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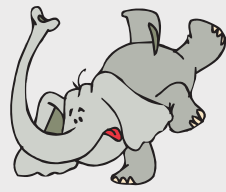
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## COMMUNITY POTLUCK DINNER

Sunday, December 9, 6 pm



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### Use your membership card to save!

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- European Bakery: 515 – 17 Ave SW, 10% off all items
- Expedia Cruise Ship Centres: 615A – 17 Ave SW, \$50 discount towards a \$1500 Travel Package
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- 4<sup>th</sup> Street Liquor & Wine, 1809 – 4 St SW, 10% off all items
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Do you own or manage a business and would like to be part of this program? Please contact [cbmca.editor@gmail.com](mailto:cbmca.editor@gmail.com). Residents may purchase a membership by using the membership form in this newsletter or online at our website [www.cliffbungalowmission.com](http://www.cliffbungalowmission.com), click on "Get Involved."

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 21. At the time of writing, it is before the AGM so we cannot report on what happened until the January newsletter. However, our AGM's are always great as we celebrate our accomplishments and the people who help make them happen. We thank everyone who helped make the last year so successful.

### Time to Renew your Membership

In 2013 we introduced the new plastic membership card. We do not reissue new cards for renewals but provide a new expiry date sticker. You can use your card for the Membership Affinity Program through which you can get discounts from local merchants. Details on this program is elsewhere in this newsletter. There also is a membership form in this newsletter which you can use to renew your membership or buy your new membership. Thank you for your continued support.

### Fewer Community Activities in December

December is a busy time for most people with many extra social activities going on, so we hold fewer activities in December. One event happening in December is our regular Jazz event on Wednesday, December 5. We have a very large jazz group (Calgary Creative Arts Ensemble) for the size of our historic venue. This will be your holiday musical treat.

The second event is our monthly Potluck on Sunday, December 9. There will be lots of delectable food. We hope you will join us. Bring your family and friends. All are welcome including children.

### Proposed Development at 25th Avenue and 5th Street SW

Although we do not yet know when the public hearing on this matter will be held, this continues to be a very active file for us. Since the beginning of this process, the

community association has made it clear that we do not support this land use change to accommodate a building that would be three times as high as allowed under the current land use. However, we also have made it clear that we are not against the proposed use – seniors living.

In November (after this column is submitted), we met with Even Woolley, Councillor for Ward 8 to discuss this matter. We will have communicated our concerns about the proposed height of this development. We also will have explored his perspective on this matter. We will let you know how that meeting went.

Ultimately there will be a Public Hearing of City Council to approve or not to approve the Land Use change that is required in order for what is proposed to be built. This means this will be a political decision. This could be before year end but more likely in the new year. When the public hearing is scheduled, there will be an ad in a Thursday paper before the hearing. Anyone interested can submit a letter prior to the hearing and can speak for 5 minutes at the hearing. We will keep you informed as we find out when that is going to happen.

The current Land Use is M-C2 with a height limitation of 16 metres and a FAR (Floor Area Ratio) of 2.5. They are applying for Land Use District MU-1 which allows a height of 45 meters and FAR of 7.5, so around three times the current approved Land Use. While we support increased density and the Area Redevelopment Plan supports increased density, historically as already stated the number one planning and development issue in our community has been height. Our message has been consistent over the years when proposals such as this one come forward.

### Best Wishes

December is a time of celebration for many people as they gather with family and friends. We wish you all the best and look forward to another good year in 2019 in our community.



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## We value your contributions

The *Mission Statement* exists to facilitate communication among residents of Cliff Bungalow-Mission. We welcome your story ideas, articles, letters, announcements and photos. Submissions may be emailed to [cbmca.editor@gmail.com](mailto:cbmca.editor@gmail.com) in .doc, .pdf or .jpg formats. You may also mail (or drop off) your submission to us at the UPS Store: 482, 1811 4 Street SW, Calgary T2S 1W2. Please put *Mission Statement* on the envelope and be sure to include your name, address and telephone number.

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# DECEMBER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

All events are at the Cliff Bungalow – Mission Community Centre (2201 Cliff St SW) unless otherwise noted.

### Jazz Concerts

Featuring talented local artists playing in our historic venue. Discount for CBMCA members.

- Wednesday, December 5 – Calgary Creative Arts Ensemble
- Wednesday, January 9 - Trish Edwards  
Doors open by 7:30 pm, music starts at 8 pm. We recommend you arrive early, enjoy a beverage and get a good seat.

### Potlucks

Bring something to share and meet your neighbours. Good food and great conversations.

