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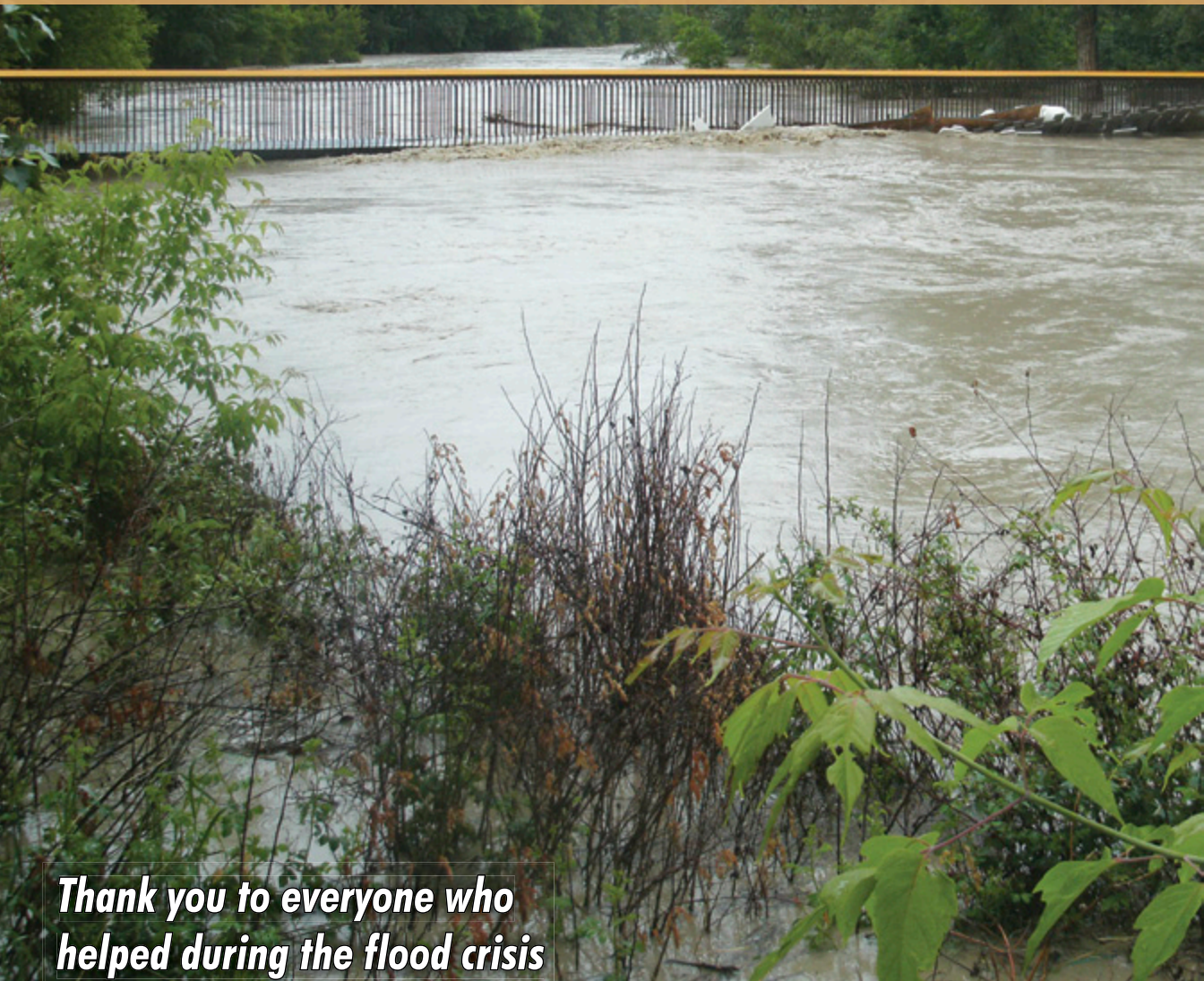
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# STATEMENT



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*Thank you to everyone who  
helped during the flood crisis*



# THANK YOU CALGARY, THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to all of you amazing people who volunteered their time, efforts, and muscles to the residents of Mission during

and after the flood. Because of your generosity our neighbours had help to sort through their damaged homes and clean up. Thank you so much for your volunteer efforts and contributions!

