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MAYFAIR BEL-AIRE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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## Loving Winterfest 2004

After a short delay, the Winter Festival turned out to be a success again this year. The Mayfair-Belaire board members had to make a tough call to postpone the festival to Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> due to the weather forecast for the original date of February 1st being COLD and snowy. In the end, the weather on the 22<sup>nd</sup> turned out to be beautifully warm and sunny. There were more than 100 community members that came out to enjoy the warm weather, sunny skies, music, food, fun and games with their neighbors. Thank you to all the volunteers for helping to make it a success. See you next Year.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Allison Sutton and Mark Smith

Spring is here! We'll miss seeing the kids skating on the ice. Thanks for all your efforts **Louis Stack!** It was fantastic. We are currently looking into getting a water valve from the city for flooding the rink. We are one of the last communities to use the fire hydrant!

**Katie McCunn & Laurie Smith** opened up their beautiful new home for a wonderful "Evening With Neighbours" party. The adult event was relatively self sufficient and wonderfully organized and enjoyed. Thanks also to **Janet & Kevin Smith** for organizing another great Winter Festival. What a relaxed atmosphere to watch the kids and meet some new neighbours. We also had a great response for our casino fundraiser. Thanks to **Deanie Petrunia** for her efforts. Glad to know that we have people that will take the time to organize something for us all to enjoy.

This spring we will be looking at tending the Tennis Courts, planning the baseball and Stampede Party events and continuing to build the Beautification and Branding Strategy. **Mark Smith and Hervé Boscher** have been working for years now on monitoring the cities progress with the Interchange. I believe it is a "two steps forward, one back" approach but we are close to the starting gate. Thanks to these men who have given many hours to consistently and tactfully remind the city of what our needs are. We appreciate all you have done.

Inside you'll find Glenn's Beautification and Branding survey and Karen's membership form. Please help us to help you by completing both promptly and giving us the feedback we need to continue growing our community. Each year we consistently have over seventy people from the community help out by taking charge of a smaller portion of a large task to make it more manageable for everyone. The latest member of our team is **Don MacKenzie**; he'll be letting us know where to sign up for community sports activities. Thanks Don. The rest of you know who you are – and thank you.

Comments and suggestions always welcome. Enjoy all that spring has to offer.

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## CASINO CELEBRATION

The Board of Directors would like to extend a special thank you to **Deanie Petrunia** for the outstanding effort made to organize and co-ordinate volunteers to participate in the Casino Fund Raiser. Without Deanie's effort the event would not have been the success it became.

We also sincerely appreciate the following community members who volunteered their time and energy at the Elbow River Casino. We will think of you when community beautification ideas are implemented.

Eric Libin	Deanie Petrunia	Line Lacesse	George Milne
Mark Smith	Harry Ford	Susan Rubin-Locke	Allison Sutton
Kathy Borger	Kent Sargeant	Nora Bridge	Catherine Weaver
Janet Smith	Odile Sargeant	Kevin Smith	Kiran Mahajan
Kelly Benham	Bob Borger	Andy Fisher	Catherine Viccars
Joan MacDonald	Karen Sherbut	Yves Gauthier	Margo Randall
Bonnie Pellicano	Jorge Marzetti	Brenda Sevick	Willie Jurcevic
Anne Wanklin	Glenn Huber	Herve Boscher	Liliane Cooke
Alan Locke	Jill McDonough	Mario De Amaral	
<b>On the Spare List:</b>	Karen Clark	Sandra Eklund	Bob Eklund
Mario Alexandre	Debbie Shields	Naomi Fisher	

In total, 35 community members participated in the fundraiser. It will be later in the spring before the total amount of funds raised is confirmed. On average the range of monies raised is \$50,000 to \$60,000. This works out to \$1,429 to \$1,714 per volunteer.

Feedback from the volunteers indicated that they enjoyed their participation more than they had anticipated. They had time to visit with other members of their community, time passed quickly and the environment was not as smoky as we had thought.

In light of the Beautification and Branding committee ramping up, we have initiated paperwork to book our next casino for third quarter of 2005. Janet Smith has already offered to assist Deanie with the next one. Please show your commitment to where you live by contacting either of them with your plan to participate.

Thank you,  
Allison and Mark, on behalf of the directors.

