends and a great opportunity to meet newcomers to the community.

June is the community's membership month, so please welcome your local membership canvasser sometime that month. There is a great summary of membership "privileges" on page 5 of the newsletter. It outlines such perks as: neighbourhood events like the Evening with Neighbours and the Stampede Breakfast. Membership also provides you with timely email updates reporting any local crime, lost items or whatever might be relevant to you as members of Mayfair/Bel-Aire and Ward 11.

Join the Mayfair/Bel-Aire Community Association. Be a Part of it!

I look forward to seeing you at the Stampede Breakfast, July 7, 9:30-noon. Of course I will also see you behind the Calgary Girls School, getting our newest playground built.

Michael Hawitt

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

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

Please email me your ideas, submissions, or feedback...

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





*Let's get this Playground built!*



*The "somebody else" will do it, can be YOU!*

The old playground has been removed and the site is being prepped for the new equipment. We are happy to announce that we will be installing the same type of rubber surfacing in the new playground that we currently have in Mayfair, as well as brand new and exciting play equipment.

However, we cannot proceed without your help!

The new playground installation will be June 6,7,8, and 9th. We are still extremely short of volunteers to assemble the park, especially on Thursday and Friday. Please see below the available shifts and consider donating some of your time.

It is absolutely OK if you only can come out for a couple of hours...you do not have to commit to the whole shift. Please also consider volunteering for more than one shift. Teenagers are also welcome as well!

Please email Sue at [sphomik@telus.net](mailto:sphomik@telus.net) with your availability. Thank you to those community members who have already volunteered; we will send out reminders of your shifts closer to the date.

**Evening shifts:**

We require 2 more volunteers Wednesday 4-9pm, 12 more people Thursday 4-9pm, and 14 more Friday 4-9pm.

**Saturday:**

We are also in need of 8 more volunteers on Saturday 830am-6pm

The children of our community thank you in advance for your consideration. With your help, our community will have a brand new playground before summer!

**Sue Homik**  
[Sphomik@telus.net](mailto:Sphomik@telus.net)

graffiti...what  
can I do  
about it?

With spring here, I am beginning to hear a few more complaints and concerns from residents about graffiti in their neighbourhoods. So, I thought it would be a good opportunity to let you know what you can do to help make our city graffiti free, or at least keep it under control!

Graffiti is in every community in our city. It is a problem that costs the city and property owners millions of dollars each year, and it is a problem that we each, as individuals, can do something about. Studies have shown that having graffiti removed within 48 hours not only cleans it up, but significantly reduces the recurrence of it. The key is to have it removed as soon as possible. The longer graffiti is left, the more graffiti you get.

That means you should report it as soon as you see it. When you see graffiti, call 311 as soon as possible to report it. If you can, and if it is on your property, remove it yourself as soon as possible. The City of Calgary also has a Graffiti Abatement Program in place that you can access to help you have it removed. Some stores offer discounts for removal materials as well. Not only does reporting and removing graffiti immediately keep it under control, but, by reporting it you help the city gather the evidence and intelligence that will help them catch the offenders. Early reporting and removal supports abatement, prevention and apprehension. For more information, there is a great website to visit:

[www.graffitifreecalgary.ca](http://www.graffitifreecalgary.ca)<<http://www.graffitifreecalgary.ca>>

Graffiti is one problem that we can each do something about.

\*\*from the office of Ward 11

## A Message from the City from Brian Pincott

Spring has (hopefully) sprung! Before we know it, all the snow will be gone, the leaves and flowers will be out and it will be summer. It may seem like it's too early to be thinking about what to do this summer, but with the incredible number of special events and activities that happen in our city it's never too early to start planning!

As you may know, Calgary Recreation is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, and they are running a ton of special events all year. From Canada Day Celebrations to the Canadian Track & Field Championships to deals on family swim time, it's a good bet that Calgary Recreation will have something for you and your family to do. Visit <http://calgary.ca/rec100> for more information and for a schedule of events.

Something that I'm personally very excited about is Calgary 2012. In March, Calgary became one of Canada's Cultural Capitals for 2012 (the other cultural capital is the Niagara Region), kicking off a year of programming and events. The Calgary 2012 website, <http://www.calgary2012.com> has an exhaustive list of events taking place around the city, and I would encourage you to visit their website and take a look at the incredible things that Calgary 2012 is putting together.

It seems like this might just be the year of centenary celebrations in Calgary. Not only is Calgary Recreation celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, but so are the Calgary Public Library, the Calgary Stampede and the Pump-house and Grand Theatres. All have a full year of events planned, so be sure to keep your eyes out, or check their websites for more information on what these organizations have planned.