A big thank you goes out to Patrick Arnell, Environment Director, who did so much in the flood relief efforts in our community. He also provided us with a list of others to personally thank:

- Richard Burke of Shane Homes provided a large generator unit that powered the community centre and the music at Mission Possible.

- Ezra Malo and the gang at Future shop located at 1180-33 Heritage Meadows Way Southeast donated \$1100 and also volunteered.
- We asked MEC for some head lamps and they delivered.
- Beano Coffee supplied the troops with coffee.
- Worley Parsons lent pumps and generators to our neighbours in need. Patrick got them to those people.
- Suzan Simm who volunteered long hours organizing the volunteers and doing a million other things in the effort.

Finally to every Board Member who went above and beyond their usual call of duty to perform tasks that helped their neighbours during this challenging time. You know who you are and you are amazing!



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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

## Flood 2013 packed a strong punch but did not knock out this resilient community

As I write this, the impacts of Flood 2013 are still with us. Many people are still out of their homes and some will not be able to return for six months or more. The flood came fast and with incredible force. The community was wounded as a whole and some residents suffered significantly. Our hearts go out to them in these very challenging times.

During the peak flood and clean up period, I sent out a series of e-mails to our members letting them know what we had learned about what was going on. When I sent out the first e-mail on June 20, I and most resident had no idea what was coming. I found that information specific to this community was hard to come by and I had to talk to many people before I got a sense of what was going on. Our residents were of course frustrated with this situation. During my travels around the community, I was able to observe what was going on and in my talks to people throughout the community, I learned more than some of the official relief people knew. So I attempted to communicate what I found out as frequently as I could. I got many e-mails thanking me for doing this.

One of the more frustrating situations stemmed from the power outage. There were residents that were not in the flooded area who had no power for many days and they felt they should have power. The problem is that the transformers in our community are all below ground and many had been flooded or were wet. Some had to be pumped out many times as the water seeped back into them. I think this situation should be reviewed and over time changes made to prevent this problem.

What struck me in my tours of the community was how many people within and beyond the community rolled up their sleeves and helped others in the severely impacted areas. I personally got many inquiries about how I was doing and offering shelter. Some of these people were part of the volunteers who came to help people they did not even know but they knew the people needed help. We thank all of the volunteers for helping and I am sure our residents impacted by the flood really appreciated the help.



The community centre served as a re-entry centre and then as a flood support centre from Sunday, June 23 to Thursday, July 4. It was a hub of activity for both emergency personnel and for volunteers and of course those needing help as a result of the flood. There was a lot of residual dust from the mud brought in on rubber boots but we were pleased to help in this small way.

We had many donations of food and goods for the volunteers and for those people that were displaced by the flood. We would like to thank each and every person, group and business who made these donations. The residual supplies went to High River and left over packaged food went to the Food Bank.

While there are so many people to thank who helped during this trying period, there is one individual who went above and beyond anyone else that I am aware of. That is Patrick Arnel, our Environment Director. He did some amazing things without any fanfare. He set up some tables in the hardest hit areas and got donations of food, drinks and other supplies for the volunteers helping in those areas. He helped with the actual clean up for days. He got generators to help people have power for what they needed power for. He got a large generator for the community centre. The list goes on and on and I want to recognize his efforts in helping others in this community.

This story is not completed and it will take many months for the mud and dust to settle. However, the residents of this community have proved they are very resilient.