Next potluck is Sunday, December 9. All are welcome including the kids.

### Trivia Night

There is no Trivia Night in December.

### Board Game Nights

There is no Board Game night in December.

### Movie Night

Periodic. TBA.

### History Book Sales

Copies of our community history book "Cliff Bungalow – Mission, a Heritage Community" can be obtained at all community events at the community centre. \$30 per copy.

Check out our website regularly for new events and other information not available at time of newsletter publishing.

[www.cliffbungalowmission.com](http://www.cliffbungalowmission.com)

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# Why I Volunteer and Why You Should Too!

by Amanda West

Hi, all! My name is Amanda West and I have been a Cliff Bungalow – Mission Community Association volunteer for several years – from a general volunteer, to a Board Member at Large, to my current position as Treasurer. I am moving back to the West Coast in January and my stint as an über-volunteer here is almost over, but I am going to miss it, and all the friends that I have made in this community, dreadfully.

Volunteering is what balances my life. For most of us, our work is not our passion. If you are lucky, the employment that you have is something that you enjoy, but for some of us, we need something outside of work that gives us a feeling of connection, of accomplishment and of community.

I am one of those people that gets the most out of giving service to others. My parents were avid volunteers throughout my childhood, and I suppose that some of that rubbed off on me. I enjoy and get a lot of gratification from every volunteer experience that I've had. From the smallest acts of kindness to donating my time, effort and service – all of these things have made a difference for me, allowing me to gain valuable experience and expanding my horizons in immeasurable ways.

And let me tell you, speaking for myself, it's not about the recognition, although I will readily admit that it is great to have someone recognise your efforts and successes. Most volunteer work, though, is done outside of the limelight, but it does give you an inner sense of accomplishment and fulfillment that is hard to describe. And you'll be surprised at how addictive it is.

In short – go volunteer! Pick something that you enjoy doing and find a volunteer situation that fits. From Community Associations, to OAP Societies to the Red Cross – there are a multitude of volunteer groups here in Calgary alone and there is something out there that will fit your skills. Believe me, they are looking for you!

# Report Vehicle Break-Ins to the Police

by Bob Lang

A community resident has let us know that his vehicle has been broken into four times since August. He reported these incidents to the police. He says they documented the incident but there has been no follow up from them. He naturally is upset and frustrated.

The police have told us that it is important to report every incident as it lets them know where "hot spots" are. I have visited the Ramsay Police Station and have seen how they keep track of these hot spots. They have a big map in a room with reports posted. They in turn allocate their resources to these hot spots.

They also have told us it is important not to have anything visible in your vehicle that appears to be of value to someone who might break in. Even a few coins that are visible might trigger someone to break in. I personally have had two break-ins over the many years I have lived in the community. In both cases there was something of apparent value visible. In one case it was a GPS unit. In another case it was a monitor for a back-up camera. They took the monitor, which would have been of no value without the camera. I have since been very careful not to have anything visible of apparent value and have had no problems.

Even if you do not have your vehicle on the street, you can help monitor what is going on and report incidents. Amanda West, our Treasurer, saw a break-in in front of her building. The back window had been broken. In the back seat was a gym bag with a tag of a gym. She phoned the gym and they contacted the owner. She stayed until the owner showed up.

If you see something in progress, report it to 911. If it is after the fact, phone 403-266-1234. Some incidents can be reported online [www.calgarypolice.ca](http://www.calgarypolice.ca). See their website for details.

## THE CLIFF BUNGALOW - MISSION JAZZ SERIES PRESENTS



### CCAE HORN-SHORTAGE @ THE CLIFF BUNGALOW-MISSION COMMUNITY CENTRE

Featuring:  
André Wickenheiser – Trumpet  
Carsten Rubeling – Trombone  
Mark Dejong – Tenor Sax  
Jason Valteau – Bass  
Mark Limacher – Piano  
Jon McCaslin – Drums

2201 Cliff Street SW, Calgary  
December 5, 2018 – 8pm show 7:30pm doors

\$15 Cover - \$10 for students/seniors/members – Cash Only



Because of the large number of performers an additional \$5 donation is recommended.

Rush seating only: we recommend you come early, enjoy a beverage and get a good seat.

CCAE – Horn Shortage will be presenting music in the style of the classic Art Blakey and the Jazz Messengers. From standards, to original compositions, this will be a high energy evening of music!