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## Treasurer's News

**Susan Rubin**

This year the Community Association received almost \$700 in grant funds which supported our events and facilities and helped reduce our deficit. Successful applications were made to the Calgary Winter Festival Foundation, the Enmax Rinkliter program and the Esso Community Volunteer program. Please let the Board of Directors know of any other applicable programs.

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## Community Beautification & Branding

The Board is pleased to announce that Glenn Huber will be chairing the Community Beautification & Branding Committee. His initial focus will be researching other community projects and gathering suggestions from our community members. Included in this newsletter is a progress update and a survey for ranking a variety of projects that will be undertaken by the Committee. We urge you to participate in the survey to help beautify our community. Please contact Glenn at [gnhuber@shaw.ca](mailto:gnhuber@shaw.ca) with any questions or comments.

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## From the Province

### **Alberta Roundtable Family Violence and Bullying to be held May 7<sup>th</sup> in Calgary**

*Finding solutions to family violence and bullying in the province will be the goal for this spring's Alberta Roundtable on Family Violence and Bullying.*

The roundtable will be held to develop strategies to create a co-coordinated plan of action addressing family violence and bullying.

As part of preparation for the roundtable, 13 regional workshops are being held throughout the province to discuss possible solutions to the issue violence and bullying and gather perspectives from various geographic areas. The workshops began on Feb. 17 in Fort McMurray and the last one will be held in Banff March 20.

As well, demographic-specific focus groups are being planned province-wide to ensure that issues surrounding family violence and bullying are considered as comprehensively as possible.

The roundtable process is being planned at the grassroots level with suggestions from communities across Alberta on who would attend and what needs to be addressed. Participants at the workshops will be made up of a cross-section of Albertans invited through referrals from front-line community groups, as well as those who work, or are involved or interested in, the area of family violence and bullying. Participants will be community members, government representatives and academic experts across North America.

A website has been created to update Alberta on the roundtable and to gather suggestions on possible solutions. The website is located at [www.familyviolencerountable.gov.ab.ca](http://www.familyviolencerountable.gov.ab.ca)

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## St. Andrews 118<sup>th</sup> Scout Group

We want to extend a great big THANK-YOU to the community for their overwhelming support of our Christmas Tree Pick-up and Bottle Drive in January. Your contributions made this fundraiser, the most successful yet! Thank-you for your continued support of Scouting in your community.

The Beaver Colony started up a new year in September, meeting on Thursday from 6:30 to 7:30. We play games, make crafts, and sing songs. Some of the activities we have enjoyed this fall are a nature hike in Fish Creek Park, an evening of bowling, a fun-filled night at Let's Play, and a camping sleepover and movie night in the Church,. Plans are to join the Cubs on a camping trip in the forest, a roller skating night and other fun activities.

The Cub Pack which meet on Tuesdays from 6:45 to 8:15, have had a active fall. Our regular meeting are busy with crafts, games and badge work. Some of our many activities have included a fall camp, designing and racing Cub Cars, and a spooky Halloween visit to Heritage Park. In the spirit of doing their best, the Cubs filled four gym bags with toiletries, clothing and candy and donated them to the Calgary Poppy Fund to be distributed at Christmas to needy Veterans.

A Scout Troop is back in full swing at the 118<sup>th</sup> after a 3 year absence. Our troop meets on Tuesdays from 6:45 to 8:45 and our membership continues to grow. The fall was very busy with a camp, participation in The Great Escape, tree planting at Bow Habitat Station, and a Medieval Feast where we were joined by the Scouts of Canyon Meadows. As well our Scouts were very busy over the fall collecting and recycling old phone books, as a fund-raiser. This undertaking was extremely successful, and we want to thank everyone for supporting this worthwhile project.

All sections of Scouts meet at the St Andrews United Church at the corner of Elbow Drive and Heritage Drive. New members and parent volunteers are always welcome.

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## From the City

### Ward Eleven Newsletter

Greetings!

A great deal of written and emailed material passes through my office each day. I wanted to share with you one piece that I found most interesting. The City of Edmonton's Planning and Development Department annually completes a survey of 25 cities across the country, regarding a variety of measures of property tax and utility charges.

The 2003 results have just been released and provide a positive perspective for Calgary relative to other Canadian cities. The comparisons show the charges for a sample home in each city. This is defined as a 25 – 30 year old detached bungalow with a main floor area of 1,200 square feet and a double garage on a 6,000 square foot lot.