# EDITORIAL

by Sarah Hbeichi

## Mission Possible, Calgary Strong

Cliff Bungalow-Mission! You've been through so much and for that this issue is dedicated to you; to all the residents and business owners who were affected by the flood, which in Mission, was everyone, some more than others. But you all pulled through and although some of you are still displaced, without homes to return to, and grieving the loss of your irreplaceables (I know I am), the amount of support our community received was truly amazing. I never thought that I could love this community more. Thank you for being generous to one another and helping your neighbours when they really needed you. The clean-up in Mission was the most inspirational time I have ever witnessed in my whole life. I am deeply sorry for your losses and wish you, your family, and friends all the best on your road to recovery.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## August

The events listed below will be held at the Cliff Bungalow-Mission Community Centre located at 2201 Cliff Street S.W. unless otherwise noted. Also check out our website at [www.cliffbungalowmission.com](http://www.cliffbungalowmission.com) for more information and updates.

### Jazz Concerts

Wednesday, September 4. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.; performance starts at 8:00 p.m.

### Mission Community Garden Open House

Sunday, September 8, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., William Aberhart Park on 24th Avenue SW across from Holy Cross Centre.

### Book Club

Sunday September 8 at the community centre concurrent with the potluck.

### Potlucks

Sunday, September 8, 6:00 p.m.

### Community Clean Up

Saturday, September 14, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the parking lot behind Cliff Bungalow - Mission Arts Centre (former Holy Angels School).

### Picnic 2013

Saturday, September 14, 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the park on the north side of the Community Centre.

### Movie Nights

Sunday, September 29, 7:00 p.m. Sara Skinner's first hand presentation on Sudan and the election and referendum process that resulted in the formation of South Sudan.

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4<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW during flood

## Many Businesses on 4th Street Severely Impacted By Flood

Flood 2013 not only severely impacted our residents, it severely impacted many businesses. At the time of writing, some are still trying to recover and reopen. Examples of hard hit businesses are Wurst, Earls, James Joyce and Shopper's Drug Mart.

At the same time, some businesses in the flooded area amazingly escaped with little or no flood damage. Some examples are Safeway and the former Super Drug Mart (now also Shopper's Drug Mart).

In addition, Holy Cross Centre was expected to be closed for 6 to 8 weeks impacting many businesses and services located there.

We wish the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Businesses all the best in their efforts to get back in business.



Joyce on 4<sup>th</sup> sign – note flood line



## EXCELLENT MEETING SPACE AVAILABLE

by Martin Bober

Taken from an issue of *The Mission Statement* in 2002

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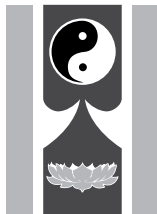
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# Funds Raised for Flood Relief at Mission Possible

By Bob Lang

Mission Possible was a great fundraising event for flood relief, so A BIG THANK YOU goes out to every person and organisation for donations.

There also have been other contributions both at the event and separately. Some donations are still pending at the time of writing and will be recognized when confirmed.

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to the following:

- Kait Kucy's friend Mike donated \$1000 each to Calgary Foundation and InvestYYC.
- Visions donated \$1000 (also thanks to Patrick Arnell for his connections at Visions)
- Scarboro Community Association donated \$598. We will use these funds to cover some costs of the Mission Possible event.

Funds were raised at Mission Possible for the following organisations:

- \$1035 – Red Cross
- \$1235 – United Way
- \$1035 – Calgary Foundation
- \$3033 – InvestYYC (flood relief for artists) – this money came from t-shirts and flower donations

If there is anyone out there we have missed our sincerest apologies and if you know someone who deserves to be recognised in our next newsletter please e-mail [cbmca.editor@gmail.com](mailto:cbmca.editor@gmail.com)

*Photo – donated flowers were used to raise funds for InvestYYC*



# Cliff Bungalow Mission Community Clean-Up and Exchange

Saturday, September 14,  
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

## WHAT IS A COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP?

On September 14<sup>th</sup>, the City will provide us with two packer trucks to collect items dropped off by Cliff Bungalow - Mission residents. We also will include Recycling, Goods Exchange & Donations

- **Clean-up:** Drop off Unwanted household goods and yard waste (things that might otherwise fill your basement, your yard, your street, or your alley)
- **Recycle:** Drop off electronics for electronic recycling
- **Exchange:** drop off gently used goods and pick up something you might need, e.g. furniture (items not claimed by 1:00 p.m. will go to the landfill or if suitable, donated to Women In Need)

## WHERE SHOULD YOU BRING YOUR STUFF? (and find free stuff to take home)

The clean-up will take place in the parking lot of Cliff Bungalow – Mission Arts Centre (Holy Angels School) at: 2105 Cliff Street (enter off Royal Ave). No items will be received after 1:45 p.m.