### Performance Schedule: 2018/ 2019

December 5	Calgary Creative Arts Ensemble - Horn Shortage
January 9 (2019)	Trish Edwards
February 6	Esteban Herrera
March 6	Deb Rasmussen and Glennis Houston
April 3	Lorna MacLachlan
May 1	Wendy Lomnes
June 5	Rubim De Toledo with Montuno West



## CALGARY PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Your New Central Library is Now Open!

There's something for everyone at the new Central Library. Take a guided tour of the building, step back in time with the Calgary's Story collection, see Indigenous art, or try a technology program. Other features include a 12,000-square-foot Children's Library, two LUKES cafés, Audio Recording, Video Recording, and Production Studios, a Teen Centre and Tech Lab, and a Performance Hall. Learn more at [calgarylibrary.ca/new-central-library](http://calgarylibrary.ca/new-central-library) and come visit us at 800 3 Street SE today!

### Did You Know? Early Learning Centres Are the Place to Play

Did you know the Library has ten Early Learning Centres throughout the city? Early Learning Centres are vibrant and interactive spaces for young children to learn through play. Each is built around a distinct concept,

like Into the Woods at Shawnessy Library or Bird's Eye View at Crowfoot Library. Watch our new video at [calgarylibrary.ca/early-learning-centres](http://calgarylibrary.ca/early-learning-centres) to learn why we're creating these special spaces for Calgary's littlest learners. Plus, visit our newest space — built around a helicopter! — at Seton Library this January.

### Cozy Up This Winter with Kanopy

If cool weather has you dreaming about cozy days inside, you'll want to know about Kanopy. This video streaming service in our E-Library has over 30,000 documentaries, classics, and international films, plus a large selection of movies and TV shows just for kids. With your free Library card, you receive 10 Kanopy film credits every month. Watch videos from anywhere, anytime, on smartphones, tablets, computers, or smart TVs. Visit [calgarylibrary.ca/kanopy](http://calgarylibrary.ca/kanopy) to learn more.





# Our Community Hall is Available for Rental

If you're looking for a venue to host a meeting or event, our beautiful, conveniently-located heritage building might be just what you're looking for.

**Location:**  
2201 Cliff St. SW

**Capacity:**  
The hall has two areas, which can be used as one big hall or divided by a rolling partition. Both parts together can fit 104 people standing or 80 seated (sufficient chairs and tables for 80 are included in the rental).

**Facilities:**  
Kitchen with stove, oven, fridge and microwave (dishes, utensils, coffeemaker, kettle, etc. not provided). There is also a wet bar with double fridge with glass doors. There is a big screen to use for presentations/films (projector not provided).

**Restrictions:**  
Smoking and the consumption of alcohol are not permitted in the hall.

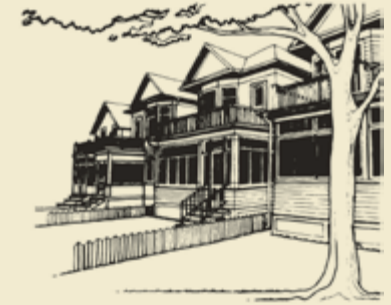
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If you wish to enquire about availability for a meeting or event you have in mind, please contact our hall rental coordinator, Zahra, by e-mail at: zahra\_minooosepehr@hotmail.com

Please provide two or more exact dates and times, in order of preference. Please also indicate what your intended use will be. Zahra will let you know about available dates, and once agreed, she will confirm the hall reservation back to you, and payment will be due within 10 days of confirmation.

## Cliff Bungalow - Mission Community Association

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Membership Cost: Single \$10 \_\_\_\_ Family \$20 \_\_\_\_ Payment type: Cash \_\_\_\_ Cheque \_\_\_\_

New \_\_\_\_ or Renewal \_\_\_\_ If Renewal, provide your Card# \_\_\_\_\_ Purchase Date \_\_\_\_\_

\*Your e-mail addresses will be used by CBMCA to inform you of community events and important community matters

## TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Our membership year is AGM to AGM. The AGM was on Wednesday, November 22, 2017, so if you have not renewed your membership, now is the time to do so.

You do not get a new card every year. The plastic membership card is permanent. You get a new date sticker when you renew your membership.

Having a CBMCA membership has become more popular partly because of the Membership Affinity Program. All you have to do is show your up-to-date membership card to obtain discounts. See details of this program elsewhere in this newsletter.

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The Federation of Calgary Communities (the Federation) is the support organization to over 230 small non-profit organizations, including Calgary's 151 community associations. These 151 volunteer-run organizations positively impact the life of Calgarians every day by offering endless opportunities close to home, fostering a sense of belonging by bringing neighbours together, and being a voice for community life educating and informing residents on important issues and activities taking place in their neighbourhood.