Of course, no summer would be complete without community events. Ward 11 is particularly privileged to have so many active community associations (19 in total!), that always have fantastic summer programming, from community gardens to stampede breakfasts. Please be sure to support your community association and come out to an event hosted by your community association – you might even meet a neighbour or two.

As always, if you would like to be kept up to date on what is happening in my ward, please email my office ( [ward11@calgary.ca](mailto:ward11@calgary.ca) ) and ask to be added to our distribution list. We send out occasional updates on projects in the ward, opportunities to provide input into city programs and projects and events that are happening in the city. You can also check my website, [www.ward11calgary.ca](http://www.ward11calgary.ca) for updates.

Alderman Brian Pincott



### Excessive Vehicle Noise Testing Offered

On **Saturday, May 26** and **Wednesday, May 30**, Animal & Bylaw Services is offering Calgarians the opportunity to have the decibel levels of their vehicles read by the Noise Snare.

On July 5, 2011 an amendment was made to the **Calgary Traffic Bylaw 26M96**, citing that any vehicle noise measured at 96 decibels or more by a sound pressure level meter is "objectionable noise" and is in contravention of the bylaw. On December 19, 2011, Council directed Animal & Bylaw Services to use the Noise Snare technology to test excessive vehicle noise.

Details regarding the testing site and times will be available the beginning of May on [calgary.ca](http://calgary.ca) by searching "Vehicle Noise 2012."



### Elm Pruning Ban – Help Prevent Dutch Elm Disease

Dutch elm disease (DED) is a deadly fungus that attacks elm trees spread by elm bark beetles. To reduce the risk of DED, pruning elm trees is prohibited throughout Alberta annually from April 1 to September 30. Provincial regulations also prohibit the storage, transport and sale of elm firewood.

Property owners should prune dead and dying elm branches October 1 to March 31. This helps to reduce the beetle breeding habitat and reduces the risk that fresh cuts from pruning will attract the beetles.

For information from the Government of Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development regarding Dutch elm disease and the elm pruning ban, please visit



[www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/\\$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/prm1043](http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/prm1043)

# Engage. Belong. Inspire.

Here are some of the great reasons why you should become a member of the Mayfair Bel Aire Community!

## ADVOCACY

Our community has a strong history of advocacy regarding issues such as traffic, parking and development.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD BEAUTIFICATION & AMENITIES

- 2 Playgrounds
- Entrance Signage/Gates
- Green Spaces
- Rink & Event Storage
- Park Lighting
- Event Signage
- Neighbourhood Memorial Benches

## SPORTS

- Soccer Registration Discounts
- Ice Rink
- Tennis Courts

## EVENTS

- Easter Egg Hunt
- Evening with Neighbours
- Just Purge It / Plant Exchange
- Father's Day Baseball
- Stampede Breakfast
- Movie in the Park
- Halloween Parade

## COMMUNICATION

- Newsletter
- Email Alerts (e.g. B&E occurrences)

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Only members can vote at the AGM and become a director.

*June is MBCA Membership Campaign Month  
One of your neighbours will be coming to your  
door asking you to join our association.*

*Be Part of It!*

## Calgary Girls' School Update from Marlene Nelson

*\*\*Editor's note: Some students from the Calgary Girls' School have provided us with their own update as to what has been happening at the school. Enjoy!*

Hello there. My name is Grace and I go to the Calgary Girls' School. We are a public charter school with a mandate to teach girls from grades 4-9. Our single gender environment helps girls stay focused on their work, enables our creativity and challenges us in a fun and proper manner. Today a community of girls, tomorrow our community leaders.

Recently the grade fives have been working on some very exciting projects, such as... near the beginning of January we started our circuit studies in Science. Our project was to create an invention that could help early settlers when they came to Canada. Here is the challenge; we had to somehow include electricity. This project challenged us but was a wonderful learning experience and we all had great fun.

For the past three months or so we have been working on capturing Calgary's weather in a scientific, yet artistic way. We created our very own Weather Journals. To capture weather information we made various weather instruments like barometers, anemometers, wind socks and rain gauges. Maybe you have seen us around the community? One thing coming up very soon for grade fives is a 3 day camping trip to Kamp Kiwanis for outdoor school. We are looking forward to spending time out in nature and learning more about weather.

We hope to see you soon! Thank you for spending your time reading about our great adventures here at CGS.