## WHAT TO LEAVE AT HOME (items not accepted)

- Tires
- household chemicals
- car batteries
- Home appliances
- microwaves
- metals
- propane tanks
- paint
- liquids

If you have any questions about the day, or want to help out as a volunteer, please email the green team at [cbmca.environment@gmail.com](mailto:cbmca.environment@gmail.com) or consult the Cliff Bungalow - Mission Community Association Website: [www.cliffbungalowmission.com](http://www.cliffbungalowmission.com)

If you have a few extra minutes, stick around and enjoy a coffee with your neighbours!

# A Story in Photos

Photos by Patrick Arnell









# Mission Possible Saturday, June 29

By Bob Lang

Mission Possible indeed! The planning for this event formally started with a June 25<sup>th</sup> (2:13 pm) e-mail from Philip Lozano, our Secretary. He had been talking to others on the Board and other residents in the community wondering what we as a community association could do in addition to what we were already doing. So the idea of a special event funds started to gain steam to thank all the volunteers and to potentially raise some. The target date was only four days away and so much needed to be done. There were many hurdles to get over such as where could we hold such an event seeing that our community centre was being used as an emergency services centre. A core group of volunteers persevered; they contributed their time, enthusiasm, connections and skills over the next four days and a very successful event happened. Some things originally planned did not pan out but other ideas took their place, almost organically. Mayor Nenshi attended as did Alderman Mar. The event received coverage on Global. It was an amazing coming together of the community to recognize the good things that were happening in the face of adversity and to rally more effort to complete the job.

**The following is an incomplete list of contributions made to this event. If there is any person, group or business that has not been recognized or if you know someone who deserves to be recognized, let us know and we will include that recognition in our next newsletter. E-mail [cbmca.editor@gmail.com](mailto:cbmca.editor@gmail.com)**

- Kait Kucy and her team – Kait has many connections to the many contributions that were made. She also organized the clothing drive at the event.
- Jan Pugh – our Vice President was a key player in helping make the BBQ portion happen.
- Ron Singer – used his connections at Safeway to arrange the use of the Mission Safeway parking lot and their many in kind contributions.
- Board members Brendan Baines, Philip Lozano, Sarah Hbeichi (on twitter and facebook) and Corinne Ofstie (also on Facebook and many other places) were busy volunteers before and during the event.
- Jan's family and friends (Pugh family, Jan's parents, Tomo

Sokol, Priebe family, Craig Pugh and friend Sharon, Mike and Jenette Gerencir) helped serve the BBQ burgers.

- Jeff Pugh's company, MEG Energy, paid for 1000 burgers, buns, fixings and BBQ utensils for the BBQ. He also arranged for the great BBQ unit.
- Tomo Sokol of New West Home Construction for beverages
- Danny Wong and David Lee helped at the drink and desert tables.
- Jamie Wong and family contributed Homemade Chilli and buns (it was delicious).
- Safeway Mission – Parking lot, refrigeration unit, drinks and other in kind items.
- Necole Hines – Wings'n'Tings Food Truck
- Farm Girl's Food Truck
- Tailgate Food Truck
- Fiansco Gelato Food Truck
- Stacey Perzylo for loaning some tents.
- Lee Sutter from Tent Events
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- Windigo
- Clive Burger on 17<sup>th</sup>
- The National on 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>
- Community Natural Foods
- Cowboys Calgary
- Local 510 & 522 Public Tavern & Kitchen
- Car2Go
- Calgary Police
- Alderman Mar
- Red Cross, United Way, Calgary Foundation, Awesome Foundation, Calgary Arts Development, INVESTYYC

As you can see, this is an amazing list. Thank you to all.