One of the main tools community associations use to keep their residents informed on what's going on in the community is their community newsletter. Calgarians have grown to rely on these monthly publications to find news and updates from their community association, City Councillor, provincial MLA, as well as other stakeholders like the City of Calgary, Calgary Police Service, Calgary Fire Department, and much more.

Community newsletters not only keep residents informed on important happenings, but they also help foster Calgary's uniquely small town feel in our large, urban city. These monthly newsletters have grown to include resident and volunteer profiles, showcasing neighbourhood assets, local business features, and more. In doing so, community newsletters truly help community associations work towards being hubs for neighbourhood life by showcasing the many people and places who make the community a great place to live, work, and play.

For over a decade, community associations have been fortunate enough to have their monthly community newsletter published and delivered for free by the publishing company. In recent years, with the economic decline in Calgary, this luxury is now at risk, with community newsletter publishers struggling to find advertisers to offset their costs, and Canada Post's delivery fees continually rising.

The Federation of Calgary Communities believes that community newsletters are essential to community life here in Calgary, and we support the value they bring to all Calgarians, organizations, businesses, and the city of Calgary as a whole. Without funding support or reduced delivery fees for community newsletter publishers to continue providing these monthly publications for our city's community associations at low or no cost, we are at risk of losing these essential resources that connect Calgarians to both their neighbourhood and their city.

Sincerely,  
Leslie Evans  
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## From Surprise Snowbank to Restored Riverbank

On October 6, Calgary River Valleys staff, Leaf Ninjas, and volunteers including MLA Greg Clark, got dirty to help keep the Elbow River clean and healthy.

It was planting day for their pilot Riverbank Makeover on the Elbow River. Calgary's record-breaking snowfall earlier in the week covered the planting bed sites with two feet of snow but also provided a beautiful setting for the finished result.

Calgary River Valleys (CRV) is an independent, not-for-profit organization led by volunteers dedicated to building a strong and effective voice for river valley protection and water quality in Calgary. They work to provide informed input to the planning process regarding managing water and wetlands and conduct an annual Brown Trout egg bed (Redd) count on the Elbow River. This was their first foray into restoring riverbank health.

This year CRV received funding from the City of Calgary to help complete a model project so Calgarians can better understand the role and function of riverbanks, and how to take actions to restore them to a more natural state. Riverbank (riparian) restoration improves and maintains the health of river-adjacent areas as well as the quality and quantity of water flowing through Calgary's rivers and creeks.

Through this project, CRV learned that Calgary homeowners who live next to the river are not only aware of the problems facing river and riparian health and are learning more about what sorts of actions they can take to protect the river and their own property from flood damage. The project now is focused on how to spread the word to more Calgarians.

Key to this effort is the underlying goal of raising our collective understanding of the City's riparian resources and improving decisions, both private and public, that impact the health of our wetlands, creek and rivers. If you are inter-

ested in taking CRV's short survey about riverbank (riparian) health, please visit: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/HW6PJKZ](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HW6PJKZ)

Riverbanks are a special zone. This is land where the vegetation and soils are strongly influenced by water. As a result, different types of plants can grow in the riparian zone as compared to the surrounding lands or uplands.

The model riverbank site was selected for conformation to specifications required by the City of Calgary, and because the homeowner agreed to three years of monitoring by CRV.

The volunteer group planted a variety of native plants—including shrubs like willows, gooseberries, roses, and dogwood. Native plants, rather than Kentucky Blue Grass monoculture, help encourage birds, beasts and pollinators. In fact, these native plants will encourage *more* wildlife to visit this yard. The gardeners planted in "guilds" or bunches to ensure safe passage of wildlife.

Willows, in particular, will also reduce water energy, and help protect the riverbank downstream. Their deep and highly meshed roots will hold the riverbank in place during high water events.

Other plants included smaller riparian native perennials chosen for varied bloom periods over the seasons; like Blue Flag Iris, Yellow Avens and Purple-Stemmed Aster to ensure the beauty of the riverbank over Calgary's growing season.

A silt sock protected the bank's edge and ensured none of the dirt or other materials would enter the waterway while the plants are establishing.

In spite of the snow, the day's work was a great success. So much so, CRV would like to continue to do more restorations. They are seeking funding for more projects within Calgary. If you are interested in finding out more, and supporting them, please visit [calgaryrivervalleys.org](http://calgaryrivervalleys.org), or drop a line to [CalgaryRiverValleys2@outlook.com](mailto:CalgaryRiverValleys2@outlook.com).

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