Grace H (grade 5)

Imagine a spring morning with childrens' laughter in the crisp air. The school bell rings, and we rush into the school. To start the day, we always put our items on our hooks and silent read. Then, our grade four class usually comes to the carpet to learn something new or to read a story. After that, we go to our desks to reflect on what we had learned at the carpet. Next, we should have recess (my teacher thinks that it is really important to play hard). When we finish recess, on Thursdays and Fridays, we have choir. In choir we, always do some stretching like, vocal warm-ups. Later, we have P.E. (Physical Education). Now, we are doing ringette in P.E. Soon, it will be lunchtime. After that, we will clean up the classroom, or we will silent read. Then, we usually will do math (I love math because, we can choose our own strategies), or we will work on science or social studies (we do this for about an hour). Next, we will do Language arts to reflect on our day. Then it is the end of the day, so we pack up our laptops and backpacks and hop on the bus. To give you some more specific information about what we are doing in our classes, I thought I would share with you about our studies in science.

I have learned so many things that are important for you to know about the environment. First of all, I've been researching about sustainable use of the environment. Plus, I learned that when you take from the environment, you should *always* give back to the environment. Also, the grade four classes have planted quite a few vegetables that we use for studying purposes. Furthermore, I learned about how you can be less wasteful, but that may create a lower standard of living, although it creates a better quality of life. Finally, I learned that the most waste that is made is household waste. In conclusion, I learned so many things that were important for you to know.

Sincerely, Claire B (grade 4)

## Classified Ads and Notice Board

This classified section is available free of charge to all residents of Mayfair and Bel-Aire.  
To place an ad, contact the Maybel at [mayfairbelaire@gmail.com](mailto:mayfairbelaire@gmail.com)

### MAYFAIR/BEL-AIRE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! WE NEED YOU!

#### Volunteers to build the new Bel-Aire Playground:

The following shifts are available:

*Wednesday, June 6, 4-9PM (2 more people needed)*

*Thursday, June 7, 4-9PM (12 more people needed)*

*Friday, June 8, 4-9PM (14 more people needed)*

*Saturday, June 9, 8:30AM-9PM (8 more people needed)*

Please contact Sue Homik [sphomik@telus.net](mailto:sphomik@telus.net) to volunteer.

#### Volunteers for the the Stampede Breakfast on Saturday, July 7th.

If you can assist with either set-up, duties during the event or take down, please contact Michelle Whidden: [michelle@whidden.ca](mailto:michelle@whidden.ca).

### Calling All Tennis Fans!

The tennis courts will have a new lock this season.  
Keys are available for only \$15  
with the purchase of  
a community membership.  
Keys will be available at "Purge It" on May 27,  
or by contacting  
Carol at 403-441-8895.

### WANT TO SHRED FOR FREE?

The AMA (Alberta Motor Association) is offering a free shredding service for up to 6 boxes of files / paper on June 2 at Mount Royal University.

Full details can be obtained from the AMA web site and you do not need to be a member of the AMA to take advantage of the service.

CHECK OUT: [www.ama.ab.ca](http://www.ama.ab.ca)

Mayfair family looking for full time live out nanny to look after two boys 6 and 8 and organize household. Must be able to drive.  
Please contact Karen at [403-244-3395](tel:403-244-3395) for more information.



### Maybel Community Plant Exchange

All types and sizes of healthy plants welcome,  
from small cuttings up to full size

Seeds•bulbs•vegetables•small trees•shrubs•perennials•  
gardening tools•yard art•landscape accents•stepping stones•  
trellises•pots•birdfeeders•birdbathes  
plant labels•compost bins•gardening books and magazines

**When:** Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012

**Where:** North West side of the Calgary Girls' School, 1011 Beverley Blvd. SW

**Time:** 9:30 am to 1:30 pm

**Cost:** Free

Questions, comments, ideas, want to volunteer?

[www.lauraperry@shaw.ca](mailto:www.lauraperry@shaw.ca)

Bring your old Bikes  
to "Just Purge It"...



Bikes for Humanity will donate  
all used bikes to kids in Africa.



# Just Purge It

Bins onsite to:

**DONATE/SWAP** gently used household goods, furniture & clothing

**DISCARD** household waste, large furniture, yard refuse

**RECYCLE** electronics, glass, cardboard, metal and mixed paper

**PLANT EXCHANGE** and yard items including ornaments and tools

## Items that will not be accepted:

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

**Sunday, May 27th, 9:30 - 1:30**  
**Calgary Girls' School Parking Lot**

FREE TO MAYFAIR/BEL AIRE COMMUNITY MEMBERS  
(proof of membership required)

**Need help or have a question?**  
Call Alle Sutton at 403-472-9586

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

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All smiles at the 2012  
"Cinco de Mayo"  
Evening with Neighbours hosted by  
Paul and Michelle Whidden.

Thank you to the Whiddens for hosting such a memorable event!