**The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team.**

-Phil Jackson

# Danny Wong, an Example of Our Community's Resilience

By Bob Lang

Danny Wong and his wife Kim Munroe live in the 100 block of 24 Avenue SW, one of the hardest hit areas of the community during Flood 2013. Their lower floor got a lot of water as did all basements and lower suites on that street. He had to tear everything out of his lower floor and was only able to salvage a few small salvageable mementoes. You would think after dealing with all this that he would only concentrate on his own problems. But on Saturday, June 29, he came to our Mission Possible event and volunteered at one of our food service tables. He said he just wanted to give something back to the community. Danny is just one of our resilient residents.

*(Picture of Danny Wong in front of his dwelling. Note the water line.)*



## Alberta Health Services EMS

### Accidental poisoning

Alberta Health Services EMS would like to remind parents and caregivers of children of precautions they can take to prevent childhood poisonings. Ingesting medications, prescription or over-the-counter, is the leading cause of accidental poisoning in children. Even small amounts of adult medications can be seriously harmful or even fatal to your child if swallowed. Other causes of poisoning are household products, such as dishwasher tablets, and personal care items, such as mouthwash or nail polish.

### Medication storage

- Store all medications in a locked container and place in an area inaccessible to children.
- Keep medications in their original child-resistant packaging.
- Do not mix multiple medications inside one bottle.
- Install child locks on all cabinets or drawers where medications are stored.

### Prevention

- Store household products, car supplies, and cosmetics in locked cupboards or drawers.
- Apply child safety latches to drawers and cabinets if they are within a child's reach.
- Know and label all plants in and around your home and garden.
- Antifreeze, windshield washer fluid, and pesticides are extremely poisonous. Even small amounts of these can cause serious illness when ingested.
- Poisoning information can be obtained by calling the Poison and Drug Information Service (PADIS) at: 1-800-332-1414.

### In case of a poisoning emergency, call 9-1-1.

Provide the name of the product ingested or, if it is safe to do so, a sample of the substance for EMS to inspect on their arrival.

### Safety tips

- Ensure visitors to your home keep their personal belongings out of children's reach. They may contain unsafe items.
- Take extra precautions with medicines that appeal to children such as chewable vitamins or flavored cough and cold syrups.
- Properly dispose of any medications or toxic household products no longer in use.

# Humour in the Face of Adversity

Flood 2013 did not stop some residents from seeing a little humour in the face of the adversity.

*Photo 1 – Water Front property for Sale – location on 5<sup>th</sup> St near 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW*

*Photo 2 – Calling on Super Powers to help – location 23 Avenue SW*



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- Stephen Wright





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- Canyon Meadows
- Highfield
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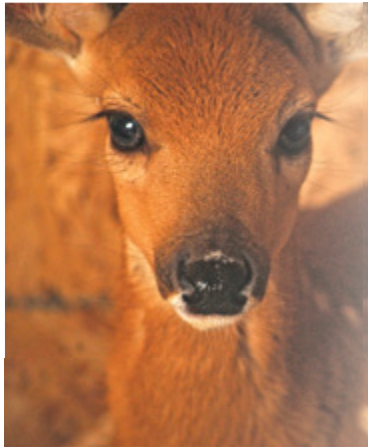


- Manchester
- Victoria Park
- Eagle Ridge
- Mapleridge
- Willowpark
- Elbow Park
- Mayfair
- Windsor Park

*If you live in one of these communities we can find a unit near you!*

On-line registration for the 2013-2014 season has started and is ongoing. We are actively looking for not only youth members but adults as well! For more information go to [www.register.girlguides.ca](http://www.register.girlguides.ca).

If you have any questions regarding Guiding, becoming a leader or registration in Blackfoot District please contact Calgary Area Girl Guides at 403-283-8348 or [ggcinfo@calgarygirlguides.com](mailto:ggcinfo@calgarygirlguides.com).