I am pleased that the results show that Calgary's municipal property taxes were the second lowest among all the cities surveyed and the lowest among the major cities in Canada. By comparison, the 2002 survey also placed Calgary second lowest among 25 cities surveyed.

A more complete picture of charges incurred by the sample home in each community, was done by combining municipal property taxes with utility charges (telephone, electricity, water, sewer, drainage and where applicable, garbage service). The results were that Calgary's annual charges ranked third lowest in cities and again the lowest among major cities in Canada.

The full results are posted on the City of Edmonton's web site and can be reached by going to [www.gov.edmonton.ab.ca](http://www.gov.edmonton.ab.ca) then following the links to "Infrastructure and Planning", to "Economic Information" to "Residential Property Taxes and Utility Charges Survey". For those of you who would like to receive a copy of these results mailed to you, please contact my office at 268-2430. I believe you will find them of interest.

I would like to also report that information received regarding response times to burnt out streetlights is that ENMAX, under their service agreement, is to investigate the problem and repair or replace the fixture within 48 hours, 95% of the time. Underground problems may require stringing temporary overhead lights to restore power and underground faults repairs can only be done summer months. Thus some repairs may take much longer than expected. In response, the City is working with ENMAX to keep citizens who call in with a complaint of an outage aware of any situations where burned out lights cannot be repaired in the 48 hour period. To report outages please call our Contact Centre at 268-CITY (268-2489) or this office for assistance.

As always, I welcome your comments of these or any other issue. Please feel free to contact me at 268-2430 or [berskine@calgary.ca](mailto:berskine@calgary.ca)

Barry Erskine, Alderman, Ward Eleven

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## You Can Help A Child Hear

### Do you know of someone who has a hearing aid they no longer need?

If so, you can help a child hear! The Rotary Club of Calgary is collecting used hearing aids that will be sent to The Hospital del Nino Jesus of Tucuman, Argentina. At this hospital, a group of Rotarian Doctors are re-conditioning and fitting the hearing aids into the ears of deaf children. This is all offered at no charge to the child's family. The child is then re-educated with their new sense.

This is a relatively new initiative and to date over three hundred children can now hear because of their used hearing aids. Please help this number grow.

Hearing aids can be mailed to:

HELP THE CHILDREN HEAR  
c/o The Rotary Club of Calgary Centennial  
PO Box 2234, Station M  
Calgary AB T2J 2M4

For more information, contact Janica Fisher @ 201-5488.



## Up-coming Events

**Father's Day Family Baseball Game:** Sunday, June 20, 1:30—3:30 pm at the Christopher Robin diamond. Watch for details.

**Stampede Breakfast:** Saturday, July 17, 9:00—11:30am. The breakfast will be at the Malibou Park Playground this year. We are planning some new activities along with some exciting changes for the breakfast. Please mark it in you calendar and see you then. If you are able to volunteer or help with the organizing this event please contact Janet Smith at 245-5743.

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## COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

The Community Association will not be organizing a formal "Community Clean-up Day" this year. However, please do your part to keep the community clean and pickup litter and other refuse on your property. It is also appreciated if you could do the same on the common areas such as the parks, alleys and green spaces.

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## SouthWest Communities Resource Centre

### Family Story Time!

The South West Communities Resource Centre (SWCRC), in partnership with the Calgary Public Library, invite you to join in the fun as the staff from the Southwood Library Branch presents 30 minutes of stories, flannel graphs and finger plays.

This FREE program happens on Tuesdays from 2:30-3:00pm and Thursdays from 10:30-11:00am at the SWCRC.



### Families Learning Together

This program brings parents and children together into groups that focus on the family needs. The two generational group approach encourages parents and children to understand and relate to each other's needs and individual roles, providing strategies, understanding and support. The goal of this FREE program is to strengthen the family unit as a whole. Facilitated at SWCRC by Salvation Army Children's Village, space is limited and group starts on Tuesday April 13, from 6:30-8:30. (#42, 2581 Southland Drive SW, in the Oakridge Co-op Mall) Phone 238-9222

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## Kingsland Community Event



Event:	PUB NIGHT
Date:	April 16 <sup>th</sup> (Friday)
Time:	7 pm – 12 midnight
Place:	Kingsland Hall (505 – 78 Avenue SW)
Cost:	\$2 per person at the door + Cash Bar

JOIN US for some fun, drinks and entertainment!!!

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