# Alberta's Other Neighbours in Need

by Alicia Sully  
photo by Andrea Hunt

The recent flooding in Southern Alberta has had visible and devastating effects on homes, businesses, and the landscape, but its effects have also reached other aspects of our beautiful province that are not as easy to see: Our wildlife. The surge of water has damaged wild habitats, orphaned newborn young, and caused various injuries to other wild animals.

The flooding has had a wide-spread effect on our environment and wildlife. Birds have been knocked from their nests, fawns have been found struggling in the high waters, beavers have had their dams and lodges destroyed, and many other species have been displaced or injured. We have seen Albertans showing their love for

their province throughout this disaster by volunteering their time to help clean the streets and homes of their human neighbours, but they have also shown their support by helping to rescue the wildlife in our area.

By calling the Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society (CWRS) Albertans have helped to save the lives of many flood affected animals. The CWRS' dedicated volunteers have tirelessly rounded up the animals in need and brought them to the centre, where they have been given medical attention, housing, and food.

The wildlife recently received by the CWRS includes ducklings, goslings, fawns, and beavers. Many of the rescued animals will require long-term

care, which can be a strain on the charity's already limited resources; the organization relies solely on grants, fundraising, and private donations. The beavers, for example, will remain at the CWRS for one to two years before they are ready to be released, and the fawns will need daily care until about October.

The CWRS centre was not spared damage during this summer deluge. Their waterfowl pen, where they rehabilitate local species of aquatic birds was badly damaged in the heavy rain and is no longer useable. Albertans have already shown so much generosity to the CWRS, but the need is still greater than ever.

## AUGUST MOON CALENDAR



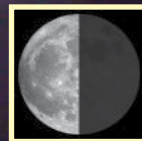
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First Quarter  
August 14



Full Moon  
August 20



Last Quarter  
August 28

## Responsible Pet Ownership in Parks

With the arrival of summer, dog owners look forward to being outside and enjoying time with their family, friends and pets. Knowing and adhering to the regulations laid out in the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw 23M2006 helps to ensure that dogs are not being a nuisance in the community and dogs and citizens are safe.

Animal & Bylaw Services would like to remind dog owners of the following:

- When off of their owner's property, dogs must be on a leash unless in a designated off-leash area.
- When in designated off-leash areas, dog owners must ensure their dog is under control, is within their sight and responds to commands.
- Parking lots adjacent to off-leash areas are on leash.
- Dogs must be walked on the right hand side of the pathway on a leash that is no more than two metres in length and must not interfere with other pathway users.
- Owners cannot cycle, in-line skate or skateboard on a pathway with a leashed dog.
- Dogs are not allowed in school grounds, playgrounds, sport fields, golf courses, cemeteries, wading and swimming areas, and other areas prohibited by signs.
- Dogs must not enter or swim in any body of water within a park except a river that runs through, or is adjacent to, a City park.
- Owners are responsible for picking up all waste produced by their dog.

When we respect the bylaw we contribute to a safer and healthier community.

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# Cliff Bungalow-Mission Playground Grand Opening

by Marilyn Williams

It was a moment of pure glee for the children at the official grand opening of the new Cliff Bungalow playground on June 14. The moment, complete with food and play, was shared with their parents, the community, the Montessori school and the many other generous donors and contributors to the playground. The delightful opening ceremonies for the playground took place at the same time as the equally delightful year end celebrations for the Montessori School.

It was also a picturesque scene for the grown-ups present – the giant white tent, beautifully arranged refreshment table, the red brick school and the naturalized playground against a backdrop of the cliff and street trees. We especially admired the newly completed landscaped area paved with donor appreciation bricks and children-size planters.

The project has been a model of collaboration and cooperation. As a tribute to the major donors, school children offered lovely planted baskets as thank you gifts to contributors. These gifts were in turn donated to the children to plant. You can see all the contributors' names in person. Just drop by the new landscaped area and read the names on the paving bricks.

## Photo Caption

*Clockwise from upper left: Children know where to head after the ceremonies; Alderman Mar receiving thank you gift and Alex Burroughs directing playground ceremony; newly landscaped area; Marilyn Williams and Bob Lang receive gift on behalf of the community association; fun in the playground; and on stage.*





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